



School House Lent Term 2018



You have to be a slightly crazy to work in a boarding house! Matron and I had a great time dressing up for our annual House Dinner, this year joint with Gonville. The School House staff team of myself, Miss Simmons, Matron and all our tutors is a very happy one and this is something special that School House is very lucky to have. Understanding how we can support one another all leads to the School House girls being both happy and also appreciating how a good team works closely in collaboration together. This was seen in its element in the recent house netball and our house debating where School House teams worked and excelled together. Below right : some of our junior netballers and below left our TIRUMPHANT debating team.

HOUSE DEBATING WINNERS 2018:



Much of the term has been spent a little bit chilly and looking out hoping for snow! It seems to have flown by and we have had a super term of dinners, teas, a bit of sledging, superb success in debating, mathematic Olympians, Young musicians, International Women's Day and much more. I hope you enjoy this term's newsletter and wish you all a very Happy Easter.



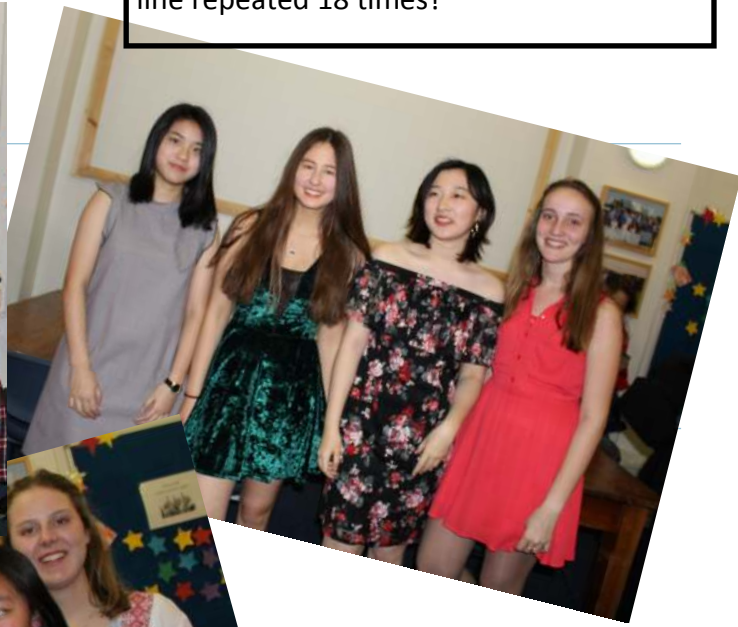
HAPPY EASTER

SCHOOL HOUSE DINNER WITH GONVILLE



In the name of integration houses have been having joint dinners this year and we had the pleasure of joining with Gonville at our 60s themed dinner. It was a brilliant theme which Matron and I embraced, as did all of School Hous who showed Gonville how to dress for such occasions! Issy Pancaldi led the organization with James, head of Gonville but was very much supported by the rest of the Upper Sixth, in particular Claudia Grace who put together a really fun and actually very informative 60s themed quiz. Well done girls for organizing a great evening!

In which Rolling Stones song is the same line repeated 18 times?



Who famously said "We're more popular than Jesus now," during an interview for the London Evening Standard in 1966?

By how many goals did England beat West Germany in the 1966 World Cup Final?



What was unusual about the way Jimi Hendrix played his guitar?



STEAM PROJECT AND SCHOOL HOUSE GREEN TEAM



Alongside other schools in the Eastbourne Schools partnership, the Science and Art departments have been involved with a STEAM project in Eastbourne Community. 'STEAM' stands for Science Technology English ART and Maths i.e all the STEM subjects alongside art. Elena Mirabet-Garcia in year 10 has been involved with beach clear ups, had a talk from a Sussex university lecturer about ocean pollutants and created pieces of art which reflect and celebrate our very special coastal surroundings.

