



WHITGIFT

AN OUTSTANDING EDUCATION





A school such as Whitgift makes one wish to be a schoolboy forever. What a godsent opportunity these boys have been offered

King Simeon II of Bulgaria

You have an astonishing school. I have never seen anything like it. Perhaps you know this, perhaps you don't, but take it from me, you have an amazing school

Sir David Attenborough, OM

When you get there, you've landed in Narnia: acres of beautiful parkland, where peacocks roam the car park, and wallabies and flamingos live next to the sports centre

Tatler Schools Guide

For almost a quarter of a century, the Headmaster has shaped the modern Whitgift to give the boys an education fit for the 21st century

HE Bernard Emié, French Ambassador

Whitgift outstandingly fulfils its aims and aspirations of very high attainment in all aspects of its provision

ISI Inspection Report







Whitgift is a day/boarding school in South London, for boys aged 10-18. It is situated in beautiful parkland, once owned by Henry VIII, reflecting more than 400 years of the School's history and tradition. Day students come from London, Surrey, Sussex, Essex and Kent. A superbly-equipped boarding house offers full, weekly and flexi-boarding, with boarders joining from many parts of Britain and around the world. There is an international dimension to every aspect of the School.

The curriculum is tailor-made, offering a variety of pathways to qualifications including the International Baccalaureate, A Levels and BTEC. Academic standards are exceptional, but this is a school open to all the talents. Students follow their own interests,

enthusiasms and passions, supported by first-class pastoral care, within a warm and friendly school community, of which they are proud to be members.

Whitgift offers an inspirational environment. There are no limits, or 'glass ceilings', in any area of school life. Expectations and aspirations are of the highest order, and our extensive bursary and scholarship provision means that a Whitgift education is accessible to all.

A rich co-curricular programme features more than 80 clubs and societies, to interest, challenge and develop every student. Performing Arts offers exciting opportunities at all levels, across drama, dance, opera, musical theatre, and choral, orchestral and chamber music. There is

real brilliance in sport, with 42 different sports available, and Whitgift is at the forefront of school achievement nationally.

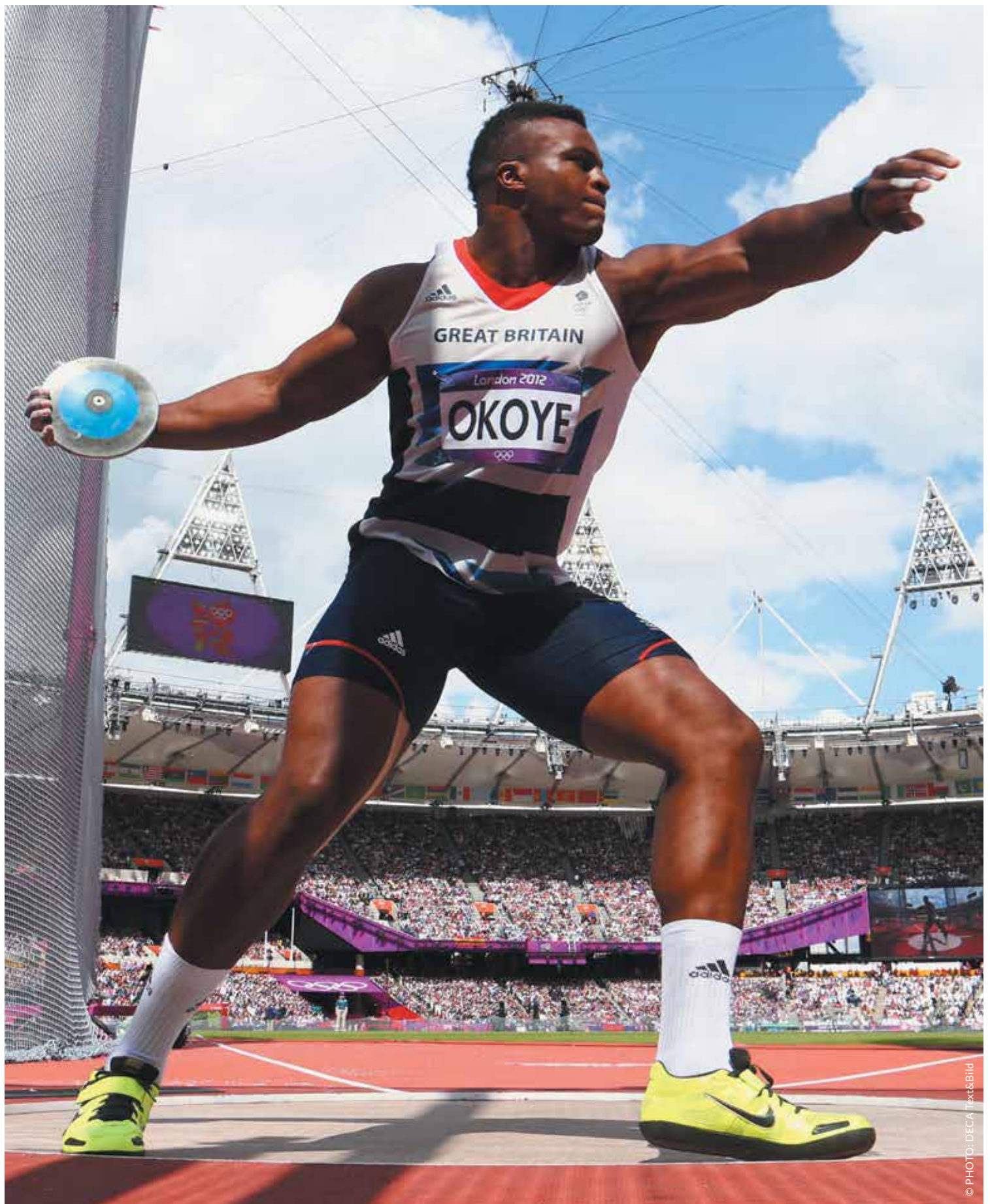
The following images showcase the essence of Whitgift, the way we nurture a boy's all-round development, from foundation to excellence. I hope that you will enjoy getting a sense of the atmosphere and ethos that prevails at one of the country's leading schools.

