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## Hotshot Daniel eyes up Olympics

SEAFORD'S sharp-shooting Daniel Tarrant has his sights set – literally – on the Olympics.

Having stunned judges with his superb hand-eye co-ordination from a very early age, Daniel is now ranked 2nd in the GB Juniors and 3rd in England, according to figures (based on

different ranking systems) released recently from the Clay Pigeon Shooting Association.

Daniel, 14, has been shooting from the age of 10, when he joined Seaford College from Westbourne House.

He achieved Class A status while still only 11 years old – a quite remarkable achievement – and went on to be sponsored by top gun manufacturers Krieghoff.

By the age of 12, he was shooting

for Sussex – another outstanding achievement – and deciding he wanted to shoot for one of the Olympic disciplines.

After trying out various disciplines, Daniel opted for Olympic Trap and he is now coached twice a week at the Northall Clay Pigeon Shooting Ground by professional coach Dan Kerwood (Dan's daughter Charlotte is twice Commonwealth Champion, so he's in good hands).

Daniel, who lives with his parents Rita and Adrian in Storrington, shoots all over the UK in various competitions during the season, which runs from March to October. He has also proved a great asset to the College teams during his time at Seaford.

Last season, Daniel won the Colts ABT Nationals at the National Inter-Countries ABT Shooting Competition, competing against top guns from more than 10 other counties, with a score of 93 out of 100 clays. His score was the highest of any of the Colts and Juniors – the nearest rival attaining 88 (Colts are aged up to 16, Juniors up to 21).

In addition, he and the other Juniors in the

Sussex county team won the National Inter-County ABT Junior Cup.

Ultimately, he came fourth overall in the event out of 114 shooters (from Veterans down to Colts, including GB team shooters) and came 2nd in B class, winning himself some prize money too!

He received numerous badges and was asked to hold the cup for the Junior Sussex Team for the next 12 months.

So skilful is his shooting now that Daniel was asked to shoot for the Senior Sussex Team in the Olympic Trap at the NSCS at Bisley at the end of October, but was unfortunately ill.

His father Adrian, who introduced Daniel to the sport, said: "Although Daniel is dyslexic, we spotted a niche where he has proved to have a unique and outstanding talent. He has achieved amazing results for someone so young and is determined to reach Olympic standard just as soon as he is able.

"The school has been very supportive of Daniel and we are very grateful to them for allowing him out of school for coaching and competitions."

## Eco-house flourishes in the garden

WORK has been steaming ahead on Seaford's new boys' boarding house, despite the frost and snow of winter.

The arrival of the innovative and eco-friendly boarding house – delivered on the back of 36 trucks in October – attracted widespread media interest, not least when it was put together on site in super-fast time!

Consequently, by the time the winter weather got a grip, internal and external finishing was well underway – and even ahead of schedule.

The boarding house – an imposing sight in the former Walled Garden – is in a picturesque setting at the foot of the Downs and has proved to be quite a talking point for visitors to the school.

Manufactured by the German company STREIF GmbH, in their factory near Cologne, the boarding house will accommodate 90 pupils and eight members of staff. It is hoped the building will be ready for occupation in April.

Imported by Chichester-based building contractors W. Stirland Ltd, this high-quality building will use significantly less energy than its traditionally-built counterparts.

The shell of the building was up within just three weeks of delivery, since which time Stirland's contractors have been busy both inside the building and out, connecting the various utilities and finishing off plasterwork and joinery.

The 100-metre long, two-winged two-storey boarding house has cost £2.85m and will be a welcome replacement for Johnson Hall, which has served the College well since the 1960s.

Headmaster Toby Mullins said: "Although we have invested heavily in new buildings in recent



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years, this is by far the most exciting project to date and something which is quite innovative in the UK."

The finished product will not look dissimilar to traditionally-built boarding houses, the difference with

this one is that it arrived in Britain in eight-metre lengths – "a bit like a large Lego house" – and has

taken considerably less time to complete.

Mr Mullins said: "The speed at which the building went up was quite remarkable. There is simply no comparison with a conventional build, which is obviously a great advantage when we are keen to see the building brought into use as soon as possible."

The STREIF system is of a much higher quality than traditionally-constructed buildings and significantly more sustainable in terms of the materials used.

Because of the buildings' thermal efficiency, an impressive 22 per cent less energy will be required for heating than a comparable, traditionally

constructed building, resulting in significant long-term energy savings for the College.

W. Stirland Ltd are specialists in working with STREIF, having constructed a number of buildings with them over the past two years.

W. Stirland Ltd director Shaun Stirland said: "These buildings are highly sustainable and manufactured using high precision engineering. They are thermally more efficient than traditional construction methods and very robust.

