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FOREWORD 02

Foreword

Written by Mr Brown

It is my great pleasure to introduce this, our first edition of the Epsom Student Magazine for the academic year 2023-24.

The articles and pictures contained in this publication provide insight that will, I hope, enable you to appreciate the wonderfully productive, busy and vibrant life of our school: distinguished guest speakers, academic societies, Language Week and many sporting events.

At Epsom, our priority is to provide the widest range of experiences to our students, enabling them to flourish as fully rounded young people who work hard, play hard and are committed to making the most of every opportunity.

Everyday, and evening, as I visit our classrooms, music rooms, drama spaces and sports areas I continue to be deeply impressed by our students' energy, commitment and talent. It's also very important to remember that, behind all these activities, achievements and successes, there are our dedicated teachers who generously give of their time, expertise and encouragement to transfer their passion for learning, culture, music, drama and sport to our students.

So, to conclude, I extend my sincere thanks to our Magazine Society members for preparing these excellent articles and, on behalf of our students, I would like to acknowledge the extensive contributions of our wonderful Epsom staff

Happy reading!



Mr Matthew Brown Current Headmaster 2023/2024

FOREWORD 03

Editors Note

Written by Xin Ling Goh

First and foremost, welcome back to the Epsom Monthly and our very first issue for the academic year 2023/2024! I genuinely hope your summers were fantastic, and you're enthusiastic about the upcoming academic year. I'm Xin Ling Goh, Year 13, your Editor in Chief and am glad to share that this year, we're transitioning to a more consistent posting schedule, so stay tuned for that!

This year's edition will cover a multitude of topics including that of various sporting events, societies, social events and more. As of writing this we are in the process of finalizing our Board of Directors, and we'll be announcing the lineup shortly. Additionally, this year, I've decided to introduce two additional presidential roles, which have been taken up by Tom and Yun Xin. However, I will remain in my current role for now so don't expect me gone just yet!

We're always on the lookout for new ideas, perspectives, and suggestions to enhance and enrich our magazine so do feel free to reach out to any of us for more information or any suggestions.

I hope you thoroughly enjoy this month's magazine, and be sure to keep an eye out for our next issue!



Xin Ling Goh Editor in Chief 2023/2024

Hi Everyone:) I am Tom from y13 and I will be leading the Epsom Monthly magazine this year alongside Xin Ling and Yun Xin. I have long been a fan of writing articles and such for magazines so it gives me great pleasure to be right at the top of a project such as this. I am happy to let you all know editions will be coming thick and fast as we have an exciting year ahead of us here at Epsom full of events and exciting things to write and talk about.









Hello. I am Yun Xin and am currently one of the presidents of the Magazine Society, i.e. Epsom Monthly. We are a group of students that are passionate about what is happening in the school and want to share it to the students in the school. I am planning to get more students involved in this magazine as I think this is what truly adds value to a school magazine. We are planning to publish monthly, so stay tuned!

HOUSE FOOTBALL 05

House Football

PROPERT



-Elliot Ho, Y13, Head of College

On the first week of school there was a house football competition between all the houses, including the girls houses: Crawfurd and Rosebery. In the end Crawfurd won the match 2:1 with Rosebery scoring in the last second.

Ee Xynn was the top scorer during the match, scoring both the points for Crawfurd. The match itself was incredible because you could see the teamwork and dedication the players had to winning for their house. I was especially happy

I played as a goalie for the A team Propert against Granville. The match was fun and exciting, finally being able to play a game of football between Granville again was fun after the long summer break. This year we had a close game against Granville but we lost 2-1. The first goal was a letdown as we didn't play like a team in the first half and instead played for ourselves and not the team as a whole. The results didn't show our potential as a house football team as I'm sure we could have won if we played like we did in the second half. Although we lost I'm happy that both teams played their hearts out and although Granville won I was happy to note that both houses have a passion to win.

CRAWFURD



because my house, Crawfurd won the match against Rosebery. Crawfurd was ecstatic with the win and was celebrating while having a good sportsmanship with Rosebery. The ending was a good one with Rosebery's great goal. Overall it was an amazing match and I think everyone had a great time. I hope to see more football matches between Crawfurd and Rosebery in the future. Their rivalry truly added to the excitement of the game, and I couldn't help but feel a sense of anticipation for future showdowns between the two houses. The energy in the air was incredibly strong and I hope we are fueled by the knowledge that each match between Crawfurd and Rosebery would bring forth even greater displays for the future.