Full details about Whitgift can be found on the School website, www.whitgift.co.uk. Please feel most warmly welcome to visit the School for an Open Afternoon, or an Open Morning/Evening. I look forward to meeting you.

Dr Christopher Barnett
Headmaster

British men's discus record holder, Lawrence Okoye, competing in the discus final at the London 2012 Olympics, two years after leaving Whitgift, having gained a place at Oxford University to study Law. Lawrence was also a member of the Whitgift 1st XV which won the *ERFSU Daily Mail/RBS* U18 National Schools' Rugby Cup, scoring a try in the Twickenham final

INSPIRING



A typically-stimulating Chemistry lesson, led by the Head of Science





1. The cast of the Whitgift production of Bizet's *Carmen*, which brought young professional soloists to perform alongside students, staff and parents, and the Whitgift Chamber Orchestra

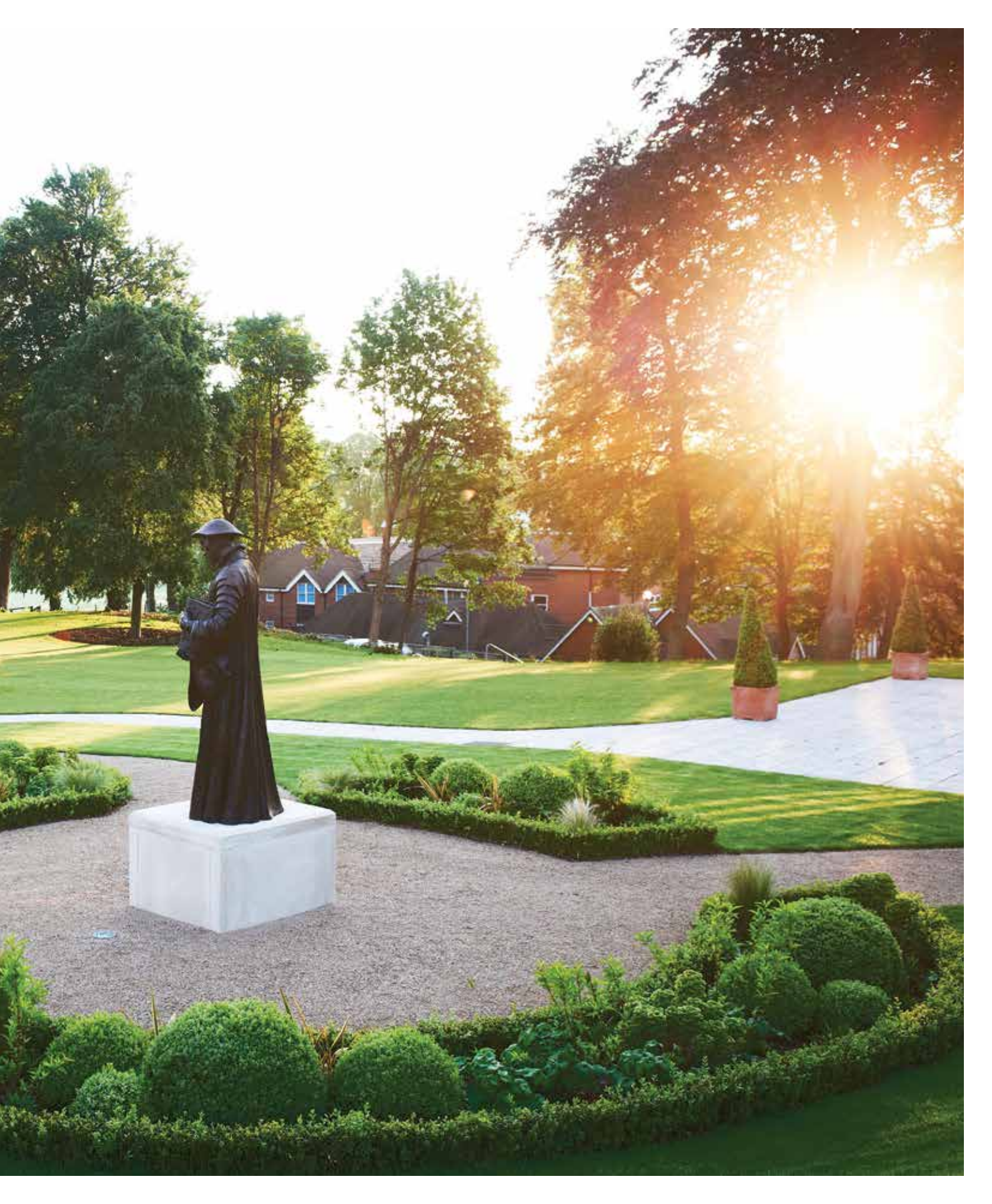
2. A scene from the Lower School production of *Lady Macbeth*





Sunrise over the garden of
Founder's House, the school
boarding house





1. Former Whitgift student, and JLS band member, Jonathan 'JB' Gill, leading a dance class for the Whitgift Primary Project, one of the School's major community initiatives involving more than 50 primary schools throughout the year