"They are also extremely quick to erect, enabling our clients to start using their new buildings much earlier than if the construction method was of

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## Melon is exploding with taste

SEAFORD'S second year of teaching the Cambridge Pre-U went off with a bang, when sixth form chemists blew up a honeydew melon – with some spectacular results!

The Cambridge Pre-U is an exciting new post-16 qualification which prepares learners with the skills and knowledge they need to make a success of their subsequent studies at university.

The Pre-U was developed in response to a demand from teachers who wanted to be able to prepare learners for higher education more effectively, with exciting syllabuses that were stimulating to teach.

This, in turn, was in response to universities who said they wanted to see applications from students equipped to handle their independent and self-directed style of learning. Seaford College decided to trial the new syllabus in 2009 with a select number of students.

Cornelia Roibu was the first candidate from Seaford to sit the new exam and she achieved a Distinction (D3), having achieved an A grade in A-level Chemistry at the end of Year 12. Cornelia is now reading Biochemistry at Somerville College, Oxford.

This year the number studying Pre-U Chemistry has increased to four and the students had great fun when challenged to blow up the melon – as you can see from the picture below, captured by James Hollins, an A-level Photographer leaver in July 2010.

Head of Sixth Form David Coulson said: "The Cambridge Pre-U offers genuinely interesting syllabuses which learners can study in any combination to gain the Cambridge Pre-U Diploma or a qualification in an individual subject."



**HOT STUFF:** Cambridge Pre-U studies cover the burning issues

## A global reunion

OLD BOYS from all over the world flew into the UK for a reunion of students from 50 years ago.

Visitors came from Australia, Canada and Israel, as well as from all over Britain, for a weekend exchanging memories.

The reunion began in Chichester, with a celebratory meal, then, following a Sunday morning service in the Chapel, coffee and lunch were served in the Mansion House.

The group was able to tour the school and see the many changes which have taken place since the 1960s – as well as see those parts which remain pretty much as they were then – learn about plans for the new buildings, and purchase a series of souvenirs, including the Old Seafordians' silk ties.

## Five are confirmed

FIVE pupils were presented for Confirmation by the Bishop of Horsham, the Rt Rev'd Mark Sowerby, at the College Chapel on All Saints' Day. They were Alexander Macpherson, Ben Evans, Alex Johnson, Zachary Jermyn and Jack Jameson.

College Chaplain the Rev'd Stephen Gray said: "Although this number was small there was a genuine sense of personal ownership to their faith as each candidate declared openly their faith to God before parents, godparents, families and friends in this public act of worship."



**GOOD BUDDIES:** Seaford's students with their new-found friends in China

# Friendships made in China

IN THE Summer holidays, four Year 10 students, accompanied by maths teacher Mr Paul Wilson, blazed a trail to China, the characters for which translate literally as 'Middle Kingdom'.

Ben Barnes, Edward Latham, Alex Moodie and Freddie Ottey had all previously been attending Seaford's Chinese club, and so were all equipped with some Chinese to help them on their adventure.

They did not venture out alone, however: 400 other students from across the UK joined them on the summer camp, which was managed by the Specialist Schools and Academies Trust.

All of the students spent three days in the capital, Beijing, during which time they visited a few very special places: first, the Great Wall, the longest freestanding structure in the world; second, the Forbidden City, which has the largest collection of ancient wooden structures in the world and is where the Emperors used to live and conduct the affairs of state; third, Tiananmen Square, which is the world's largest city square; and fourth, Silk Street market, and what could well be the world's largest collection of replica products, including Rolexes – the boys' particular favourite!

After their time in Beijing, the group dispersed to various cities in China, and our boys, along with about 80 other students, flew down to Shanghai.

"We were delighted to have been allocated Shanghai for two reasons: it meant we were able to go to the World Expo, and it also meant we could experience the city of Shanghai, which has been described as the "showpiece" of the world's fastest growing major economy," said Mr Wilson.

Whilst Beijing is impressive for its ancient monuments, Shanghai is extraordinary for its skyline, which includes the third largest building in the world and from where the boys got amazing views of the city below.

"As most of the buildings in the Pu Dong district were built in the last decade, the area has an almost futuristic feel to it," said Mr Wilson. "This is beautifully contrasted with the old colonial buildings across the river, dating back to a time in the mid-19th century when Shanghai was an



**WRITTEN WORK:** Freddie Ottey in the classroom at Jin Cai High School

martial arts. The school also organised for each of the UK students to be paired up with a Chinese student from the school. Although dialogue was pretty limited, friendships were built up on the basketball court and by the Chinese students accompanying the UK students on some of their excursions.