-Soi Men, Y9





ROSEBERY

The Rosebery seniors were quite nervous before the match because it had been a while since we all played as a team, and also because we made some last-minute changes to the team.

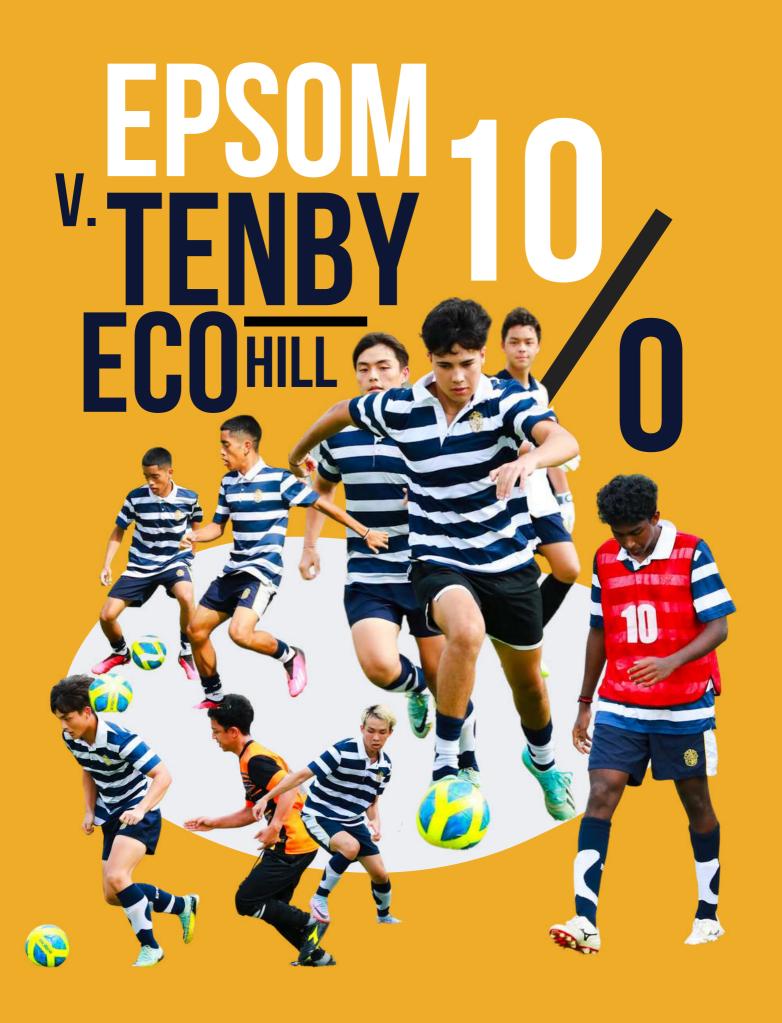
During the match itself, we were all playing in hopes of winning the game. For most of the match, the ball was mostly in Rosebery's possession, and thanks to that, before the end of the first half, Jing Yan scored an amazing goal, assisted by Aisha. After

that goal, Rosebery were motivated to play harder and score more, but due to Crawfurd's strong defense, the game ended 1-0.

I was the striker for Rosebery's team A, so I was upfront the whole time, however, I think the midfielders did a much better job than I did, (they were taking more shots than me), and since they were all doing such a great job, I cheered and shouted for them the whole match, so that they didn't give up even after missing a shot.

At the end of the day, both teams A and B from Rosebery had won our respective matches, and we were all shocked, but at the same time very proud of ourselves. We didn't expect ourselves to perform that well after 2 months of being inactive! But overall, House Football was a very exciting event, because after the Summer holidays, it gave us a chance to have fun together as a year group, and also form new bonds with the new Year 12 students. It was a great way to start the new academic year.

-Darshinie Shanker, Y13, Head of Rosebery





Epsom's football season has kicked off and so far the team have put on some triumphant displays. Leading up to the first friendly game of the season the squad have put in some training with the new La Liga football coach Diego Ramos and he has helped improve the team's skills and qualities.

The first game of the season was a home game against Tenby EcoHill played on our very own rugby pitch. The boys put on a strong display and were comfortable victors. Focusing on some individual performances, goalkeeper Ethan made some good saves to keep a clean sheet whilst Striker Thomas and Central Midfielder Jacob both grabbed a hat trick of goals each.

