



How we marked great events

Cranleigh commemorated the Somme centenary by unveiling a war memorial (*above*) by sculptor and Old Cranleighan Nicholas Dimbleby and **Aldro's** Form 7 boys visited Brookwood Cemetery in Surrey to inspire them to write their own war poems. Sixteen pupils from **Rugby** travelled to India to work with Tibetan refugees and were granted a private audience with the Dalai Lama to remember the four Tibetan boys sent to Rugby by the 13th Dalai Lama during the First World War.

Wycombe Abbey celebrated its 120th anniversary, which coincided with Shakespeare's 400th anniversary, by taking over Shakespeare's Globe for an evening of acting, dancing and singing. The **Harrow Rifle Corps** joined more than 1,000 other schoolchildren in lighting a beacon to celebrate The Queen's 90th birthday. Year 7 students from **St Paul's Girls' School** curated an exhibition on the Battle of Agincourt for the Warburg Library. Thirteen **Benenden** pupils performed a modern musical version of Aristophanes's *The Frogs* at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe.

RGS Guildford held its own EU Referendum debate. Chaired by former pupil Sir Martin Davidson, the school voted 50% to remain, with 35% for leave and 15% undecided. Eighteen members of **Eton's** Mountaineering Club battled the worst snowstorm of the year to reach the summit of the Chachacomani Peak in Bolivia, raising almost £4,000 for charity. *GH-T*

Moving heads



Helen Pike is the first female Master of **Magdalen College School** in the Oxford school's 536-year history—she was previously head of **South Hampstead High**. Miss Pike replaces Timothy Hands, who becomes Headmaster of **Winchester College** on the retirement of Ralph Townsend. Richard Maloney takes over from Richard Harman at **Uppingham**, moving from **St Bede's School Trust** in East Sussex. Mr Harman is the new General Secretary of the Association of Governing Bodies of Independent Schools.

The **Maynard School** in Exeter welcomes Sarah Dunn as Headmistress after Bee Hughes announced her decision to study for a doctorate. Miss Dunn was previously Deputy Head of **Plymouth College**. David Lambon has stepped down at **Ampleforth College** and is succeeded by Fr Wulstan Peterburs, who has taught there since 1994. Elizabeth Hewer is the new head at **St George's School, Ascot**, succeeding Rachel Owens, who moves to **St George's College, Weybridge**. Mrs Hewer was on the staff at **St Mary's, Ascot** for 10 years.

Simon Reid, currently principal of **Gordonstoun**, will replace John Franklin as Headmaster of **Christ's Hospital School** in 2017. Martin Collier is leaving **St John's School, Leatherhead**, after six years at the helm, to be Master of **Haileybury** in September 2017.

In the prep-school world, Crispin Hyde-Dunn has been appointed Headmaster of **Dragon School** for 2017, when John Baugh steps down after 15 years. Mr Hyde-Dunn is currently Headmaster of **Abingdon Prep**. David Paterson succeeds Henry Knight at **Woodcote House School**, becoming the fourth Paterson to be headmaster of this family-owned school. Mr Knight moves to **Belhaven Hill** in East Lothian. *GH-T*

Noticeboard

- A new book aims to help new school governors who may be feeling nervous about their fiscal responsibilities. *Finance for Heads and Governors* (£12.99) by Angus Cater, who specialises in helping schools with financial management, is written in easy-to-understand language and enlivened by illustrative scenarios. Order from <https://iexcelence.co.uk>
- The next Future Schools fair, at which prospective parents can meet representatives from State and independent schools, is at the Great Yorkshire Showground at Harrogate, North Yorkshire (October 1). There will be further fairs in Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, and Bristol next year. For free registration, visit <http://futureschoolsfair.com>

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GCSE points mean house prices

Research by online estate agent eMoov.co.uk has identified the State schools that offer the best combination of good GCSE grades and affordable property values—a 2013 Knight Frank study of both State and independent schools showed how schools can inflate housing values by up to 418%.

Topping the agent's list is the Heckmondwike Grammar School in Kirklees, West Yorkshire, with a price per GCSE point of just £184, King Edward VI Handsworth School in Birmingham is a mere pound behind at £185 and the Blue Coat School in Liverpool is third with £198.

Overall, Birmingham offers the best value with King Edward VI Five Ways and King Edward VI

Aston in fourth and eighth places and Queen Mary's Grammar School in Walsall, just eight miles from the city, in seventh. Devonport High School for Girls in Plymouth, Devon, is sixth; Lancashire schools Bacup and Rawtenstall Grammar School, Rossendale, and Lancaster Girls' Grammar School are ninth and tenth.

