



Aldenham Today

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A MESSAGE FROM THE HEADMASTER

We are delighted with the number of enquiries received and the record number of families attending our Open Days. There is certainly a lot to celebrate as we start a new academic year with the largest number of boys and girls at the School, including those who wish to board. You can keep abreast of the latest individual success stories and achievements celebrated by the Aldenham community in this issue of *Aldenham Today*, including the vast range and diversity of the opportunities that our pupils can enjoy.

It was an historical achievement for Aldenham when our Under 15 footballers were crowned Independent Schools' Football Association champions for 2018. This is a prestigious national title and we have been delighted with the success that this football side has shown since they joined the School.

At a time when there have been significant changes to the structure and assessment of GCSEs, it was very pleasing that Aldenham pupils were able to receive such good grades. We were delighted that of the 850 examinations sat this summer over 92% were at level 4 or above. 73% were at level 5 or above and 31% in the top category of level 7 to 9. Amongst the top performers, each of whom gained more than seven grades at level 8 or 9 (formerly A*), were **Nicholas Davis, Emma Gillespie, Alexander Knight, Sarah McMahon, Milly Rees, and Jemima Wax**. In all, almost 40% of the students gained four or more top grades of level 7 to 9.

With the major changes to linear A Levels it is excellent that over 80% of the 72 pupils were admitted immediately to their universities of choice, 25% at the elite Russell Group universities. Top performers included last year's Head Girl **Phoebe Altman** (A*A*A*) who has a place at Bristol to read English and Classics; **Matthew Gillespie** (AAA) who will go to Warwick to read Biochemistry; **Jodie Hall-McAteer** (A*A*A*) will go to Nottingham to read History after a gap year to pursue her international show jumping career; **Shiv Menon** (AAB) will begin his medical studies at Leicester; **Abi Smuts** (A*A*A) will be reading English at Exeter.

There has been substantial investment over the summer break. This includes extensive refurbishment of our girls' Boarding House and multiple other upgrades across the site. This has meant that pupils have once again returned to greatly enhanced facilities.

I thank everyone for their continued involvement and look forward to further successes in the future.

James Fowler



Head Girl **Sasha MacDonald** and Head Boy **Michael Li** are looking forward to the challenges of a busy, exciting year.

INTRODUCING OUR NEW HEAD BOY AND HEAD GIRL

Sasha MacDonald joined Aldenham in Year 7 from a local Primary School and is a Sports Scholar. Sasha is Captain of various netball teams both at Aldenham and outside of school. She is looking forward to the challenge of juggling her studies and sports alongside the commitment of being Head Girl.

Michael Li

Michael joined Aldenham in Year 8 from a small school in Vancouver, Canada. Following his success as one of the main speakers at the Model United Nations Conference at Haileybury this year, Michael is looking forward to taking part in the next conference at Oxford University. Studying A Level Maths, Further Maths, Physics and Economics, he hopes to study Economics and Management at Oxford.

MALAWI 2018



The annual charity trip to work with *Ripple Africa* in Malawi saw 20 students and four Aldenham staff embark on the 9th annual trip. Spirits were high as the group had raised a fantastic £50,000 in donations to the charity due to the hard work of the pupils, generosity of the friends and family and a valuable sponsorship from Goldman Sachs. Whilst there, they joined in many of the projects and deepened their understanding of the work of Ripple Africa. These ranged from a visit to the local fishermen for more insight into the Fish Conservation project which is saving Lake Malawi and feeding the local community; spending time with the children involved in the Disability project; a lesson in the various components of the Tree Nursery; and helping with the importance of family planning to the younger members of the community.

There were many opportunities to engage with the locals of all ages. They battled through the heat in numerous sports matches, read, painted the walls and taught nursery rhymes to the children at the local primary schools. Certainly, one of the highlights was the welcome into the warmth of the local church and



listening to angelic choirs. One of the standout activities was the day in the life of a Malawian, having the privilege to be welcomed into the homes of a student at the local secondary school and assisting them with their morning chores. It made everyone realise how fortunate they are and that happiness doesn't come from what you have but from what you make of it.

Having spent a brilliant two weeks at Lowani beach, they said goodbye with much difficulty and moved on to rest and recuperate at South Luangwa National Park. They spotted four out of five of the Big Five on safari, wonderful!

Ali Caine commented "Ultimately, it was a life changing experience for all involved and we would like to thank everyone who supported our trip. After having this amazing experience, we are extremely keen to carry on supporting the charity."