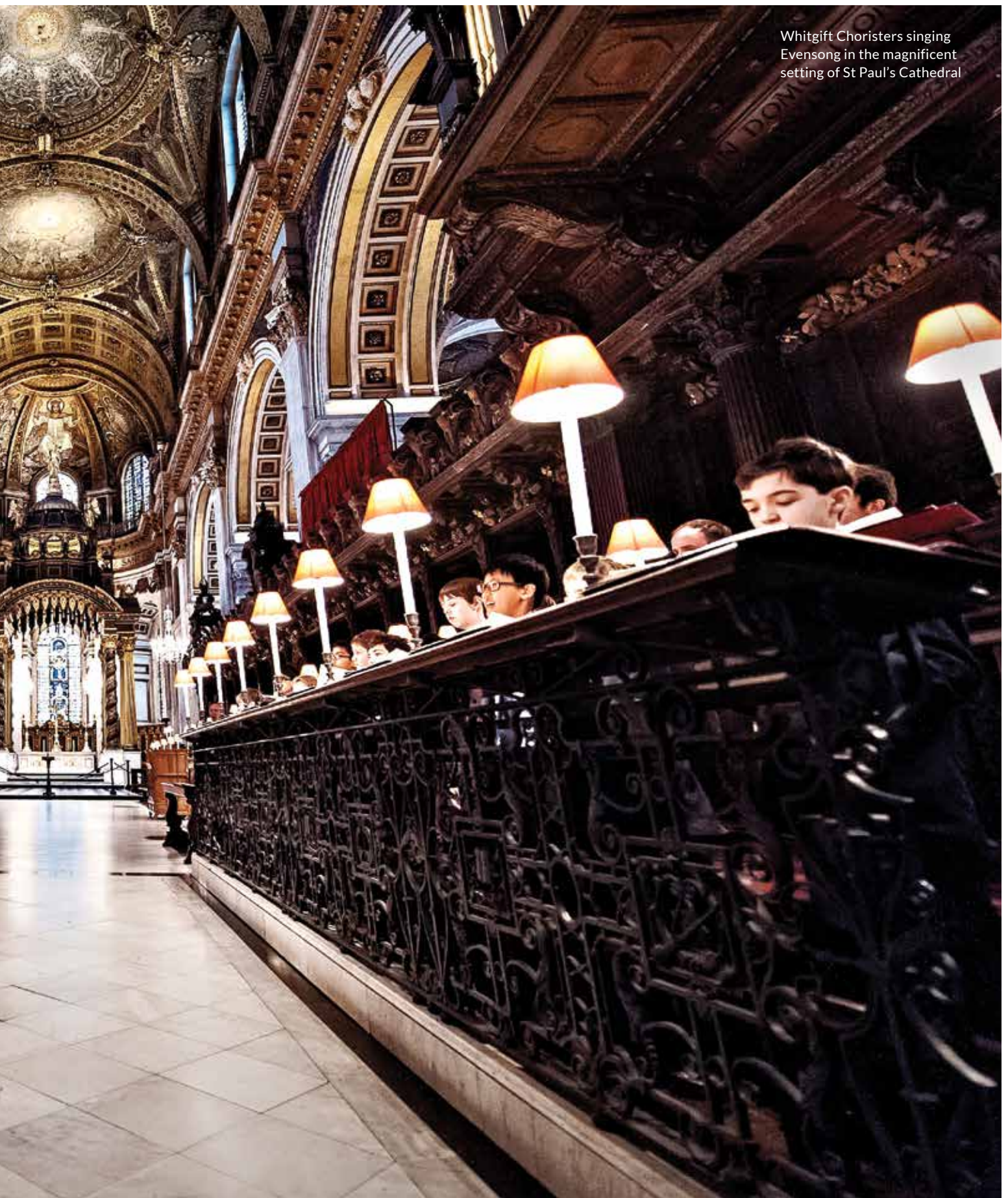
2. A heart-warming scene from a Whitgift visit to support Tapologo, a South African HIV outreach centre and hospice







Whitgift Choristers singing Evensong in the magnificent setting of St Paul's Cathedral