Carla Passino



The Olympic league table: where our Rio medallists went to school

Repton Joanna Leigh, Shona McCallin, Eleanor Watton, Georgie Twigg (gold in hockey); **Millfield** Helen Glover (rowing gold), James Guy (two swimming silvers), Ollie Lindsay-Hague (rugby sevens silver); **Bradford Grammar** Alistair and Jonny Brownlee (triathlon gold and silver); **The King's School, Canterbury** Tom Ransley (rowing gold), Frances Houghton (rowing silver); **Clifton College** Lily Owsley (hockey gold); **Howell's School, Llandaff** Hannah Mills (sailing gold); **Oakham** Crista Cullen (hockey gold); **Farnborough Hill** Alexandra Danson (hockey gold); **King's College, Taunton** Maddie Hinch (hockey gold); **Bablake School, Coventry** Nick Skelton (showjumping gold); **Sutton Valence** Susannah Townsend (hockey gold); **Gordonstoun** Heather Stanning (rowing gold);

Nick Skelton and Amy Tinkler were our oldest and youngest medallists at the Rio Olympic Games



Eton Constantine Louloudis (rowing gold); **Winchester** George Nash (rowing gold); **Oldham Hulme Grammar** Nicola White (hockey gold); **Bedford** Phelan Hill (rowing gold); **Shiplake** William Satch (rowing gold); **Glasgow Academy** Katie Archibald (cycling gold); **Strathallan** Duncan Scott (two swimming silvers); **St George's College, Weybridge** Marcus Watson (rugby sevens silver); **Croydon High** Fiona Bigwood (dressage silver); **Kirkham Grammar** Daniel Bibby (rugby sevens silver); **Worth** Tom Mitchell (rugby sevens silver); **St Paul's** Zoe De Toledo (rowing silver); **Stewart's Melville** David Florence (canoeing silver); **Headington** Catherine Greves (rowing silver); **Elizabeth College, Guernsey** Carl Hester (dressage silver); **Island School, Hong Kong** Melanie Wilson (rowing silver); **George Heriot's** Polly Swann (rowing silver); **Queen Anne's, Caversham** Olivia Carnegie-Brown (rowing silver); **Abbey Gate College** Victoria Thornley (rowing silver); **Berkhamsted** James Rodwell (rugby sevens silver); **Durham High** Amy Tinkler (gymnastics bronze); **Plymouth College** Tom Daley (diving bronze); **St John's College, Johannesburg** Chris Froome (cycling bronze) *GH-T*

What to read this term

Recommended by Katy Birchall, author of 'The It Girl' series (Egmont)

The Other Alice

Michelle Harrison (Simon & Schuster, £6.99) Midge loves the stories his sister Alice tells him and, when she mysteriously goes missing, he knows the key to finding her is through clues in her stories, which are suddenly coming to life.



Clover Moon

Jacqueline Wilson (Doubleday Childrens, £12.99) Set in Victorian London, the brave Clover Moon leads a tough life in poverty, but soon hatches an idea to use her artistic talent to move up in the world (published on October 6).



Tales of the Peculiar

Ransom Riggs (Penguin, £12.99) Beautifully illustrated fairy tales set in the world introduced in *Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children* (the film is out later this year).



Odd and the Frost Giants

Neil Gaiman, illustrated by Chris Riddell (Bloomsbury, £14.99) Odd, a Viking boy and unlikely hero, sets out to help the Norse gods reclaim Thor's hammer from the evil frost giants.



The Rest of Us Just Live Here

Patrick Ness (Walker Books, £12.99) Mikey is an ordinary teenager trying to get a prom date and deal with OCD while his classmates battle zombies, vampires and a load of other immortal beings trying to end the world. Unusual, smart and a great read for teenagers looking for something different.



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What to pack this term



Leather laptop sleeve, from £90, available from October at The Cambridge Satchel Company (0800 085 5811; www.cambridgesatchel.com)

Urbanite on-ear headphones, £119.99, Sennheiser (0333 240 8185; www.sennheiser.com)



Steamer trunk, £90, Mossman Trunks (0845 500 0555; www.mossman-trunks.co.uk)



Stainless-steel calendar, £55, Tom Dixon (www.tomdixon.net; 020-7400 0500)



Clip-on reading light, £28.20, visit Dār Lighting for stockists (01295 672200; www.darlighting.co.uk) *Rosie Paterson*