Coming off of the back of a strong first result the squad travelled to Sunway International School to play their first away game of the season. After Jack scored the first goal of the game, off of a cross provided by Jacob, the opposition replied quickly with an equaliser. Another hattrick by Thomas, earned him Mr.Miller's Man Of the Match, and a great performance from Jack, who grabbed four goals individually, the boys came out with a resounding 11 - 5 win. After two very strong opening games the Epsom u18 boys look to keep pushing forward and improving overall as a unit racking up as many goals as possible along the way.



SOCIETY FAIR

On the 19th of September, the academic prefects (Ann Yi, Rachel and Shang Jing) hosted their first event of the year - the Epsom Society Fair! This event was held in the GC (Grayling Centre) for Year 12 and Year 13 students. It was a great opportunity for students to learn more about the societies available and for societies to encourage students to join.

Societies and clubs in Epsom are a big part of student life. They help students learn about their passion and expand their knowledge in various fields. It is an incredible opportunity to take on leadership roles, make friends and learn more about what you enjoy in a non-traditional sense. Here is a summary of the societies that participated in the Society Fair:

EPSOM MONTHLY

As the school magazine, of course we had to participate.

We are a student-led school magazine in Epsom College that documents school life and events that are happening throughout the year. Not only that, we are also a platform for students to give and share their opinions.

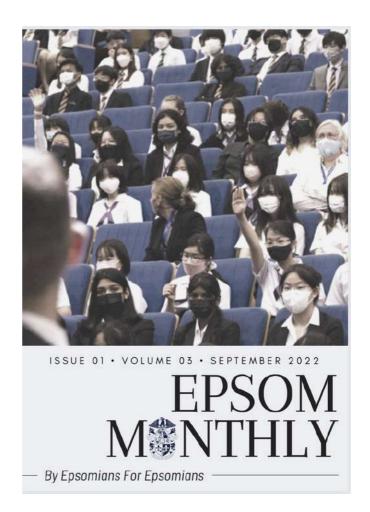
We are now planning to publish every month (hence the name), so stay tuned!

Past publications:

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HUMANITIES SOCIETY

The Epsom Humanities Society. What do they do? Take a guess. Yes, this society focuses on humanities-related topics such as "Psychology behind Cults", "Menendez Brothers Trial", "Malaysian Political Parties" and much more. Learning about a variety of topics, ranging from history and politics all the way to geography and criminology? Sign up or join their sessions!

SCIENZ SOCIETY

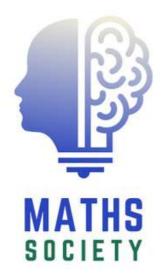
Interested in science but not wanting to commit to the three killer sciences? This society is just right for you as you are able to explore the wonders of science regardless of the subject you're taking.

From Marine Sciences and Food Technology to the usual Cells and Health in your curriculum. Widen your horizon and expand your knowledge.

Sign-up!

Official member: https://forms.gle/Nteqcgj3MdSsuZWX8







MATHS SOCIETY

Yes, for people interested and want to dig deeper into math.

Activities:

- Discussing maths
- Helping fellow members out with their difficulties
- Teaching maths tricks to make problem solving easier

To join:



ECO COMMITEE

People who love nature and are passionate about the environment van take their steps through joining The Eco Committee. Providing a multitude of opportunities for you to make a difference and contribute towards making the planet a better place.

To sign up: Membership: <u>here</u>





Love sports? Not only doing it but also learning more about it?
Click to join:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/10z3Z-gqfKpcYc3u9YZdi_TnMEWxopkE2xnIUDc06IQI/e

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KPOP SOCIETY

K-pop fans, here's your calling. From dancing K-pop to fangirling (or fanboying), the K-pop society has you covered.



MEDIA SOCIETY

A new society that is currently open for KS4 & 5.

To all film and music fanatics (no matter what genre). Passionate about your favourite shows or music but no one seems interested in listening to you? Join the Media Society and find like-minded peeps!





BSE SOCIETY

For people who want to contribute back to society and make a difference.

The Business & Economics Society provides a platform to foster professional growth, promote networking opportunities and give back to the community.

Examples of activities: Instant Happiness Cafe in the GC and fundraising events.

