

Friends of Shrewsbury School (Hong Kong) sharing session for new Salopian families

Tuesday 6 August 2013



The Friends of Shrewsbury School (Hong Kong) held a very successful sharing session for new parents and students in Hong Kong on 20th July at the Duke of Windsor Social Service Building, Hong Kong. The idea behind the session was to help new students and parents understand more about the School and enable them to meet some of the current students and parents. It was well attended by 16 new families and around ten current and former pupils and their parents, who talked about their experiences of life at Shrewsbury School. Participants found the session very useful and practical, and our current and former students were appreciated for their passion for and commitment to the School.



Tom Marshall (SH 2007-12) wins silver in the 2013 World Rowing Under-23 Championships

Tuesday 6 August 2013



Tom Marshall (SH 2007-12, *pictured far right*) has continued his medal haul at World level with a silver medal in the lightweight coxless 4 category in Linz, Austria in July. This follows his bronze medal at last year's Junior World Championships in Bulgaria.

Richard Barber's Bike Ride - 102 tough miles, all for charity

Wednesday 7 August 2013

Former Club President, Richard Barber, OBE (SH 1955-60) continues to set the pace for 'retired' Old Salopians. He completed Ride London - Surrey 100 on Sunday 4 August, well within the allotted 9 hours. Joining the 17,000 amateur cyclists who attempted the tough route, which included the ascent of Surrey's Leith Hill, Richard has so far raised almost £8,000 for his charity, Hft, which supports children with learning difficulties. His previous fundraising efforts include riding 'End-to-End' (Land's End - John O' Groats).



Richard says: 'Well, I made it! I'm really not quite sure how, and there were moments on the hills when (like many of my friends) I doubted my sanity in even trying. But I thought "if Boris can do it, so can I." - and actually I finished in a better time than I had expected.'

To contribute to the fund, visit: <http://www.justgiving.com/Richard-Barber4>



Pictured, left, Richard with the Hft team.

Gold Medal for the School's garden at the Shrewsbury Flower Show

Thursday 8 August 2013

A special garden created for the Shrewsbury Flower Show by members of the School's Grounds Staff was awarded a Gold Medal by the Shropshire Horticultural Society. It was open to the public on Friday and Saturday, 9th and 10th August.

Called 'Sweet Dreams', the garden was inspired by a poem written by a young girl and was designed by Groundsman Stuart Edwards, who built it with the help of colleague Anna Felix (pictured right with gardening expert and BBC presenter Chris Beardsbam). Many of the plants were grown at the School.

The garden cleverly created a floral children's paradise of sweets and butterflies and was surrounded by a picket fence in 'pick 'n' mix' pink and white. It raised money for the Make-a-Wish Foundation, which grants magical wishes to children and young people fighting life-threatening conditions.

Now in its 126th year, the Shrewsbury Flower Show took place in Shrewsbury's beautiful 29-acre Quarry Park, just across the river from the School.





Rob Evans' new book exposes undercover police tactics

Friday 9 August 2013



A book by Guardian journalist, Rob Evans (Ch 1977-82), in conjunction with his colleague, Paul Lewis, entitled, 'Undercover: the True Story of Britain's Secret Police' has helped to bring to light some of the tactics employed by undercover police over several years.

The story uncovered by Evans and Lewis, which also formed the basis of a recent Channel 4 *Despatches* programme, outlines the lengths to which the Special Demonstration Squad, a top-secret unit within Special Branch, were prepared to go to infiltrate what were seen as dissident groups. These included forming long-term relationships with group members under false names (usually those of dead children) and, as has recently been revealed, also included an attempt to discredit the family and friends of Stephen Lawrence, after his racist murder in 1993.

A book review can be read

here <http://www.theguardian.com/books/2013/jun/29/undercover-secret-police-lewis-evans-review>

And the book can be ordered here:

<http://www.guardianbookshop.co.uk/BerteShopWeb/viewProduct.do?ISBN=9780571302178&guni=Keyword:feature-special%20main-2%20Features:Editable%20trailblock%20-%20feature:Position1&INTCMP=SRCH>

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A chance to hear jazz musician, Joe Stilgoe and his trio on the eve of Old Salopian Day

Tuesday 13 August 2013



Singer/songwriter, Joe, son of Richard, Stilgoe, and pitched 'somewhere between Jamie Cullum and Michael Buble,' will perform original music with his trio in the Maidment Building on Friday 20 September.

