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## UNDERWATER WORLD

Fresh2O, a water charity headed by celebrity photographer Candice, came to LWC in the Autumn Term with a mission to shoot the Headmaster – underwater in his suit and tie. Other willing underwater subjects included England hockey player Alex Danson and MTV presenter Zara Martin. “The photographs will be used to help raise funds to install wells in countries such as Madagascar and Uganda,” explains Candice. The LWC pool turned out to be the perfect location for the photoshoot, which required very deep, very clear water, a team of scuba divers and specialist underwater lighting. Find out more about the Headmaster’s underwater adventure to raise funds for the Lord Wandsworth Foundation on [www.justgiving.com/HeadmasterLWC](http://www.justgiving.com/HeadmasterLWC).



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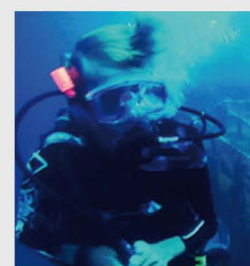
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## CELEBRATING THE CENTENARY: 26TH MAY 2012

Plans are in hand to celebrate the centenary of the establishment of the Foundation in 2012, with a special Founder’s Day on Saturday 26th May. The bequest that our Founder, Lord Wandsworth, left on his death in 1912 led to the establishment of the Lord Wandsworth Institution, which evolved into the College we see today. The College still has Lord Wandsworth’s aims at heart – to provide an education for children who had lost one or both parents, but has expanded and developed to provide a great education for all our pupils.





## GIRLS' PRE-SEASON HOCKEY TOUR

The girls' 1st XI hockey players enjoyed two days of intensive training in Kingston to ensure that the team had the best start to the season. With set pieces and short corners well-rehearsed, they managed to hold Richmond club players to a 0-0 draw in a fiercely fought contest. Thanks to Mr Singh, Miss Pick and Mr Walker for their pre-season energy.



## MATT'S MISSION DISCOVERY

6th former Matt Mwale was blasted into space camp in the summer, enjoying presentations from astronauts and physics challenges based on conditions in space. Matt's team came up with a proposal to use grapheme (a nano-material) to detect the Earth's magnetic field. At the end of the intensive week of research and discussions, the team was called upon to present their idea to a panel of mathematicians and astronauts before the grand finale watching the launch of a space probe. "The academic challenge turned out to be just as great as the challenge of team-work and presentation skills," observed Matt. "It has been a really valuable experience for me and I have thoroughly enjoyed it. I would also like to thank Hook and Odiham Rotary for their sponsorship which allowed me to attend the camp."

## BURN OFF

At the end of the harvest, LWC's farm manager Paul Sigley clears the linseed straw by burning it. The fibres of the straw (which can also be used in the production of linen) are tough and decompose slowly, but they burn very quickly and at very high temperatures. "The fires are quite dramatic," comments Paul, "but they are a very effective way to clear the field and reduce the volume of weeds and pests, meaning we spray less in the spring."





## ICELAND

A group of LWC students spent a week in Iceland over the summer investigating the extraordinary natural phenomena of the volcanic island. The trip focused on the incredible volcanoes, waterfalls and glaciers of the island, plus the hot tubs found at every location. Students spent many hours relaxing in the hot waters of the geothermal heated pools. "Iceland is a fascinating place to gain practical experience of some very unusual forms of nature. We've been very lucky to see so much in only one week," commented 4th former Peter Bailey.



## LINK TO CHILDREN

At the end of every term the LWC lost property box yields its unclaimed treasures to the generous hands of 85-year old David Kamsler MBE. David runs a charity called "The Link" finding new homes for unused or unwanted items. Last year David helped to shift old LWC blankets to Pakistan flood victims and unclaimed uniform to children in Africa. For more information contact the LWC Bursar's office.



## NEW LOOK LWC

LWC's Marketing Director Mary Hicks has been overseeing a reinvigoration of the College's brand, with a new emphasis on electronic as well as printed publications. "Come and visit our new website and pick up links to our accounts on facebook and twitter, our flickr photostream and even the LWC YouTube channel, as well as e-newsletters and updates on sport, performing arts and the enrichment programme." [www.lordwandsworth.org](http://www.lordwandsworth.org)





## U6 TEST THEIR FRENCH AT WORK

In the Autumn half term, LWC's Upper 6th French students spent a week undertaking work experience in Normandy primary schools and in the *Office de Tourisme* in Bayeux. The visit coincided with the '*Semaine du goût*', giving Jess Mann and Nick Scott the chance to make medieval 'blanc manger' and ending the week at one of the top local hotels making meringues. After only one day, the French children had taught their new teachers to play '*c'est toi le chat*' (Manhunt) and '*l'épervier*' (British Bulldog), with LWC upholding its reputation for sporting prowess in the playground and in the local *stade*.

The LWC students spent one day at the *Mémorial* peace museum in Caen, joining workshops on their A2 cultural topic of life in occupied France. Students also enjoyed meeting the Mayor of the Commune, who had lived through the Occupation as a child, and came to talk about his experiences and to answer their questions about his memories of life in occupied France.



