

Cricket: Ollie Westbury (S 2013-15) impresses against Australia U19s

Monday 3 August 2015

Ollie Westbury was selected to play for an England Development Programme Invitational XI against Australia Under-19s in a two-day fixture at Loughborough National Performance Centre, 30th - 31st July.

The match formed part of Australia's preparations for the forthcoming Under-19 ODI and Test series against England.

Ollie scored an impressive 57 off 124 balls in the first innings, as the Invitational X1 scored 354-6 declared. He then made 26 off 49 deliveries in England's second innings.

Ollie has enjoyed a very successful cricket career at Shrewsbury School, where he made became the first player since James Taylor to score 1,000 runs in a season. He has now joined Worcestershire's Academy and 2nd XI.

He scored a maiden century for Worcestershire's 2nd XI in their Championship match against Nottinghamshire in July.



Shrewsbury win bronze at the International Young Physicists' Tournament

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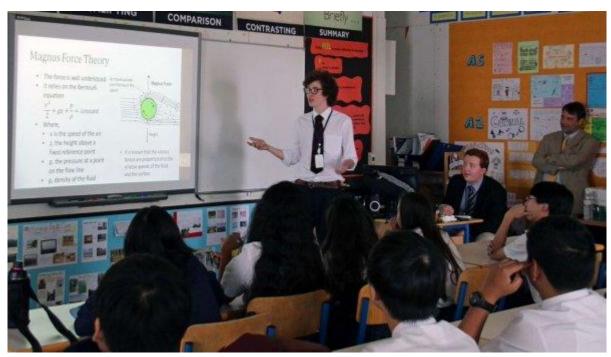
Representing the UK, Shrewsbury School won a bronze medal in the International Young Physicists' Tournament. Known as the Physics World Cup, the IYPT 2015 was held in Nakhonratchasima, Thailand from 27th June – 4th July and included 27 teams from countries all over the world.



L-R: John Balcombe, Steve Adams, Sherry Xu, Tom Dodd, Rory Champion, Dom Dootson

Over the course of the competition, each team presented their solutions to a series of extremely challenging physics problems that they had all been working on for several months. Following each presentation, the team then had to defend their solution in an ensuing 'Physics Fight', when a student from another team attempted to tear holes in their solution. Each 'Fight' was observed and scored by an independent judge, one of a team of jury members made up of professional physicists from all over the world.





Dom Dootson

Going into the final round of the Tournament, the Shrewsbury team of Dom Dootson (Captain), Nick Champion, Tom Dodd and Sherry Xu were in 12th position, with four teams just below them.





"We knew we had to pull out all the stops if we were to remain in a medal position," said John Balcombe, Co-Leader of the UK team with Shrewsbury's Head of Science Steve Adams.

"After another solid performance, two teams did overtake us, but we just held on to 14th place out of 27 countries and got bronze medals. The team were absolutely brilliant in every respect and a credit to the School."

This is the eighth time in the last 11 years that Shrewsbury have represented the UK in the IYPT.

Last year, Shrewsbury School hosted the IYPT on behalf of the UK - see report <u>The Physics</u> <u>World Cup at Shrewsbury School, 3rd - 10th July 2014</u>.





Thomas Tulloch wins gold at Pony European Championships

Monday 3 August 2015

Thomas Tulloch (Rt LVI) and his pony Spirit VI have led the British Charles Owen British Pony Team to a gold medal at this year's 2015 FEI Pony European Championships. The competition took place at Malmö, Sweden from the 5th - 9th August 2015.



Thomas Tulloch (2nd from right) proudly displaying his gold medal with the other members of the British Charles Owen

Pony Team

A total of 52 combinations competed in the Eventing Championship, with eight countries - Belgium, France, Germany, Great Britain, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands and Sweden - fielding teams.

The GB team finished the Championship on a collective score of 138.7, 16 penalty points ahead of silver medallists France. In the individual competition, Thomas Tulloch finished in 4th place, less than one penalty point behind the bronze medal winner.

