

The shortest of the three terms at Repton is known to be particularly busy; at such a physically and mentally demanding time, surely one would be safe to assume that the quality of any achievements is likely to deteriorate? However, this would be underestimating the capabilities of Lathamites, whose determination, diversity and natural ability bring about numerous successes and accomplishments. The words of Francis Bacon, "a wise man will make more opportunities than he finds", sum up quite suitably the attitude that has led to Latham's continued success this term in all areas of school life. House Harmony champions, victorious in the General Knowledge, numer-

From the Head of House - EJW

ous outstanding performances in the Charity Cabaret; there is barely any avenue of Repton life that has not felt the influence of the boys of Latham this term, always willing to give their all and do their very best. All of this in such a friendly, welcoming and supportive house – who could ask for more? It is this aspect of the Latham community which ensures that at any time, each boy is prepared for whatever situation life presents.

Our dear Matron, Lisa Smith, has been out of action for a large part of this term due to an accident that led to an injured

ankle. If she were to receive anywhere near the level support and help that she offers us, we know that she would be thoroughly well looked after. On behalf of the House, I would like to say that we send her our best wishes and very much look forward to seeing her again soon! Our thanks go to Mr and Mrs Dahl for their commitment and enthusiasm again this term, without whom life in the house would not run at all, let alone smoothly.

I hope that you all enjoy a well-deserved Easter break and that you come back refreshed and ready to tackle the summer term – keep going!



Above : Head of House in action
Below : Victorious GK team



House GK Champions

Latham's brainbox team of Gautham Shiralagi, Chris Swann, Edwin Wilton-Morgan, Ed Coleman, Barnaby Dykstra and Jacques Taylor saw off the challenge of Mitre to claim an emphatic victory in January's General Knowledge competition. They displayed expert knowledge on a variety of topics such as Old Reptonians, culture, music and sport, whilst confirming Latham's place at the forefront of Repton's academic life. Well done to them all.



Left : The U6th as Scrubs for the E4 Senior Social
Below: Double Senior Voice champion - popular & classical

ior Voice Cups, with Tom Hume and Laurence Webster also putting in fine performances. Joseph Jankinson repeated the success in the Junior Classical class before Sebastiaan Howle secured a 'highly commended' in the Popular section. B-Blocker Jamie Clarke, accompanied by Jacques Taylor, then went on to secure the Orchestral Percussion trophy with his debut performance, before Mark Harrison took home the Classical Guitar title for the third time. The evening was completed with Damon Zhong's super performance of a Hungarian dance and although he just missed out on some silverware, the Latham boys had won five out of the available seven trophies. The Summer Term sees all the winners of this year's music classes come together in Repton's Musician of the Year competition and Lathamites will be performing as champions in no fewer than eight categories!

House Music - Harmony Winners

The Lent Term 2011 has quite simply been one of Latham's best yet in terms of musical achievements. 'Under the Bridge' by the Confidence was high going into the Unison competition and the boys pulled off a highly polished performance of The Human League's 'Don't You Want Me'. Kaven Bains was an all-too-convincing waitress in a cocktail bar and Jeremy Williams conducted the boys with great control and leadership. Unfortunately, the judge saw things differently to most of the other people in Pears School and we left empty-handed. The boys' hopes for glory therefore

rested on the performance of Tom Hume's superb harmony arrangement of Red Hot Chilli Peppers. A spell-binding rendition, led brilliantly by Sebastiaan Howle, wowed the audience and was enough to take the overall victory, Latham's first in harmony since 2005.

The Lent term also saw the end of the annual music competitions and the boys of Latham House swept the board on Sunday 20th February. Edwin Wilton-Morgan emulated old Lathamite Owen Winter by securing both the Sen-

HOUSE SPORT

'Close but no cigar' could easily sum up the fortunes of Latham House in this term's sporting competitions. The football competitions, carried over from the snow-stricken Michaelmas Term, were never completed, so the Junior and Senior League teams never got a chance to play their respective finals. In one way, we can claim to be joint winners of both cups, but the boys would have liked the opportunity to win them fair and square.

In the inter-house hockey competitions, the Seniors were undefeated, beating Cross and drawing with eventual finalists Orchard. Goal difference meant that the boys in blue and white did not progress any further in the competition, which was a sad end. The Juniors, on the other hand, showed immense grit and courage despite losing both their games to Cross and Priory. We were always going to be up against it, only having one 'A' team player in our side, but the typical Latham spirit shone through as we frustrated the opposition with our tenacity and determination.

Having won the Senior

House **fives** competition for the past four years, hopes were high going into this year's event. Cross were dispatched easily in the first round and so the team of Hugill, Sentance, Hignett, Coleman, Davis and Flavell (replacing Shiralagi) went into the semi-final against favourites New House knowing they would have to be at their best. The third pair lost, but Coleman and Davis stormed to victory in the second pair, leaving it all down to Sentance and Hugill in pair one. The first game was won and the boys had a match point in the second game which they couldn't convert. One-all. The boys took an early lead in the third, but could not hold on and New eventually went on to win not just the match, but the competition overall. The Junior team suffered almost exactly the same fate in their semi-final, losing 2-1, with the final match going down to the final game.

Latham have also dominated the annual school **Steeplechase** in recent years, winning both the junior and senior cups in 2010, as well as providing the senior winner for the past three years. Once again, the boys put in a remarkable team effort with John Hignett coming 8th in the seniors and George Brockway 3rd in the juniors, but we did not quite have enough depth to challenge for silverware this

year. The fact that every Latham boy in the senior event came in the top 101 indicates just how seriously they took the event and no-one could be accused of letting the side down.

Parker 100

Congratulations to the following who completed this annual challenge to run 100 miles in the Lent Term:

Harry Mead (B Block)
Damon Zhong (O Block)
Dilip Kaushal (L6)
Matthew Jones (L6)
Ben Hardwick (U6)
Kaven Bains (U6)

National Finalists

Congratulations to the following Lathamites who have reached national hockey finals this term:

Jeremy Williams (1st XI captain)
Tom Groombridge (1st XI)
Dominic Chaffey (1st XI)
Jamie Clarke (U14)
Edward Coleman, Fraser Lane, Dan Sentance play in the Midlands U16 finals on 18th March



Above: Striding to 8th place in Steeplechase

Below: The senior boys just before the Steeplechase

Bottom left: Some of the many Lathamites in the Charity Cabaret and Rocklt



THE CHARITY CABARET

This year's brilliant Charity Cabaret was once again crammed full of talented Lathamites performing to highly appreciative audiences on all four nights. Musical highlights included a wonderfully moving rendition of 'Mad World' by Seb Howle, Guy Davis and Damon Zhong, not to mention a wonderfully cheering performance of 'In the Summertime' by Fraser Lane (all O Block). B Blockers Jamie Clarke and Fergus Polglase showed no nerves in their Cabaret debut, covering the Kings of Leon, nor did Harry Mead in his highly

convincing fast-food sketch. Further laughs came from Ben Frost and George Brockway (O Block), Edwin Wilton-Morgan (L6) and Mark Harrison (U6) whose witty sketches have been a regular feature of the Cabaret in recent years. Tom Hume was involved in a number of acts and Joseph Jankinson, Jeremy Williams and Laurence Webster made many musical contributions. Matthew Jones (sound & light) and Daniel Gillbanks (stage manager) both provided vital support. To have so many boys involved is a true reflection of the talent and spirit of Lathamites. Well done all!