ART

A Level Art students spent five days in Paris gathering contextual and thematic references for the development of their coursework and exam projects. As well as the cultural staples they also visited Maison Européenne de la Photographie and the Fondation Louis Vuitton for their fill of conceptual, cutting edge works. Despite the swollen Seine and consistently rainy days, spirits remained high and the students demonstrated commitment to their personal artistic development.



LANGUAGES

GERMAN TRIP

Linguists enjoyed the opportunity to practise their German when they visited Munich. Following a guided tour they enjoyed a closely contested competition at a traditional Kegelbahn (bowling alley). The humbling experience of walking round the barracks at Dachau Concentration Camp will live long in the memories of all pupils and staff on the trip. The stunning Neuschwanstein Castle, built for Mad King Ludwig 11, is renowned as being the castle featured in the film *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang* and for being the inspiration behind the Disney logo. A visit to Hellabrunn Zoo, the world's first Geo Zoo was a great way to finish the trip.

SPANISH TRIP TO BILBAO

Every year students studying Spanish in Years 10 and 12 spend a five day residential trip in Spain. The latest visit was to the beautiful northern city of Bilbao, taking in the outstanding Guggenheim museum with its most amazing photo opportunities.



BIOLOGISTS GAIN VITAL EXPERIENCE ON THEIR FIELD TRIP

It was a very busy weekend for the 15 A Level students who were investigating ecology at Orielton in Pembroke, Wales.

There were expeditions to observe species diversity and variation on a rocky shore at Sawdern Point. Students also visited Freshwater West to look at sand dune succession and considered conservation and management strategies for the site. At the field centre itself students extracted photosynthetic pigments isolated from the fronds of different seaweeds, estimated the population of pond snails and even managed to catch a vole using mammal traps, which was subsequently released!

The fantastic weather contributed to the vast number of species observed at the field sites and allowed a camp fire in the evening and ice cream on the beach. The skills students practised are a vital component of the practical aspect of the course.



OUT IN THE COMMUNITY



Year 12 Aldenham students who have been helping at Parkside School are “a credit to the school”, according to the teacher at Parkside.



BEER MONEY!

Boys and girls in Year 9 each get a commemorative coin in the annual Beer Money ceremony at Brewers’ Hall to mark the 420-year connection between the Brewers’ Company and the School.

CROSSROADS

A special cake was shared with members of Crossroads to celebrate 20 years of interaction with staff and students. Crossroads is a registered charity providing support to Carers and the people they care for.



BREWERS’ LECTURE

It was appropriate that the 5th Brewers’ Lecture held in The Wells Centre at Aldenham was presented by the Charles Wells Brewery. Arranged through our close links with the Brewers’ Company, one of the oldest livery companies in the City of London, this event reinforces links with the School dating back to its foundation in 1597 by Richard Platt, himself a brewer.

Following the presentation everyone moved to the Sixth Form Centre for the popular beer tasting to learn more and sample the actual product, expertly guided by Ian Jones, Head Brewer at Charles Wells.



DRAMA

The cast and crew of the Martineau's production worked particularly hard to produce Roald Dahl's *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. Particular thanks go to Mr Spencer for his creativity and hard work on the amazing set and props.

Jackson Miller was outstanding and endearing in his role as Charlie Bucket, whilst **Ben Reid** impressed the audience with his vivacious performance as Willy Wonka. **Frankie Manderson-Harkin**, **Anya Savage**, **Evie Tillery** and **Ewan Brocklesby** all demonstrated the selfish and greedy natures of the other visiting children to the factory. Special mentions to the pupils who played the long suffering parents, **Katianna Charalambous**, **Katie Hailes**, **Alex Smith** and **Edie Sunman**, and of course the loyal grandparent to the selfless Charlie, **Tom Cushion** as Grandpa Joe.

This production was made particularly memorable because of the large and supportive crew, with the students taking on more technical responsibility than ever before. Thanks to Year 12 student **Jolie Sharpe** and Year 13 student **Archie Hudson-Rawlings** for all of their hard work in supporting the direction of this ambitious and complicated piece.



WATFORD FESTIVAL WINS

As in previous years, the Watford Festival saw a number of success stories from both the Prep and Senior schools. The festival opened with a win from Aldenham in the Anthology section of the competition; **Muskaan Iqbal** and **Viola Alishah** performing in the winning piece devised and directed with the support of **Zacky Agama**.

