



A note from the Deputy Head of School

Welcome to our first newsletter of the second half of term. I am pleased to see boys of every year embracing the Headmaster's three fundamental maxims of working hard, getting involved and being kind whilst doing so. As we approach the centenary commemorations for the signing of the Armistice on the 11th November 1918, it is a poignant time for the whole school to reflect on the immeasurable contribution made by all those who fought in World War One, but particularly those Old Monmothians who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Written by Jack, Deputy Head of School

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BARCELONA BECKONED FOR MONMOUTH STUDENTS



In the October half term eighteen boys and girls went on a Spanish language trip to Barcelona. They visited some of the most iconic sights not only in Spain but also Europe including the Nou Camp football stadium, Parc Güell, La Sagrada Familia, The Magic Fountain, La Boquería food market and the Picasso Museum. The group also thoroughly enjoyed their two language lessons and made huge gains in their knowledge of the language. On the last night the group enjoyed a Tapas feast at a local restaurant and enjoyed trying delicacies such as calamares and padron peppers. Overall it was a very successful and enjoyable trip with some of the highlights being named as the Nou Camp football stadium and La Boquería food market. ¡Hasta la próxima vez Barcelona!



FOMS AGM ALL WELCOME

CONFERENCE ROOM, WILLIAM JONES
BUILDING
THURSDAY, NOV 8TH
7PM

* Come along and meet the team *
* Share ideas * Find out about events * Enjoy a cuppa *

ROWAN CELEBRATES EUROPEAN CANICROSS GLORY



Sixteen-year-old Rowan is celebrating World and European triumphs just several weeks apart in the fast-paced sport of canicross.

Representing Great Britain, Rowan and his canine companion, Vrank, won gold at the 2018 International Federation of Sleddog Sports (IFSS) European Championship Dryland in Nybro, Sweden last weekend. Their success was hot-on-the-heels of a memorable gold and bronze medal haul at the 2018 International Canicross Federation World Championships in Poland.

Canicross is a popular activity in Europe, where it is used to train dog-sled teams. A sport of running off-road with your dog, the athlete wears a waistbelt which attaches via a line to a padded dog harness. The sport is growing quickly in the UK with weekly competitions taking place across the country.

With Vrank, a Dutch-born race-bred dog less than two years of age, Rowan is hoping the pair will experience further titles together as their confidence grows.

“I have had Vrank since he was young so we have got to know each other very well and that helps when we run in competitions,” said Rowan, a Year 11 pupil at Monmouth School for Boys.

“I have a very good relationship with Vrank, who is a pointer mixed with greyhound. We run our competition distances frequently in training and we go biking together and that’s a very good way to train your dog because it helps improve your average speed. Vrank is on excellent form at the moment but I know he can get even faster with more training in different conditions and temperatures.”

CROSS COUNTRY NEWS - BRECON LEAGUE ROUND THREE



Before half-term the Monmouth School cross-country team travelled to Gwernyfed for round three of the Brecon League.

The course included hills, ditches and a vault over a fence all of that on top of cold, wet and sunny conditions. The junior race was a big success with six in the top ten from Monmouth school. Henry led the team home in 2nd place just missing out on the win, closely followed by Harry who showed his class yet again finishing in 3rd place. Then came Rhys in 4th and Oliver in 5th who ran very solidly together, closely followed by Gwyndaf in 8th and Gregor, on his XC debut, in 10th.

Yet again in the senior race Monmouth School did really well. Robbie ran brilliantly and secured 2nd in a sprint finish, closely followed by George in 4th, Joshua in 6th whilst Tony in 7th completed the scoring four.

A special mention must go to Tomos, running for the first time in the seniors, who finished a highly creditable 8th.

Well done to everyone in both teams who all ran very hard. We look forward to the final race of the 2018 Brecon League season to be held in Christ College just after half term.

Many thanks to Henry from Dean House for this excellent report.



Monmouth Schools Sixth Form
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SIXTH FORM INFORMATION EVENING - FOR YEAR 11 PUPILS AND PARENTS

The Sixth Form Information Evening is being held on Wednesday 7th November 2018. The evening is designed to give pupils in Year 11 and their parents, at Monmouth School for Girls and Monmouth School for Boys, the opportunity to consider the wide range of subjects on offer in the Sixth Form and to learn about the co-educational Sixth Form teaching.

The event will begin in the Main Hall at Monmouth School for Girls at 7pm with presentations by Dr Daniel (Headmaster, Monmouth School for Boys), Mr Arrand (Acting Head, Monmouth School for Girls) and the Heads of Sixth Form, Mrs Rees and Mr Boiling.

Following these talks, parents and pupils will be able to visit all academic departments to talk to staff about the detailed content of A level courses and examination requirements.

RUGBY NEWS - MONMOUTH SHOW SPIRIT DURING CRAWSHAYS FIXTURE



On Thursday 11th of October just before half term, the first team played against a Crawshays side, a team made up of some elite players in Wales. Despite a lot of talent in their side, we as a school team have plenty of chemistry which would work in our favour.