Gary Parsonage, the Chairman of the Charles Owen Pony Selectors, commented that "As the Chef d'Equipe I couldn't have asked for more. Thomas was so close to [individual] bronze but he couldn't have done any more for us yesterday or today."

Thomas was also part of the GB team at last year's European Championship, when they won double silver.

He has been very busy competing throughout the 2015 season, successfully juggling his training and competitions alongside his GCSE exams and his other sporting commitments as a member of the School's Football and Rugby U16A teams. In June, he won the Charles Owen National Pony Championships for the second year running.



He is currently at the very top of his sport and has been selected as one of 50 'Rising Stars' for the very prestigious Jaguar Land Rover Academy of Sport 2015. This is a special mentoring and education programme for young athletes aged between 12 and 25 who have reached an elite level in their sport. The Academy's aim is "to recognise, celebrate and inspire the next generation of British sporting heroes by giving them the opportunity to work with and learn from the best British sportsmen and women".

It also brings with it a SportsAid Bursary to help with equipment, competition and training expenses. Former SportsAid recipients include Sir Chris Hoy, Jessica Ennis Hill, Tom Daley and Ellie Simmonds, so Thomas is in good company!

Housemaster, Will Hughes is warm in his praise of Thomas' achievements: "Thomas is a very talented boy; bright and articulate and a fine all-round sportsman. He also acts and debates! To his credit, he is incredibly modest and he never boasts about his achievements. I often have to prise the information about his riding successes out of him. He has a very bright future ahead of him."

Thomas' mother, Jancis Tulloch (who is herself a former 4* level rider) paid tribute to the support that he has received from Shrewsbury School and many others: "Thomas' success is due in a large part to his talent and commitment, but he also has a great support team who contribute in so many ways. There's the whole team of girls at home – Emily, Jo and Bridget who help keep the ponies in great condition while Thomas is at school; Tracey Tomlinson who helps train him; his sponsors Baileys Horse Feeds, Hit Air and I-Quip Gloves; and last but definitely not least, the huge support Shrewsbury School give him to enable him to fit in the time to train and compete alongside all his other school commitments."



Shrewsbury School hosts top U15 female cricketers at EWDP Super-3s competition

Tuesday 11 August 2015

We are thrilled to welcome the best under-15 female cricketers from across the country at Shrewsbury School this week for the annual England Women's Development Programme Under-15 (EWDP U15) Super 3s competition.



The competition runs from 11th – 14th August and involves the top 39 young players in the country, all of whom will be hoping to catch the eye of the watching England women's scouts. They are split evenly into three teams – known as the Diamonds, Emeralds and Rubies – and they will spend the week playing a series of Twenty20 and 40-over matches and taking part in a range of educational workshops focusing on nutrition, strength and conditioning, and personal developmental and welfare.

In addition to the three EWDP U15 Super 3s teams taking part, there is also an invitational U16 'Sapphires' side.

Commenting about the EWDP U15 Super 3s competition and its wider significance, ECB Director of England Women's Cricket, Clare Connor, said: "The timing of this competition alongside the Kia Women's Ashes Test match should provide some extra incentive for all the girls taking part – knowing that one day they too could be representing England in an Ashes series.

"The EWDP U15 Super 3s represents the first step for all of these players on the pathway to play for England, and the opportunities for them now as players are greater than ever before."



The news 100 years ago: 7th - 13th August 1915

Wednesday 12 August 2015

In this week many OS died, including six on 10th August. The Suvla operations (Dardanelles) begin (see last week).

Captain Denis Digges La Touche, 8th Bn. Welsh Regiment.

Ingram's. Praepostor, Captain of Shooting VIII three years, contributing greatly to the increase in the standard of shooting at the School over the following years, a Gentleman of the Runs and subsequently Huntsman and good cross-country runner. Left in 1914 with a Scholarship to Corpus Christi College, Cambridge in Autumn 1913 where he received an "Oswald Smith" Exhibition. He enlisted as a private in the 5th K.S.L.I., in which he was promoted 2nd Lieut. He was soon transferred to the 8th Welsh, promoted Captain in February 1915, and sailed for the Dardanelles in the summer, where he was killed after the landing at Anavarta: he was reported missing after the attack on Chanok Bair but his body was found was found by an Officer of the East Lancs., who himself was wounded while burying him.

