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Colours Issue

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School Colours are awarded to a number of pupils who are felt to have made a significant contribution to school life. It is expected that their approach to academic work is exemplary but, more than that, we want to award pupils who have been involved both in a number of extra-curricular areas but who have also contributed in such a way as to set an example for others to follow. We deliberately keep the number of recipients to between 20 and 30 in order to celebrate the achievement in one assembly as well as demonstrating a range of different characters, interests and personalities.

Clive

Pippa Adams: a magnificent Clive House Arts Captain, proving to be organised, dedicated and very accomplished in all that she does. Her performing skills in House Music, Dixon Cup and 'The Tempest', musical prowess and also her sporting talents have all been awe-inspiring and a great asset. She has completed DofE silver award and travelled internationally with Burton Borough Concert Band. Pippa is a modest, genial and highly valued member of the school community.

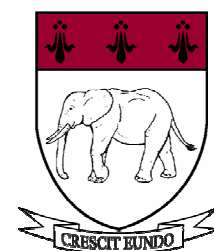
Chris Beal: Chris has had a huge positive influence on Clive House and Adams' in his short time here. He is a musician of considerable talent and involves himself in a plethora of musical activities. He has been a lynchpin of Clive House's musical performances and pivotal member of the CCF Marching Band; his talent has been rewarded with selection for the National CCF Marching Band who will be performing in front of the Queen at the "Cadet 150" celebrations in London this summer. His polite, calm and understated manner have made him immensely popular with his peers and teachers alike.

Sam Egerton: Inspirational and extremely popular Clive House Captain and a superb ambassador for the school. Polite, level-headed and utterly dependable – an unsurpassed role model to younger pupils. Sam is a student of many talents – most notably as a sportsman on the rugby field; having captained the House Smedley Cup team and represented Adams', Newport, Staffordshire and the North Midlands. One of the best players in the school in both XVs and VIs. He has also demonstrated, by personal example, the value of stepping outside his natural comfort zone via dance and acting within the Dixon Cup and the House Music choir. He is quite simply a superb young man, who will be greatly missed.

Becky Harris: Becky never fails to give anything other than her best in all she does, and has proved her worth as an excellent and very well-respected Deputy House Captain. She possesses phenomenal energy and enthusiasm, plus outstanding talent both academically and as a sportswoman. She has fitted more depth and breadth of extra-curricular involvement in her two years at Adams' than most pupils fit into seven years! A figure-head for girls' sport within Clive House she has also proved her worth in Senior Debating, the School Choir, House Music, the DofE Gold award and the CCF RAF section.

Jonty Wilkinson:

Jonty is a very popular student with his peers, younger pupils and staff alike. He has involved himself energetically in a wide variety of activities such as Young Enterprise, the Engineering Education Scheme and the CCF. He has also proved to be a talented athlete and a considerable asset to Clive House. In addition, in the Arts, he has proved to be of immeasurable worth in the Dixon Cup, both as a talented dancer and the mastermind behind the video aspects of Clive House's successful 2010 performance. Throughout his time Jonty has proved to be polite, reliable, conscientious and modest. The positive effect of his influence within both the Senior Boarding House and the wider school community cannot be over estimated.



Clive



Darwin

Ben Claxton: Fiercely competitive and ambitious House Captain of Darwin through one of its most successful years. Accepts nothing less than total commitment. Since year 7 Ben has competed in absolutely everything on offer both for House and School. Counts his 1st XV colours as his pinnacle but is also a Sergeant in the CCF and can be found in House and School Choir as well as several Dixon Cups over the years. Despite his heavy extra curricular demands Ben has remained one of the hardest working academics and is expected to excel in the summer with a place at Brasenose Oxford to read Law.

Oliver Snelling: The voice of Adams'. Performed his first solo at the carol service in year 7 and since then we have delighted in his sharing of music with us. Now Grade 8 Olly has featured in West Side Story, as the artful dodger in Oliver! and in the common room choir. First XV rugby, Australian & Singapore tourist. At all times guided by his Christian principles and expresses his strong faith through his song-writing and his service to the community. A highly approachable, well balanced, well meaning, generously spirited young man who has worked tirelessly for you this year and has always been true to himself as School Captain.

