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Jack French and Charlotte Donohoe receive their awards in the Leavers' Assembly

## Class of 2019 enjoy a memorable last day

The Leavers' Assembly was just the start of an extended farewell to the Class of 2019 which culminated in a celebration at Club V that evening, well-attended by both students and staff alike.

The afternoon assembly was the perfect opportunity to recognise some serious and not-so-serious contributions to Sixth Form life. Sporting trophies went to **Ava Feculak, Matt Robinson and Alfie Sexton** for their outstanding efforts in the Hampshire League competitions.

**Tom Stanley's** miscellaneous car-related lateness issues were recognised in the tongue-in-cheek 'Best Excuse User' category. **Charlotte Donohoe** and **Jack French** were dubbed as the chatterboxes of the year group and **Cam Hall** and **Evle**



**Cawte** were 'Most Likely to be Famous' and 'Take Over the World' respectively.

Outstanding EPQ presentations were recognised with awards of £50 each for

**Joseph Taylor** and **Harry Rodwell**. Students and staff then gathered at Club V in the evening to mark the end of a fantastic two years.

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## Film Studies class explore behind the scenes at Harry Potter studio tour

On Monday 18 March 2019, the Lower Sixth Film Studies class went to the Warner Bros. Studio Tour London - The Making of Harry Potter.

The tour included looking at genuine props and sets that were used in the films, as well as looking at concept arts, white card models and the animatronics.

The day was obviously for educational purposes, so we had a class with some experienced film workers, who work at the studios, where we

learnt extra knowledge for our own scripts and storyboards that we are creating as part of our coursework.

It was a very enjoyable experience, and I would fully recommend it for people who are massive fans of Harry Potter, and even for those who aren't major fans or those who haven't seen all of the films - I would still recommend going as it is an amazing and fun experience.

**Finn Thomas**



## Bay House Team puts on a great performance in Debating Matters competition

The Sixth Form debating team (led and coached by English teacher Mr Archer) did a fantastic job in the Southampton Debating Matters competition, a contest supported by the Academy of Ideas and involving extremely rigorous debates and questioning from judges.

The whole team worked together exceptionally well. They comprised Megan Eddles, Hannah Gill, Joe Kirby, Oliver McLaren, Fintan O'Byrne, Joseph Taylor and Rebecca Taylor.

Participant Fintan O'Byrne offers his unique take on the experience:

'The Debating Matters championship came to Southampton for the first time at Solent University. Bay House sent a team of seven Sixth Formers - under the supervision of the incomparable Mr Archer and the unimpeachable Mr Tapp - to take part in the debating competition.

For the first debate, Joseph and Rebecca Taylor (no relation) faced Alton College over the proposition that 'Tourism benefits the world'. It was an oratorical massacre, and once Joe and Becca had soundly

trounced the opposition it was time for lunch.

After the Bay House team was treated to sandwiches and apples (courtesy of NATS Holdings, who had sponsored the event), it was time for the last debate of the qualifying round. Joe Kirby and Oliver McLaren faced St Swithun's School, a private girls' boarding college in Winchester. The motion being contested was 'Social media sites should filter out fake news stories' (which the Bay House team opposed). Despite a passionate, rational argument from the Bay House side, the judges somehow decided St Swithun's had won

and Bay House was sadly removed from the running.

In the final, St Swithun's faced off against the boys of St George's College - another independent school, this time from Weybridge - discussing whether monuments to controversial historical figures should be removed. After an exceptionally mediocre performance from St George's College, St Swithun's were duly declared the Southampton champions and will now move onto the next stage of the competition.

However, all was not lost: Joe Kirby, for the demonstration of exceptional critical thinking

skills in his debate and in his questioning throughout the competition, was awarded the title of 'Highly Commended' by the panel of judges.'

*The Sixth Form Debating Club provides an opportunity for students to engage in the issues that really matter. From gambling to EU membership, gun crime to Christmas adverts, they're always on the lookout for new members to join their opinionated team! The society meets weekly to hold a structured debate on a motion selected by its members and they ensure that no point is left unpicked!*



## Bay House sixth formers launch PoliSoc and enjoy varied extra-curricular trips

Students from across the Sixth Form have launched the inaugural PoliSoc politics society this term, with a view to creating a fun and stimulating space for political debate, meeting speakers, organising visits and running political campaigns.

