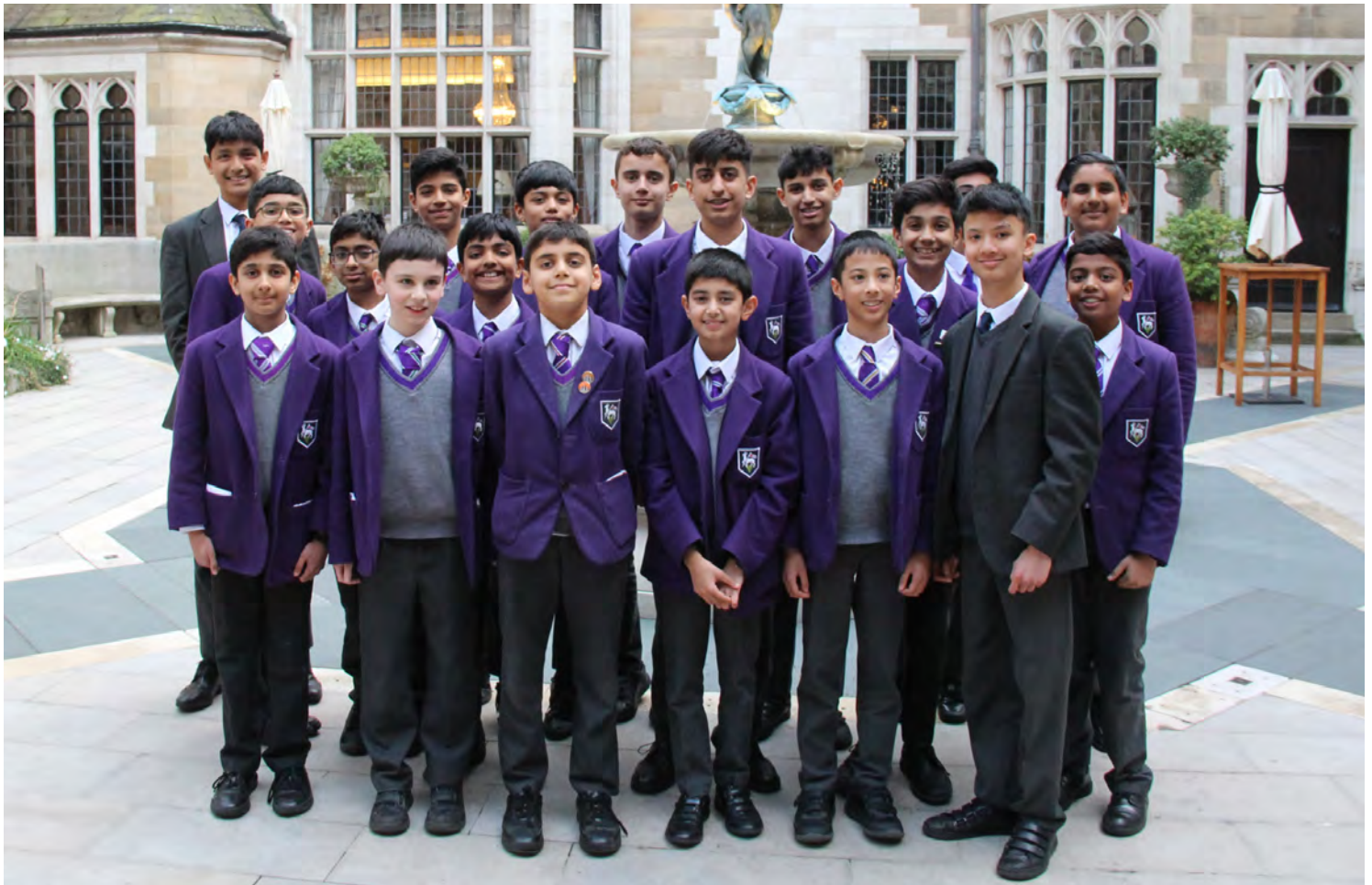




Musicians entertain at Merchant Taylors' Hall



From the
Headmaster

Musicians from Year 5 to 8 performed in the historic setting of Merchant Taylors' Hall on Monday. This inspiring concert connected musicians from Merchant Taylors' and St John's;

it was lovely to reconnect with Old Boys who were also performing.