Possible events include:

- Monthly movie debate after a movie night
- Casual discussion regarding controversial topics related to mass media

Link to join : https://forms.gle/AiKvDP9c8BFVaJtU9



MEDICAL REVIEW SOCIETY

Students with a strong passion for Science, Medicine & Technology are encouraged to join. Activities:

- attend exclusive webinars, seminars, workshops and many more!
- write scientific journals and get your work published in the Medical Review Journal!
- give a short speech in the Medical Review Podcast

Members are encouraged to join 2 meetings per month.

Medical Review Journal:

https://issuu.com/medical_review_epsomcollege/docs/medical_review_journal_issue_1_june_2021_

To become a member: https://forms.gle/Z9oC7ZBDiBawHu8WA

And that is all for the Society Fair. If any of the societies caught your eye, please feel free to join!

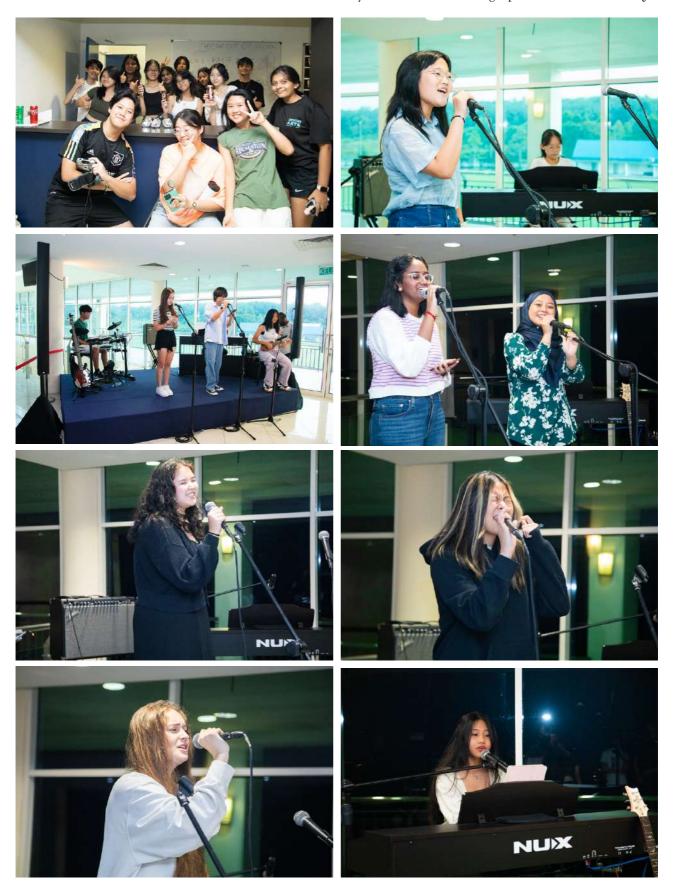


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- HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY -

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- LANGUAGE OPEN MIC NIGHT -





As part of the Language Week that was held from the 25th to the 29th of this month, a Language Open Mic Night was hosted. This was spearheaded by Ms Macleod along with us, the social prefects and Diana, with special thanks to the prefect team and Mr Felix. There were a variety of performances with students' performing showcasing their wondrous talents. From singing songs in their respective languages to playing musical instruments, even members of the Dance CCA and K-pop society joined in demonstrating their moves, extensively engaging the crowd.





BY: KARISHAA & XIN LING **CALSO THE PHOTOGRAPHER** FOR THE PICS ON THIS PAGE!!)



While students' performances were happening, there also was the selling of pizzas and drinks for students to enjoy while watching their peers perform. This event fostering a sense of community amongst the students irrespective of their backgrounds or nationality as they embraced the performances, enjoying the wide range of songs with fellow friends. Thank you, on behalf -for the overall enthusiasm and support!

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'At the Mouratoglou academy both the coaches and staff behind the scenes want to give you the best possible experience you can have, not only on court but also off it. I have thoroughly enjoyed the tennis programme and what it offers. It's a supportive environment like no other and both the players and coaches help you feel like you're at home. Through this academy I have not only strived to improve myself both as a player but also as a person, this has helped me strive to do better things both on and off the court. I really would recommend trying to pick up tennis and just going out of your comfort zone, the coaches will help and the existing students will teach you the ropes. I couldn't agree more that tennis is the best stress reliever and I could not enjoy it more.'

