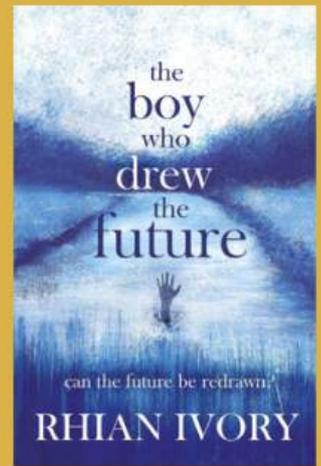


# THIRD FORM RESEARCH AND WRITING DAY

MONDAY 4 OCTOBER 2021



## CHANGE MAKERS



With many pupils from other years busy, there was time for the Third Form to spend some time learning to research and write an essay, on a subject that they could choose from a list of questions from Curriculum areas.

At the beginning of the day the pupils met, and had a presentation from Rhian Ivory who is a celebrated Young Adult author and also a part-time member of Staff at Stowe. Her most popular published book so far is 'The Boy Who Drew the Future'. She is currently writing a book that is based on Bletchley Park, about a very special woman who worked there during the Second World War.

Rhian talked to the pupils about how she researched for the novel, some of the things she discovered whilst researching, how she planned the book, how many drafts she has had to do before being published (currently 17!) and how important it is, particularly for a historical novel, to be as accurate as possible.

The Third Form then had another session on how to research smartly on the internet, a reminder on how to use the library, both online resources and books, and how to spot the most reliable sources of information.

Dr Potter gave the pupils a challenge to write an essay, answering a question that they could choose, from a list provided by departments, ranging from Climate Change to Leonardo da Vinci, whether Humans Possess Free Will, to Robotics and many more. The next two lessons were then dedicated to researching, planning, writing the essay, and adding in their sources of information in a bibliography at the end.

Each essay was sent to be marked by the Department

that set their question, and the one with the best effort gained a small prize. The ones that gained the best marks were judged by Dr Potter for the overall winner and they were given the overall prize of a Commendation or a Bene.

Commendations go to the following pupils for their essays:

**Niamh Gilmore** (Cheshire), **Tomisin Ibitoye** (Chandos) and **Paul Ostroverhy** (Chandos) - 'Do human beings possess free will?'

**Harrison Newman** (Winton), **Nada Shamsuddin** (Cheshire) and **Sebastian Hughes** (Grenville) - 'Is climate change a real emergency?'

**Arabella Williams** (Stanhope) - 'Was Leonardo da Vinci more of a scientist than an artist?'

**Freddie Boardman** (Chatham) - 'To what extent did the ancient Greeks and/or the Romans shape the modern world?'

**Grace Nasmyth** (Queen's) - 'Are villains more interesting than heroes?'

**Kaito Mbanefo** (Grenville) - 'The future of artificial intelligence and its specific use in robotics'

**Sofia Comino** (Stanhope) - 'What are the benefits of learning a foreign language?'

The overall winner of the competition this year is **Flora Peppiatt** (Queen's), who will receive a Bene for her essay on the title, 'In a multi-cultural society, is there enough diversity on TV?'

**Lyn Foden, School Librarian**

# CAREERS Woodhead Award

As this year's winner of the Woodhead Award, I would like share my experience with any aspiring scientists and medics to hopefully encourage them to apply for this outstanding opportunity next year.

The Woodhead Award is a constructive way to reflect on completed work placements while simultaneously gaining first-hand interview experience. This has proven to be extremely useful in appreciating the work experience I have done and extracting the vital lessons I have learned from it.

Working in A&E in South Africa at the height of a pandemic came with a handful of unique experiences which I was able to discuss with the Woodhead Family. I also shared my personal insight into the effect of

Covid-19 on a hospital setting as well as talking through the areas of medicine in which I am passionate about.

In addition, correctly preparing and getting into the right headspace for interviews is a vital skill for future university applications, and is one of the many lessons I have learned from the interview process.

The Woodhead Award is a competition which I strongly encourage younger pupils to apply for, not only for the opportunity to prepare for university applications, but to fully appreciate, and get the most from your completed work experience.

