

### **Wimbledon Visit**

On the 14<sup>th</sup> of November, Henry Goode (Upper Sixth) and I were given the opportunity of a lifetime to visit The All England Club, Wimbledon. We were kindly invited by Old Millhillian Mr Tim Phillips former Chairman of The All England Club, 1999 to 2010.

Upon our arrival, we had the privilege of viewing the Championship Trophy displays in the main entrance hall of the members club. From here we continued our tour around the building and enjoyed the spectacular views from the main balcony over the outside courts towards St Mary's Church. The club was grand, yet it had an intimate atmosphere at the same time.

One of the highlights of the afternoon was being able to experience the Centre Court view both from ground level where the players enter and also from the Royal Box – an experience I will never forget. After taking a selection of photos, we walked around the prestigious grounds of Wimbledon and had a competitive, but friendly doubles match with Ms Ward and Mr Phillips on a clay court.

In addition, we were able to indulge ourselves with the privileges experienced by the world's best tennis players in the Ladies and Gentleman's Locker Rooms (see picture below). The eventful day also involved a visit to the Wimbledon Tennis Museum which was very extremely interesting to learn the history of Lawn Tennis. The day completed with some afternoon tea and cakes in the main clubhouse overlooking the outside courts.

I would like to thank Mr Phillips for inviting us and to Ms Ward for taking us.



**Su Mae Chua (Fifth Form)**