## MATHS MOVES IN

The first week of the new academic year saw the opening of a brand new facility at LWC that has quickly become a firm favourite among all members of the College. The Prideaux Building is the new home for the entire maths department, as well as the smaller departments serving 6th formers only – Economics, Business Studies, Psychology and Careers. It also hosts a brand new dance studio with state of the art audio visual systems, doubling up as a conference venue seating 120 people.

The building was opened by former Chairman of LWC Governors, Sir Humphrey Prideaux, who in his 95th year is still a regular visitor to the College and provides advice and insight from a position of 50 years of service to LWC.

Pupils and staff are equally enthusiastic about their new classrooms. "The rooms are really bright and airy and have all the equipment we need to teach really effective lessons," comments LWC's Head of Maths Becky Lovelock. "The corridors are wide and the lighting is excellent – it's a real pleasure to work in such an intelligently-designed and well-constructed building."

"Maths is my favourite subject now!" adds an enthusiastic 3rd former.



## FAIR COPSE

LWC is putting its woodlands to use by using logs from Sheephouse Copse in a new biomass heating system in the Grounds department, replacing an old oil-fired boiler. After a four year payback period, the new boiler should bring an annual saving of around £8,000.





## iSing ON THE CAKE

In September the Juniors were given a treat when Dominic Peckham, the Assistant Director of the National Youth Choir and Artistic Director of iSing, gave a singing workshop. Once the pupils had been taught how a singer stands and how a singer breathes, they learned “O re a mi je ka jo (ello ello!)” and combined a number of songs in a “mash-up”.

Soloists and ensembles performed brilliantly at an informal concert in front of parents at the end of the day, having learned new skills and techniques with an inspirational teacher.

## REFEREES

Thirteen pupils took their first steps towards becoming rugby referees when they attended an RFU Young Officials Award at LWC. Run by Hampshire RFU Community Rugby coach, Sharon Evans, the pupils learnt practical aspects of refereeing including managing the scrum and breakdown situations. Active sessions gave them a chance to experience refereeing for themselves. 5th former Tom Burgess, said “It was a great course and I learnt a lot more about what a complicated job the referee has. I’m keen to finish the award and go further with refereeing.” The pupils will now be working hard to complete the practical part of the course in order to gain the full qualification.



## COMMON ROOM CONNECTION

Business Studies teacher Edward Walker has taken over from Peter Booth representing the link between the Sternians’ Association and the Common Room. Keen golfer Edward was previously Housemaster at Hazelveare and has taught at LWC for 16 years. “It’s a real privilege to hold this office and a great pleasure to meet Sternians young and old.”



## HENLEY

Eighty well-dressed friends of LWC gathered at Henley in June to support the Lord Wandsworth Foundation and enjoy the company of host, Tom Copas, who attended LWC in the 1950s. To the delight of many, the guests were joined by Sternian Julian Eckersley, who had motored 50 blustery miles from Bentley in his vintage Bugatti. Many thanks to Alison Van De Lande for sponsorship: [www.alisonvanderlande.com](http://www.alisonvanderlande.com).



## BACK TOGETHER AGAIN

The summer of 2011 was an important milestone for the College and the Foundation as the two charities have merged together once more, under the name of Lord Wandsworth College.

The initial separation of the two took place in the 1970s when there was a real fear that the Labour government would end the charitable status of independent schools and threaten the future of the Foundation's work at LWC. Thirty five years later, that threat has been reversed and the merger offers an opportunity to simplify the management of the College's structure and refinance the Foundation in order to safeguard its future.

The newly merged charity, registered number 1143359, retains the same objectives and criteria for selection of Foundationers: to provide assisted boarding places for those who have lost the support of one or both parents through death, divorce or separation. If you want to find out more about the merger or the work of the Foundation at LWC, please contact Kate Chernyshov or Gill Kelly in the LWC Development Office.

## DONORS IN TRAINING

Members of the 1912 Society, who have all left a gift to the Lord Wandsworth Foundation in their wills, were treated to a nostalgic trip on a steam train in September when they took the Watercress Line from Alresford to Alton. With the sun shining on the righteous, the 1912 Society basked in glorious weather for the whole day.

There are now more than 50 members of the 1912 Society who have informed us of their intentions to include the Foundation in their wills. If you would like to know more about supporting the Foundation this way, or would like to join the Society, please get in touch with the Development Office.





## A TALE OF PINTER AND SANDS

A party of enthusiastic English prefects went to the Yvonne Arnaud theatre recently to watch "A Celebration of Harold Pinter" performed by Sternian Julian Sands. In the one-man show, Julian gave an entertaining account of the times he spent with Pinter and Lady Antonia Fraser, making the poems come alive with energy and drama. The lucky students had an opportunity to meet Julian afterwards to talk about his work as an actor in Hollywood today.