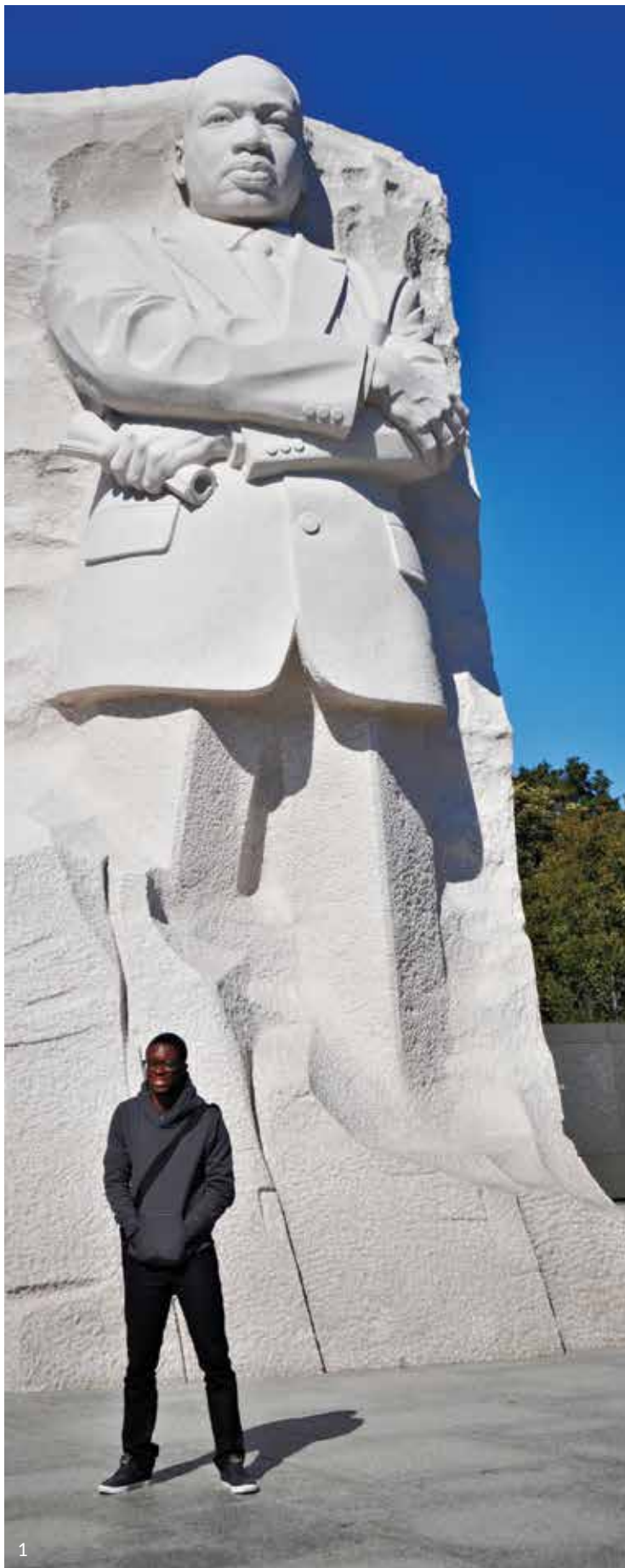




1. Head of Cricket, Mr David Ward, former Surrey CCC batsman, coaching Lower School boys

2. Whitgift swimmers have won, and retained, the national Bath Cup and Otter Medley Relays, the premier competitions for independent schools, setting new records in both





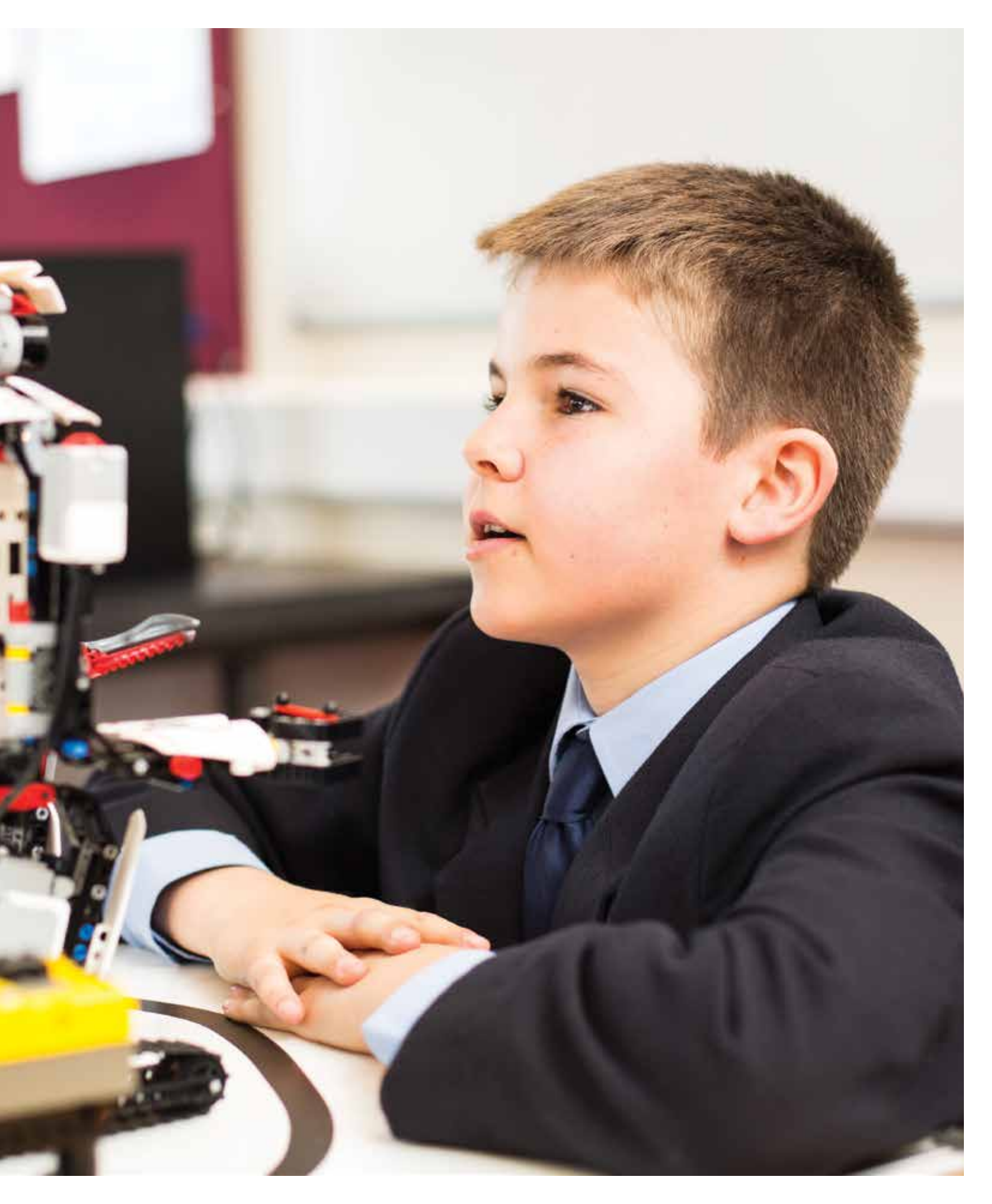
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1. A Whitgift student at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial in Washington DC, during a History and Politics trip to the USA

2. Robotics, one of Whitgift's diverse range of clubs



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A scene from the acclaimed Whitgift
production of *West Side Story*

PASSIONATE







Whitgift has emerged as the country's leading hockey school, with a whole series of national indoor and outdoor titles



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1. Whitgift cyclists at the Herne Hill Velodrome

2. A highly-moving moment in the School production of *Jesus Christ Superstar*

3. A scene from *Little Shop of Horrors*



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1. Cricket on North Field, which has been, for more than a decade, a County Cricket ground