Joe and his band have been championed by Radio 2, Sir Michael Parkinson (who dubbed Stilgoe 'a truly remarkable singer songwriter, not to mention piano player'), Richard Madeley and Chris Evans and his performances include private functions for Prince Charles and Sir Paul McCartney.

The concert is in the Maidment Auditorium, Shrewsbury School on Friday, 20 September 2013

Doors open: 7 pm

Start time: 7.30pm

Ticket Price: £10.00* **booking fee applies*

Box Office: 01743 280 810 (Contact Darren Wood)



Outstanding A level results

Wednesday 14 August 2013

Shrewsbury School is celebrating an outstanding year for A Level results, with 83% of the exams awarded the top A, A or B grades.*

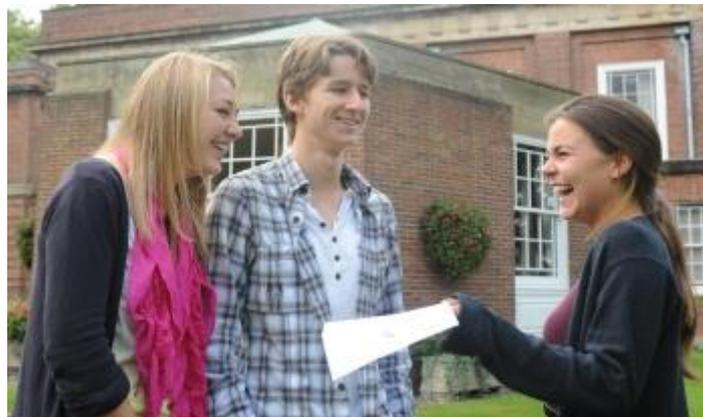
There are many individual success stories in this year's results, not least the 14 pupils who gained at least 3 A* grades and the 53 pupils who gained an A* or A in all their subjects.

In addition, 13 pupils at Shrewsbury School with offers from Oxford or Cambridge Universities achieved the required grades to meet their offers and will be taking up their places later this year.

The School's AS results from the Lower Sixth pupils were also extremely impressive, with 71% of grades achieved at A or B grades, a significant increase on recent years. 46 pupils gained A grades in all their subjects and over 80 gained nothing lower than a B.

Please see our [Examination Results page](#) for more photos, and a detailed breakdown of our results by subject.

Pictured below left to right are three pupils who will be particularly happy with their results: Alice Leslie (1 A and 2 As), Ed Elcock (4 A*s and 1 A, which confirms his place at Emmanuel College, Cambridge to read Natural Sciences) and Tilly Whittingham (3 A*s).*



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Salopian Club 2013-14 Annual Plan and Budget now available to view

Monday 19 August 2013

The Executive Committee of the Salopian Club is pleased to announce that the 2013-14 annual plan and budget (August 2013 - July 2014) is now [available to download](#).

AGM

The 2013 AGM will be held during lunch on Old Salopian Day (21 September 2013). The minutes of the 2012 AGM are available [here](#).



Old Salopian author's new novel supports equal marriage and challenges 'fundamentalist' Christian beliefs

Monday 19 August 2013

Old Salopian clergyman and author, The Venerable Douglas Bartles-Smith (DB 1950-56), has written a new novel that he hopes will encourage the Church of England to allow same-sex marriage in churches.

Married, with three children, Douglas was Archdeacon of Southwark from 1985 to 2004 (see picture taken during this time, right). After Shrewsbury School, he studied at St Edmund's Hall, Oxford and Wells Theological College. During his career, he served parishes in Westminster, Southwark and Battersea. He was Queen's Chaplain from 1996 to 2007.



He is also the author of *Urban Ghetto* (1976), *Opportunities for a strong Church* (1993) and *Fighting Fundamentalism* (2007).

About his new novel, 'How the Prime Minister Saved the Church of England', set in 2005, Douglas, who now lives in Shrewsbury, says: "This short novel is written in the belief that there is as much need for Christian leaders to challenge Fundamentalism within Christianity as there is for Muslim leaders to do so within Islam.

Christian Fundamentalists who prevent the Church of England having women bishops, same sex marriage and openly gay priests and bishops are a militant tendency within the Church who need to be named and shamed."

