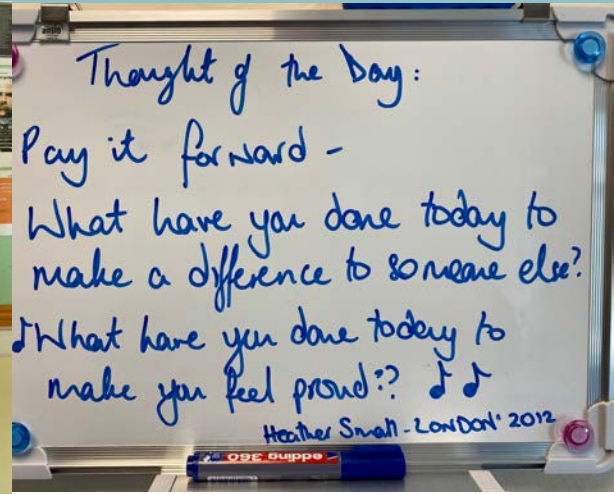


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Kerrison House



From the HM



It only seems like yesterday we were welcoming our new pupils, fresh faced with a tingling sense of anticipation for all the new school year had to offer. Now, half way through their first term, they are used to the routines of different school days, in some cases longer than they have faced before, not to mention the strange names given to certain parts of the school grounds: Pennyfarthings, The Back, Dicksons, to mention a few. The new pupils seem to have acclimatised to Framlingham and Kerrison, it seems like they have always been here!

In school and life in general we tend to always look forward, be it to our birthdays, Christmas, or the next school holiday. However, sometimes we forget to appreciate where we are and what is available to us. We started the term by looking at the video of a graduation speech given by Navy Seal, Admiral W. H. McRaven, where he talks about perseverance and getting the small jobs done, including making your bed in the morning. As we move further through the year, many of our pupils will face tests and exams, be it internal or external. Getting the little jobs done, often, such as doing ten maths questions a day, reading a chapter of a book or appreciating the architecture around us to help with a DT project, will help make progress towards relieving pressure and stress when we face the big jobs such as the exam, or building the practical aspect of our DT project. Whilst half term naturally gives us all a chance to recharge our batteries and spend time with friends, it is also important not to completely forget to do those little jobs that need to be done.

We have been working on being kind this term in Kerrison. Inspired by hearing the 2012 Olympic song, "Proud", by Heather Small (of M People for those of us old enough to remember), I have been asking all of the Kerrison boys to do something every day to make the world a better place for someone. We will formalise this further as we approach Christmas, looking at random acts of kindness and paying it forward. I have encouraged all the boys to think about that one little kind act that may seem so minuscule to them but can make a big difference to the person receiving it. Whether it is opening a door for someone, helping them carrying some packages, smiling at a person in the street to offering to pay for someone's shopping in the supermarket, make a difference and go out of your way to be kind!

This term has seen the Centenary celebrations for the 1st XV Rugby with a real treat played out on Lords, with a large crowd and activities for all. It was lovely to meet many old Kerrison pupils and Housemasters and speak to them about what they remember from their time here. What many didn't know is that we celebrated the transition to Rugby too by playing the first house Football competition for many years on the Saturday, with Kerrison finishing in second place in both the Senior and Junior competitions, with most boys making an appearance. England caps are safe however, although the Gould brothers put on an impressive performance. We cannot go this term without mentioning House singing, with an excellent performance appreciated by some, particular mention to Charlie N on his sublime Air Guitar solo in the part song!

Thank you to all of the Kerrison parents for entrusting your sons to us during term time and I would like them to remember "Once Kerrison, Always Kerrison!"

Views from Abroad - Nicholas W Y12

This term we have been fortunate enough to welcome Oliver F's exchange student from Hilton Grange near Johannesburg, South Africa. Nicholas has come for half a term to experience all a British education has to offer, not to mention the mighty Framlingham College. Here are his thoughts on his time here:

Framlingham College, thank you for an unforgettable 7-weeks, it was a brief experience, but it was incredibly enriching. From the warmth of Kerrison to the Ford family's hospitality, life at Framlingham was seamless.

Transitioning from an all-boys school in South Africa to Framlingham was a big change, not just in the classroom but also in culture, yet everyone did an amazing job at making me feel part of your close-knit community, with particular mention to Ollie and the Ford family for hosting me. The passion for rugby and the boys' eagerness to include me, regardless of skill, left a lasting impression. Even in defeat, the team's resilience and camaraderie made matches memorable. This is a unique, once-in-a-lifetime experience and it will be deeply missed. Goodbye, Framlingham, and thank you for everything!



Kerrison House in pictures

