

In the news

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Keeping the spirit of Brooke alive

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The theme of water inspired a wide range of responses from across the age ranges in this year's Rupert Brooke Literary Prize competition.

The winners of the 2018 prize were announced at a special event at Rugby School on Thursday evening.

The successful entries in the four categories - primary, junior, intermediate and senior - were presented by Rugby School drama students, either in full or as an extract in the case of the longer passages.

The competition was dominated by three schools - Rugby High, Rugby School and Crescent - narrowing down the gauntlet to other schools in the Rugby area to take up the challenge in future years.

The winning entries certainly set the bar high. One of the judges, Alex Scott-Martin, said: "We were astounded by the quality of this year's Rupert Brooke Literary Prize entries and our winners are a group of very exciting writers indeed."



The winners of this year's awards, pictured last Thursday at Rugby School.

"The winning pieces are impressive in their range and there is clearly a growing community of young writers in our town who are testing their creative muscles and having serious fun with words," he added.

In the senior section the first prize went to Rugby High's Katie Wang with her piece 'Berry'. In joint second were Mary Waterman and Hannah Spurr, both from Rugby High and third was Rachel Stevens from Rugby School.

In the intermediate section, the winner was Ruby Murphy with her entry 'Sink', second was Delphi Forthright, also from Rugby High and joint third were Isabel Cai and Joshua Nevill, both from Rugby School.

In the primary section it was a clean sweep for Crescent pupils, with a joint first for Ella Knight with The Lost Waterfall and Olivia Barkley with a piece called 'Water'. In joint second were Alex Reynolds and Vignesh Subashan.

In the junior section, there was a joint first, Anna Hunter from Rugby School with The Last Whale Song and Anna Flynn from Rugby High with The Seamount in the Bay. In second place was Lucie O'Brien and in third was Heather Dargis, both Rugby High.

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The results business...

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Princethorpe College is celebrating its best ever set of A-level results.

The college again scored a 100 per cent pass rate, with over a third of the 1002 students who sat A-levels this summer achieving A* grades.

Among the 17 high fliers who achieved three or more A* grades were David Haines, Isaac Hunt, Tom Hoyle, Ed Williams, who received his results on his 18th birthday - and the College's highest achieving student James Punter, who will now go on to read Law at Trinity College, Oxford.

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Michael named a bright spark

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The Princethorpe College student, 18, was this year's youngest recipient, with the majority of the awards being presented for university projects. Michael impressed industry expert judges with his GCSE Electronics and Control Project, which has subsequently been developed further with support from the UK Young Engineers Mentoring Programme.

Michael said: "The electronic product I've been developing is a multi-purpose modular control system which can be re-programmed for industrial applications. It includes a range of optoelectronic components - electronic devices and systems that source, detect and control light - so that data related to important processes can be displayed simultaneously in real-time and recorded for future use."

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School guest shares advice on animal care

By **SCOTT MARTIN**

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Teacher gets role on national committee

Jacqui Quinney (pictured), head of careers at Princethorpe College, has been appointed to UCAS Secondary Education Advisory Group (SEAG). The group represents the pre-higher education sector and advises UCAS on the impact of its products.

They also discuss and debate wider policy issues and their effect on students' progression to higher education.

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PUPILS MAKE FAST CARS

Racing car challenge for schools

By **KAREN ALMOND**

Schoolchildren turned into racing team engineers for the day as part of a competition organised by car giant Jaguar.

Pupils from Crackley Hall and Priors Field Primary were triumphant in the Warwickshire regional heats of the F1 in Schools Challenge.

Both Kenilworth teams made it through to the national final, which will take place on June 30 at the British Motor Museum at Gaydon.

Speed Stingers from Crackley Hall and Eruption from Priors Field came first and second respectively in the regional contest held at Princethorpe College.

The F1 in Schools - Jaguar Primary School Challenge is open to pupils aged five to 11 and involves designing and manufacturing the fastest car possible, emulating the design and engineering processes employed by real engineering companies, such as Jaguar.

Taking part this year were teams of four and pupils from Crackley Hall School, Priors Field Primary School, Bailall Common Primary School and Kitebrook Preparatory School.

Competition was fierce, with each school having pre-made two cars from the start. On the day of the final, which will take place on June 30 at the British Motor Museum at Gaydon.

The machines were propelled using compressed air as canisters they give a verbal presentation as well as offering a professional pit display.

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New pupils joining Princethorpe

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Princethorpe walkers help children in Malawi



Princethorpe walkers helped children in Malawi. The group, led by the school's headmaster, visited the area to provide support and resources. The children were very happy to see the walkers and they were given a tour of the school. The walkers also helped with the school's maintenance work and they were very helpful in many ways.