The novel is available from Pengwern Books in Shrewsbury Market Hall (pengwernbooks@live.co.uk) or by contacting Douglas Bartles-Smith. Please email oldsalopian@shrewsbury.org.uk for his contact details.

A Levels & GCSEs for Recent Highlights

Thursday 22 August 2013

Shrewsbury School is celebrating another outstanding year of exam results, with over 83% of our A Level papers being awarded the top A, A or B grades, and 53 of our leavers achieving an A* or A grade in all their subjects.*

The AS results from our Lower Sixth pupils were equally impressive, with 71% of grades achieved at A* or A grade, a significant increase on recent years.

It has also been another excellent year for GCSE results; 65% of the papers were awarded either an A* or A grade (significantly higher than the national average of 21.3%), and 28 Salopians achieved A* or A grades in every one of their subjects.

Please see our [Examination Results page](#) for more information, photos and a detailed breakdown of our A Level results by subject.



Pictured above (l to r), having just received their A Level results, are Ed Elcock, Judah Rand, James Kynaston, Alice Leslie, Alistair Fisher and Tilly Whittingham



Another strong year for GCSE results

Thursday 22 August 2013

Despite reports in the national media of a drop in the proportion of GCSE exam entries awarded top grades, we are delighted to record another very strong year of results at Shrewsbury.

A total of 65% of the exams were awarded an A* or A grade, compared with the national average of 21.3%. The overall pass rate was 98.2%, which is also substantially higher than the national average.

In a remarkable display of mathematical prowess, 63 out of 127 pupils gained A* grades in mathematics - a school record.

Four pupils, Daniel Edwards, Sonny Koh, Jacob Rumble and Alexander Shaw, each gained 10 straight A* grades and a further 24 pupils gained either A* or A grades in all their subjects.

Headmaster, Mark Turner, commented that he was delighted with the success of all his pupils. "These excellent results are a vindication of the hard work that our pupils have put in throughout their time at Shrewsbury School and the tremendous guidance and support they have received from their teachers."

Pictured below celebrating their success are (back l to r): Roan Kirkby, Evan Rolfe, Rishi Trivedi and Greg Bunting; (front): Jacob Rumble, Joe Bell and George Evans



Top awards in the Cambridge Chemistry Challenge 2013

Monday 26 August 2013

One Roentgenium, four Gold, seven Silver and 18 Copper medals have been awarded to Shrewsbury Lower Sixth Form Chemists who took part in the Cambridge Chemistry Challenge 2013 after their busy AS exam schedule.

Crystal Chan (MSH) (*pictured below*) - who had already won a Gold medal in the RSC International Chemistry Olympiad in March - achieved a Roentgenium medal in the Cambridge Chemistry Challenge. This is their highest award, given to the top 0.8% of students who enter the competition. To recognise this outstanding achievement, Crystal was invited to attend a residential chemistry camp at the University of Cambridge at the end of August, which she says she looked forward to all summer!

"I was accommodated at St Catharine's College throughout the four days of the course, which is right in the centre of town; the undergraduates and lecturers there were very welcoming and friendly.

"During the days I attended chemistry lectures which took place in the Chemistry Department of the University. The lectures were based on principles that I have already learnt at school but at a much greater depth. Both organic and physical chemistry were covered and the most interesting section was investigating the chance of synthesising EDTA using the materials present on a plane. In addition, I performed some practical work – the most fascinating thing for me was analysing the formula of a copper complex. These lab sessions allowed me to develop an appreciation of the equipment and operation of laboratories in university.



"The Chemistry Camp at Cambridge was truly a memorable experience, and it has given me the insight of university life at one of the top universities in the world. "

Gold medals in the Cambridge Chemistry Challenge were awarded to:

Harry Fox (PH), Arthur Kung (R), Chris Papaioannou (PH), Ben Quirk (PH)

Silver medals were awarded to:

Stanley Hau (SH), Helen Ho (MSH), Robert Homden (Rb), Clive Lam (O), Isobel Tennison-Collins (MSH), Tammy Wong (MSH), Ian Yeung (R)

Copper medals were awarded to:

Jennifer Anderson (EDH), Phoebe Barboza (EDH), Nur Besar (MSH), Yee Lok Cheng (I), Jay Cherukat (PH), Michael Cheung (O), Peter Evans (I), William Hayes (M), Irene Kwan (EDH), Denton Lee (S), Cindy Lin (EDH), Thomas Miller (Rb), Makiko Nishikawa (EDH), Charlotte Perkins (EDH), Tom Rowe (M), Hattie Warner (EDH), Jonathan Wu (S), Taiding Yang (Rt)



This is the second time the School has entered the Cambridge Chemistry Challenge, which is set by an experienced team of teachers and university chemists and is endorsed and sponsored by St Catharine's College, Cambridge. It is designed to be accessible to LVI students but stretches them significantly beyond the syllabus and challenges them to think about science in the way they would at university.