In exciting developments, Year 8 boys have now settled into the challenges and rewards of the St John's IPQ. They are also enjoying the opportunity to extend their skills in Enriched Curriculum sessions.

Junior boys can be spotted throughout this edition dressed in their spectacular costumes for an Egyptian workshop day. Year 2 dressed up for a Victorian experience at Reveley Lodge and Reception immersed themselves in the

shimmering shades and spirals of the artist Klimt.

Years 3 to 8 were introduced to some new awards this week. Congratulations to the winners of the "Shining Star" and "Caught Doing Good" awards.

We enjoyed hosting fifteen different teams at our Cross-country event yesterday, which was held in high spirits despite the additional challenges of rain and mud. Well done to all those who got round. Keep dry this weekend!



The tasting table made a popular return

Beetroot took centre stage on Monday this week. Featured items included beetroot and chocolate cake, beetroot, apple and carrot smoothie shots, beetroot bread and beetroot hummus, creating a vibrant atmosphere in the dining hall. Excited boys from Pre-Prep through to Year 8 eagerly approached the table, curious to explore the selections.





The St John's IPQ is in full swing

Our Year 8 boys are currently getting stuck into their research. The topics that the boys are researching range from AI to engineering; warfare to nutrition; sustainability to building a website and a trebuchet; and many more besides. Boys have really embraced this opportunity and we have been so impressed by their industry: interviewing experts; sending emails to outside agencies for assistance; even emailing Jeremy Clarkson for information. Well done, Year 8, we look forward to some exceptional presentations.



Thomas C and Mehul interviewed Mr Anthony, a warfare guru, for their IPO



Exciting new awards for St John's boys

In a special assembly this week, the boys found out about two exciting new St John's awards, which will be presented to a selection of pupils, once per term. The 'Shining Star' award, for demonstrating an excellent attitude to work; high levels of engagement; excellent progress; or outstanding examples of written work (above and beyond expectations); and the 'Caught Doing Good' award, for which boys will be nominated for demonstrating kind, positive behaviour towards others, either in or out of the classroom. These boys have gone above and beyond to display St John's values. The boys had no idea that their teachers had been watching closely and nominating them since January. This week, we were delighted to congratulate our first group of winners.





Year 8 Enriched Curriculum

Year 8 boys are being challenged and inspired by their Enriched Curriculum sessions which include astronomy, philosophy, British sign language, robotics, touch typing, painting by numbers, model making and Digital Enterprise.



AROUND SCHOOL



One of our winning U10 football teams



It was Open House for Pine in the Art room this week



Our Egyptian violinists played in assembly on Monday



Taking advantage of a break in the showers to get outside and enjoy the fresh air in the treehouse



AROUND SCHOOL




Ifan and friends from the London Welsh School marked St. David's Day at Parliament. The children gave daffodils to House Speaker, Sir Lindsay Hoyle



St. David's Day assembly in the Pre-Prep



Mrs Massey's brand new Year 3 Brass Group rehearsing together for the first time. We look forward to hearing them at a concert soon



Aary and Noah presented an excellent assembly on Holi



Artists in Reception have been studying Klimt

The Robins and Squirrels have been learning about the artist Gustav Klimt. We looked at how he used lots of gold and other metallic colours in his work. We focused on a picture called 'The Tree of Life'. We were inspired by his spiral patterns. The Squirrels collaborated to make their own "Tree of Life."





Year 2 travel back in time

The **Badgers and Eagles** stepped back in time on their visit to Reveley Lodge. The boys dressed up in Victorian outfits and tried their hands at washing and drying clothes. They tried their best in the Victorian classroom, using a slate board and reciting their times tables. Some were even caned! They finished the trip with a cup of tea and a slice of Victoria sponge cake.





'Search for the lost tomb'

The Juniors enjoyed a visit from Aesop's Touring Theatre Company. The boys travelled with an Egyptologist as she explored one of the ancient pyramids of Egypt, in an unsuccessful attempt to steal its treasures. The boys helped to navigate the secret passageways in the pyramid, they solved puzzles that were written in hieroglyphics to enter the King's Chamber and Zakariyah was almost mummified!