The Salopian remarks that he was "unselfish and unassuming in a marked degree, -- in spite of the distinctions gained in several fields – he won the affection of all with whom he came into contact; and with his simplicity of character was joined unswerving loyalty to the School and to the House – one of the best of Salopia's sons.'

Killed in action 8 August 1915, aged 20.

Remembered on Helles Memorial, Turkey. Panel 140 to 144.

Second Lieutenant Frank Brendan O'Carroll, 6th Bn. Royal Dublin Fusiliers

Ingram's, left in 1913. Having been in the O.T.C. at Shrewsbury and Dublin he had not to wait long for his commission in a Service Bn. He took part in the landing at Suvla Bay, and was killed there three days afterwards. The Salopian adds: "He was a 'loyal member of the school" of whom his father would later say "...had been given the time of his life here".

Killed in action in Gallipoli 10 August 1915, aged 20

Remembered on Helles Memorial, Turkey. Panel 190 to 196.

Lieutenant Harold Chell, 8th Bn. Royal Fusiliers.

Chance's (now Severn Hill), left in 1908. He was Junior Whip, 1906; Senior, 1907; and in the Football XI and the Crew. He won the Junior Steeplechase, the Senior twice in successive years, and many events at the Sports in 1907-8, rowing also in the House boat, which won the Challenge Oars, and was Head of House of the River in the same year. He went up to St John's Coll., Cambridge, and was studying Medicine at St. Mary's Hospital, London, when war broke out. Then he was gazetted from a Cadet of the O.T.C. as Temp. 2nd Lieut. on 22nd August 1914, being shortly afterwards posted to the 8th R.F.

Died of wounds in France 10 August 1915 aged 26

Buried at Bailleul Communal Cemetery Extension, Nord, France. Grave I. D. 33.

Lieutenant Richard Stanley Evans, 5th Bn. Welsh Regiment.

School House, left in 1911. It is almost certain that he served in the same action as Rees Tudor Evans. It is not known whether they were brothers.

Killed in action in Gallipoli 10 August 1915 aged 23

Remembered on Helles Memorial, Turkey. Panel 140 to 144.



Captain Rees Tudor Evans, 5th Bn. Welsh Regiment.

School House, left in 1906. It is almost certain that he served in the same action as Richard Stanley Evans.

Killed in action in Gallipoli 10 August 1915 aged 26

Remembered on Helles Memorial, Turkey. Panel 140 to 144.

Lieutenant Norman Lancaster Wells, 6th Bn. The Loyal North Lancashire Regiment.

Bennetts's (now Severn Hill), left in 1906. He graduated from Caius Coll., Camb., in 1909, having been in the School Crew and Football XI, and also in his college "Soccer" team. Having spent some time in Germany to acquire the language, he was selected from among many candidates by the Asiatic Petroleum Company to represent their firm in Japan. He was at first reported "missing" after the action at Anavarta.

He was the third son of the late Charles Wells, who died the day after hearing the news of his son's death. Two brothers are thought to have survived the war: one of them was Capt. Frank Wells, 9th Liverpool Regt.

Killed in action in Gallipoli 10 August 1915 aged 27

Remembered on Helles Memorial, Turkey. Panel 152 to 154.

Second Lieutenant Thomas Worth, 7th Bn. Cheshire Regiment.

Moser's, left in 1911 to enter the Agricultural College, Aspatria, Cumberland. His Housemaster, Prior, writes, "He was a quiet, amiable boy who always did his duty to the best of his power, and his career here was a blameless one."

Killed in action in Gallipoli 10 August 1915 aged 21

Remembered on Helles Memorial, Turkey. Panel 75 to 77.

Private Cyril Adolphus Stuart, 13043, 5th Bn. King's Shropshire Light Infantry.