One of the highlights of the trip was when the UK students spent a whole day at the homes of their Chinese counterparts, sharing meals and seeing what a real Chinese home is like.

Another highlight was the day spent at the World Expo, which ran for six months from the beginning of May 2010, with just under 200 countries participating and attracting an average half a million visitors a day.

The Seaford group visited several countries' pavilions, where nations display the best of their culture and technological achievement, including the UK pavilion, called the Seed Cathedral as it contained over 60,000 seeds each individually housed in a rod.

Whilst the Chinese pavilion was very impressive, Seaford's favourite was the German pavilion because of its amazing technology. The visit to Shanghai came to an end with a closing ceremony at the school, which included the Seaford students and Mr Wilson giving a stirring rendition of 'Jerusalem'!

Following one last night in Beijing, it was back to the UK and the end of the first Seaford College trip to Middle Kingdom – but hopefully not the last!

**SIGHTSEEING:** Shanghai provides the perfect backdrop for, from left, Alex Moodie, Freddie Ottey, Ben Barnes and Edward Latham

international settlement." Whilst in Shanghai, the party was accommodated at Jin Cai High School, an IB accredited International School. The school was in charge of the programme for the following 11 days, which turned out to be both an incredibly full programme and also of a consistently excellent standard.

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## Moneyspinning tree bears festive fruit for charity

SEAFORD'S Learning Support department brought its own bit of Christmas cheer to the Kenyan charity Hope for Life.

Nick Foster, Head of Learning Support, hit on the idea of SpellAfrica – a sponsored spell for students, to raise funds for the charity at Christmas.

The Learning Support department generally organises a charity project for Christmas. This year, each student, in conjunction with their tutor, was given five new words to learn. Not all the words were the same and naturally, as the challenge was for everyone in Wilberforce up to Year 9, the level of difficulty varied.

Each student was given an envelope with their name on it which they then decorated and hung on a special Christmas tree.

The tree was made three years ago by Mr Foster, by photocopying pages of the world map on to coloured paper, collaging the tree and lacing it with clear fishing wire – painful, but effective when lit!

Once this year's students had spelled each word correctly for three consecutive weeks, they were given one coloured stick per word learned, which they put in their envelope.

As more and more sticks began to appear, the children were able to see how all their friends were doing whilst being able to monitor how close they

were getting towards their target of £1,000.

Mr Foster said: "It proved to be incredibly motivational – much more than we could have imagined. The students really took the project to their hearts and were even sponsoring each other, which was touching. While we asked each child to raise around £10, we have found sums of up to £100 coming in! Now, we are hopeful the eventual total will reach £1,500."

Past projects have helped a range of charities, but this year the students selected Hope for Life after learning about it from Mrs Joanna Lorimer-Green, whose son and daughter had spent time there on work experience.



**SPELLBOUND:** Wilberforce's Ned Jones takes a close look at the tree

## Planting a little history

WORKMEN digging up the walled garden in readiness for the new boys' boarding house discovered an unlikely message in a bottle.

Contractors found a shattered glass bottle – a time capsule buried by the estate's gardeners 75 years ago!

The bottle appears to have been buried by the Lavington Park gardeners, who were laid off at the end of 1935, shortly before the house was put on the market following the death of Lord Woolavington.

The bottle contained a letter (pictured above) dated 18 December 1935, wishing the finders all the best, and was signed 'with love and kisses from the boys', including Head Gardener E.W. Fuller.

The find caused great excitement in the school's Garden Cottage, where Mr Fuller and his wife once lived, and where the former head's wife Joscelyn Johnson is now busy updating her history of the College.

As recorded in her first book, at one point there were 26 gardeners and foresters caring for the Lavington Park Estate – brought from Lord Woolavington's estate in Scotland. Visitors to the park over the years included King George V and Queen Mary, who attended a special Silver Jubilee Dinner in 1935, and members of the Sackville and Lutyens families – the subsequent owner Euan Wallace first married Edina Sackville and later Barbara Lutyens, the daughter

of Edward Lutyens – hence the distinctive design of the school's outdoor swimming pool.

After Barbara was widowed, she lent Garden Cottage to friends, one of whom was Randolph Churchill who spent his weekends there during the war – indeed, his son, young Winston, was born there and the bars still remained at the window of his old bedroom!

Following on from the find, the school has decided to seize the opportunity to bury another time capsule, to be found by future generations.

Shelagh Weekes prepared a special assembly to tell students about the find, and asked for suggestions for what could be included in a present-day time capsule.

Emily Winterflood and Ellie Wood-Crainey 'won' the chance to have their suggestions used and they will be busy putting the project together this term, before the capsule gets buried in the walled garden before the opening of the boarding house.