2. Outstanding Whitgift football sides have won a series of national titles; the U13 team is shown here at Burton Albion FC's ground in the Investec ISFA Cup final







1. The Director of Art taking a class in her department

2. Table tennis, another sport in which Whitgift boys have excelled



Flamingos in the Whitgift Water
Gardens, opened by Sir David
Attenborough, OM

UNIQUE





1. A class in the Tudor-style maze in the Founder's Garden

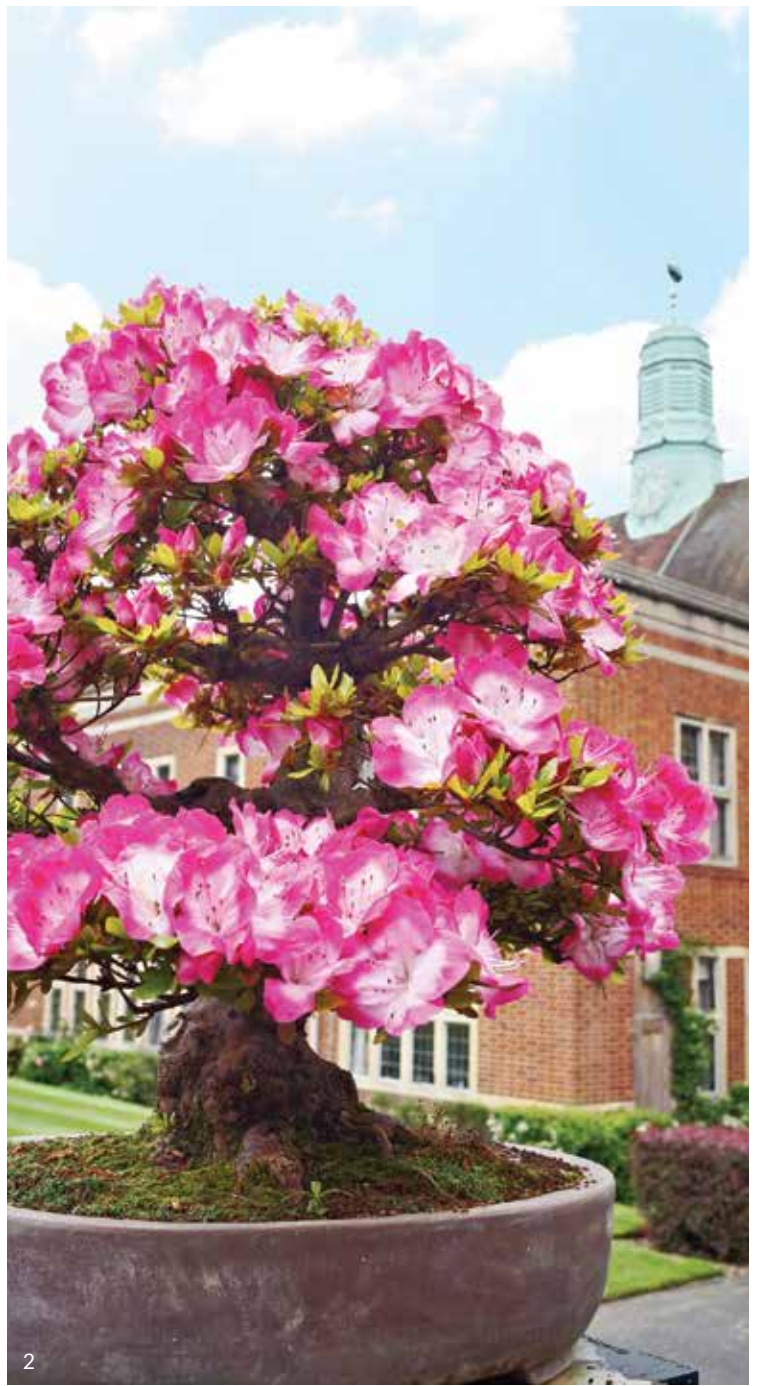
2. The Whitgift Rose, a Hybrid Tea rose launched at the Hampton Court Palace Flower Show, to mark the School's 400th anniversary







The Whitgift Graduation Ball in the main hall of the Sports and Conference Centre



1. A Bennett's wallaby
2. A bonsai tree in the Andrew Quadrangle
3. The Japanese Garden
4. A crowned crane



A Whitgift international music scholar playing a concert marimba



Whitgift has a fine record in Modern Pentathlon, with many boys regularly winning national titles and representing their country



Launch of the biennial Whitgift International Music Competition, in Big School





CREATIVE



A member of the Cooking Club



Scientific experimentation taking place in woodland at the School



A scene from *The Piper of Hamelin*







1. A masterclass on the Steinway
Grand in Big School

2. At work in the Design Technology
Department



A Whitgift international music scholar leading the Whitgift Chamber Orchestra



The Director of Music Development conducting the Whitgift Wind Band at the Fairfield Halls, Croydon



CHALLENGING





Aerial view of the Founder's Garden, with Tudor-style maze



A medal-winning performance in the Independent Schools Ski and Snowboard Championships





1. Outdoor Education in Portugal

2. A Whitgift team winning the demanding *Tough Guy* challenge







Fencing at Whitgift has produced many internationals, including leading modern pentathletes



FRIENDLY



Boarders on bean bags in one of the Founder's House Common Rooms





Boys in the Lower School Library





1. The Sixth Form Centre
2. The Head Librarian with a student in the Raeburn Library









Whitgiftians visiting the
Canadian National Vimy
Memorial in Northern France

INTERNATIONAL



The beautifully-located
Founder's House, just across
from the main school terrace







Scene from a Geography trip
to Iceland



1. Calligraphy lesson in the Oriental Studies Department

2. Whitgiftians on an expedition at the Grand Canyon, Colorado





Lower First boys learning to sail on the annual year-group trip to Lake Garda, Italy