Progressing our projects in the DT&E Studio





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ART



Some creative ideas on the theme of recycling

Our annual House Art Competition is well on its way. The theme is Recycled Art and it has been lovely to see the variety of work from each year group. Here is a sneak peek into how it is going...



Young Artists' Summer Show

2024

The Young Artists' Summer Show is a free, open submission exhibition for young artists aged 4–19 years and studying in the UK.

Students can submit one artwork for consideration which will be judged by a panel of artists and arts professionals. Selected artworks will be displayed online and on-site at the Royal Academy of Arts. Prizes will be awarded to inspiring artworks across each key stage.

How to enter

From 8 January 2024, teachers will be able to register their school. Next, students, their parents/guardians or their teachers can submit artworks via the RA website until 27 March 2024.

Important dates

8 January – 27 March 2024

Registration and submission open

May 2024

Judging

16 July 2024

Online exhibition opens

16 July – 11 August 2024

Display at the RA open

RA Royal Academy of Arts

Sign up and find out more

roy.ac/youngartists

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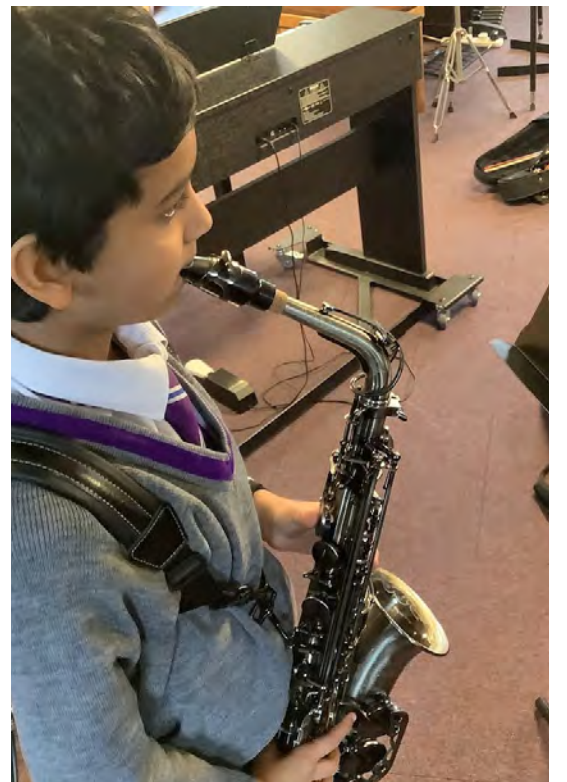
On Monday the boys in the Single Reeds Wind Group and Guitar Ensemble players travelled into the City of London to perform in the annual Merchant Taylors' and St John's Concert at Merchant Taylors' Hall. The standard of all the performances was exceptional. It was good to meet up with several St John's Old Boys who were also performing.