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Intensive coaching session

Junior netball players at Crackley Hall School enjoyed a specialist netball coaching session with Wasps' U19 netball coach, Lesley Blair. It followed a visit by the girls to the Ricoh Arena earlier this year. The intensive session involved drills that tested physical and tactical skills.

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GCSE Results



Princethorpe students busy Durnan, Harry Smith, Caitlin McIndrie, Tom Parker, head master Ed Hester, Aya Hemmings, Seb Lloyd-Thomas and Leah Dunley.

Plenty of smiles as results are out

It was all change for GCSE pupils this year. A shake-up of the qualifications has seen a new grading system introduced from 8 down to replacing the previous A* to G grades. In comparison, A* is higher than the previous A*, B is between an A* and A, C is between an A and B, D is between a B and C, E is between a C and D, F is between a D and E, and G is between an E and F. A G, which refers to an ungraded paper.

Some exams, such as further mathematics and business, were still graded by the old system. At the end of the year, the school held a results evening for all students. The evening was a success and the students were very happy to see their results. The school was proud of the students' achievements and the staff were very pleased to see the students' progress.

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Students race in wheelchair relay challenge



Pupil Michael Mercer with headmaster Jon Thomas.

Pupils at the Crescent School in Bilton took part in a play-ground experience with a difference. They enjoyed the WheelPower Relay Challenge, set up by charity WheelPower. Participating in the challenge was an opportunity to raise their awareness of disabilities while also helping them to understand the type of training needed to become a Paralympian.

Organiser Lynda Brazer, Head of Learning Support, said: "It was 'wheelery' good fun!"

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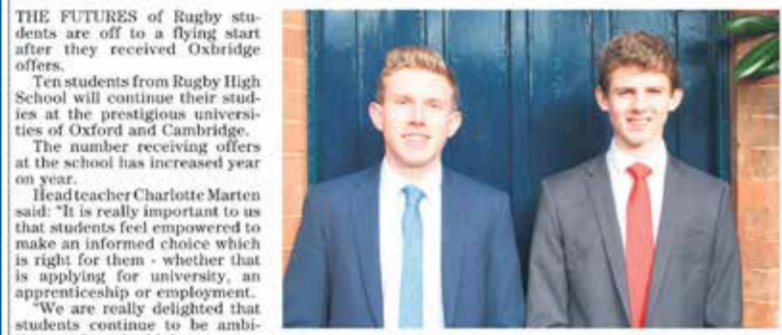


School 'delighted' after inspection

Princethorpe College has passed a recent Independent Schools Inspectorate (ISI) visit with flying colours. The independent day school, which has around 900 pupils aged 11 to 18, was inspected in mid-February and has been judged to have met all of the eight standards required of it. Areas examined in terms of compliance include the quality of education provided, welfare, health and safety of pupils and the quality of leadership and management of the school. Headmaster, Ed Hester, said: "We are delighted to have met all the ISI's regulatory standards, the report is testament to the hard work and dedication of the whole team at Princethorpe and my thanks go out to them."

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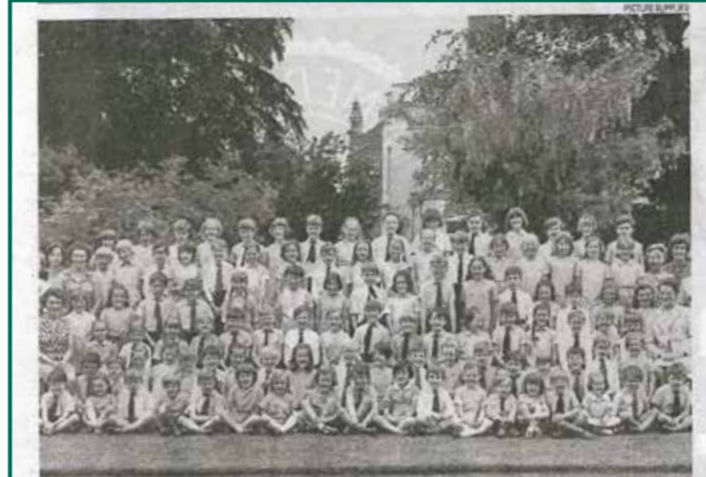
Ten get Oxbridge offers



Above - Oxford-bound - Nick Bonsall (left) and James Fletcher.

Ten students from Rugby High School will continue their studies at the prestigious universities of Oxford and Cambridge. The number receiving offers at the school has increased year on year. Headteacher Charlotte Marten said: "It is really important to us that students feel empowered to make an informed choice which is right for them - whether that is applying for university, an apprenticeship or employment. We are really delighted that students continue to be ambitious and to aim high. It has been a privilege supporting them and helping them with their applications. Well done, Year 13. And two Princethorpe College sixth formers received offers for Oxford University. Nick Bonsall has received an unconditional offer to read English at St Anne's College, while James Fletcher has a conditional offer to read Law at Trinity College."