In addition **India Campbell**, **Sammy Myers**, **Noor Hussain** and **Zehra Kazmi** scooped bronze in one of the toughest group sections of the competition. This early win was followed by a number of others, for **Muskaan Iqbal** and **Ethan Hayes**.



HIGHER EDUCATION INFORMATION EVENING

A Higher Education Information Evening at Aldenham offered invaluable guidance to Year 12 students and their parents as they plan for their futures. There were three main talks throughout the evening, and all students were given a copy of the invaluable *Aldenham Approach to University Applications* booklet to help them with the many important decisions they need to make.

COMPUTER SCIENCE TRIP TO TECHHUB

The Year 12 Computer Science students' trip to the TechHub Incubator was a fascinating one for **Michael Grigg**, **Hasan Mohammed**, **Adam Hope**, **Shuj Thairu**, **Dominic Hampstead** and **Sean Nicholas**. TechHub is the global community for tech entrepreneurs and startups. In a *Dragons Den* style pitch about the application of virtual reality in today's world the Aldenham team beat schools including Merchant Taylors' to come second out of five groups. The judges praised their research and presentation style as excellent and they were able to explain a very challenging subject in a clear and easy to follow way.



BIOLOGY MASTERCLASS

Students from Courtlands Primary School, Aldenham Prep and St Hilda's attended a Biology masterclass on sugar and respiration. They tested for the presence of sugar in different foods and investigated whether respiration works faster in yeast when more sugar is present. Not all of the yeast behaved as expected but all the students did!

A CELEBRATION OF THE SCHOOL YEAR



Many visitors took the opportunity to see the various displays including the Art Exhibition.

We were delighted to have Paul Wells, Master of the Worshipful Company of Brewers, as our Guest Speaker on Visitation Day, pictured here with Trevor Barton (Chair of Governors) and James Fowler (Headmaster).

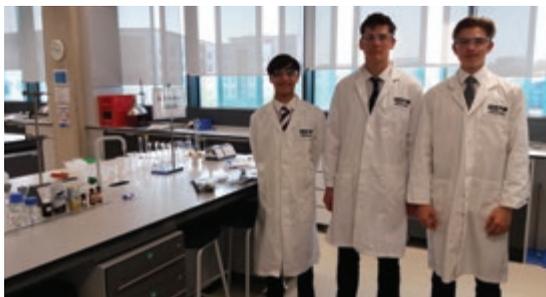
Starting with the Chapel service in the morning, followed by speeches and presentations with musical interludes, visitors then moved on to socialise over relaxed lunches whilst watching the annual cricket match between the 1st XI and a select XI Aldenham team. This was a real treat for both players and spectators. The 1st XI came out on top, but it is always a pleasure to have the OAs back for an exciting and good-spirited match.



The good spirits continued as everyone relocated to cheer on their teams in the Tug of War finals with McGill's, Beevor's and Paul's triumphant. Something new this year was a popular parents versus staff Tug of War. Before everyone left there was just time for tea and cream cakes.

ANALYTICAL CHEMISTRY COMPETITION

Every year the Royal Society of Chemistry runs a National Analytical Chemistry competition for Year 12 Chemistry students across the country. Three of Aldenham's best chemists, **Sean Nicholas**, **Harshil Vachhani** and **Tom Wright**, represented the School in the Eastern regional heats at the University of Hertfordshire competing against state and independent schools. The three were introduced to an undergraduate pharmaceutical science laboratory where they would be carrying out the three practical tasks over four hours of intense lab work. Organisation, teamwork and communication were critical aspects, as the tasks were complex and challenged the students.



CONGRATULATIONS DR PATERSON

Aldenham Chemistry teacher Dr Paterson won a poster competition organised by the Royal Society of Chemistry. His poster was chosen as the winning entry in the secondary/further education category of this annual online competition. Overall 1,912 people worldwide were involved, submitting posters in various categories. People then read the posters, made comments and asked questions which Dr Paterson responded to.

MATHS ENRICHMENT AFTERNOON

The Aldenham Maths department hosted their inaugural Enrichment Afternoon in May. 48 Year 5 and 6 pupils from seven local primary schools were introduced to Permutations, an A Level Statistics topic. With the help of our own Year 12 mathematicians they worked together through a series of challenge rounds, building on their new Maths skills and problem solving together. The standard of mathematics and teamwork was very high and we look forward to hosting the event again next year.