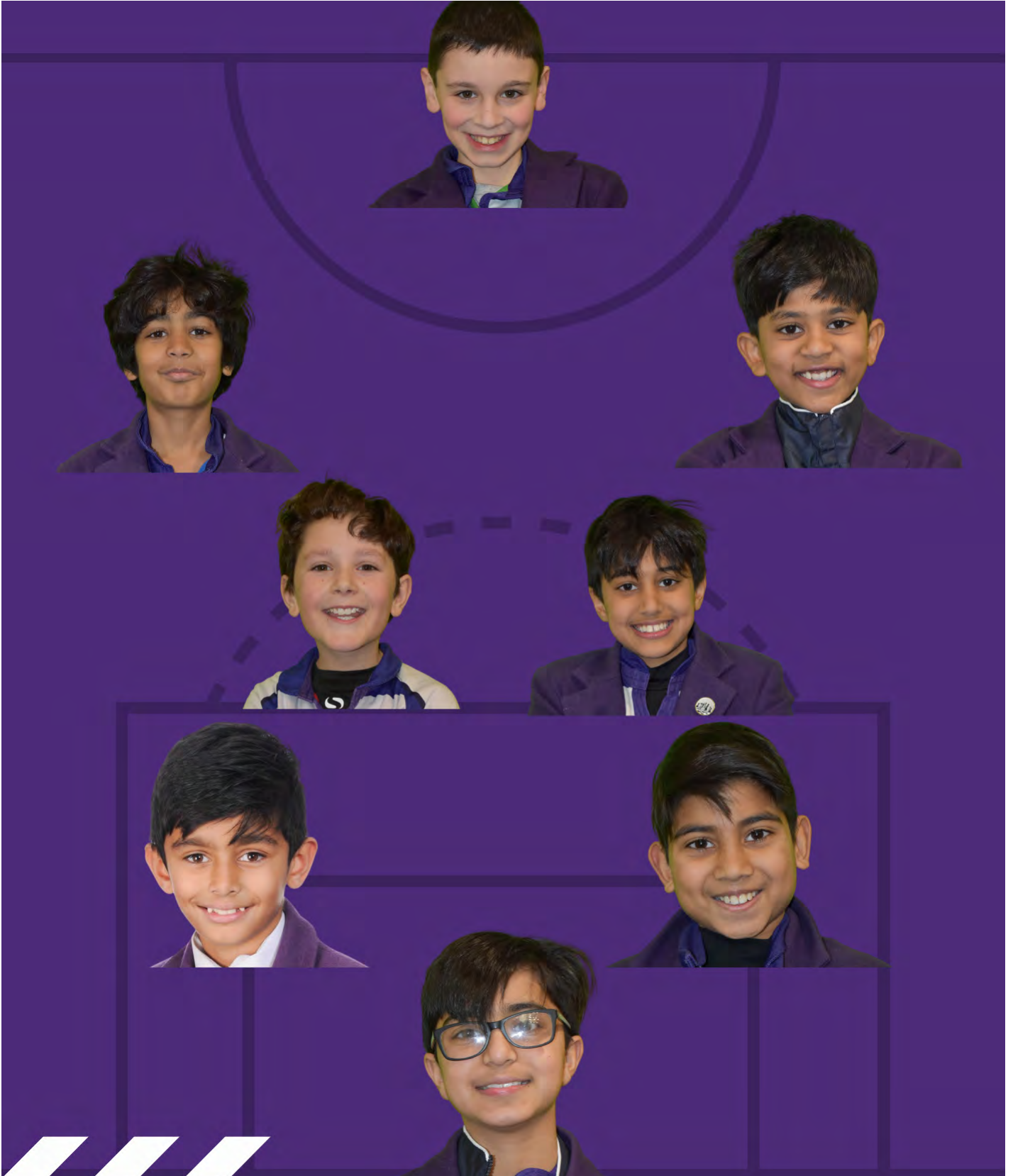
The House Music Competition continues

All boys have given confident performances towards this year's House Music competition, we look forward to more performances next week!





Matchweek 4 Team of the Week





St John's U11 Invitational Cross-Country

We were delighted to welcome ten girls' and boys' schools to enjoy a beautiful but challenging cross-country course on Thursday. Spectators and runners braved the rain which threatened to derail the event. Thankfully last-minute work by the grounds team helped to ensure that we could run the event safely. The runners showed fantastic fitness and resilience and St John's made a very respectable sixth place. Many thanks to everyone for coming and see you next year.





U9 Football v Haberdashers' 27th February

The boys played very positively in Tuesday's match against Habs. We learnt that we needed to increase the intensity of our game and be more physical. Our target for next week's sessions is to focus on control and passing basics.





Junior PE moves focus to Hockey

Boys in Year 3 & 4 have been super excited learning about the proper fundamentals of field hockey, a very popular sport at St John's. Here you can see the boys working on the correct grip, Top left hand, and bottom right hand. Learning about the 'Indian dribble' caused so much excitement whilst introducing this exciting sport!





Year 7 & 8 House Football this week





An evening of trivia, fun, food and community. An opportunity to beat the headmaster's table and earn bragging rights for the rest of the year. Book the babysitter and come and join us. Friends and Family are all welcome.