-Nicholas Gervasi, y12, Mouratoglou Tennis Scholar

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-MALAYSIA DAY/MERDEKA CELEBRATION-

Epsom Live Talk with Justice Dato Mary Lim JENSON, FRANCO AND TEJA YEAR 13

On the 11th of September 2023, Epsom College was fortunate to be able to host the Honourable Justice Dato' Mary Lim, a Malaysian Federal Court Judge, for the first official Epsom Live Talk of 2023/24. Hosted in the Grayling Centre, we spent a fruitful hour as moderators for this event, with a cosy audience of around 50 attendees present from Year 10 and above. Dato' Mary's character shone through the minute we began–this live talk started with her interviewing us with her own questions! Through all her charisma and charm, it is fair to say we all found this equally daunting and refreshing. Easygoing, humble and candid, Dato' Mary Lim was more than glad (and certainly highly prepared!) to answer our questions, both easy and sometimes difficult.

Our questions surrounded her career and legal practice while delving into topics surrounding politics, education, and the development of law in Malaysia. Here are some of the questions she answered:

As a judge, how would you describe your legal career up to this point?

I would describe it as a total privilege, to be able to serve my country. It is a big responsibility to shoulder and I never thought I would. Many make it to the High Court, but there is no guarantee you move up from there. So a total privilege, yes.

Who are the role models you look up to?

It's everybody. From the man sweeping the streets to the rich businessman. I don't have a Mahatma Gandhi or Nelson Mandela, everyone has inspired me. I am inspired to continue in my service because of that.

Laws are essential to the formation of a civilised society. However, do you think there are some forms of legislation that you would deem outdated?

There are lots of laws that have been made, which were made by the Brits years ago, and are still sitting in our statute books and many of them have been forgotten. Really, they do not fit any purpose. One that comes to mind is a particular statute that was drafted and passed for the schism of a church.

Do you agree with the death penalty?

At this time, the death penalty in Malaysia has been abolished and suicide is decriminalised. As a judge, I believe that there must be punishment. However, I do believe in alternative options based on the case. Example, in a case of attempted suicide, you want to press charges for what? The person is already in clear distress if they already attempted. More than anything, it is our responsibility to properly help them.

Some people upon completing a law degree feel conflicted regarding where they should practise. Do you think it is best to practise exclusively in the place you studied, return home upon completion, or a mix of both?

For me, I didn't have a choice. Around the time I was searching for work after graduating from (University of) Leeds, Margaret Thatcher was prime minister. Essentially, she showed me the door, and I returned to Malaysia–I always felt that I would, by and by. Eventually I applied for work in the public sector, and at the time, (one of) the people interviewing me was the late Raja Azlan Shah (as His Royal Highness was known then). So I started working at the Attorney-General's Chambers. I think, if you are able to, choose. And at the same time, if you really aren't, just do your best with what you have. This applies to everything, not just law.

As Malaysia is a multicultural society, how well in your opinion does this diversity influence the development of jurisprudence and legal principles in our country? It differs according to the state. But as a judge, I do believe that those responsible at this point must simply make the best choices with who is readily available and is best suited to represent or hear a client based on the circumstances of their case, inclusive of understanding elements like ethnicity and cultural norms. As an example, I do not have the qualifications to make decisions surrounding sharia law, but I may be called in to define something. So I have a little more reading to do, and time is of the essence for cases. So these difficult calls must be made.

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After the talk ended, Dato' Mary Lim stayed for a more personal chat. She spoke openly on her love for the theatre arts and asked about our education so far, wanting to know more. Finally, she gave us advice that she herself stuck to: failure is not absolute. "I want people to know that I have no 'all-straight-As' background," she said to us. And Dato' Mary allowed herself to make slightly different personal decisions towards her studies and career because of it-certain choices, some of us would pick and others may avoid. Nevertheless, doing what she felt was best for her back then made her the best of us today. In the end she made it; so can we.

To conclude, it was a great honour to moderate this talk and meet Justice Dato' Mary Lim in person. She is retiring from her post around next summer, thus Malaysia will soon bid farewell to another gem when Dato' Mary eventually performs her swansong for Malaysia's jurisdiction. We thank her for taking the time to speak to us and sharing her wealth of knowledge and life experiences. You inspire us all, Dato' Mary.