Ingram's, left in 1914. Praeposter. A 'keen' Salopian with a talent for running. Senior Whip. Won 48 cups during his time at school, an abundance of medals and he killed in the chief cross country race against Aldershot. Entered the medical profession but enlisted with other Salopians. A 'favourite' of the Colonel, other privates and men. Promoted to a lance-Corporal just prior to leaving England. One Salopian remarks "He was a man whom we admired very much...chiefly, I think, because he was one of those few who can be an important person in the place, and still be decent and nice to everyone great or small'. A letter from Mr Woodroffe describes one of the several occasions in which he encountered Stuart after be left Shrewsbury: 'I said: "Well, Stuart, how are you getting on?" and he answered, "Awfully well. It's hard work, but I'm thoroughly enjoying it". This was after a severe winter, roughing it in the ranks.' Woodroffe recalls that - on their third meeting, after ten days in the trenches with a long march before them, on the back of having not slept for 24 hours – he was met with exactly the same response, before having "a few minutes talk about Shrewsbury."

Died of wounds in France 11 August 1915 aged 20

Buried at Le Treport Military Cemetery, France. Plot 1. Row H. Grave 1A.



Shrewsbury School celebrates its best ever year for A Level results

Thursday 13 August 2015

Shrewsbury School is celebrating its best ever year for A Level results, with 86.1% of the exams awarded the top A^* , A or B grades and 25% of all exams gaining the top A^* grade.



L-R: George Birt, Esmé O'Keeffe, Greg Bunting

There are many individual success stories in this year's results, not least the 19 pupils who gained at least 3 A* grades and the 55 pupils who gained an A* or A in all their subjects.

Both last year's joint Heads of School, James Plaut and Esmé O'Keeffe, gained an A* in each of their subjects. James was studying English, Geography and History, whilst Esmé studied French, History, Latin and Spanish. Impressive too was the performance of Ronald Chen who gained 6 A* grades, in Maths, Further Maths, Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Chinese.

All 12 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 impressive, with 65% of grades achieved at A or B grades. 38 pupils gained A grades in all their subjects and 80 gained nothing less than a B.

The headmaster, Mark Turner, expressed his delight at his pupils' success:

"I am extremely proud of this year's splendid collection of A Level results, which are a tribute to the hard work of our pupils and staff alike."

For details of results by subject, please see: A Level and Pre-U results 2015 in detail.





The news 100 years ago: 14th - 20th August 1915

Thursday 13 August 2015

This week we remember:

Second Lieutenant Albyn Evan Powell Grant, 7th Bn. Royal Welsh Fusiliers.

Chance's (now Severn Hill), left in 1912. He was in both the Cricket and Football Elevens: "He was a good bowler and a fine full back." He left to take up Land Agency, was gazetted, and fell in action in the Dardanelles.

Killed in action in Gallipoli 14 August 1915 aged 22

Remembered on Helles Memorial, Turkey. Panel 77 to 80.

Second Lieutenant Alexander Arnold Tippet, 2nd Bn. King's Shropshire Light Infantry. Ingram's, left in 1912. Choregus, and went abroad to study Languages and Music before going up to Cambridge. Enlisting in the Artists' O.T.C., he was gazetted 2nd Lieut. in May 1915 and

Killed in action in France 19 August 1915 aged 22

Buried at Erquinghem-Lys Churchyard Extension, France. Grave I. E. 1.

News of the War:

Submarine warfare rages:

- Lowca and Harrington (Whitehaven) shelled by German submarine.
- German battle cruiser "Moltke" torpedoed by British submarine "E.-1" in Gulf of Riga.

posted to the Rifles 2nd K.S.L.I. He was shot by a sniper near Armentières.

- British submarine "E.-13" attacked by German warships while aground in Danish waters.
- British S.S. "Arabic" sunk by German submarine.
- H.M.S. "Baralong" (special service ship) destroys German submarine "U.-27"



Oliver Westbury (S 2013-15) selected to play for MCC Schools at Lord's

Tuesday 18 August 2015

Oliver Westbury – who last term became the first player at Shrewsbury School since James Taylor to score 1,000 runs in a season – has been selected to represent MCC Schools in their annual match against the England Schools Cricket Association at Lord's on Tuesday 8th September.