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Search is on for old Crescentians

The search is on for old Crescentians to celebrate 70 years since the Crescent School in Bilton was founded. Pupils, staff and parents are invited to share their memories and memorabilia of the school. A Facebook group, the Old Crescentians, can be found at www.facebook.com/groups/oldcrescentians, to help connect past pupils, where memories and memorabilia can be shared and details of the anniversary celebrations will be published. For more information telephone (01788) 534365.

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Young engineers make national final



James Watts with the Crackley Hall team (from left) Cade Hardwick, Zach Rose, Soren Wasley and Jimmy Loftus.

A TEAM of youngsters designed and engineered by the team. The team were hugely enthusiastic about their project, and their standards were very high. "It's great that they have done so well!" The winners of the four-stage team of the national final were the Crackley Hall team from Crackley Hall School, Merton Tydfil - however Crackley Hall's design and technology co-ordinator Cade Hardwick said the school was delighted to have taken part in the challenge for a fourth year. "We are grateful for the help of our sponsors and particularly the MTC who have given us practical help and support with the pupils' ideas. "The challenge involves a very technical brief but it is one that has been grown to really engage potential future engineers, which is what the challenge is all about. "They are really enthused and now understand the opportunities of engineering as a career."

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Ben qualifies for cyber programme

Princethorpe College pupil Ben Aberkhan has qualified for Cyber Discovery Programme after being named as one of the top 100 young people in the UK to take part in the programme. Ben is one of only two pupils from Bilton to do so. The programme is a four-week course for young people who are interested in cyber security. Ben will be working with experts in the field of cyber security and will be receiving training in a variety of areas. Ben is very excited to be part of the programme and will be working hard to make the most of the opportunity.

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Pupils help Guide Dogs

Crescent School presented a cheque for £1,685 to Guide Dogs for the Blind. Pupils had been busy fundraising since the beginning of the school year. The children welcomed Guide Dog representatives, Heather Gelder and Lyn Walker and their guide dogs, Barney and Slipper to a special assembly.



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Actor opens new theatre at college

Old Princethorpe and professional actor Emilio Dorcasgale officially opens the Clarkston Theatre at the college. Princethorpe College's theatre underwent a dramatic transformation last year, with retractable seating and state of the art lighting and audio visual equipment installed, and has been named the Clarkston Theatre after former headmaster Fr Bill Clarkston MSc. The opening ceremony coincided with the last night of the production of Arabian Nights, and Emilio Dorcasgale gave a talk to the cast.

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Apprenticeship at Rolls Royce for top student



Autumn Wells.

Princethorpe Upper Sixth student Autumn Wells has beaten off the competition to land a prestigious degree apprenticeship with Rolls Royce. This is an amazing achievement by Autumn as the apprenticeship scheme was highly oversubscribed, with some 7,000 applicants for just four commercial roles. Autumn, who is studying A-levels in maths, psychology and law, is looking forward to the programme. She underwent a rigorous selection procedure: after completing an online application, eligibility and psychometric tests and a video interview she was one of just 30 applicants invited to an assessment centre. She said: "I am really looking forward to the mix of university and on the job study. Over the four years I will have eight placements in departments such as finance, contracts, sales and marketing. "I will have the chance to meet and work with a wide range of people and put many of my classroom skills into practice." Jacqui Quinney, head of careers, said: "We are absolutely delighted for Autumn."

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Top swimmers make a splash



A pupil from Crescent School in Rugby made a big splash at a school swimming gala. The swimming gala took place during last term, with pupils from Years 3 and 6 competing on March 14, and Years 3 and 4 on Wednesday, March 21. Both galas took place at the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Centre, Rugby. The pupils walked away with the gala award for the swimmer with the most points. The swimming gala took place during last term, with pupils from Years 3 and 6 competing on March 14, and Years 3 and 4 on Wednesday, March 21. Both galas took place at the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Centre, Rugby.

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Pupils on the ball to tackle literacy



Caitlin Ingham and Chloe Chubb (left) and Princethorpe College librarians Celia Scott and Sarah Jones (right) participating in the Skills Academy (R).

FOOTBALL skills have been used to help Princethorpe College students tackle literacy. The school has been taking part in the National Literacy Trust's Skills Academy, a new initiative that uses the excitement of football and friendly ball games to motivate pupils to improve their literacy skills. The school has been taking part in the National Literacy Trust's Skills Academy, a new initiative that uses the excitement of football and friendly ball games to motivate pupils to improve their literacy skills. The school has been taking part in the National Literacy Trust's Skills Academy, a new initiative that uses the excitement of football and friendly ball games to motivate pupils to improve their literacy skills.



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