ADB



The third Alex Wilson Foundation football match - Sunday 22 September

Tuesday 27 August 2013



This will take place on Senior on Sunday 22 September, starting at 11.30am.

The Alex Wilson Foundation was set up in the hope that with support it will be possible to generate enough money for a scholarship to be created in memory of Alex. This has now been achieved, and the first scholar will enter Shrewsbury School in September. The aim now is to continually support the scholarship

so that boys in the future continue to be given the opportunity.

Football played a massive role in Alex's School career, especially when it came to the First XI. Once again, we are therefore inviting back all those who played with him over those three years back to play in this fixture for The Alex Wilson XI against the Old Salopian Football Club.

Please feel free to bring friends and family along... The organisers hope to kick start the foundation off with a fantastic day and hope to see as many people there as possible!

There will be a raffle with some great prizes, and refreshments will be available after the game in QUOD.

More and booking at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/205192382981136/>



Old Salopian Kayakers conquer the Caribbean

Tuesday 27 August 2013



Congratulations to the KX Kayakers; Tom McAlpine (Rt 2004-09), Michael Houston (Rt 2004-09), Edmund Magnus (Rt 2004-09) and their friend Woody Dewar for rowing the 800 miles from Grenada to Puerto Rico in two sea kayaks, raising almost £40,000 for the Centre for Children's Rare Disease Research and cancer charity, the Lyla Nsouli Foundation.

Richard Branson praised the team's adventurous spirit and made the group welcome on Necker Island for a few days respite during their voyage.

On completion of the arduous crossing the kayakers blog reported 'Puerto Rico breached! 4 'ocean explorers'. 2 unsinkable vessels. 800 miles. 54 days. 25 islands. 7 capsizes. 1 helicopter drop. 2 tropical infections. 1 hurricane. 1 very seasick doctor. 0 sharks. 1 beard. £33,218 raised so far - please help us reach

£40,000! <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/team/thekxkayakers>. We celebrate till dawn...! Read more at <http://www.thekxkayakers.co.uk/blog>



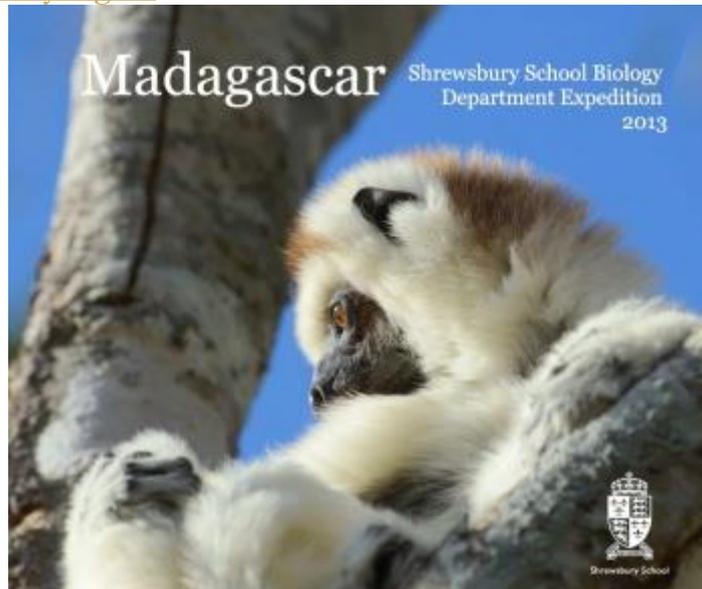
Biology Expedition to Madagascar, Summer 2013

Tuesday 27 August 2013

During the summer holidays 26 intrepid Sixth Formers and four members of staff took part in a Biology Department expedition to Madagascar, known by naturalists as the Eighth Continent – 90% of Madagascar's plant and animal species are found nowhere else on Earth.