MATHS FOOTBALL MANIA

With football fever taking over the country the Maths department devised a cleverly weighted game allowing the students to play 'matches' to determine whether probability alone could predict the outcome of the World Cup. Using the actual group stages and seedings all KS3 students in each class managed a team for their individual competition; early winners included Russia, Belgium and Croatia.



Kevin Cheng, Kira Buttinger, Alex Brook and Dillian Attygalle were placed 18th out of 39 teams in the Intermediate Maths Team Challenge.



LES PHILOSOPHES GARDEN PARTY

Les Philosophes enjoyed their traditional summer garden party in the Headmaster's Garden in beautiful weather to match the mood. It was an informal occasion with students and staff reading favourite poems, speeches and passages to the Society followed by a buffet supper. The new student secretaries were announced for the next academic year: **Zara Nimmo** and **Stefan Dezyk**.

Les Philosophes is a Sixth Form society with membership rewarded to those who achieve excellent exam results. Guest speakers are invited to talk on a wide variety of topics. This year subjects have ranged from Einstein's legacy and the relationship between science and religion to the Holocaust and the Israeli-Palestinian crisis, with exploration of Eurasia and the future of journalism covered as well.

ALDENHAM HISTORY & DEVELOPMENT

Old Aldenhamians are readily stepping forward as careers speakers and mentors. This is much appreciated as we are continually seeking work placements and one to one support for students. The OA Society and the School are working together to provide the latest careers information. An OA mentoring scheme is creating lasting relationships between mentors and mentees.

Nick Schindler, Kennedy's 1998-2005, spoke to four budding medics about what it's really like working for the NHS. Nick (front right) is a Paediatric Registrar at Great Ormond Street and said the profession needs people just like them.



Fundraising is high on the agenda at Aldenham and the student led Charity Committee managed several charity campaigns, which resulted in donations of £10,000 to Sport Relief, We Can't Wait and PHAB. At home, the Aldenham Annual Fund 2017/18 reached a record high, generating £57,000. As a result, a major bursary will be awarded to a deserving Sixth Form student, the Chapel sound system has been upgraded and other resources have been provided to enhance the learning experience at Aldenham.



Improved sound in the Chapel, thanks to donations to the Aldenham Annual Fund 2017/18

Guide me O thou great redeemer

Guide me, O thou great redeemer;
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
Hold me with thy powerful hand;
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven;
Feed me now and evermore;
Feed me now and evermore.

HISTORIANS VISIT BERLIN

To complement their study of Nazi Germany and the Cold War 34 History students visited Berlin, a city rich in History. One of the highlights of the trip was the five hour cycle tour of Berlin, taking in sites such as Check Point Charlie, The Berlin Wall, Hitler's bunker, the Holocaust memorial, the Brandenburg Gates, Tiergarten and the Reichstag. No trip to Berlin is complete without visiting the 1936 Olympic stadium, the Wannsee conference and Sachsenhausen concentration camp. In a packed schedule which included visiting some fantastic museums, they even found time explore the TV Tower, go bowling and visit the best beer hall in Berlin where they ate traditional German food and listened to German folk music.



BATTLEFIELDS TRIP FOR YEAR 9 PUPILS

This annual trip saw 85 students go to Ypres in Belgium in the 100th year since the Armistice of the First World War was signed. Pupils visited such iconic memorials as Tyne Cot and Langemark Cemeteries, Thiepval and the Menin Gate where four pupils were selected to lay a wreath on behalf of the School.



BAKE OFF SPECIAL AT ALDENHAM

Aldenham's Jewish Society held a *Bake Off* session with Stacey Hart, a Great British Bake Off semi-finalist and Aldenham School parent. Stacey answered questions about her love of baking and her experience of appearing on the programme.

MUSICAL NOTES

FROM BACH TO BOUZOUKI – THE BECK MUSIC COMPETITION

The Beck Cup adjudicator, trombonist Peter Lacey, commented on the high standards achieved in all of the classes. In addition to the standard orchestral instruments, piano and voice, along with electric guitar and drums, he was perhaps a little surprised to encounter the penny whistle and the Greek bouzouki. Having to judge such a diverse range of instruments in this annual music competition made an already difficult job even more challenging.



