



## Pump Room Concert

**The Annual Pump Room Concert took place on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**

From the opening *Fanfare* composed by Emily Lewis (Yr 9) to the final piece *Erin's Song* (Erin Duffy), in which all the students came together to perform, it was an amazing concert.

The standard of musicianship was as superb as ever throughout the whole evening. Amongst this year's programme was *Angels* (Robbie Williams), beautifully sung by the Lower School Choir, whilst the Chamber Choir and Chamber Orchestra combined brilliantly in *The Heavens are telling* (Handel) and the Concert Band included a lovely piece called *PC Suite* (Salvere), as well as some well known favourites.

*Rule Britannia* was performed by the Wind Ensemble and the Percussion Ensemble

included a very captivating samba piece. The Guitar Group surprised us all with

an arrangement of Pachelbel's *Canon*, performed with a lot of care and control. There were several solo items from Coco Chan, James Russell and Sam Sayers and the whole Concert was hugely enjoyable. Congratulations to all the performers.



## Noughts and Crosses

St Edward's Senior School play this year was Dominic Cooke's gritty adaptation of Blackman's novel, and it proved a fantastic showcase for the tremendous acting talent and technical skills of our young people. Never before has the Drama Department received so many letters of congratulation, with one generous writer making a favourable comparison between our young actors and a professional performance.

Audiences were gripped from beginning to end by the dramatic and expressive performances that brought the play to life. With busy, dramatic scenes, such as the protest, the court scene and the imaginatively staged explosion, the audience were treated to strong and committed performances from a number of pupils, sadly too large

to mention individually. It is a very special thing to be in a school play – especially when the play is so powerfully and professionally done. I think the pupils involved will cherish this memory for many years to come.

Mrs C Pozzi



## Music For Youth – Regional Festival



The Chamber Choir and Lower School Choir have performed in the Music for Youth Regional Festival in Gloucestershire. The Lower School Choir took part early on singing *Steal away* (arranged by Geoffrey Weaver) and *Angels* (Robbie Williams), whilst the Chamber Choir sang *The Impossible Dream*, *Your Face* and *New York, New York*. The Music Mentors commented on the versatility of the choirs as well as their clear diction and attention to dynamic detail.

## Olympic Visit



Olympic Medal Winner and Commonwealth Games Champion, Sonia Lannaman MBE, and her husband, Dr Michael Garmston recently visited St Edward's.

Dr Garmston enjoyed a successful career as an international athlete, and went on to become Head Physiotherapist to the British Athletics Olympic Teams.

On the morning of the visit, the couple first addressed Years 7 and 8 and then a little later the GCSE PE students. In the afternoon, the Sixth Formers were enlightened by the couple's talk. Dr Garmston spoke of another side of the Olympics, highlighting the issues around the sponsors and athletes. In particular, he spoke about the use of drugs within the Games.

## German Exchange



St Edward's School welcomed 8 pupils and two teachers from Carl Bechstein Grammar School, Erkner, Berlin.



The St Edward's team of four from Year 8 and 9, who gained a creditable 7th position out of 30 in the Regional Final of the Team Maths Challenge

## Gloucestershire U13 Girls' Hockey Champions



Former student Ashleigh Ball, a member of the GB Ladies' Hockey Team which won the Silver Medal in the Ladies' Hockey Champions Trophy, and her teammate Georgie Twigg, were on hand to present our U13 Hockey Team with their medals for winning the County Championship. The team go on to represent Gloucestershire in the West Midland Finals at Millfield School.



The pair were visiting the School for a coaching session with pupils from St Edward's Senior and Junior School and Balcarras at an In2Hockey event.

## Year 9/10 Netball Tour to PGL Liddington Hall

A team of nine Year 9 and Year 10 girls went to Liddington Hall to play a round-robin tournament against 5 other Schools from all over the country. In a tough first game against Wydean School, the team was defeated 10-1 by very good side who were also a year older than them. The second game against St John The Baptist School was a much more successful match for St Edward's. The team was able to dominate the match winning 7-1. This was followed by a win 6-5 against the Wydean Year 10 team, a draw against Dean Magna School and a 5-3 win against Taunton International School which completed a busy morning on the first day.

The afternoon and evening comprised of a series of outward bound activities.



The following day saw St Edward's drawn in the Cup Competition after having been so successful the day before and they needed to play two further matches to reach the final. St Edward's played Chudleigh School who had won all their matches the previous day, and following a tough match St Edward's eventually lost 9-1. They were then drawn against Dene Magna for the second time and drew 3-3 at full time. Once all the teams had played, St Edward's came 3<sup>rd</sup> overall in the Cup Competition on goal difference.



## Out and About



Relaxing at the end of a Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme exercise

### CCf at the Nesscliff Training Area



Year 9 Geography visit to Cheddar Gorge