Their suggestions include house ties, a whole school photograph, a school crest, a copy of the letter that was found in the bottle, a typical school timetable, a copy of the fixtures book and the green calendar for the current term, plus a copy of Seaford's sports records, a pair of Seaford sports socks and the most recent Park Life newsletter.

## Grand design takes shape

From page 1 masonry or some of the other off-site manufactured solutions."

Mr Mullins said: "The College has been working with Stirland for a number of years, as well as with the local authority, to ensure that the development is fully in keeping with the landscape of Lavington Park and the school's energy-saving ethos.

"The College has been under pressure to provide a new boys' boarding house as student numbers have increased and we are sure this new-style development will be a huge hit with the occupants!"

HNW Architects of Chichester designed the building and Stirland helped with

obtaining the necessary planning consents, its importation and construction.

Mr Stirland said: "The Boarding House has been designed to fit into the sensitive environment in which it is located and will be finished in subtle materials in order to blend in with the Downs behind."

Plans for the new boarding house, as well as a new sports centre and indoor swimming pool, have been on the cards for a number of years, including replacing much of the school's ageing staff accommodation.

However, because of the school's stunning and unique location, it was crucial that all environmental issues were considered before the work began.



Fears were conquered, friends were made and clothes were ruined, but we had a great time! The disco was amazing and we got to really know the class better. It was cool – a great start to the year.

STAFF started the last term with a gargantuan task of taking more than 100 students to Fairthorne Manor, a YMCA Activity Centre, near Southampton.

All the boys and girls from Year 9 – 11 students in all – enjoyed

## Adventurous start for all

a wide range of outdoor pursuits and adventure activities during the three-day trip, including abseiling, raft-building, climbing and kayaking.

The trip was accompanied by Head of Year Diana Strange, together with the various form tutors – Anthony Cook, Julian Hart, Rhiannon Jones,

Sarah Clapton, Peter Harvey, Jeremy Weaver, Robin Johnson – plus College Chaplain the Rev'd Stephen Gray and the gappies Kate and Logan from New Zealand, and the school's Adventurous Training Co-ordinator Chris Sayell.

# Award recognises inspirational Tinka

SEAFORD College student Katinka Allingham has been granted a special Local Hero award after fighting against the odds to lead a normal life.

Katinka, 13, from Coombes, near Steyning, was born with complicated internal problems, including a crushed oesophagus and weak lungs, which leave her unable to eat normally and susceptible to choking.

However, Katinka – who prefers to be known as Tinka – has refused to let her problems beat her, and enjoys school and sports just as much as the next student at Seaford.

Tinka is a former pupil of Westbourne House Preparatory School, where her father Roger is a maths teacher, but moved up to Seaford College at the start of the September term 2010, where she has settled in well and made a host of new friends, under the watchful eye of nurse Kim Phillips.

Although Tinka is able bodied and enjoys playing hockey and other sports, choking on something as simple as saliva is a real threat.

However, Mrs Phillips said: "She is quite fearless. Despite all her problems, she does not let them stand in her way and is quite inspirational. Tinka is very sociable and has made a lot of new friends at Seaford where she has been made to feel really welcome."

It was Mrs Phillips who nominated Tinka for the Spirit FM Local Hero Awards' Child of Achievement award. She said: "She really is quite remarkable. There can be no better recipient."

Tinka joined more than a dozen other local heroes invited along to a glittering presentation ceremony at the Hilton Avisford Park Hotel, near



**LOCAL HERO:** Tinka presents the cheque to The Snowdrop Trust's Rosie Turner and Diane Levantine, flanked by Diana Strange, left, and Kim Phillips, right

Arundel, but right until the last minute she thought it was a netball awards ceremony for her sister Coco!

Coco, 17, was there for the ceremony, however, along with brother Alife, 19, and their proud parents Leonora and Roger.

Tinka was presented with a large glass trophy and a cheque for £200 for her nominated charity, The Snowdrop Trust.

Seaford College Headmaster Toby Mullins said: "We are delighted that Tinka has decided to join the Seaford community, where she is already making a great contribution to school life. She's a real live wire and an inspiration to her many friends."

Rosie Turner and Diane Levantine from The Snowdrop Trust came to Seaford College to accept the cheque from Tinka.

Diane, the Trust's Chairman, said:

"It has been our privilege to work with Tinka for most of her life and we are thrilled she thought of us when choosing her charity. Tinka is always bright and cheerful, despite her difficulties, and is truly deserving of this award."

Mrs Phillips added: "The award was especially apt because it has taken a good bit of courage to start at a new school, which was always going to be a big challenge."