Atahan Diamond won the Intermediate section with a towering performance of Rachmaninoff's *Prelude in C Sharp Minor*, which was also judged to be the best performance of the competition. **Alex Freeborn** and **Nasiya Narrandes** were runners-up in this section. It was also particularly encouraging to hear the immaculate playing of **James Gray** on the newly installed Recital Room organ.

The evening culminated with the Senior section which was the most varied class of the evening. Our adjudicator was most impressed by the dazzling playing of **Misha Behr** who performed the *Rondo* from Carl Maria von Weber's *Clarinet Concerto* with such authority, with the runners-up in this section being **Toby Freeman** on electric guitar and **Sophie Katsiavriades** (voice).

ORGAN CONCERT AT ALDENHAM

Mr Austin, Assistant Director of Music, gave a concert of organ music by JS Bach in the School Chapel. An open invitation for music lovers for this free concert included the famous Toccata and Fugue in D minor BWV 565. It was a rare opportunity to hear our fine 3-manual Grant Degens and Bradbeer organ in concert. Originally a House organ, the instrument was transferred to Aldenham in 1975 when the original owner relocated.



SPRING CONCERT

The Spring Concert included a wide variety of styles, from baroque string music through to a rock band playing Metallica. The Brass Ensemble got the evening off to a sprightly start followed by the whole of Year 7 singing Michael Hurd's cantata *Jonah Man Jazz*. There was a marked change in mood as **Michael Forsyth** came on to perform the first movement of Elgar's Cello Concerto. In a concert of contrasts the Big Band filled the Chapel with the joyous sounds of the Swing era. The Senior String Quartet took everyone back some 200 years, performing a Rondeau by the French composer Jean-Joseph Mouret. This was followed perhaps by

the biggest contrast to round off the evening as rock musicians took to the stage to finish the evening with a bang. Starting with *Apache*, they then went into an arrangement of Michael Jackson's *Human Nature* before launching into *Hotel California*, which ended with **Toby Freeman** and Mr Harrison playing the iconic guitar solo. Metallica's *Nothing Else Matters* took the tempo down a little with some strong vocals from **Hannah Goates**. With the audience applause focused on clapping along to the beat of Queen's *Crazy Little Thing Called Love*, **Benjamin Brick**'s powerful vocals brought the concert to a conclusion.



PIANO MASTERCLASS WITH MARK VINER

Four of our Year 10 pianists took part in a Masterclass with the young and rising international pianist Mark Viner (whose recording of Liszt piano works was selected by BBC Music Magazine the following day as their Instrumental Recording of the Month). **Atahan Diamond, Alex Freeborn, Nasiya Narrandes and Bob He** represent a particularly rich vein of piano talent in their year group and they fully deserved the opportunity to be put through their paces by Mr Viner.

JUNIOR SKI TRIP TO AUSTRIA

The snow and conditions were perfect for the 43 students from Years 7 to 10 to enjoy a fantastic week of skiing. By the end of the week all the pupils were skiing really well; the advanced group must have skied hundreds of miles in six days! On the last day all the students participated in a slalom race with **George Steyne** being crowned the winner. Everyone was fantastic but the stand out student was **Seb Peries** for his constant smiling and positivity.



MODEL UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE

Six boys and girls from Aldenham, **Patick Duggan, Michael Li, Harry Higgins, Lorenza Bertacchi, Ellie McNeill** and **Izzy Baxter**, took part in the largest Model United Nations Conference in the UK when they joined around 800 delegates from across Europe, Asia and South America to debate 36 topics over three days. Following the formalities of the opening ceremony, the conference moved on to informal lobbying to win support for their resolutions with ten unique signatories required for a resolution to go forward to the approvals panel. Everyone spoke eloquently about their topics and presented in front of their committees; debating the issues in order to pass resolutions to adequately address the needs of all the delegations, no easy feat.

Michael Li lobbied hard and was selected to present his resolution on The Question of Tax Havens on the final day in front of the entire general assembly. He answered questions from the floor with ease, displaying a clear knowledge of the facts.



VISIT TO OXFORD UNIVERSITY

A group of Year 12 Aldenham students spent time visiting departments and colleges when they attended the Oxford University open day.



CCF

The RAF section of the Aldenham CCF visited RAF Hendon in north London to see the impressive aircraft on display. Cadets were allowed to tour the whole museum which is comprised of several huge buildings that house a variety of aircraft from bi-planes to Lancaster bombers and fighter jets. It is an incredible collection and cadets greatly enjoyed the experience of being able to see so many aircraft up close. In the afternoon the RAF section returned to school for parade and to carry on with their aircraft recognition.

