OUTSTANDING IGCSE AWARDS

Each year Cambridge Assessment International Examinations presents awards to pupils who in the previous year achieved high marks in the IGCSE, AS and A2 examinations. The pupils, their parents and their subject teacher attend the Awards Ceremony at Meikles Hotel. A number of Peterhouse pupils received awards for their achievements in last November’s exam series.

Angus Fergusson (PHB) came Top in Country for IGCSE Design and technology; Praise Jaravani (PHB) came Top in Country for IGCSE Information Communication Technology (ICT); Shumirai Njaravaza (PHG) came Top in Country for AS level Accounting; Munyaradzi Marazanye (PHB) came Top in Country for A level Physics; Natalie Moores (PHG) will receive an award for High Achievement for IGCSE Mathematics and Physical Education.

CULTURAL EXCHANGE TO DENMARK

Our pupils started off with team building exercises and allocated a buddy from a group that had visited us earlier this year. They were involved in History lessons, Robotics lessons, where they built trucks in the form of robots that are self-driving and sort garbage; and Geography lessons to discuss renewable energy sources. During our stay at the School, pupils worked on a project which involved creating an imaginary island, supplying renewable energy sources, building infrastructure, supplying garbage trucks that had been made in Robotics lessons and publishing the New Constitutions made in History lessons.

LEARNER GUIDES VISIT GONAREZHOU

Our Learner Guides spent six nights in Gonarezhou National Park as parents who work there gave us an insight into the work done by the Frankfurt Zoological Society together with National Parks. Our professional guide was Andy Smith and under his licence we were able to walk in the park which is a special privilege. Pupils climbed up an elephant trail to the view point on the cliffs and met some elephants on the way. Birding was excellent and we recorded over 100 different species with particularly good opportunities for identification at the pans. We managed to watch a full moon rise over the river and later in the trip sat in the river bed looking at the most spectacular night sky with no light pollution.

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

We celebrated World Environment Day by wearing something green – there were some very imaginative costumes! The whole school had a lesson on the theme “Beat Plastic Pollution” in their classrooms with discussions that followed.
**LIBRARY**

This term we decided to completely overhaul our Library. Old books have been taken out and replaced by new and appealing books, shelving has been repainted and re-sited, the books have been bar coded for easier admin, a new display area has been created for new material as well as an audio section, and a research area that has computers for children to use as well as a bigger and more comfortable carpeted reading area on the new Mezzanine floor. The Librarian will have a closed off work area at the back and a new counter at the front for computer’s new logging in system and collection of books.

**HOCKEY & RUGBY FESTIVAL**

Thanks to our P.T.A we were once again able to host the annual Rugby & Hockey Festival. This is a huge event designed for 800 players and 64 staff from across the country. Roughly half the pupils, girls played Hockey at Springvale House, while the boys played Rugby across at Peterhouse Boys. This year the festival was followed by some good rugby between Peterhouse Boys and St John’s College.

The event was very successful and continues to be a popular fixture for the 18 schools involved.

**DEATH BY PLASTIC COMPETITION**

The Italian Embassy held the artistic competition ‘Death by Plastic’, inviting artists from junior schools to participate. Well done to Caitlyn and Bella McIntyre who came first in the Gr1-3 group, and well done to Nicholas Orphanides who was runner up in the Gr4-7 group. They attended the prize-giving ceremony and received the awards from the Italian Ambassador, Mr Enrico de Agostini, at the Kuimba Shiri Bird Park at Lake Chivero.
BUCKLAND ARTS COMPETITION
This has been a very successful year for the Buckland Arts. The quality of the pieces of work created was outstanding by the girls that participated. Girls entered work into the following categories: Flower Arranging, Recitation, Cookery, Art, Photography, Design, Dance, Music, Installations, Vocal and Choirs. The Marondera Garden Trophy for the best flower arrangement went to Tammy-Anne Tippett. The Buckler Trophy for the most contribution to her house went to Laura Lagesse. The Buckland Trophy for the most points overall went to Sable. Overall 1st Sable, 2nd Impala, 3rd Eland, 4th Kudu.

C BLOCK OUTBACK
76 C Block girls were accompanied by 9 members of staff and 6 Outward Bound Zimbabwe instructors into Gosho Park for this year’s Outback. The girls were split in half; one half hiked to Kushinga Pikelela, the other to ‘Zam Hols’ and vice versa the following day. In the afternoons and evenings the girls engaged in team building activities. Despite some rain showers in winter, the girls coped incredibly well and were very supportive of each other. It was evident in the girls’ feedback session that they learnt a lot about challenging situations and about each other.