Expedition leader Dr Richard Case gives a brief and tantalising account of some of the highlights, and you can also view a stunning photobook of the Expedition by clicking on the image below. (Please note that this is a large file - 20MB).

This is available in hard copy format. If you are interested in purchasing one, please contact Dr Case: rajc@shrewsbury.org.uk



Our first week was spent in the Spiny Forest in the south of the island, where the team carried out surveys of vegetation - comparing plant diversity and structure in areas that have been disturbed by slash and burn, with more pristine areas. Operation Wallacea is generating large amounts of this baseline data so that their ecologists working on the distribution and abundance of birds and reptiles and lemur behaviour, can better understand how habitat disturbance affects wildlife – most of which is endangered. They can also understand how long it takes for disturbed forest to recover. We were also able to spend time observing lemur behaviour and measuring the distributions of reptiles and birds.



We were greatly privileged to spend a day in a village. According to custom, the group danced into the village bearing “gifts from the road”. The villagers slaughtered the two sheep the group had brought and cooked them while everyone watched the healer go into a trance to bless our journey north. Few Western tourists get to step into a Valo Lala to see a traditional healer (Ombiasa) at work.

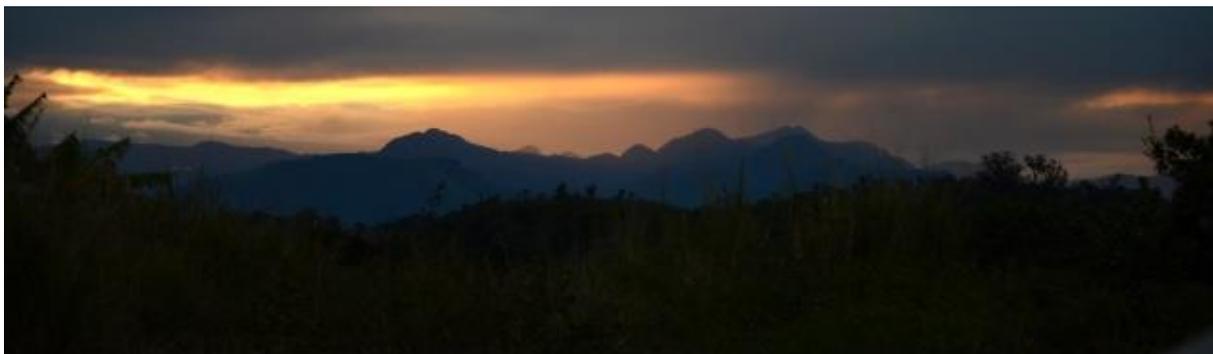
Our journey north took the team to the littoral forest of St Luce and the mid-altitude rainforests of Manombo, Ranomafana and Anasibe. The first three days consisted of pure 4x4 adventure, with eight river crossings on the first day. We arrived at the seventh crossing to find the ferry broken down and after hours waiting, about 80 villagers paddled the ferry across in the dark to collect us. They made two more round trips to collect all our vehicles and allowed us to camp in their village.



The roads were incredibly difficult but took us through amazing landscapes inaccessible to most tourists. Highlights included seeing five species of lemur at Ranomafana, including the critically endangered Golden Bamboo Lemur, and hearing Indri – the largest species of lemur – calling at Andasibe.

The expedition gave us all a chance to appreciate how real ecology is done and work alongside UK and Malagasy undergraduates and research students. It allowed the team to contribute directly to conservation in an area where it is desperately needed. Above all, it opened the eyes of everyone to Malagasy culture, landscape and wildlife and the challenges the country faces.

RAJC





Old Salopian tenor, Richard Frewer performs Brahms' Magelone Lieder, a wondrous love story, at School on 12 September

Wednesday 28 August 2013



'The Wondrous Love Story of the Fair Magelone and Count Peter of Provence' will be performed by tenor, Richard Frewer (M 1955-60), reader, Andrew Bannerman pianist, John Moore (Director of Music, Shrewsbury School).

This cycle of fifteen songs responds to the narration of a turbulent but fantastical love story, bringing the feelings within it to vivid life, and framing the emotional progress of the work.

Based on a medieval romance well-known in nineteenth century Germany and reinterpreted by the poet and novelist Ludwig Tieck, it is one of the few lieder cycles that has a happy ending! The highly contrasted pieces are best described as "romances" with varying moods in which the singer often appears to be supported by an orchestra, so expansive and virtuosic is the piano writing.