RADIO STAR

Year 11 student **Nick Davis** made a big impression when he called the James O'Brien show on LBC which resulted in them offering him work experience!



Well done to **Patrick Duggan** whose History essay was commended and discussed at the final meeting of Peterhouse's Vellacott History Prize in Cambridge. This is a considerable achievement as his was one of only 18 essays to be selected out of a strong field of 200 entrants. Patrick has a bright future ahead of him, wherever he decides to study.

SUCCESS IN BAFTA YOUNG GAMES DESIGNERS AWARD

Many congratulations to Year 8 pupils **Edie Sunman**, **Clelia Alishah**, and **Lillie Henchley** on reaching the finals of the prestigious BAFTA Young Games Designers award, a national competition to find the best game ideas and budding games designers.



PHAB WEEKEND

Staff and students hosted another PHAB residential weekend when 29 Sixth Form students, along with teaching and support staff, spent an action packed time with 15 young people with special needs, many of whom had also attended last year. Activities included a petting zoo of exotic animals, a music session run by Electric Umbrella, a visit to Aldenham Country Park plus art, baking, science and sports sessions. The beautiful weather ensured that plenty of time was spent outdoors enjoying our superb grounds.

It was a wonderful experience, challenging at times, where all our students excelled in enabling guests to have a terrific time. They handled all situations with maturity and forged great bonds with their guests whose parents were hugely grateful to Aldenham students for looking after their children so well. This allowed them to have some important and rare time to themselves. One family commented "We are humbled by how much work, effort, time and care was put into this event... Your pupils are a shining example of all that is great about a great education."

DANCE SHOW

The Dance Show is always a popular event. Over 40 pupils from Years 7-13 performed in a variety of dance genres including contemporary, tap, musical theatre, commercial jazz and street. Mrs Gall produces the show and choreographs a number of dances but the pupils are also very lucky to have the expertise of Kate Harrison, Jemima Loddy and Lauren Cattell teaching them.

The Year 13 girls have performed in the Dance Show every year since they were in Year 7 and it was a fitting end that they danced their leavers' dance to *I've Had the Time of My Life*. On stage it certainly looked like they had!



CROSS COUNTRY

564 students took part in this year's House Cross Country competition on one of the muddiest courses in recent years. **Orlando Fertleman** and **Maya Delyfer** were first boy and girl home for Martineau's. In the Junior race the first boy and girl across the finish line were **Dillon Chana** and **Lily Zenter**. Lily and **Eliza Blayne** were placed third and fourth overall in this race which for the first time saw boys and girls running alongside each other with a head start for the girls. Congratulations also to **Myles Mcleod**, an amazing athlete who won the Senior race for the second year, with **Debbie Okeowo** the first girl across the finish having come third last year. **Milly Rees** and **James Kennedy** were again in the top three for the third year in a row.



NEW COACH PARK



The new coach park will free up more room in the main car park for parents and visitors.

EROS RUN

Nearly 40 members of the Aldenham community took part in the annual Eros run on the last day of term. In ideal weather conditions, save for a headwind which slowed down the runners ever so slightly, Paul Cheetham once again was the first to complete the course in a time of 1.28, followed closely by Ross Murray at 1.35. **Harvey Dodd** retains his title as the first student to finish in a time of 1.50 and Mr Dawe was the first member of staff back to school, completing in 1.51. All the runners completed in under three hours and crossed the finish line with smiles on their faces! It was a very enjoyable and successful event and thank you to all the staff, parents, students and OAs who took part and helped support the event.



SPORT

FOOTBALL INVESTEC ISFA U15 CHAMPIONS

It was a momentous achievement for Aldenham when the Under 15 footballers secured the National ISFA title with a great win over Cheadle Hulme School at Burton Albion's ground. Aldenham sealed the victory and made history in an excellent display of football by both sides which left Aldenham crowned the 2017-18 ISFA Investec U15 Cup Champions. Well done to the whole squad.

The team won 4-1 with two goals from **Daniel Oyegoke** and two more from **Charlie Patino**. **Ryan Hayes** came close to scoring twice but was denied by the crossbar and a good save by the goalie.