SPORTS
Archery - 5 Peterhouse Girls represented Zimbabwe at the NASP Africa All-Star Championships against Botswana, South Africa and Namibia in South Africa in April 2018.
Hockey - April 2018 Tour Bundu Bashers Travel Hockey Festival in Pietermaritzburg, South Africa: Played 6, won 2, drew 1 and lost 3
Youth Olympic Games Selection
Several girls were selected to represent Zimbabwe and will be travelling on 14 July 2018 to the Youth Olympic Games in Algiers: Mazvita Mtausi-Gwaradzima, Lilian Pope, Merce’des Beekes and Ruvimbo Dobbie
Horse riding - Zimbabwe Shield Team:
Katie Loubser was selected to ride in the Zimbabwe Shield team
Karate - Tri-Nationals Kofukan Challenge 11-12 May Durban, South Africa: Cadet 14-15 year old Brown-Black belt category
Anne Kirkman: Bronze medal – Kata, Silver medal – Kumite
Aimee Barron: 4th place – Kata, Silver medal – Kumite
Triathlon - Andie Kuipers attained Junior National Colours for Triathlon. She was also selected for the Africa Youth Games in Algeria (18th-28th July).
Two Oceans Marathon - Four girls travelled to Cape Town for the Two Oceans Marathon and competed in the half marathon (21.1km) race which took place over Easter.
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Hockey Tour to Netherlands
Our 1st XI squad were on tour in the Netherlands (Played 9 Won 4 Drew 3 Lost 2)
Zimbabwe Representatives U/18A: Struan Moore-Gordon and Sean Davies (Sean Davis was also selected to represent Zimbabwe at the U18 Youth Olympic Games in Algiers).

Rugby
Our 1st XV squad were on tour in Portugal (Played 8 Won 7 Lost 0 Drew 1)
Zimbabwe Representation: David Bore (U/18) Sean Mushohwe (U/17), Crispen Mashingaidze (U/17), Brooklyn Chikaka (U/17)

NASP Archery
Paolo Marucchi and Xuan Zehong from PHB represented Zimbabwe in the All Africa Games in South Africa in April this year. Paulo is ranked one of the top three in Zimbabwe, regularly shooting above 290 out of 300 possible points.

MALVERN HOUSE REFURBISHMENT
At the start of term our Malvern boys returned to their newly refurbished house and, by all accounts, they are delighted with their accommodation. The project was completed in two phases, starting with the total renovation of the ablution block, and followed by the full refurbishment of the house. Much has been done to make the space as comfortable as possible for the boys including separate common rooms for the juniors and the seniors. The house is also more spacious as the old Malvern Common Room has now been converted into a sleeping/living space.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES
The C Block took to the wilderness (from Gosho Park) 15 to 18 May (PHG) and 20 to 23 May (PHB). This is the sixth year we have run the Outback program which includes hiking, teambuilding exercises, keeping a journal, water rescue, water first aid, canoeing, abseiling, target shooting, weapon safety and bush craft skills (rope and fire making and knife sharpening).
CLASS OF ‘88—30th REUNION - By Andrew Mills

Friday afternoon 1st June 2018 saw the arrival of the core of the class of 88 at Gosho Park, where luxury villas were allocated, beds booked, receding hair lines, extended waistlines and multiplied chins laughed at, and general warm greetings exchanged. We all then raced off to “Flat Rock” where an impromptu bar had arisen (thanks to Flash, Bruce Tapping and Stu Hay).

So many people and so little time meant that one thrust oneself headlong into filling in the gaps of, in many instances, the last 30 years; Where are you? How are you? How is life treating you? Almost without exception the buggers were interested, concerned and pleased to hear of one another’s endeavours in their many and varied forms. In what seemed like no time at all the sun had subsid-
ed.

At the Springvale Pavilion we were treated to the privilege of handing out jerseys to the incumbent First 15 and thanked by a rousing and spirited rendition of [Kurika Wwawa Shee Shee Shee]. The organising committee laid on a first class meal, punctuated by various entertainment including; a welcome toast by Howard Blackett (incumbent rector), Grace by John Greenacre, a toast to Loyalty by Guy Carey, a brilliant recollection of his and our time at the school by former master Jon Trafford, and finally a vivid and unnecessarily detailed recollection of his memories of life as a squack in 1983 by Barry Style.

Saturday saw an early start with a quick tour of the Chapel, the Admin Block, the Megahey Centre, and a general wonder around the magnificent looking quarter deck area, where we collectively remembered our glory days, quietly reflected on inadequate time spent in the library or similar. I think we were all blown away by the pristine condition of the estate and the facilities and the many and marked improvements that the last 30 years have bought to the school – The dorm we looked at was sheer luxury – relatively anyway!

We wondered down to pick up the first team sport and it was not long before we had all assembled in a fantastic marquee. The First team put a on a fine display and, despite a slower start than the punters predicted – the correct result ultimately prevailed.

All in all, a fantastic weekend. It was awesome to see so many so positively influenced by their experiences at Peterhouse, which we all agreed were not always positive experiences but the impact of which were in the main bonds of friendship the likes of which I am not sure that our children will experience and for which I am sure we are richer people! A massive thank you to Rich Moores for the vision and execution, to Claire, Coralee, Flash and Sue, Micky and any others and spouses that put shoulders to the wheel!