## HEADSWAP

In an unusual coincidence, St Edward's School Oxford and LWC have swapped alumni in their Headmasters' roles. St Edward's new Headmaster is Sternian Stephen Jones (School House, 77) and our own Mr Livingstone left St Edward's in the 1980s. Stephen is shortly expecting to host Neil Henderson, LWC's Headmaster 1968-1982, at St Edward's, where he too was a pupil in the 1950s.



## SUTTON HOUSE HONOURS BOARD

Sutton House has become the first house at LWC to create an honours board, naming all Heads of House since it instigated the practice of house appointments more than 40 years ago. Using wood taken from LWC's estate and created by our carpenter, Malcolm Monckton, the board includes names from Simon Richards in 1965 to current Head of House Peter Davies. Donations towards the cost of the honours board have been given by around a third of those named, but other ex-Sutton boys are encouraged to give generously to ensure we won't have to dip into House funds.

HEADS OF SUTTON HOUSE	
1965-66	Simon Richards
1966-67	John Morgan
1967-68	George Perkin
1968-69	George Perkin
1969-70	James Marshall
1970-71	Robert Lake
1971-72	Graham Carter
1972-73	Stephen Flittner
1973-74	Andrew Gibbons
1974-75	Ray Coop
1975-76	Mark Crisp
1976-77	Philip Bates
1977-78	Roger Davies
1978-79	Joseph Ganner
1979-80	Tim Coulson
1980-81	Neil Thatcher
1981-82	Keith Worby
1982-83	Tim Hunt
1983-84	David Morris
1984-85	Harvey Ross
1985-86	Anthony Ainsworth
1986-87	Richard Sullivan
1987-88	Richard Humphrey
1988-89	Tim Waller
1989-90	John Ormond
1990-91	Luke Gossett
1991-92	Gareth Davies
1992-93	Duncan Bowyer
1993-94	Will Levy
1994-95	Daniel Taylor
1995-96	Ruaridh Macleod
1996-97	Daniel Horrigan
1997-98	Jamie Macleod
1998-99	Mark Brightwell
1999-00	Iain Macleod
2000-01	Simon Tibbitts
2001-02	Michael Holden
2002-03	James Konrad
2003-04	James Welton
2004-05	Henry Castle-Smith
2005-06	Toby Castle-Smith
2006-07	Brett Marshall
2007-08	Calum Kelly
2008-09	Guy Kelly
2009-10	Ross Holmes
2010-11	Benjamin Read
2011-12	Peter Davies



## LWC IN 10 OBJECTS

The LWC History Department is putting together a display for Founder's Day entitled, "LWC in 10 objects". Ideas so far include a 1st XV rugby shirt or an orange chair from the Gavin Hall. Contact Gill Kelly in the Sternians Office to make your own suggestion or find us on facebook.



## MALTA DIVE

During the summer, six LWC students, in the care of Sternian Sean Edwards who runs his own dive academy, travelled to Gozo, one of the three islands making up Malta. With temperatures as high as 36 degrees, the students were relieved to spend much of their time in the water, making up to three dives every day. For some students, this was their first experience of open water diving and with striking underwater topography such as the Blue Hole and Inland Sea it was a great place to start. They also saw an array of Mediterranean sea-life including octopus, barracuda, baby moray eels and some stunning cuttlefish during a night dive. The highlight of the trip was a wreck dive at 40m, in very cold water. "With so much practice, we were able to overcome the challenges of buoyancy, air consumption and cold temperatures but the highlight was the wreck dive, swimming through the engine room and exploring the lower decks of this ship was incredible," says Chris Stanton.



## DIARY DATES 20011/12

### **Sternians v LWC Hockey**

(Ladies & Mens)

Sunday 8th January 2012, LWC

### **'A Taste of Paris' Art Exhibition**

Friday 3rd February 2012

Prideaux Building, LWC

### **A Touch of Brass Masterclass and Concert**

Thursday 1st March 2012

M&D Centre, LWC

### **Billy Bigg's Puppets Performance**

Monday/Tuesday 5th/6th March 2012

M&D Centre, LWC

### **Cotterill Cup**

Thursday 15th March 2012

Final competition concert sponsored by the Sternians' Association at LWC

### **Friends of LWC Spring Social**

Friday 16th March 2012

Gavin Hall, LWC

### **Sternians Mountaineering Club**

Friday 13th – 16th April 2012

Tregaron, Dyfed

Contact David Minnikin 01768 779164

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### **Bournemouth Reunion**

Saturday 24th March 2012

Toby Carvery, Bournemouth

Contact Bob Hunt 01329 662125

### **Founder's Day**

(including Sternian Reunion)

Saturday 26th May 2012, LWC

### **London Drinks**

TBA June 2012

Central Bar, Royal Festival Hall

### **Sternian Cricket Match**

Sunday 24th June 2012, LWC

For information about any of the events listed above, please contact either Gill Kelly in the Sternians Office at the College - 01256 860356 or by email [sternians@lordwandsworth.org](mailto:sternians@lordwandsworth.org) or those detailed above

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