"Happily, Seaford College has made the transition as smooth as possible. The bonding trip to YMCA Botley was key to this, allowing Tinka to show that, despite some of her disabilities, she was as keen as everyone else to try all the activities and show her bravery. We are also grateful to Mrs Diana Strange, Head of Year 9, for liaising with the family and myself to provide as much support as required."

## Reaching out to Rwanda

SEAFORD College Chaplain, the Rev'd Stephen Gray, is building bridges between the school and a humanitarian project in the Central African Republic of Rwanda.

Reach Rwanda is a project endeavouring to reconcile the warring factions following the genocide of 1994. The project encourages healing and forgiveness between victim and victimiser through sport, drama, music and cookery.

The Chaplain visited Rwanda in October and said: "It was moving to witness how real the forgiveness was for many Tutsi and Hutu survivors of the genocide."

Rev'd Gray is now hoping to take a sixth form trip to Kigali in October as part of his bid to strengthen the charity's link with Seaford College. While out there, Rev'd Gray handed over a cheque for £1,000 to an orphanage in Kigali. The money was raised through the generosity of parents and staff at the Wilberforce Harvest Service, held in the Chapel.

Bishop Denis, who runs the orphanage, works tirelessly on behalf of orphans, refugees and children suffering with HIV, and sent a huge message of thanks back to the College via the Chaplain.

Rev'd Gray said: "The children's joy and contentment was deep despite the absence of any physical possessions."

## Couple overcome hurdles to have chapel wedding

A 12,000 mile journey and special licence from the Archbishop of Canterbury were just two of the hurdles which had to be overcome to enable Old Seafordian Peter Finn to marry his sweetheart Anne Mayo in the College Chapel.

Staff and students at the school had no idea what was taking place on the sunniest Wednesday of September, when Peter, 62, married Anne with just a handful of people present.

Peter's old schoolfriend Su Sayer and her mother Joscelyn Johnson were

witnesses to the wedding, conducted by College Chaplain the Rev'd Stephen Gray, while Richard Bailey gave a resounding performance on the organ in what was probably the smallest ceremony ever to take place in the Chapel.

Peter, who attended Seaford from 1961-1965, worked as a mechanical engineer after leaving school, but emigrated to Perth, Australia, in 1980, where he later worked as a computer programmer. It was there that he met Anne 10 years ago and, when they visited the College last year, decided

it would be the perfect place to tie the knot. The wheels were set in motion for the ceremony, with more than a little help from Su, which finally took place during the couple's visit to the UK in September.

The distance from the UK and difficulty having a pre-wedding interview with the Archbishop of Canterbury – a pre-requisite for all weddings in the College Chapel – caused added complications.

As the College Chapel is a private church, attached to the Lavington Park estate, a special licence is required for all weddings.



**SPECIAL DAY:** Peter and Anne sign the register, watched by College Chaplain the Rev'd Stephen Gray





# Flying high with the Seagulls

SOCCKER-mad Seaford College student Matthew Benham has been offered a two-year contract to play with Brighton & Hove Albion Football Club.

For 14-year-old Matthew, this is the second piece of good news in almost as many months as the Year 10 student, currently studying for 10 GCSEs, has also been selected to captain the National Independent Schools' U15 football team.

Like most youngsters, Matthew has been kicking a football around for most of his life and has spent the past six years at Southampton Football Academy – quite a gruelling schedule for a youngster living with his family in Liphook!

With a move from St Edmunds Prep School in Hindhead, where Matthew had a football scholarship, to Seaford College, where he has a sporting scholarship, came the opportunity to trial for both Portsmouth FC and for Brighton & Hove.

The fleet-footed youngster, who is also a keen golfer (8.6 handicap), after careful consideration opted for football. He is now looking forward to more hectic days – starting before 7am and ending well after 10pm – as well as fitting in his school work and other sporting commitments.



**HONOUR: Double joy for Matthew Benham**

The contract with Brighton & Hove Albion means Matthew will be under contract to their U15 Academy for the next two years, after which they will decide whether or not to offer him a full playing scholarship.

In the meantime Matthew is trying to keep his feet firmly on the ground and ensure he keeps up with his education.

Mum Mrs Caroline Benham said:

“Both Matthew’s father Richard and I were quite sporty in our younger days so it came as no surprise that Matt turned out to be a good all-rounder at sport. However, it’s a very competitive field and it is important that he gets a good, rounded education.

“The staff at Seaford College have been very supportive and he is very happy there. The College also has a golf course which enables him

to indulge his other sporting passion – golf!”

Master in Charge of Football at Seaford College Tim Farmer said: “We are all very excited for Matthew and our congratulations go to him. It is quite an achievement to be selected for the National Independent Schools’ team, given that players are drawn from independent schools all over the country – and to be chosen as captain is simply the icing on the cake!”