Already PoliSoc have agreed to write to local decision-makers about funding cuts, are planning a July visit to Parliament and have debated diverse topics such as Donald Trump's trip to Portsmouth, Brexit, and education campaigns. All are welcome to join with many more exciting activities planned.



Bay House PoliSoc

Sixth Form Politics students enjoyed the Oscar-nominated film 'Vice' earlier this term.

Amelia Wade said, 'It was really interesting to see how powerful Dick Cheney was as Vice-President to GW Bush. Christian Bale was impressive - and American politics are

crazy!'. Alicia Pacey added, 'The film was funny and also tragic, the whole post 9/11 scene and the build up to the Iraq War were dramatic and surprising'. The Politics Society hope to add to their cinematic experiences with future cinema trips and a new Politics Film Club - watch this space!



Politics students are special guests at a Conservative Association black tie dinner, with Tobias Ellwood MP

Politics students from Bay House were pleased to be special guests at the Gosport Conservative Association with Tobias Ellwood MP at their annual black tie dinner recently.

Calum Reilly said, 'Tobias was a great speaker and it was a thought-provoking and engaging evening.'



## Katie Simister selected for National Schools Cross Country Championships

Upper Sixth student Katie Simister was selected to represent the county in the National Schools cross country championships held in Leeds this March, after successfully competing for Bay House in the Hampshire county schools cross country championships.

Out of a field of well over 300 athletes from across the country, Katie finished a very respectable 86th in what proved

to be challenging conditions.

Katie continues to run and compete in cross country competitions at both 5 and 10k distances.

Katie joined the Sixth Form from Crofton School. She has been studying Biology, Chemistry and Mathematics at A Level. Her aim is to study medicine at Imperial College, London.



## Five Beaches performances commemorate D-Day Landings anniversary

Following a successful run of performances five years ago, a group of male actors from Year 10, 11 and the Sixth Form took up the challenge of reviving *Five Beaches* for the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the D-Day Landings.

Written by **Zella Compton**, directed by **Ms Jones** and using the words and experiences of veterans, *Five Beaches* tells the story of the soldiers who left the shores of Britain to land on the German occupied beaches of Normandy in June 1944.

The first performances took place at the D-Day Story, Portsmouth on Sunday 5 May and Explosion Museum, Gosport on Monday 6 May to rave reviews – even resulting in an impromptu interview with BBC Radio Solent!



*Five Beaches* was performed again as part of the D-Day Commemorations at Stokes Bay on Saturday 1 June and at Southwick Village on Saturday 8 June. To perform at Southwick House, where Operation Overload was launched, was a real privilege and the cast impressed the audience once again.

Following a chance meeting at Explosion Museum with Radio Solent, the group was invited to perform an extract live and were interviewed by Steph Newenhouse on her show. It

was a wonderful end to a great project. I am extremely proud of the cast – **James Cossens, Max Glead, Stephen Gould, Gabriel Goulding, Jake Jones, Ethan Martin, Ryan McGarvey, Fintan O'Byrne, Harvey Smith and Daniel Weatherhead.**

They worked incredibly hard and captured the emotions to convey the experiences of the young men who played a role in the landings, some of whom were only teenagers themselves at the time.

**Ms Jones**

## Ellie's abseiling adventure raises £310 for charity

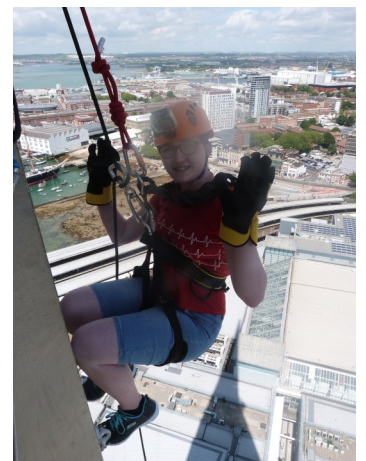


Congratulations to Ellie Brett, who has recently raised £310 for the British Heart Foundation by abseiling down the Spinnaker Tower in Portsmouth.