Fred Collins: Upstanding traditionalist and staunch supporter of Darwin and the school. Real blue blood! Head of the CCF and Drum Major for the nationally renowned Marching Band; a Nijmegen March veteran. He prides himself on his leadership. His sharp thinking, direct talking and exemplary deportment have made him a superb addition to the front team.

Iyare Nehikhare: Deputy House Captain. Responsible for one of Darwin's most successful years. School basketball captain and coach but equally proud of his performances within senior rugby and athletics. Auditioned for BBC's Junior Apprentice and Design & Technology Rotary Award winner. Biology mentor, Christian Union. Iyare is devoting his gap year to voluntary work within the community in order to prepare for a career in medicine.

Mica Skilton: Mica has been the heart and the soul of Darwin's Drama campaigns. Through the lower and upper sixth has directed, choreographed and performed in both House Music and Dixon Cup. Founded Adams' Dance club and aided A level Drama. Not content to remain in her comfort zone Mica has embodied the ethos of the school by involving herself in all events on offer. School council and charities committee. Chemistry mentor as well as being a straight As academic. Off to read medicine at Birmingham.

Adam Coomer: Adam has chaired the charities committee for the last 4 years, having been involved since year 7. He and his team have raised £1000s for causes both global and local. His tempered and considered approach has allowed him to get the best from those around him. In 2007 he was awarded The Princess Diana Award for services to the community. Adam is also a member of the CCF Marching Band & school orchestra and this year will secure his Gold DofE. Outside of school he is a scout leader and keen yachtsman. A logistics officer in the Royal Navy he shall be.

Angus Kille: Loyal and empathetic form prefect to the effervescent 7D. Angus has gone far beyond expectations proving to be a valuable assistant to the form tutor and a counsellor and friend to his charges. CCF Head of RAF section. Gliding scholarship. Lover of the great outdoors. Gold DofE and Member of the British Mountaineering Club with representative honours for climbing. 'He's a brick, I'd follow him anywhere' Major Skeate. Hoping to read Physics after a gap year spent discovering himself.

Talbot

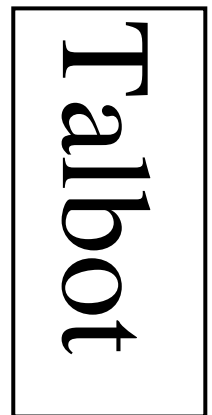
Phil Shotton: A unique House captain who has passionately supported his House and School in a wide variety of ways. Academically he has outstanding potential; Phil has the rare combination of impressive artistic talent and mathematical capability, his design work has been noticed at the highest level. In recent years he has been as impressive on the stage and singing as he has been on the rugby field and athletic track, no mean feat. He has shown the same drive and commitment in leading Talbot house as he has shown in his sporting and academic endeavors. He has a strong moral code, a deep rooted hatred of injustice and strives for all individuals to achieve their potential, whatever their ability. His inspirational letter to all year 7 has inspired a new generation of Talbotians who, along with everyone in the House, look to Phil as an impassioned role model. He is a shining example of what Talbot House and AGS stands for, I know he would have made William Adams proud.

Rowan Adams: Rowan is a very mature young man, with excellent communication skills. He helps staff at every opportunity in organizing activities or pupils and motivating them to achieve a certain task. His organization skills are excellent and he is a natural leader. His work ethic is outstanding and he takes pride in working independently. He is able to work on his own and yet he also enjoys collaborating with his peers as seen by his impressive contribution to The School magazine. Rowan is an extremely enthusiastic, valuable member of the House; as deputy house captain he has taken on his responsibilities with enthusiasm and sees tasks through to a successful conclusion. He is an impressive and committed sports person who has represented House and School in numerous activities throughout his time at AGS. Rowan is determined to succeed, asks for help confidently and follows advice. He is a well-rounded individual who is very well respected by his peers and an outstanding ambassador for the school.