NATIONAL FUTSAL CHAMPIONS

The U14 football team started the National Futsal Championships in Guildford with easy wins over Winchester and Millfield (3-0 and 6-0) before an impressive 2-1 win over Bradfield. The semi-final was against Repton which Aldenham won 1-0 to face a final rematch with St John's. Spirits were high as the boys had dominated the group games. Saving their best football for the final, they went on to win 2-0 with goals from **Tom Barrett** and **Ozzie Ufuah** to be crowned national champions.



NETBALL

An extremely close game for the U15As against Haileybury saw some excellent shooting from both **Abi Maughan** and **Ellie MacDonald**.

The first team were unbeaten up until their last game when they were missing **Sasha MacDonald**, a key player, who was involved in Duke of Edinburgh. The team should not be disheartened though as they played some of the best netball they've played all season. They have demonstrated great attitude, commitment and passion and have certainly led by example for all the other teams.



GOLF

Congratulations to the winners of the Independent Schools' Golf Association Regional Finals, **Archie Norton**, **Arran Kanth** and **Lewis Slade**. In tough conditions at the national finals Arran was our best performer placing 18th from a field of 63 over the two days.



TENNIS

The U15A Tennis players beat Watford Boys' Grammar School 8-4, a first at this age group for a number of years. Well done to all of the team with a special mention to **Jake Tabor** who joined on the day from the reserve position due to absence and won both his singles and doubles matches! The U15As also had a great season by winning the group stage of the County League and reaching the semi-finals of the knockout stages when they unfortunately lost to Ashlyn's School.

Congratulations to our U13A team who played a fantastic match to gain an unexpected win in the semi-finals of the Hertfordshire County League Division 2 Schools' competition. They put up a brave fight in the final but unfortunately lost to St Columba's College. To finish runners up in the finals is a fantastic achievement. Well done to the team of **George Steyne**, **Dillan Attygalle**, **Ewan Brocklesby** and **Sam Pacifico** who have played extremely well all season to get to the finals day which was a great experience for them.



SWIMMING

Dillon Chana got great personal bests at the British Nationals and at the English Nationals. Well done Dillon!

CRICKET

After a rainy start Aldenham enjoyed an action-packed cricket season with 63 fixtures played. Victories this year by the 1st XI were claimed against Westminster, Highgate and UCS and other notable fixtures included Stowe School, the MCC, the XL Club and the Berkhamsted T20 competition. This is a promising side that has been led well by **Hemanshu Hirani**, the leading run-scorer, and **Daniel Travers**. **James Michelin**, **Viren Patel** and **Prithvi Nakrani** have excelled with the ball. Aldenham also won the XL Club's Eastern Counties district 2018 award, for the "best fixture" in our district against the XL Club. This is a testament to our cricketers' sportsmanship and skill.

The 2nd XI enjoyed a fantastic, fun and unbeaten season with **Adam Nasir** and **Joel Clarke** helping them achieve a good standard of cricket. **Aadem Ali** was the U15A team's leading run-scorer and was supported well by his teammates, especially **Ethan Hayes** who bowls ripping left arm wrist-spin. This team has shown grit during some tough matches.

The U14A team did very well, winning 5 out of their 8 games. **Max Delyfer**, **Lewis Lavin**, **Jacob Davis** and **Tom Francis** stood out, but the entire team showed themselves to be a fantastic unit and very promising for the future. The U13As continued their excellent form and made it through to the third

round of the National Cup, beating Dr Challoner's and Alleyn's in earlier rounds. An exciting run chase left them short of Taverham Hall's total, but a great effort nonetheless. **Rahil Patel** top-scored in this team and Alex Brook is another excellent player. **Harry Edler**, **Danny Francis**, **Charlie Gurner** and **Ben Tobias** in the U12A team show a lot of promise.



Viren Patel represented the South in the 'Best of Bunbury' North v South cricket match at Loughborough University which featured the top players from the Bunbury Festival.



Seven visiting teams from local prep schools joined an Aldenham side for a great day's cricket at the 23rd annual Aldenham U12s Cricket Festival. Perfect weather conditions ensured that pupils and staff along with parents and friends were able to enjoy a relaxing day's cricket as all players played five 10-over matches throughout the day.

SPORTS DAY



School records continue to be broken on Sports Day, this year it was a total of 13. **Alina Cofie** again dominated the Martineau's girls' events, winning the 100m (new record), Hurdles (new record) and High Jump events. This impressive athlete, who also anchored her House team to a Relay victory and another record, was the deserved winner of the Victrix Ludorum. **Aaron Benn** picked up the Victor Ludorum for his wins in the 100m, Hurdles and High Jump. **Jack Grieves** also won the 300m and Triple Jump events.