Ellie's chosen charity, the British Heart Foundation, is one that she and her family were especially keen to support. She raised the money

using the Just Giving site, enlisting the help of friends and family to 'spread the word' about her planned adventure.

Describing the experience as 'good fun', Ellie said that it was 'nerve-wracking' but that the view was great. The 100 metre descent of the iconic landmark took 6½ minutes in total!



## Art students showcase some impressive and diverse work

Bay House Sixth Form Art students have been working on some impressive outcomes in recent months, preparing their portfolios for final submission.

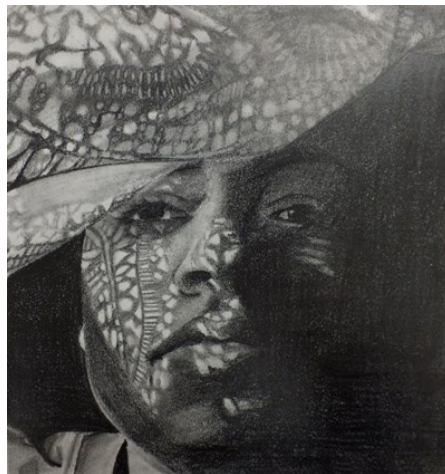
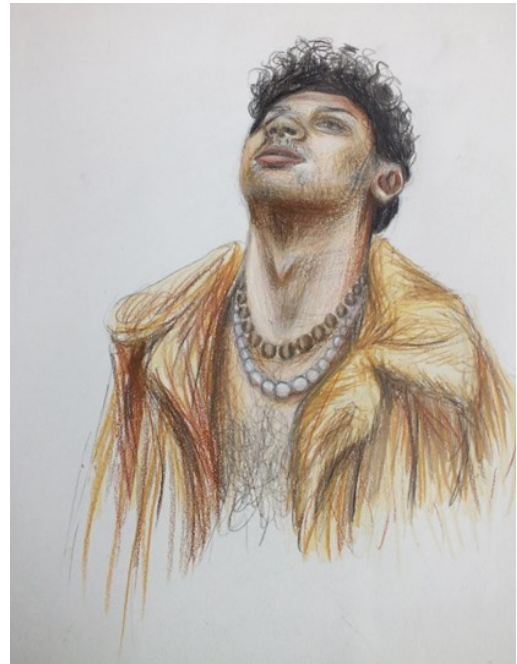
This year has seen cross disciplinary work with students being experimental in their exploration of media: from traditional drawing and painting to digital media, animation, sculpture and installation work.

Within the department we have seen varied investigation of

ideas and skills with students using art as an opportunity to explore concepts such as personal memories and experiences, social and political events, changing fashions and abstract sculptural forms.

The commitment showcased throughout the year will continue to grow as many join university courses or continue into the Upper Sixth.

*Miss Northcott*



**Students' work:**

**Rosie James** (above)

**Harley Youngman** (far left)

**Eve Leckey** (left)

**Abbie Giles** (bottom left)

**Amber Say** (bottom right)



## George Gilbert secures highly prestigious apprenticeship with Rolls Royce

Upper Sixth student George Gilbert, who has just completed A Levels in Mathematics, Physics and Biology, has recently secured a prestigious four-year degree apprenticeship with Rolls Royce. In a hugely competitive field of around 1000 applicants, George was one of four successful candidates who will begin working at their Goodwood base in September.

The prospect of a more 'hands on' approach to learning offered via the apprenticeship route really appealed to George: the apprenticeship offers a blend of practical experience alongside one day per week of university study, and a guaranteed job with Rolls Royce at the end of the four years as well as a degree in mechanical engineering.

The application process required considerable dedication and resilience –

George applied for over 20 different apprenticeships across the UK before securing the Rolls Royce offer. Each had its own application process, invariably involving psychometric tests with follow-up video interviews or call-ups to assessment centres. Selection procedures can involve group tasks, presentations, problem solving activities and one-to-one interviews.