Fiona Yang: A delightful mature and friendly student who is liked by both teachers and pupils. In her time here I have yet to see her not smiling. Academically Fiona has made impressive progress at AGS. She is well motivated and committed to fulfilling her potential. Within Talbot she has been the glue that has held many House events together, an unsung heroine who has efficiently marshalled the troops in both Music and Dixon Cup, she has an unflappable nature and has been a calming influence when needed. Her work with the younger years will pay dividends for the years to come; she has earned the respect of all who know her. Fiona has worked hard to gain her place in the netball first team. She is a gifted musician. Overall Fiona has achieved and contributed much whilst amongst us, but she has done so without demanding the adoration others clamour for. She is an immensely impressive young lady.

Alex Williams: Alex has always been a conscientious student at Adams' taking advantage of the academic education at the school and other extra-curricular activities offered during his time here. He is a characterful, charming young man, whose contribution to the academic life of the school has been paralleled by his passion for the performing arts, both in choirs and musicals within and outside school. His annual vocal duels with Olly in House Music will long be remembered, as will his Herod. Academically Alex continues to impress his tutors and he is another excellent product of the Mr Hunt stable of musical physicists. Alex has been a stalwart of Talbot House who has grown in confidence through his participation in House events. He has been an excellent contributor to our musical and dramatic efforts, but equally importantly Alex will always support the House wherever he can.

Dan Williams: Dan is a very talented student, extremely popular, gentle young man who has an interesting career ahead of him. He combines high academic standards across all his subjects with keen participation in a wide range of extra-curricular activities. He is both a talented and a likeable member of the school, who has contributed a great deal during his time here, not least his efforts in coordinating this year's yearbook. A committed sportsman in his early years he has slowly moved to more cerebral and artistic endeavours as the years have passed, although he is still keen to support wherever possible. As Arts Captain for his house, he has led by example and rewritten my expectations of future Arts Captains putting great efforts into the co-ordination of the House Music and Drama competitions. His *a cappella* version of "Eye of the Tiger" for some 85 singers was outstanding and for many this was their first foray into music. He inspired many in this role (including the judge who awarded this piece with a special prize) and, more importantly, continued the Talbot tradition of mass participation and enjoyment.



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Leonard Hundeyin: Leonard has been a superb Captain of Senior Boarding. He has led from the front in a quiet and unassuming way, and yet his considerate and thoughtful manner has meant that he has been the first to praise the achievements of others. His strong calm approach has been very much appreciated by his team of deputies and prefects, who have all given him their full support. Similarly, his strong guidance and the wise counsel that he has provided to the rest of the house - sometimes in less than easy circumstances - has meant that he is considered to be a fair captain of boarding who has a genuine concern for its success.

Leonard and his team set new standards in presenting the induction evening for new boarders and their parents. Parents were delighted to see and listen to such rounded thoughtful young men who demonstrated such care, consideration and understanding of what makes a successful boarding community. The Ofsted inspection team were full of praise for the contribution made by Leonard and his team.

Leonard has been a superb role model for others. Academically hard working and ambitious, he has involved himself in all manner of sporting activities, in particular the schools' senior basketball team for the last three years. Leonard has always given his very best to Talbot House in all areas.

Sophie Flanagan: Sophie has gained respect and admiration from her peers because of her pleasant demeanour and highly ambitious approach to achieving greatness across a wide range of school activities. Whilst contributing to a wide range of school activities, she is well aware of the priority to achieve very good academic results. She is a determined individual who is defined by her ability, industry and determination. She is diligent, focused, driven, enquiring and has exactly the right work ethic to mark her out as an excellent student. As well as her sporting activities she has become a member of the school CCF. As Deputy House captain she has been fantastic, supporting all aspects of House life; she has the adoration of the younger years and the respect of all her peers. She has led by example and even when things have been difficult she has risen to the challenge and inspired others to do the same. A charming, delightful young lady, she always has a smile on her face and is not phased by any challenge. A genuine asset to Talbot House and to AGS.