**THE term ended on a high for Seaford rugby players, with an U16 tour to Toulon.**

The team were fortunate to escape the winter cold and snow to the mild South of France – a balmy 12 degrees!

The school played two matches and won both: 51-19 v Six Fours, and 24-15 v RC Hyeres. Will Hunter was player of the tour and Callum Monks leading

scorer. Lee Reilly captained the tour party and played superbly, and the boys were a credit to the College.

They were treated to an interesting and enjoyable tour round Toulon’s ground, and were trained by their coach Tom Whitford and player Tom May.

They also spent an afternoon watching the team train and met England players Paul Sackey and Johnny Wilkinson, as pictured above.

## Plenty of victories on the field

IT was a very busy and productive autumn term for Seaford rugby, with two teams – the U14s and U16s – dominating the season.

Again, we had a winning season, recording many more victories than losses.

The 1st XV improved as a team over the term, although results did not always go their way. They were a young squad lacking a bit in depth but on their day could play some scintillating rugby – you only had to witness the 50-10 victory at Bearwood and the 18-6 win over Gordons.

Injuries played a large part also this season and, with a small squad to choose from, many players had to play in a number of positions.

Frazer Oliphant Hope (player of the season) played at fly half, full back and centre – never once letting the side down and scoring many important tries. In the forwards, Ollie McCullough and Ben Sargent impressed.

The U16s continued on from their successes last year and had an equally productive season, only losing once, and were awarded the Team of the Term Cup in final assembly.

They recorded some excellent victories, such as 46-0 over Ryde School, 31-24 versus Hurstpierpoint, and 21-17 against Glyn Tech, not forgetting the 60-3 thrashing of Bearwood.

The team boasted two county players in Callum Monks and Will Hunter. They and Ben Sweeney contributed to some excellent tries through the term. In the forwards, Captain Lee Reilly (although hit by injury during the season), Tim Dore and Dan Pretorius dominated in most games played. The term finished with a tour to Toulon in France (see story above).

The U15s season was inconsistent results-wise but, again, when they were on form, they could play



exciting rugby. They were well led by county team player Ben Haynes, while in the backs, Rory Collier and Ben Davies played their part, and Alfie Renwick was a mobile forward.

Finally, what a fantastic season the U14A team had! They played 11 matches, winning 9, scoring 365 points with 93 against. They recorded some super wins such as 36-0 versus St Bedes, 40-0 versus Glyn Tech, and 46-0 versus St John’s, Southsea.

They were a formidable attacking group but also resolute in defence. The centre combination of David Paddle and Ronny Harrison was superb all season and the backline was well orchestrated by the hugely influential Harry Collins. In the forwards Byron Clarke, Harry Marchant and Harry Leleu were a dominant force all season.

Thanks also go to all the coaches and team managers who have given their time to developing the teams, refereeing and taking them off to matches – Antony Cook 1st XV, Jon Thompson and James Rollinson U16s, Jon Smedley U15A, Paul Wilson U15B, Bill Cuthbertson U14A and Dominic Barnes U14Bs.

**Final Assembly awards:**

**1st XV Player:** Frazer Oliphant-Hope; most improved cup: Harry Caines. **U16 XV Player:** Tim Dore; most improved: Mungo Parker. **U15A Player:** Ben Haynes; most improved: Will Norton. **U15B Player:** James Smith; most improved: Dominic Woodhouse; **U14A Player:** Harry Marchant; most improved: Harry Collins. **U14B Player:** Matt Fitzgerald; most improved: Lucas Streeter. **1st XV Captains cup:** Josh Cowell & Jack Miller. **Kicking cup:** Josh Cowell. **Team of the Term:** U16 Rugby.

## Cadets target trophies

SEAFORD College sharp shooters came away from the CCF Cadet Nationals at Pirbright with a clutch of trophies.

They were competing against 58 teams from all over the country and competition was strong.

However, they had the advantage of using the new SA80 A2 – which greatly improved all cadets’ shooting – and won the U16 Clay Target Shooting, the Over 16 CTR (converted gallery range) and came third in the Fulling Plate Competition.

Back row, from the left, Patrick Gulland, Alistier Kent, Angus Hopkins and Alexander Ward. Front, Edward Ladham, Peter Carr, Sam Burley, Edward Davies and David Kallend.



## Sterling efforts from all

THE girls 1st XI hockey team have had a tough season against strong opposition but have continued to compete well, winning over half of their matches.

The 2nds similarly performed well as a team, especially in defence, and got some good results.

The U14 and U15 B teams have had some difficult matches against much larger schools but there have been some good individual performances.