HISTORIC





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1. The School's Founder, John Whitgift, Elizabeth I's last Archbishop of Canterbury
2. Old Whitgiftian, Sir Daniel Harvey, English Ambassador to the Ottoman Empire in the 17th century
3. Old Whitgiftian, Scrope Egerton, Fourth Earl and First Duke of Bridgewater
4. The Andrew Quadrangle

1. HRH The Duke of York, KG, has been Patron of the School since 2000

2. Her Majesty The Queen unveiling the School sign during her visit to commemorate the Quatercentenary of the Whitgift Foundation



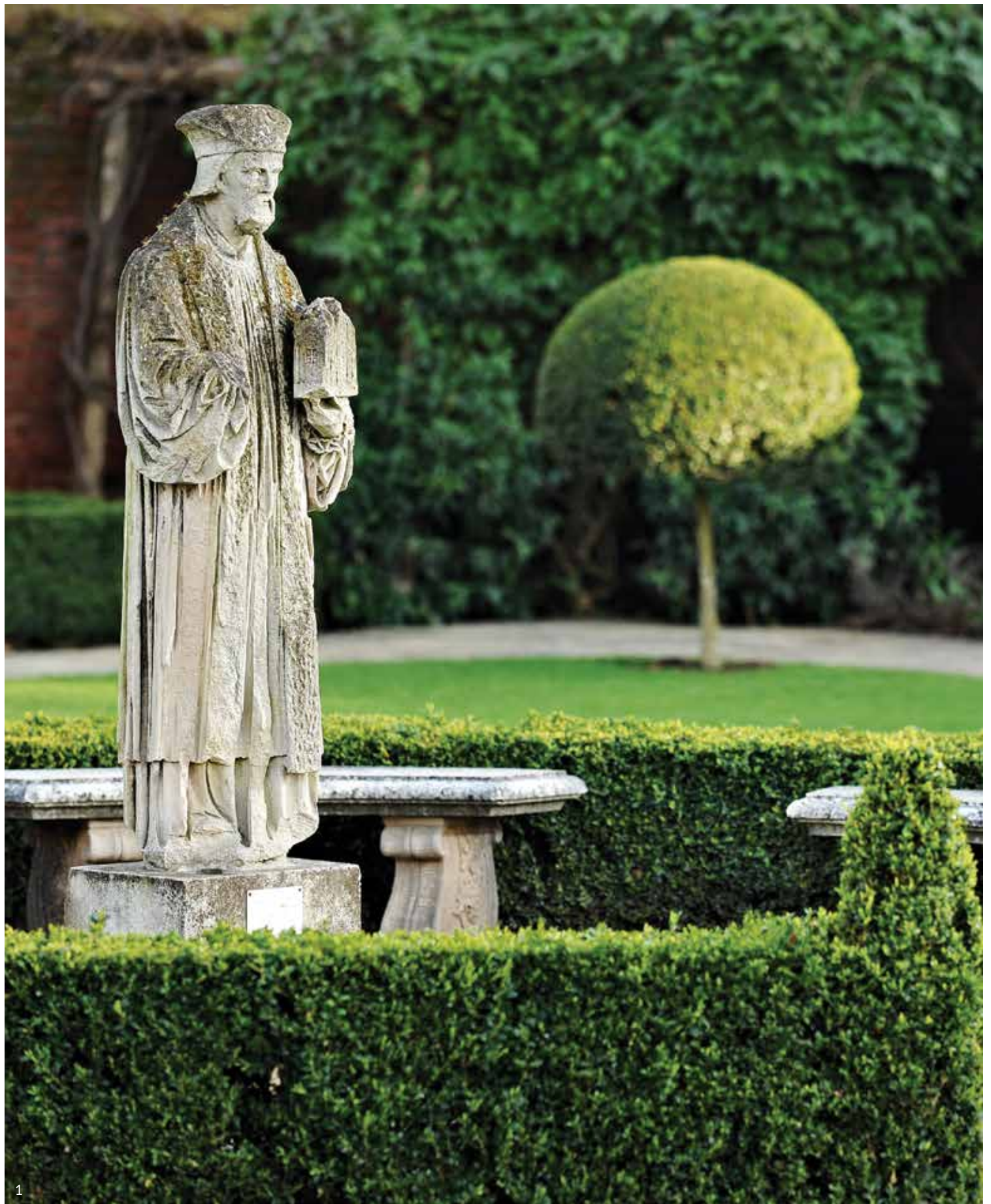


1. A CCF Annual General Inspection

2. Whitgift Corps of Drums, one of the oldest in the country, founded in 1905







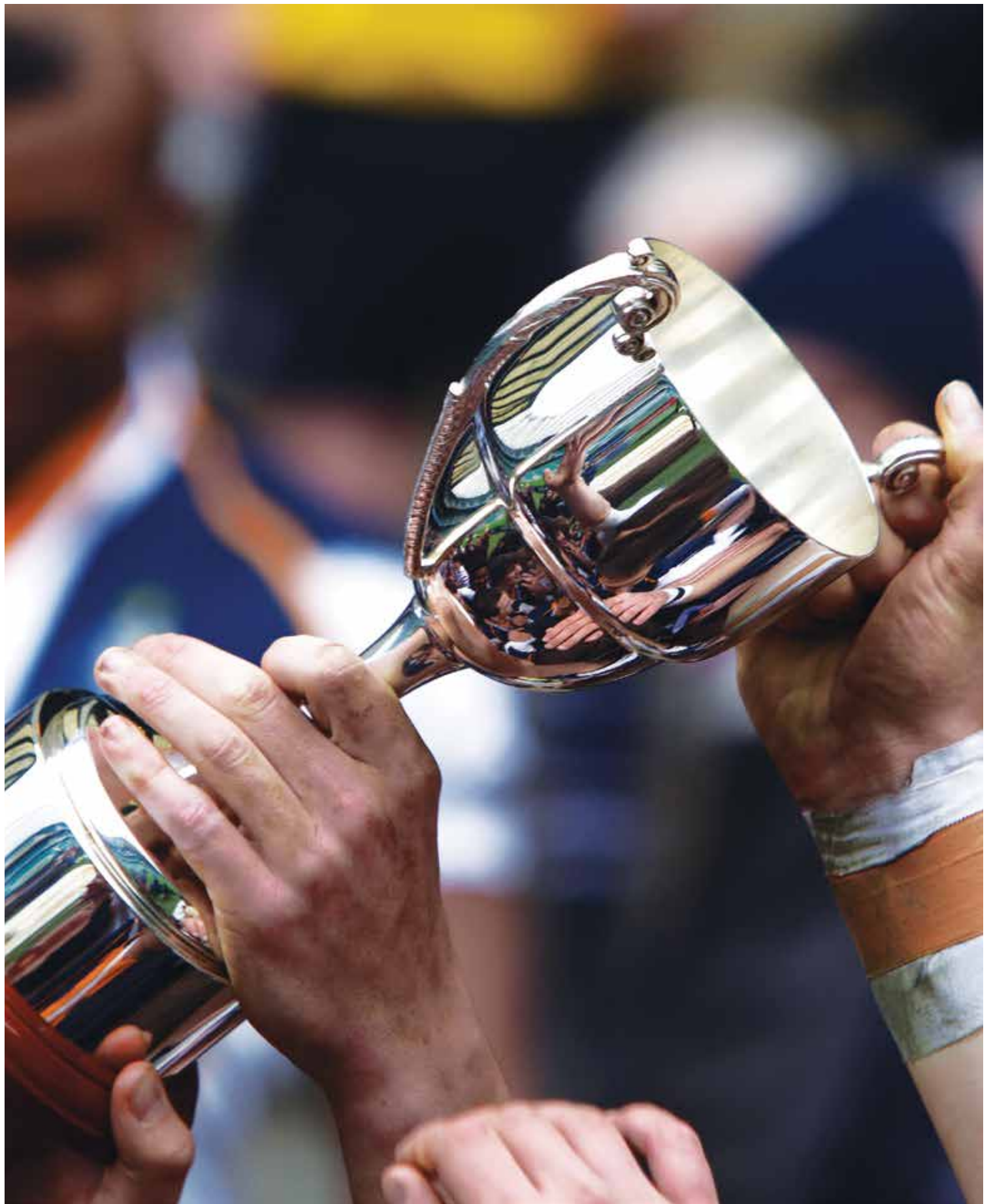