Webb

Webb

Patrick Reynolds: An excellent Captain of Webb House – enthusiastic, approachable, quick to harness the talents and appreciate the contributions of others. He has a splendid academic record and is an absolute 'culture vulture' – fascinated by a wide range of literature, poetry and debate – and a splendid speaker, as his very personal and impassioned address at the AGS General Election showed. He is on his way to study Literature at university. He has taken a big part in school drama productions, and was the effective director and producer of the Webb House Dixon Cup performance. He has been an active member of the School Council and a powerful advocate of the Student Voice. Paddy has always backed Webb House to the hilt in all events – academic, cultural and sporting, and been very active in charity work, both in school (the Haiti Appeal), in Kenya (for which he raised £1,500 single handed) and as a volunteer at a local community centre. Paddy is a terrific young man – forthright but diplomatic, ambitious yet caring and sensitive. He sets a splendid example of enthusiasm and ability to bounce back after personal setbacks – a role model for every pupil.

Joe Gardner: A true scholar; his academic record at the school is peerless. He achieved exemplary grades at GCSE, 5 As at AS, and is certain to get top grades in all his A2 subjects – he already has his A* in Maths! He has taught himself Japanese, performed outstandingly in Physics and Maths Olympiads, obtained a 'Gold' in the Senior Maths Challenge and an award in the Chemistry '5 Decades' Challenge. He has been very active in school clubs – Secretary of the Debating Society, President of the Astronomy Club, a member of the Philosophy Club – and he has mentored junior pupils (Chemistry to Y9 and Maths at Abraham Darby). He has taken part in a wide range of Webb House events, most notably academic and cultural ones, but has loyally supported sporting events and Dixon Cup performances. As House Music Coordinator he put a lot of enthusiastic work into Webb's fine performance at the Inter-House Music Competition. He has done significant work at an old people's home, and has collected money 'door to door' for Marie Curie Cancer Care. Despite his exceptional academic talents and his place to study Maths at Cambridge, Joe is the nicest, most modest and most generous person you could hope to meet – a true gentleman!

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Edward Bruce: A fine academic and musician. Edward intends to study Veterinary Science at university. He has a keen interest in languages, having been involved in the French, German and Polish Exchanges. He has achieved DofE Gold Award, participated in a wide range of House events – some sporting, but more notably academic and cultural, and has displayed some character as 9W's Form Prefect! Outside school he plays hockey for a Telford team, and is a member of a local tennis club. Ed's chief extra curricular interest, which he pursues to a very high level, is Music. He is a grade 6 pianist and a grade 7 viola player. He has been a member of the School Orchestra these seven years, a member of the AGS String Group and the Shropshire Youth Orchestra, and he also plays for a String Quartet at functions. Ed has been a quietly committed member of the School and House with a friendly and increasingly confident approach to life.

Laura Davies: Laura has made a super impression on everyone in her two years in the Sixth Form. She has been extremely successful academically and hopes to study Human Sciences at University College London next year. She has made a terrific success of the role of New Sixth Form Entrants Captain, organising an Induction programme, coordinating the Induction Day itself, producing an alternative prospectus and overseeing a 'buddy' system. She set a tone of friendliness and serious endeavour at the Induction Day, and has fulfilled her role with calmness, efficiency and warmth. She has been very active in Webb House events – House Music, Dixon Cup and sports activities, as well as being a significant member of the School First Netball team, for which sport she holds Individual Colours. She has been part of the School fundraising team for Marie Curie Cancer Care. Laura has exerted a sensible and calming influence in the Sixth Form Common Room; she will be remembered for setting a fine academic example, for her super contribution to the life of the school, for her approachability and not least for her smile!

Corey Martin: Corey has a fantastic school record, academic and extra curricular. He has shown exceptional concentration and drive in every aspect of his school and personal life. An Arkwright Scholar and a member of the Engineering Education Scheme, one of whose design proposals was adopted by GKN as part of the Land Rover Defender production process. He has been a very supportive and flexible Webb Deputy House Captain. A very determined member of the school DofE unit, Corey now holds the Gold Award. He is a county standard cross-country runner and a very good hockey goalkeeper, playing for the School and for Telford Hockey Club. He has mentored GCSE Maths pupils outside school and worked in a charity shop beyond the requirement for his DofE Gold Award. Corey is a true all-rounder – an academic and a sportsman, and possessed of a sharp but compassionate sense of humour.

Congratulations to all our achievers. They are an impressive group of individuals and we are very proud of them. In the next issue I shall continue by celebrating the Activity Colours which were also awarded last week.

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With my very best wishes
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