The U14 and U15A teams have had the most successful seasons, winning the majority of their matches, again with some good individual performances, especially from Anna

Klusmann who is unfortunately leaving us. We thank her for her contribution this year.

Awards: **1st X1 Player:** Beanie Allison; most improved: Steph Von Molandorff. **2nd X1 Player:** Jo Carey; most improved: Lucy Ford. **U15A Player:** Anna Klusmann; most improved: Luciana Macari. **U15B Player:** Georgia Barden; most improved: Abi Hansford. **U14A Player:** Rea Briggs and Emily Miller; most improved: Rebecca Nash. **U13 Player:** Lucy Gray; most improved: Ellie Kleinarcher. **U12 Player:** Megan Gamble; most improved: Danielle Sexton. **U11 Player:** Amy Gray; most improved: Ruby Davies

YEAR 9 swimming sensation George Ede is moving up the ranks after being selected to join the National Development Squad.

George, who lives with his parents Val and Chris in Fernhurst, has been swimming seriously from the age of seven, when he joined Haslemere Swimming Club. Since then he has trained rigorously – and vigorously – to improve his performance.

During one open meet at Haslemere in 2010, he won three gold medals and one silver medal for the club, swimming against 14 other top clubs from throughout the South of England, and beating his own personal best times.

His coach, who is affiliated to the British swimming team, was so pleased with his progress that he promoted George to the National Development Squad which means George now follows the



**GOLD STAR:** George Ede with a few of his medals

same training schedule as other Olympic hopefuls.

Although he is too young to take part in the 2012 games in London, George could well be in the running for selection in 2016 if he keeps up his hard work.

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# Flying high with the Seagulls

SOCCKER-mad Seaford College student Matthew Benham has been offered a two-year contract to play with Brighton & Hove Albion Football Club.

For 14-year-old Matthew, this is the second piece of good news in almost as many months as the Year 10 student, currently studying for 10 GCSEs, has also been selected to captain the National Independent Schools' U15 football team.

Like most youngsters, Matthew has been kicking a football around for most of his life and has spent the past six years at Southampton Football Academy – quite a gruelling schedule for a youngster living with his family in Liphook!

With a move from St Edmunds Prep School in Hindhead, where Matthew had a football scholarship, to Seaford College, where he has a sporting scholarship, came the opportunity to trial for both Portsmouth FC and for Brighton & Hove.

The fleet-footed youngster, who is also a keen golfer (8.6 handicap), after careful consideration opted for football. He is now looking forward to more hectic days – starting before 7am and ending well after 10pm – as well as fitting in his school work and other sporting commitments.



**HONOUR: Double joy for Matthew Benham**

The contract with Brighton & Hove Albion means Matthew will be under contract to their U15 Academy for the next two years, after which they will decide whether or not to offer him a full playing scholarship.

In the meantime Matthew is trying to keep his feet firmly on the ground and ensure he keeps up with his education.

Mum Mrs Caroline Benham said:

“Both Matthew’s father Richard and I were quite sporty in our younger days so it came as no surprise that Matt turned out to be a good all-rounder at sport. However, it’s a very competitive field and it is important that he gets a good, rounded education.

“The staff at Seaford College have been very supportive and he is very happy there. The College also has a golf course which enables him

to indulge his other sporting passion – golf!”

Master in Charge of Football at Seaford College Tim Farmer said: “We are all very excited for Matthew and our congratulations go to him. It is quite an achievement to be selected for the National Independent Schools’ team, given that players are drawn from independent schools all over the country – and to be chosen as captain is simply the icing on the cake!”



**THE term ended on a high for Seaford rugby players, with an U16 tour to Toulon.**

The team were fortunate to escape the winter cold and snow to the mild South of France – a balmy 12 degrees!

The school played two matches and won both: 51-19 v Six Fours, and 24-15 v RC Hyeres. Will Hunter was player of the tour and Callum Monks leading

scorer. Lee Reilly captained the tour party and played superbly, and the boys were a credit to the College.

They were treated to an interesting and enjoyable tour round Toulon’s ground, and were trained by their coach Tom Whitford and player Tom May.

They also spent an afternoon watching the team train and met England players Paul Sackey and Johnny Wilkinson, as pictured above.

## Plenty of victories on the field

IT was a very busy and productive autumn term for Seaford rugby, with two teams – the U14s and U16s – dominating the season.

Again, we had a winning season, recording many more victories than losses.

The 1st XV improved as a team over the term, although results did not always go their way. They were a young squad lacking a bit in depth but on their day could play some scintillating rugby – you only had to witness the 50-10 victory at Bearwood and the 18-6 win over Gordons.