- EPSOM LIVE TALK -- JUSTICE DATO MARY LIM -

Interview With The Teachers

With school returning and the welcoming of students and teachers past and new, in the first edition of our magazine we would like to present some interviews with some of our members of staff, regarding aspects of their personalities and the arrival of the brand new school year. The teachers were asked the following questions:

- 1. What are some traditions or superstitions you have for the First Day of School?
- 2. Are there any embarrassing teaching moments you're willing to share? What are they?
- 3. What do you hope to achieve in the first term back? (Could be something as small as giving a huge assignment to your students!)
 - 4. Do you have a favourite sport? If so, what is it/tell us more about it!
 - 5. How did you spend your summer break?
 - 6. What are your secret talents outside your teaching career?

Our teachers were given the task to answer at least 3 or more of the above questions, and this article will present and provide you with our findings! I think I know exactly where to start.

Mr Dean Jones

Our beloved Mr Jones, Housemaster of Granville house and English teacher, popular amongst everyone he comes into contact with has some interesting and insightful answers for our questions:



- 1. What are some traditions or superstitions you have for the First Day of School?
- I am not sure if it is a superstition or tradition but I always seem to go to bed very late the night before term starts. This could be because I am usually preparing work, it could be excitement but it might just be nerves...
- 2. Are there any embarrassing teaching moments you're willing to share? What are they?
- I once tumbled down a flight of stairs to land at the feet of a large crowd of students. It was very painful and very, very embarrassing.
- 3. What do you hope to achieve in the first term back? (Could be something as small as giving a huge assignment to your students!)
- I would like Granville House to feel more like a home for all Granvillians we should all support and care for each other.
- 4. Do you have a favourite sport? If so, what is it/tell us more about it! Rugby, rugby, rugby almost every element of the game is exciting and engaging.

How did you spend your summer break?

I spent time with my two children here in Malaysia, visited my mother and other family in Cornwall in the UK, backpacked in Croatia and stayed with friends in Switzerland.

6. What are your secret talents outside your teaching career? I can dive and sail.

Miss Macleod

An amazing languages teacher due to her charismatic personality and down to earth, modern sense of humour that most students will relate to, partnered with how easy she is to talk to has answers that are a little bit different to Mr Jones, but certainly not less interesting:



1. What are some traditions or superstitions you have for the First Day of School?

Go to bed early the night before.

Accept there will always be an element of the unknown on the first day back and embrace it.

2. Are there any embarrassing teaching moments you're willing to share? What are they?

I try to avoid embarrassing myself...

3. What do you hope to achieve in the first term back? (Could be something as small as giving a huge assignment to your students!)

Get to know my Y12 tutor group better. Get my Y10 Spanish class well on the way to achieving A* in their iGCSE. Help the current Y13 to make the best university applications they can.

4. Do you have a favourite sport? If so, what is it/tell us more about it!

Yes, Crossfit. I love it because every workout is different, so I don't get bored. Even though it's technically an individual sport, there is also a great social atmosphere / team spirit among people who do it. CF also gives me a good grounding in overall fitness which makes it easier to jump into other sports or do physical challenges outside of my routine without feeling destroyed afterwards e.g. a long hike or a day of snowboarding.

5. How did you spend your summer break? Surfing, Diving, Hiking, Relaxing

6. What are your secret talents outside your teaching career?

Cooking (not baking, as my CCA group can attest to)

Planning trips, either for myself or for me and my friends. This is probably my favourite thing to do. Teachers get great holiday allowances and I fill mine up very quickly!

Mrs Brown

An amazing languages teacher due to her charismatic personality and down to earth, modern sense of humour that most students will relate to, partnered with how easy she is to talk to has answers that are a little bit different to Mr Jones, but certainly not less interesting:



- 1. What are some traditions or superstitions you have for the First Day of School? I always have to be well prepared (have everything in order) and have at least a draft reference on file for my early wave UCAS applicants!
- 2. Do you have a favourite sport? If so, what is it/tell us more about it!
- 3. How did you spend your summer break? I went to visit my family and friends back in the UK and went to see our family pet dog, Indie,

who has a new home with one of my previous students, Will. The weather was wet and cold but the welcome was very warm!

4. What are your secret talents outside your teaching career? I am not really sure that I have any!! I can mimic accents and am fluent in Welsh. I can clear the floor with my Karaoke skills!!!