**16
MARCH
2024**

**CENTENARY HALL AT ST
JOHN'S SCHOOL, POTTER
STREET HILL**

**07:00
PM**

**TICKETS £25 PER PERSON INCLUDING
AN INDIAN MEAL. ASK YOUR SJA REP
TO BOOK YOUR TICKETS.**



Important dates & contacts

Monday 4th March: Sports photographs

DT&E & Art Open House (5M) (4.00pm-4.30pm)

Tuesday 5th March: Reception Trip to Batchworth Lock Canal Centre

U9 Primary Schools Football Festival at St John's (2.15pm)

Year 7 Online Parents' Meeting (Me-W) (6.00pm)

Wednesday 6th March: Caldicott Rugby Tournament: U13 A VII (1.00pm)

Musicians visit Emmanuel Church (2.00pm)

Road Safety Presentation (Year 6) (2.00pm)

Thursday 7th March: World Book Day and Author visit

Football v Gayhurst: U8 A, B, C, D, E (h) (2.30pm)

Friday 8th March: Science Week begins (Theme – Time)

House Meetings

Perform Drama Workshop (Pre-Prep)

Football v UCS: U10 A, B, C, D (a) (2.30pm)

Football v Mill Hill & Belmont: Colts A, B, C, D (h) (2.30pm)

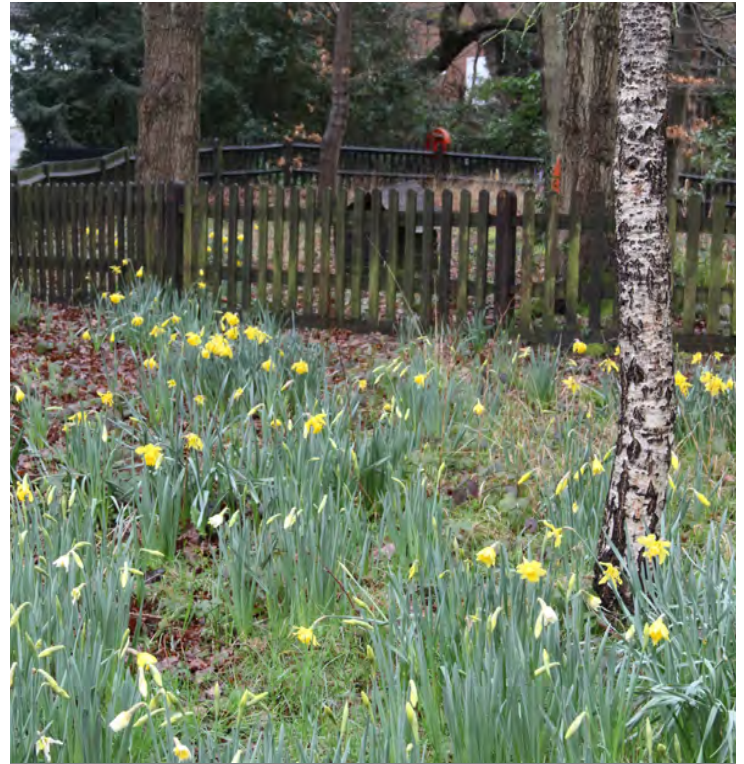
Saturday 9th March: Belmont Football Tournament: 1st XI

Updates: Please continue to visit www.st-johns.org.uk for all the latest information on sports fixtures and results.

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After a very wet winter, meteorological spring started with a splash of colour as daffodils burst into bloom by the Theobald Pond

Notices and reminders

World Book Day - Thursday 7th March: Please do encourage your boys to be creative and dress up as their favourite character from a fiction book. Please avoid football kits and dangerous items, such as swords and guns.

Young Artists' Summer Show 2024: Ms Gillen has registered our school to take part in a prestigious Art competition. See page 13 for more information about how to enter.

St John's Association Quiz on 16th March 7.00pm: This event is always extremely popular with an excellent quiz master, good food and a bar. More details on page 21.

Whole School Litter Pick: Please add 16th March to your diaries. The annual litter pick will take place in and around

the local area. This is a great opportunity to socialise whilst helping the environment and looking after our community. Refreshments will be available at Holland and Holland. House points and Merits will be on offer for all boys who attend. Please sign up using this link. [St John's School Litter Pick Sign Up Form](#).

Last week's question: Could more be done to keep shop workers safe? 97.7% said yes

Next week's question: "Should your role models be like you?"

House Points: 1st Churchill 95.60, 2nd Lawrence 94.96, 3rd Oates 93.17, 4th Lincoln 91.74

Have a great weekend