During the course of the year, the MCC has played against 250 schools, so Oliver has been selected from a pool of more than 2,500 schoolboys.

After the match itself, Oliver can also look forward to a dinner in the iconic Long Room at Lord's.

Last month Oliver was also selected to play for an England Development Programme Invitational XI against Australia Under-19s.



Nick Owen's Childhood Memories.

Wednesday 19 August 2015

Click on <u>this link</u> to read a lovely little piece in 'County Woman', in which Midlands Today Presenter Nick Owen (R 61-66) describes his childhood memories, from cricket to climbing The Wrekin.





GCSE success

Wednesday 19 August 2015

Shrewsbury School is celebrating another strong year of GCSE results, with 64.3% of the exams awarded an A^* or A grade and over a third of all exams (34.8%) awarded the top A^* grade.

Five pupils, Nicholas Davis, Mathew Hedges, Ben Jones, Andrew Kim and Thomas Tulloch, each gained 10 straight A* grades, and 30 pupils gained either A* or A grades in all their subjects.

Thomas Tulloch is also celebrating success at the highest level this summer in the Pony European Championships, where he won a gold medal as part of the GB eventing team: Thomas Tulloch wins gold at Pony European Championships



Thomas Tulloch - one of five pupils who gained 10 straight A* GCSEs - with his Pony European Championships gold medal (Photo: Helen Revington)



The news 100 years ago: 21st - 27th August 1915

Thursday 20 August 2015

This week we remember:

Second Lieutenant George Robert Bennett, 5th Bn. Connaught Rangers. Churchill's, left in 1914.

The Salopian comments: "It is hard for us to realise that one so full of life has fallen. Who that knew him will ever forget him, his warm heart, his cheerful presence, his great physical strength (he won the Senior Steeplechase and then changed and played Rugby football on the same afternoon)?" The Colonel of his regiment wrote that he was killed "...gallantly leading his men in a charge on the Turkish trenches. He was a true gallant spirit and all through his training had shown manliness unsurpassed by anyone...He was killed near a well called 'Kabak Kirjis: the bullet went straight through his heart and his death was instantaneous. I only wish he were now here to help me."

Died in Gallipoli 21 August 1915 aged 19

Remembered on Helles Memorial, Turkey. Panel 181 to 183.

Lieutenant William Forbes Norris, 5th Bn. Norfolk Regiment attd. East Anglian Div. Cyclist Coy., Army Cyclist Corps.

Cyclists were used for reconnaissance or as messengers. Armed as infantry, they could use mobile firepower when required. They received the same pay as infantry but were paid more for qualifying as a 'proficient cyclist'.

Chance's (now Severn Hill), 1st House Rowing and Editor of the Salopian. His successor comments "A boy of decided literary tastes, and had a charming disposition which won him many friends here". He left in 1912 to go to Trinity College, Cambridge.

Killed in action in Gallipoli 25 August 1915 aged 21

Remembered on Helles Memorial, Turkey. Panel 42 to 44.

News of the War:

Italy declares war on Turkey. Battle of Scimitar Hill, Suvla



Another Cameo Role for the Main School Building.

Monday 24 August 2015

The Main School Building serves as backdrop for this spoof article in Private Eye. Thank you James Murray for sending this in.





Saracens Have a Good Run in the Cricketer Cup.

Wednesday 26 August 2015



Congratulations to the Saracens for an excellent run in the Cricketer Cup over the summer, despite losing some good players to county fixtures. They did well to beat Haileybury Hermits in the first round (312-6; 121-9); Bradfield Waifs in the second round (250; 239) and St Edward's Martyrs in the quarter-final (191-6; 190), before losing to a very strong Malvern side in the semi-finals (146; 260-4).



Saracens Devon Cricket and Golf Tour

Wednesday 26 August 2015

Mixed results on the cricket field but impressive scores on the golf course!



The Saracens (pictured here with our President Sir Eldryd Parry) enjoyed a successful Devon Tour earlier in August.