"Throughout, the recital showed the scope and flexibility of Frewer's tenor voice and the ease with which he adapts its timbre to reflect the mood of his subjects."

'Bannerman's reading of the selected poems was faultless. Dramatic, sensitive and immensely moving...'

Thursday 12th September in the Maidment Auditorium, starting at 7.30pm

FREE admission with a retiring collection for the School's musical activities.

Reserve your tickets at www.shrewsburyschool.ticketsource.co.uk or call Darren Wood on 01743 280810

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See David Millward's latest exhibition at The Little Gallery, Montgomery

Thursday 29 August 2013

A chance to catch exhibition of oil paintings and screen prints by David Millward (Rt 57-62) can be seen at The Little Gallery Montgomery, which ends on Saturday 31 August.

An exhibition of oil paintings and screen prints by David Millward (Rt 57-62) can be seen at The Little Gallery Montgomery, Powys.

The exhibition ends on Saturday 31st August, and the town is worth a visit as it has a Georgian square, a Michelin star restaurant/pub and several interesting shops.

More details at

<http://tinyurl.com/LittleGalleryFacebook>

and at <http://www.davidhigham.co.uk/clients/Millward.htm>

The Little Gallery, Broad Street, Montgomery, Wales, SY15 6PH



Salopians represent the UK in the International Young Physicists' Tournament (IYPT) in Taiwan

Thursday 29 August 2013



Above l to r: John Balcombe, Steve Adams, Seb James (King's), Clive Lam, Georgios Topaloglou (King's), James Brent, Arthur Kung, (local guide from Taiwan), Charles Burson-Thomas (King's)

In late July, three of Shrewsbury's Sixth Form physicists set off for Yuan Ze University, a few kilometres outside Taipei city in Taiwan. They had been selected along with two boys from The King's School Canterbury to represent the UK at the 26th International Young Physicists' Tournament – the world's foremost annual physics competition, commonly known as the 'Physics World Cup'.

Shrewsbury's success in this competition has been extraordinary – over the last ten years, the School's team has been judged to be the strongest team in the UK no fewer than seven times. In previous years Salopians have travelled to Sweden, Switzerland, Slovakia, South Korea, China and Germany.

After a couple of days acclimatising to the high temperature and humidity in Taiwan, the boys started to find their feet in the tournament itself, which tested not only their in-depth knowledge of advanced physics but also their presentation skills. Up against some fearsome opposition, the UK team did not do as well as they had hoped. But it was a richly cultural experience that they will remember for a long time.

The eventual winners from Singapore, who were incredibly strong, will host the competition in 2017. Well ahead of that, next summer Shrewsbury School has the honour of hosting the 27th IYPT on behalf of the United Kingdom.



Below: John Balcombe (as Chairman of the Organising Committee of IYPT 2014) receiving the IYPT flag from Professor Chih-Ta Chia of Taiwan National Normal University (Chairman of IYPT 2013) and Mr Alan Allinson, President of IYPT





Tatler Schools Guide 2014

Saturday 31 August 2013

Shrewsbury has once again been selected by Tatler for their annual Schools Guide as one of the top public schools in the UK. Compiled over the summer of 2013, here is what they have to say about the School:

Charles Darwin was an Old Salopian and his alma mater has been undergoing an evolution of its own. Shrewsbury will be fully co-ed from September 2014 – girls are eagerly signing up at all age groups and, lucky things, have the plushest of new boarding houses too.

Head Mark Turner says his pupils leave with ‘a strong belief that life is what you make of it’. And last year’s list of achievements makes good reading. GCSE results broke records, with 73 per cent A - A and the country’s highest mark in Pre-U French (a mix of A Levels and Pre-U is on offer here).*

There was a haul of gold medals in the Physics and Biology Olympiads and three students won Best Delegate awards at the Model United Nations. The music school here is the tops – the Beethoven Trio was selected for the Pro Corda chamber competition. But we sense it’s the sport that really gets pupils’ hearts racing. The first XI cricket team has lost only six matches since 2011 and the Royal Shrewsbury Hunt (one of the oldest national cross-country clubs) had a stormer this year, as did the fives team – the first schoolboys to become under-21 national champions. The formidable rowing squad is enjoying its new state-of-the-art Yale boathouse too.

Mark Turner is a former winner of our Best Head of a Public School Award; under his leadership, Shrewsbury is back on song.