**Teagan Ralph (Upper Sixth, West)**



## Third Form Vlog Competition

Over the Summer, new pupils joining Stowe in the Third Form in September, were set a task to read and create a Vlog about a book.

It was great to see that so many of our pupils spent time thinking about how they would review the book without giving the plot away and also which visual effects they added.

Choosing the top three and overall winner was very difficult as there were so many fantastic entries.

### The top three Vlogs:

**First Prize** - Anton Poon (Winton) for his review of 'The Tattooist of Auschwitz'

**Second Prize** - Paul Ostroverhy (Chandos) for his review of 'Jane Eyre'

**Third Prize** - Annabel Hussey (Nugent) for her review of 'The Tattooist of Auschwitz'

Congratulations to all the pupils who sent in their vlogs in!

**Lucinda Stockley,**  
Assistant Librarian



## Lacrosse

The 1st and 2nd teams were in full flow on the South Front on Saturday 2 October, as they showed great tactical understanding to record two strong wins against Tudor Hall.

### Victory against Radley

The definition of a 'classic clash' are the annual matches against Radley and on Tuesday 5 October they were the usual hotly contested affairs. After a slew of poor weather over the past few matches, the powers that be saw fit for a sunny afternoon on the South Front.

The 1st X got off to a swift start, with co-captain Rosie Grayson (Upper Sixth, Nugent) opening with a volley of goals, with three assists from Savannah King (Upper Sixth, Stanhope) in the first half. Radley could only score a single goal in reply.

After the break, Radley rallied, with a few goals in fairly quick succession, however the outstanding Lower Sixth defenders of Willa Percy (Queen's), Hannah Bewes (Queen's), and Jemima Roberts (Lyttelton) did an excellent job of holding the fort, while Kimi Chen (Upper Sixth, Lyttelton) between the pipes made eight saves. A few more goals from Rosie, with one each from Hattie Goodrich (Lower Sixth, Nugent) and Violet Arkwright (Upper Sixth, Queen's) left the game at 10-5 to the girls in blue & gold.

On the same day, **the Stowe 2nd Lacrosse team saw the girls take on Radley boys.** It was a tightly contested affair with Radley always being within one goal of us. Our attack started really well with a goal from Amelia Mager (Upper Sixth, Lyttelton) and Alice Bryant (Fifth Form, Queen's), however, the pace and height of the Radley boys started to cause some issues as they intercepted

passes and raced towards groundballs.

We went 3-2 up in the second half of the game with a goal from Natalie Nylaende (Fifth Form, Queen's). We were putting in a great defensive performance with early slides and some excellent saves from Lizzie Knott (Lower Sixth, Cheshire) to try and keep control of the match. Unfortunately, within the last 10 seconds of the game, Radley equalised to make it 3-3 and the final whistle blew shortly after.

Our talented U15 girls took on Haileybury's 1st X on Thursday 7 October and proved their exciting potential, beating them 11-8.

**The U15As put on a fantastic performance at the County Tournament on Monday 11 October** at Haberdashers' Aske's, convincingly won every group game, including a thrilling encounter with Berkhamsted.

Brilliant performances came from all of the team, but special mention must go out to Mila Ratcliff (Fourth Form, Queen's) for her tireless efforts at both ends of the field, and to Emelia Brett (Fourth Form, Queen's) for her control at the centre and for being a constant attacking threat.

The girls played themselves into a rematch with Berkhamsted School in the final. The final was excellent and Stowe played their own game and came back from 2-0 down to draw 4-4 which led us to overtime. Unfortunately, Berkhamsted won the possession from the draw and maintained the possession until they scored and won the game. This being said, Stowe played fantastically and all the girls should be extremely happy with how the team performed.

**Peter Shepherd,**  
Assistant Head of Lacrosse

# Oliver

## BOOK NOW!

Rehearsals for OLIVER are in full swing in the Drama Department. The Production Team have been so impressed with the work pupils have done so far. It's shaping up to be a brilliant performance and we encourage everyone to come along to see it at the end of the Michaelmas Term.

The show will be performed on the evenings of Wednesday 1 to Saturday 4 December, with an additional matinee performance on Saturday.

Parents can book tickets [here](#).

Alice Kenny, Drama Department