The first match resulted in a famous victory against a very strong side, which included two potential future internationals along with two other professional players. The rest of the week was somewhat less successful results wise, but scandalous rumours suggesting that the first night celebrations may have been partly responsible are strongly denied!

Andy Pollock won the Golf Trophy with 39 Points and a round of 73 gross at Westward Ho. Conditions were good, but that is nevertheless a very impressive round. Nick Oldham was second with 37 points & Pat Carr third with 36.



The golfers enjoying the Devon hospitality.



Friends of Shrewsbury School Hong Kong Orientation Day for new families

Thursday 27 August 2015

The Friends of Shrewsbury School Hong Kong (FSSHK) held a very successful Orientation Day on 18th July 2015 at The CCC Club in Hong Kong.



The objective of the event was to provide new Shrewsbury School students and their parents with a platform to meet with existing FSSHK members and to share with them our own experience. A total of 72 attendees turned up, with the venue overflowing and the air-conditioning having to be on full blast to cool everyone in the hot summer afternoon.

Besides several new students and their families, who had prior travel engagements, we were very pleased to see that the majority of new students in Years 9/10 & 12 (*Third/Fourth and Lower Sixth Forms*) all attended with their families. We even had three families flying in from China!



The session started with Chairman, Mr Bill Chan, introducing FSSHK, our Executive Committee Members, the objective of FSSHK and the various events we have hosted. This was followed by Vice-Chairwoman Ms. Eva Luk, who added a bit more colour in English.

Everyone was delighted with the 7-min. video prepared by Giles Bell and Year 10 (Fourth Form) student Angus Warburg, which featured the Headmaster Mr Mark Turner's welcome remarks as well as those of the Housemasters and Housemistresses of Shrewsbury



School. Giles's introduction to the various facilities available at the School and Shrewsbury town was a breath of fresh air.

We had lined up existing boys and girls to provide a brief recap of their personal experience at School and to share with the audience some of their past successes or concerns as a new entrant. Jonathan Cheng and Marco Lee of Ingram's Hall kicked off with a presentation to share their experience in the seniors years of Y12 & 13 (Lower and Upper Sixth Form), while Angel Chan of Emma Darwin and James Wong of School House shared their experience for the junior years in Y9, 10 & 11 (Third, Fourth and Fifth Forms). We also had the help of old Salopians to share their memorable experience during their days at Shrewsbury. These included Michael

Cheng, Ian Yeung, Jonathan Wu and Philip Yu.



Beside Henry Lai and Eccles Cheong, who provided the technical support at the venue, there were many other boys and girls and Old Salopians who turned up on the day to provide assistance. This was particularly helpful during the small group breakouts, when new students talked enthusiastically with them to understand more about School life at Shrewsbury. Likewise, the new parents were split into small groups with member parents.



Special thanks go to the Executive Committee Members Florence Kwok, Dixon Chan, Willie Cheng, Denise Ku, Helen Mayhew and Dennis Lo for their support and assistance throughout the event.

Feedback from the new parents has been very positive and we look forward to their assistance to help other newcomers.

Ms. Eva Luk (FSSHK Vice-Chairwoman)



The news 100 years ago: 28th August - 3rd September 1915

Thursday 27 August 2015

This week we remember:

Trooper Thomas Haughton Trevor Hickman, 13/914, Auckland Mounted Rifles, N.Z.E.F.

Dayboys, left in 1893, younger brother of A.M. Hickman, and was admitted solicitor in 1905. He emigrated to New Zealand and came back to Egypt with the first overseas contingent. The Salopian records that "His death is a source of grief not only to his brother but to many in the town and neighbourhood where members of his family have long been known and respected". *Killed in action in Gallipoli 28 August 1915 aged 34*Remembered on Hill 60 (New Zealand) Memorial, Turkey.

News of the War

The German Government informs the United States Government that United States demands for limitation of submarine activity are accepted. This followed the first authenticated case of a German submarine firing on a ship's crew in open boats (British S.S. 'Ruel').