It was a rainy day so plenty of knock-ons were inevitable. It was a slow start trying to accommodate the weather and the style of play we needed to adapt to. It was the Crawshays side who started much better though, within the first half they had already converted 3 tries.

At the start of the second half, Crawshays also scored a fortunate charge down try to put them 4 tries up. It would have been very easy for our heads to drop, however a valiant defensive display from every player in the team kept them at bay for the rest of the game. Despite the result it was an improved team performance. And credit must go to the large number of forwards who had to play in back positions due to injuries.

We hope we can carry the improved performance into this weekend against Sir Thomas Richie's, I wish the best of luck to every team.

Written by the Captain of the 1st XV

VISITORS FROM THE MIDDLE EAST ENLIGHTEN 6TH FORM STUDENTS



Two Israeli students, Nadav and Or, visited Monmouth School for Boys before half term.

These visitors were able to explain what it is like growing up in a country the size of Wales in a very volatile part of the world. An appreciative audience of Sixth Formers enjoyed the chance to find out about the lives and outlooks of these articulate and engaging speakers and to hear the human stories behind the news.

CRICKETING DUO SHINE FOR GLOUCESTERSHIRE



Batsman Michael in action against Somerset

Two Monmouth students are making a big impact with Gloucestershire County Cricket Club.

Batsman, Michael, and leg-spinner, Sam, will be training with the professional county's under-17s squad in Bristol this winter. The Monmouth School for Boys' duo have been recognised as 'high potential youngsters' and will receive additional specialist training as part of Gloucestershire's Emerging Player Programme (EPP).

It caps another memorable county season for Michael, who has just won Gloucestershire Under-15s Player of the Season award.

Sam, also 15, was invited to bowl at the England women's cricket team during the summer in a three-hour net session in Bristol.

Sam also had a fine 2018 campaign and recorded the school's best-ever first-team bowling figures when he snapped up 8-23 against Solihull School.

COMING UP AT THE BLAKE THEATRE

Live on stage:

Wed 7 Nov 2018 - 7.00pm

Meet Tommy Atkins

'Meet Tommy Atkins' takes the audience not just through Tommy's war, but also his life back home in Britain post war. We learn of his experiences in the trenches – fighting on the Somme, at Passchendaele and Loos; and also of the boredom, the loss and indeed the comradeship. Returning to Britain, Tommy shows us how a generation of returning men were maltreated but how ultimately it was his generation that forced through the foundations of the Welfare State. From the beginning of the Great War to the end of the Second, Private Tommy Atkins was there. This is his story.

'Compelling, moving, insightful and believable....beautifully written and performed' - Stage Talk Magazine

Ticket price: £5 Click on the image to buy tickets for this event



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Calendar Dates:

Sat 3 November	<p>Boarders' Activity: 6.30pm Cinema (Newport) Rowing: Fours Head (London) Rugby: v. Sir Thomas Rich's School: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, U16A, U12A & B (H) KO 2.30pm U15A & B, U14A & B, U13A & B XVs (A) Lunch 12.30pm, Depart 12.45pm, KO 2.30pm</p>
Sun 4 November	<p>Canoe Club: River Trip (River Usk) Depart 9.15am, return 4.30pm 10.15am Chapel: MG Service Boarders' Activity: 12noon Indoor Climbing (Cardiff) 1pm - 2pm Code Club (Library) 2pm - 5pm WyeHack (Library) 5pm Chapel: MB all Houses Rowing: City of Bristol Head</p>
Mon 5 November	<p>9am Deadline for all remaining UCAS applications to Tutors</p>
Tue 6 November	<p>UKMT Senior Maths Challenge: Selected boys in Years 12 and 13 9am - 5pm Yr13/Selected Yr 11: Ceramics Workshop (Ceramics Room) 4.30pm Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music Theory Examination (MG) 6.30pm Year 8 Parents' Evening (Blake Theatre) 8pm Boarders' Joint Social: Year 10 (MG)</p>
Wed 7 November	<p>9am – 4.05pm Year 11 Sixth Form Taster Day Yr 12 Mb and MG Young Enterprise Training event (University of Wales). Depart 9.45am, return 4pm CCF: RAF Section (Gloucestershire Airport). Depart 1.50pm, return 6pm 6.30pm – 8pm Year 11 A Level Subjects Information Evening (MG Main Hall) Rugby: v. Millfield Preparatory School: U13A, B & C XVs (A) Lunch 11.55am, Depart 12.15pm, KO 2.30pm v. Queen Elizabeth's Hospital School Bristol: U12A, B & C (H) KO 2.30pm</p>
Thur 8 November	<p>8.40am - 10.15am Whole School: Meet Tommy Atkins: WW1 event (Blake Theatre) Year 12 Tests: All day Cross-Country Brecon League Final.</p>