1. Statue of John Whitgift in the Founder's Garden

2. Big School clock tower, with the galleon of Lord Howard of Effingham; he was Lord High Admiral of the Fleet that sailed against the Spanish Armada in 1588, and lived in Haling Park



More than 130 national titles have been won in a wide range of sports in the past five years

SUCCESSFUL



The following images portray a number of high-achieving Old Whitgiftians

1. Whitgift's 1st XV joined a very small, elite group of schools, by retaining the *ERFSU Daily Mail/RBS* U18 National Schools' Rugby Cup, at Twickenham

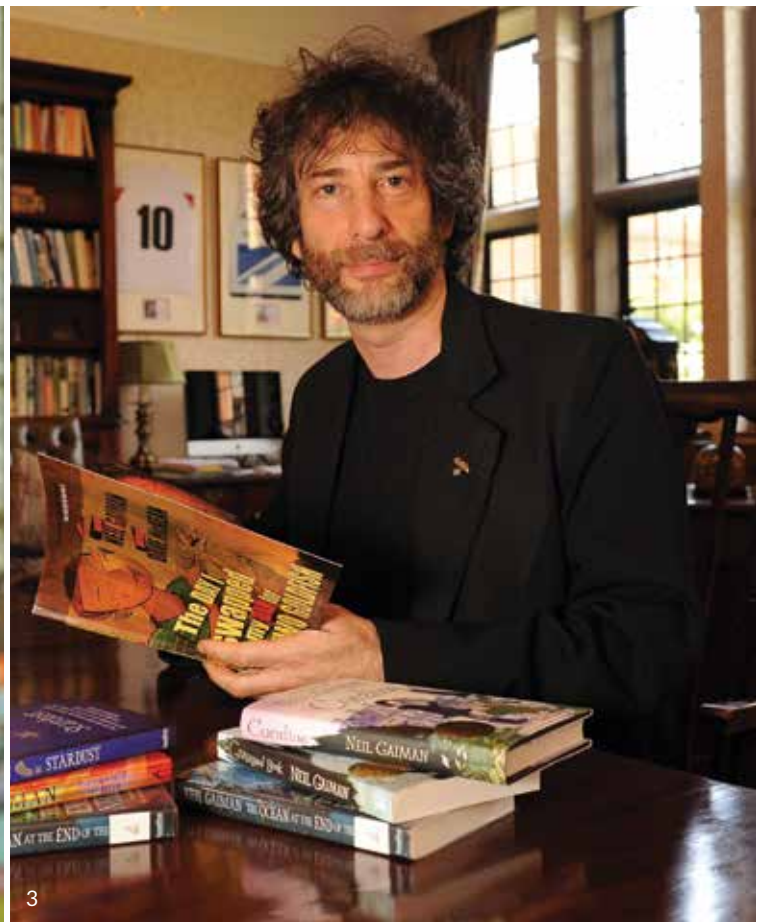
2. Dominic Sibley, who became the youngest player since the famous WG Grace to score a first-class double century in England, for Surrey CCC, while still a member of the Whitgift Sixth Form