Injuries played a large part also this season and, with a small squad to choose from, many players had to play in a number of positions.

Frazer Oliphant Hope (player of the season) played at fly half, full back and centre – never once letting the side down and scoring many important tries. In the forwards, Ollie McCullough and Ben Sargent impressed.

The U16s continued on from their successes last year and had an equally productive season, only losing once, and were awarded the Team of the Term Cup in final assembly.

They recorded some excellent victories, such as 46-0 over Ryde School, 31-24 versus Hurstpierpoint, and 21-17 against Glyn Tech, not forgetting the 60-3 thrashing of Bearwood.

The team boasted two county players in Callum Monks and Will Hunter. They and Ben Sweeney contributed to some excellent tries through the term. In the forwards, Captain Lee Reilly (although hit by injury during the season), Tim Dore and Dan Pretorius dominated in most games played. The term finished with a tour to Toulon in France (see story above).

The U15s season was inconsistent results-wise but, again, when they were on form, they could play



exciting rugby. They were well led by county team player Ben Haynes, while in the backs, Rory Collier and Ben Davies played their part, and Alfie Renwick was a mobile forward.

Finally, what a fantastic season the U14A team had! They played 11 matches, winning 9, scoring 365 points with 93 against. They recorded some super wins such as 36-0 versus St Bedes, 40-0 versus Glyn Tech, and 46-0 versus St John’s, Southsea.

They were a formidable attacking group but also resolute in defence. The centre combination of David Paddle and Ronny Harrison was superb all season and the backline was well orchestrated by the hugely influential Harry Collins. In the forwards Byron Clarke, Harry Marchant and Harry Leleu were a dominant force all season.

Thanks also go to all the coaches and team managers who have given their time to developing the teams, refereeing and taking them off to matches – Antony Cook 1st XV, Jon Thompson and James Rollinson U16s, Jon Smedley U15A, Paul Wilson U15B, Bill Cuthbertson U14A and Dominic Barnes U14Bs.

### Final Assembly awards:

**1st XV Player:** Frazer Oliphant-Hope; most improved cup: Harry Caines. **U16 XV Player:** Tim Dore; most improved: Mungo Parker. **U15A Player:** Ben Haynes; most improved: Will Norton. **U15B Player:** James Smith; most improved: Dominic Woodhouse; **U14A Player:** Harry Marchant; most improved: Harry Collins. **U14B Player:** Matt Fitzgerald; most improved: Lucas Streeter. **1st XV Captains cup:** Josh Cowell & Jack Miller. **Kicking cup:** Josh Cowell. **Team of the Term:** U16 Rugby.

## Cadets target trophies

SEAFORD College sharp shooters came away from the CCF Cadet Nationals at Pirbright with a clutch of trophies.

They were competing against 58 teams from all over the country and competition was strong.

However, they had the advantage of using the new SA80 A2 – which greatly improved all cadets’ shooting – and won the U16 Clay Target Shooting, the Over 16 CTR (converted gallery range) and came third in the Fulling Plate Competition.

Back row, from the left, Patrick Gulland, Alistier Kent, Angus Hopkins and Alexander Ward. Front, Edward Ladham, Peter Carr, Sam Burley, Edward Davies and David Kallend.



## Sterling efforts from all

THE girls 1st XI hockey team have had a tough season against strong opposition but have continued to compete well, winning over half of their matches.

The 2nds similarly performed well as a team, especially in defence, and got some good results.

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Klusmann who is unfortunately leaving us. We thank her for her contribution this year.

Awards: **1st X1 Player:** Beanie Allison; most improved: Steph Von Molandorff. **2nd X1 Player:** Jo Carey; most improved: Lucy Ford. **U15A Player:** Anna Klusmann; most improved: Luciana Macari. **U15B Player:** Georgia Barden; most improved: Abi Hansford. **U14A Player:** Rea Briggs and Emily Miller; most improved: Rebecca Nash. **U13 Player:** Lucy Gray; most improved: Ellie Kleinarcher. **U12 Player:** Megan Gamble; most improved: Danielle Sexton. **U11 Player:** Amy Gray; most improved: Ruby Davies

YEAR 9 swimming sensation George Ede is moving up the ranks after being selected to join the National Development Squad.

George, who lives with his parents Val and Chris in Fernhurst, has been swimming seriously from the age of seven, when he joined Haslemere Swimming Club. Since then he has trained rigorously – and vigorously – to improve his performance.

During one open meet at Haslemere in 2010, he won three gold medals and one silver medal for the club, swimming against 14 other top clubs from throughout the South of England, and beating his own personal best times.

His coach, who is affiliated to the British swimming team, was so pleased with his progress that he promoted George to the National Development Squad which means George now follows the



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