The 1000 or so who applied to Rolls Royce were whittled down to 100 through on-line psychometric testing; 15 were then invited to an assessment centre and from those 4 were finally selected, following various challenges and two demanding interviews.

George is looking forward to an induction weekend in August before

beginning at Goodwood in September. His advice to other would-be apprentices: firstly, start investigating opportunities early in your Upper Sixth year. Secondly - be organised, resilient, and, if you aren't successful, learn from any feedback on how you can improve your performance next time!

Our congratulations to George on such an impressive achievement.



## Jazz band host entertaining evening



The Bay House School & Sixth Form Jazz band host an inaugural evening of entertainment

The Music department have had another busy year, putting on a range of concerts and events.

Trips were run to see a variety of concerts at a number of venues such as the Royal Albert Hall and the Anvil in Basingstoke, where students had the opportunity to see a range of classical music including Dvorak symphonies

and Rachmaninov concertos.

The Bay House School & Sixth Form Jazz Band put on a wonderful jazz evening earlier this year. There was a wide range of jazz, from Latin, swing to rock. They were joined by a guest singer, and Mr Bloxsom kindly provided a delicious three-course meal, consisting of authentic New Orleans food.

## Students raise a record breaking £2138

This year's Great British Bake-Off inter-tutor competition saw the Sixth Form raise a record breaking £2138 by baking and selling a variety of cakes and biscuits.

Mrs Ferguson's tutor group earned themselves a Domino's Pizza lunch by raising the most money out of all 24 groups.

It brings the total raised for charities this year to an impressive £3973, thanks to Pink Day, Christmas Jumper Day and Red Day. Charities which have benefitted include Papyrus, Macmillan Cancer Support, Save the Children, various breast cancer charities and the Oakley Waterman Caravan Foundation Trust.



## Where are they now? Catching up with the adventures of former students



**We're always keen to catch up with Bay House Sixth Form alumni, whose adventures seem to find them globe-trotting around the world or in some cases making their mark closer to home.**

Many of those students who left us in 2016 are about to graduate from university. **Jordan Bratton** is about to start her new life as a veterinary physiotherapist after graduating from Warwickshire College. **Catherine Taplin-Thorpe** (formerly McClane) has just completed a degree in Politics and International Relations at the University of Reading. Whilst there she has held the position of Women's Officer for her Students' Union and has done a research internship for a local

reading charity, *Reading Voluntary Action*, which helped them secure Co-op funding for youth group provision. She has also been involved in local politics and met Jeremy Corbyn.

Meanwhile **Sarah Rynn** and **Thea Pawley** are pursuing careers in the medical field: **Sarah** is about to graduate with a degree in Adult Nursing from the University of Southampton, following a last minute change from Geography! She is interested in a future career in critical care or general practice nursing. **Thea** is working at QA hospital as a Haematology Biomedical Associate Practitioner, which involves processing and dealing with patient samples, assisting with

bone marrow biopsies, as well as working in the blood bank to help issue urgent blood for minor and major haemorrhages. She is also studying part time with the OU for a Science degree.

**Millie Rooke** is looking forward to returning to the UK to complete her degree in English and American Literature at the University of Kent after a year's study at the University of South Carolina through the year abroad programme. She says, 'It's been an amazing experience that I would recommend to anyone considering adding a year abroad to their degree.'

Music student **George Lewis** has also been sampling the delights

of the United States. He says, 'I'm about to start my 4th year of Music College (Trinity Laban) and I'm learning from some of the best in the business. Over the past year I have lived in the US for 3 months working at The Walt Disney World Resort in Florida on the International College Program and taking trombone lessons in Florida, California and New York. It's been quite incredible.'

He is about to spend the summer 'working in Florida and networking with various musicians. In September I am applying for a Green Card to move to the US permanently and take a career in music over there.'