Ms Fowler

Epsom's very own lovely head of pastoral and geography teacher Miss Fowler has been kind enough to join us in sharing her responses, providing an interesting and interesting insight:



- 1. Are there any embarrassing teaching moments you're willing to share? What are they?
- On the first day of my first teaching job (a long time ago) I walked in to my first Y12 lesson and one of the students offered me a seat next to them thinking I was a new student and said they had heard the new teacher was very young and they hoped they were good enough to teach A level to 6th form students. It was all very embarrassing.
- 2. Do you have a favourite sport? If so, what is it/tell us more about it! I love hockey. I used to play hockey all the time. Training 2 to 3 times a

week and playing matches twice a week. I love the sound of the hockey ball hitting the backboard when you score a goal. I also run a lot and just recently ran the Seremban Half Marathon with Mr Calder and Ms Garnett. Definitely could not keep up with Mr Calder!

3. How did you spend your summer break?

We spent the summer break in the UK visiting family and friends. We welcomed Mr Fowler's first grandchild to our family, a baby girl named Freya in early August. It was all very exciting for us as a family.

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-VOLLEYBALL TEAMS U18-

25 U15 TEAM

MORE SPORTS - FOOTBALL AND BASKETBALL Under 15's - Kaegan Lim, Year 9

25th September 2023, It was another typical lifeless monday, homework stacked up one after another. Then 2pm came, it was finally time for our long awaited football match against one of our biggest rivalries, Sunway international school. When we arrived, me and my friends were all a little nervous but fired up and ready to beat them (SPOILER ALERT: we did (a)). We played for what felt like a short 20 minutes despite it being over an hour. At the end the score was 8-4. Sunway put up a great fight but we secured the W (a). After the match, we shook hands and said our goodbyes. Many of us fell asleep on the way back because of how exhausted we were. I hope we could play again with Sunway as even though it was really challenging, it was really fun and exciting.



29th September 2023, it was the day of the week everyone looks forward to; Friday. It wasn't just any other Friday, it was the day my friends and I will have a basketball match against Tenby Ecohill school. We played for around an hour; the score kept changing sides as our opponent was quite strong yet we never gave up. In the end, it was a draw. With an ending score of 30-30; although it was a tough challenge we tried our best, especially my friend Yi Ro, who our coach said "had magical hands". Whenever she scored, 8/10 times, it would pass through, of which composed the majority of our team's score. After the match, we took a friendly group picture and exchanged socials. As you would expect, we were exhausted, so exhausted that I slept all the way back home. We had a great game, I hope we could play again. GG Tenby!

Kaegan Lim, Year 9, Rosebery



U18 TEAM 26

VOLLEYBALL Under 18's - Jayson and Yi Lai Year 12

On the 30th of September, the U18 girls and boys had our first volleyball match of the academic year.

We played against 5 teams from 4 schools and got our very first triumphant game! Both the boys and girls team won first place.

As one of the members of the girls' team, I understand how challenging it is to win this competition, especially when compared to the two teams we faced in the semifinals and finals. While our skills may not be as strong as theirs, the encouragement among our teammates allows us to quickly adjust our emotions and persevere

even if we accidentally lose the ball. Our perfect teamwork, communication, and nearly error-free serves ultimately led us to victory in the final game, with a score of 15-13. This perfect start allowed us to identify our shortcomings and, of course provided us with more confidence to win further matches.





Yi Lai Year 12



Girls U18 Volleyball Trophy



Girls U18 Volleyball Trophy

On the 30th of September, the Epsom Volleyball Team went to Oasis International School to participate in the Jungle Jamboree Volleyball Tournament 2023. In a decisive 2-0 victory in the Finals against Grace Volleyball Academy Team A, our Epsom team managed to pull off a win after losing to the same team in the second round of the group stage, which got our team bumped down to the Losers Bracket, making our team play an extra match, fatiguing all our players. Winning 2-0 in all matches in the Losers Bracket, our team reunited with the team that beat us once in the Finals, and pulled off a resounding 2-0 victory to cement us as champions of the 2023 Jungle Jamboree!

Our volleyball team was newly formed just this year, with a mix of players from year 10 to 13. The Jungle Jamboree tournament was the first installment of tournaments that were planned for this year, and our team looks forward to participating in the Fobisia tournament in Thailand in November!

Jayson Year 12

PREFECTS















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