3. Neil Gaiman, internationally-acclaimed author

4. Ssegawa Kiwanuka, voted the UK's most outstanding black student, with Boris Johnson

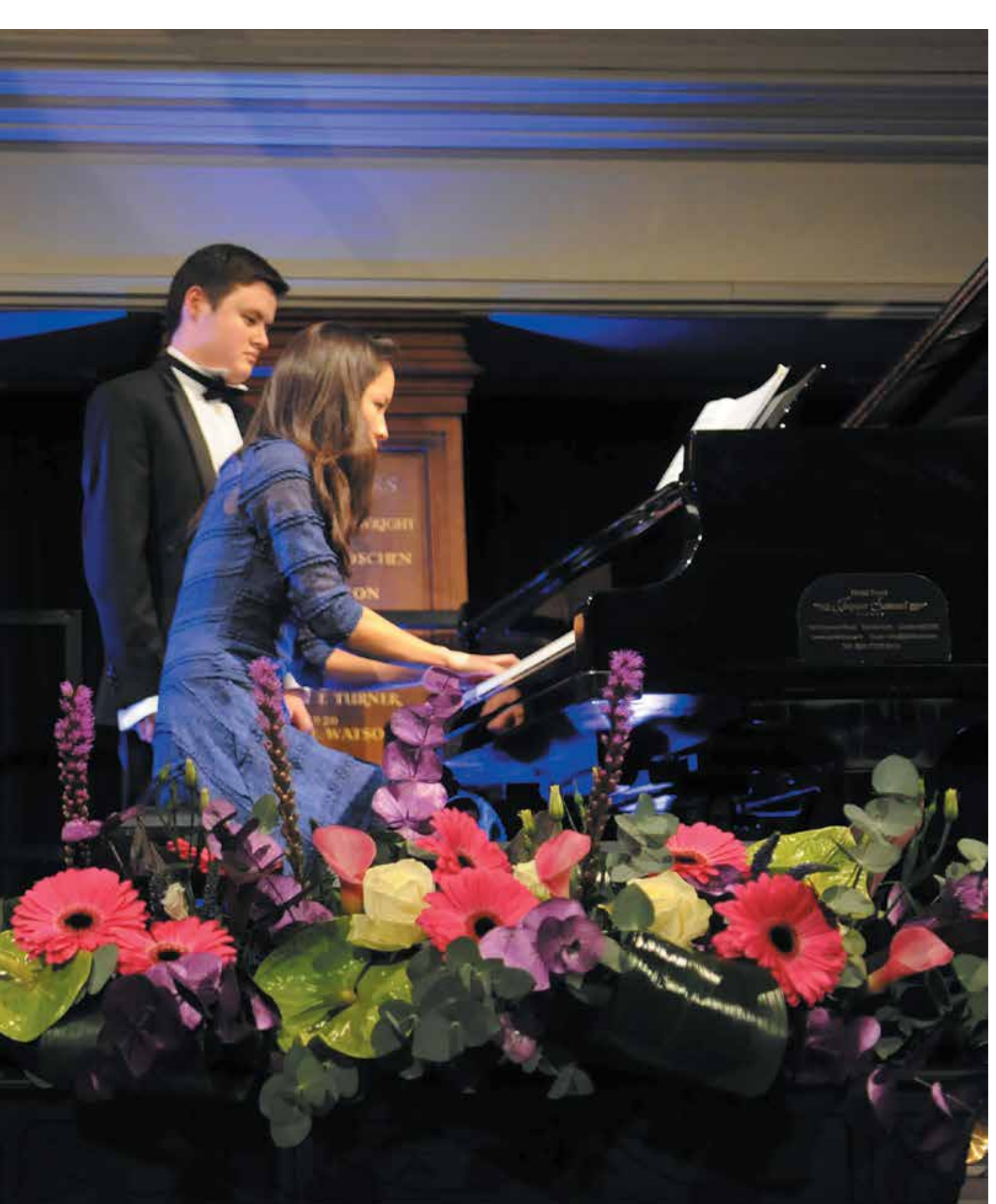
5. General Sir Peter Wall, Chief of the General Staff





Tim Posner, performing in Big School, prior to taking up his place at the Hanover University of Music









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1. Marland Yarde, Harlequins and England rugby wing, scoring a try against the All Blacks on the tour of New Zealand
2. Sir Keith Lindblom, High Court Judge, Queen's Bench
3. Derren Brown, television illusionist and hypnotist
4. Elliot Daly, London Wasps RFC and Barbarians
5. Martin Jarvis, actor
6. Luke Taylor, rising young hockey star, playing for England U21
7. Lord Freeman, Cabinet Minister
8. Lord Tedder, Marshal of the Royal Air Force, Deputy Supreme Commander, Allied Forces WWII
9. Tarik O'Regan, composer
10. Victor Moses, Premier League footballer, playing for Nigeria in the 2014 World Cup in Brazil
11. Danny Cipriani, Sale Sharks RFC and England Rugby fly half, playing against the All Blacks in New Zealand
12. Jason Roy, Surrey CCC and England cricketer



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Celebrations in the School Library on International Baccalaureate results day



Superb cosmopolitan boys school, with outstanding facilities and a strong academic reputation – an example of what education is really about

Good Schools Guide

Whitgift sport is exceptional; fabulous £9m sports complex, this is truly international stuff, and the list of sporting achievements is legendary

Good Schools Guide

The quality of pastoral care is outstanding; a calm and courteous approach pervades the School

ISI Inspection Report

Whitgift lives up to the ethos of “Excellence Through Sport for All”

The Daily Telegraph, School of the Year

**Exciting music with mass of orchestras,
choirs, chamber groups, bands, and
amazing success stories**

Good Schools Guide

**The inspirational grounds and
gardens foster calmness, peace and an
opportunity to appreciate a sense of
place and self-awareness**

ISI Inspection Report

**Whitgift means so much more than just
a great school; it is the bridge between
dreams and reality**

Remus Azoitei, Violin Professor, Royal Academy of Music





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