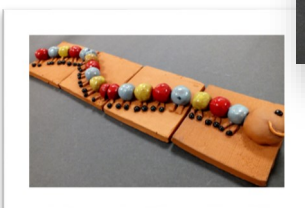
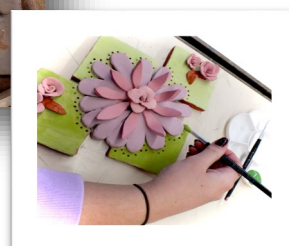
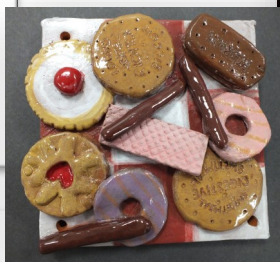
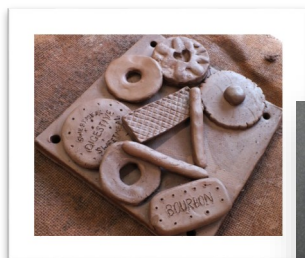
## Enrichment options offer the chance to acquire new skills in a relaxed environment

Sixth Form Enrichment courses have been offering students the opportunity to showcase their creative talents and explore new skills and interests.

One such option is Creative Ceramics, which offers clay construction and glazing skills, allowing time out in a therapeutic environment.

Other courses include a Creative Writing class, where students have written a range of inspiring pieces, including poetry and short stories.

Some of the Ceramics students' wonderful creations are shown right!



**Creative Ceramics**

## Sixth Form XI triumph 2 - 1 in annual staff - student football fixture

The annual staff - student football fixture at the end of the season saw the students beat the staff 2 - 1 in a well-contested game.

The staff took the lead through an own goal and held their lead until half-time. The second half was a different story, however, with **Harry Burns** scoring twice to secure a satisfying victory.

Earlier in the season the Robbie Hale memorial cup saw the Upper Sixth triumph 3 - 1 over the Lower, with **Charlie Channer**, **Alfie Sexton** and **Ethan Williams** scoring for the winning side and **Matt Weller** getting the consolation goal for the Lower Sixth.

Trials for next year's sports teams will take place early in September during the first week of term.



A triumphant Sixth Form team secure a deserved 2 - 1 victory over a Teachers X1 in an exciting end-of-season fixture

## Les Quizerables win through in closely fought contest of general knowledge

A former student once remarked that rather than the A Level results, it was the Sixth Form Quiz League position that really mattered. Whilst the quiz mistress cannot fully condone that belief, she does have a certain empathy with said student. Every fortnight, 94 teams pit their wits against each other for the kudos of collecting the much-coveted trophy which is awarded at the Leavers' Assembly. It's not quite as important as the A Level results, but it comes a close second!

Although she knows she shouldn't, the quiz mistress does have some favourites amongst the imaginative team names the students concoct. This year, she particularly liked Manery's *Airy Fairy Counter-revolutionary* from Mr Manery's tutor group, although she was pleased that the trophy engraver was spared the nightmare of having to fit that

name onto the shield. She also appreciated those names with a musical twist, such as *My Harte will go on* from Mr Harte's tutor group and *Donn go breaking my heart* from Mr Donn's tutor group. She was slightly concerned about Mr Tapp's *Breaking the Law* but relieved that *Social Services* from Ms Palmer's tutor group were on hand to intervene if necessary. Her sympathy went to *If we lose, blame Gemma* from Mr Archer's tutor group and she hopes that Gemma and her team mates will not be too disheartened with their placing this year.

The winning team's knowledge of the bizarre and trivial was truly impressive. They were fully abreast of the knowledge that an egg became an Instagram sensation with 38 million likes, a German teenager held a driving licence for only 49 minutes before losing it for speeding and that a human

brain has 3 times as many neurons as a gorilla's. Demonstrating well-functioning neurons in the top teams, this year's result was hotly contested, with only 2 points separating 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place. The winners, with an impressive 156 points, were *Les Quizerables*, comprising

**Matthew Barley**, **Matt Robinson** and **Jack Richards** (U6) and **Andrew Parrett** (L6) from Mrs Bradford's tutor group. The quiz mistress will be having a lie down over the summer and will return in September, ready to test the intellect of a new set of teams.



Matthew Barley, Matt Robinson and Jack Richards from team *Les Quizerables* pick up their trophy in the Leavers' Assembly