Riding's were the overall winners in the Junior girls' event. **Milly Gall** picked up her 4th Victrix Ludorum in as many years for her four wins in the Long Jump,

Hurdles, 200m and Relay. Milly also broke the 200m and Long Jump records whilst anchoring Riding's to a new Relay record. Other notable winning performances came from **Eliza Blayne** (300m), **Lilly Zenter** (800m record) and **Ellie MacDonald** (equalled High Jump record).

The Junior boys' event saw some outstanding individual displays and an amazing feat from the Leeman's boys who won all the track events. **Nicholas Kamara** won the 100m, 200m and Long Jump, **Tom Barrett** the Hurdles and Triple Jump, **Charlie Patino** the 800m and 1500m and **Luca Boast** the 300m. These four boys then won the Relay and broke the sports day record. **Nicholas Kamara** went on to pick up the Victor

Ludorum for his efforts.

There were more impressive performances in the middle boys' event with nearly every one being won by an outstanding athlete. **Daniel St John** picked up the Victor Ludorum for his wins in the 100m, 200m and Triple Jump. Daniel also helped Leeman's to a first place in the Relay who were winners overall. Other notable performances came from **James Kennedy** (1500m), **Jake Tabor** (800m), **Lucas Wellington** (Long Jump) and **Tomi Oni** (High Jump).

The senior girls' event was drawn between Paull's and Riding's. However, it was Paull's who won the Relay whilst also breaking the record. **Debbie Okeowo** won the Victrix Ludorum for her three wins in the 100m, 300m (new record) and Triple Jump. There was also another record broken at this age group by **Jodie Hall-McAteer** (Hurdles).

Beevor's came out on top of the senior boys' event with McGill's second in a reversal of last year's result. Beevor's also won the Relay with **Toni Ademuwagan** anchoring them home for his second gold medal of the day. However, he was to lose out to fellow Beevor's **Ted Richardson-Wells** for the Victor Ludorum for his wins in the 400m and 800m in sweltering conditions.

Another notable performance came from **Tom Wright** who won the 200m in a very impressive 23.15s and the Long Jump with a 6.46m jump. Tom won the Hugh Kelly Memorial Cup for his efforts.



A SEASON OF ATHLETICS SUCCESS

A great start to the athletics season in April saw Aldenham senior boys take second place overall in the Watford District Seniors Championships. Individual success came from **Daniel St John** (100m winner), **Toni Ademuwagun** (High Jump winner and new District record), **Tom Wright** (Long Jump winner and new District Record) and **Debbie Okeowo** (Triple Jump winner). Toni and Dan were joined by **Zacky Agama** and **Theo Vickeridge** to also win the Relay by over 20m. This was followed in June by our most successful Watford District Championships when we picked up no fewer than 22 medals and three golds. The boys came 5th overall and the girls 7th. Most notable were the wins by **Marcus Tulio Ribeiro-Dias** in the 800m, **Alina Cofie** in the 100m and **Milly Gall** in the Long Jump.



COUNTY & NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Milly Gall defended her county long jump title in early June and was chosen to represent Herts to defend her National title in July. Milly finished a very credible 9th place competing against girls mainly from the year above her. She also competed at the regional heptathlon event and finished third and now goes through to the national finals in September.



Toni Ademuwagun was also chosen to represent Herts at the Nationals but unfortunately an ankle injury hampered him and he did not complete a jump. This was a real pity for Toni as his personal best would have seen him gain a silver medal.

Milly Gall also received a silver award from Everyone Active Sporting Champions for her athletics. As a result of her 2017 UK rankings - No 1 for U15 Long Jump, No 3 for Indoor Pentathlon, No 7 for Outdoor Pentathlon and No 6 for 75m Hurdles, Milly was invited to a mentoring day where she met with Colin Jackson, who is one of the main ambassadors for the organisation, and Max Whitlock who is also funded by the scheme. She will now receive funding, mentoring and support from the organisation.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

25 September

Careers Fair

6 October

OPEN MORNING (10.00am-12.30pm)

18 October

House Music Competition

15 November

Sixth Form Information Evening

10 November

OA Dinner at Aldenham

11 December

Carol Service at St Albans Cathedral

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