Next term School House will be launching our very own 'GREEN TEAM', led by Abbie Buxton, Lucy Martin and Almudena Torres-Rubio. The GREEN TEAM will be committed to making sure School House actively looks after our environment through more recycling and weekly beach cleans. Everyone will be welcome to join the team to help on a regular basis.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

TOP eRC effort grades :

Year 9: Liv Reeves
Year 10: Elena Mirabet Garcia
Year 11: Carla Shulz
Year 12: Lianna Yuen
Year 13: Issy Pancaldi

Congratulations to all our U6th who have offers from their chosen universities. Special mention must go to Ines Pelvang for being offered an unconditional place at The University of California. Lily Porter also heads to university in New York and all others have gained places to do their Art Foundation courses and degrees of their choice.

Maho Okado achieved a bronze 2 level in the physics Olympiad and Elena Yang in Year 10 was awarded 1st Place in the Maths Olympiad which places her in the top 500 mathematicians in the country.

Most improved eRCs :

Year 9: Federica Buckingham
Year 10: Christina Ni
Year 11: Olivia Legg
Year 12: Mitsy Ewart
Year 13: Claudia Grace

Both Year 11 and Year 13 sat their mocks this term which have provided them all with benchmarks and clear guidelines for their revision program over Easter and in the run up to exams when they return in the Summer term. All year 11s and 13s should have a clear revision timetable for the Easter holidays and I wish them the best in their studies.

MUSIC AND ARTS

Well done Mimi Helyar was awarded her full Creative Arts colours for her service to the Arts at the College.

Behind the scenes in The Birley Centre there are so many girls practising their music, painting and taking photographs. I will

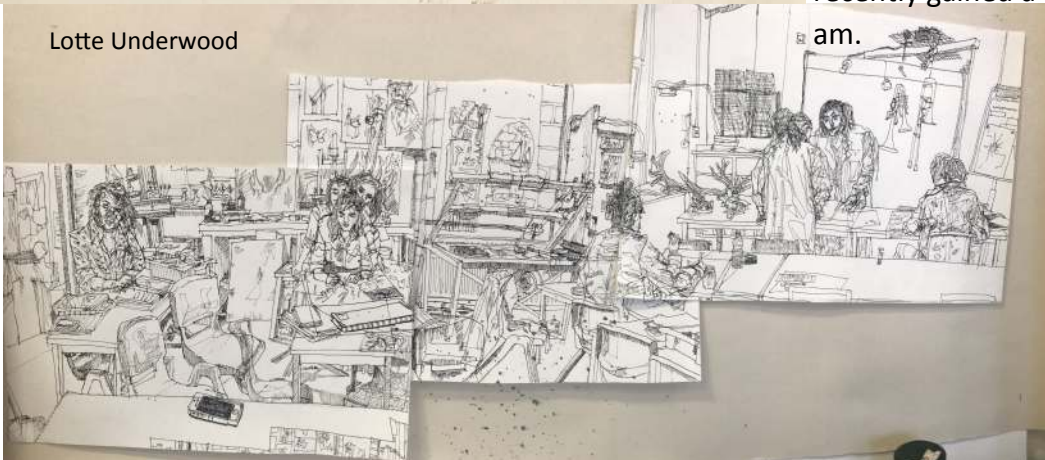
do a full review of the Arts in my final newsletter of the year but here is just a taster of what some of our girls have achieved. Lianna Yuen performed in the Young Musician of the Year, Senior category and stunned the audience with her incredible poise when introducing and playing her piece. And Lotte Underwood and Elena Mirabet Garcia have been producing superb work in art. Amy Shi recently gained a merit in her Grade 3 Trinity Singing exam.



Elena Mirabet-Garcia



Lotte Underwood



CHINESE NEW YEAR DINNER - a touch of red or gold!

The Chinese New Year Dinner is always a highlight in the calendar for me. It is such a fun and really friendly evening, with great food and always great company. This year Julie Sun, Amy Shi and Emily Loong all took part in the organisation of it and it was once again a super celebration of this important event.

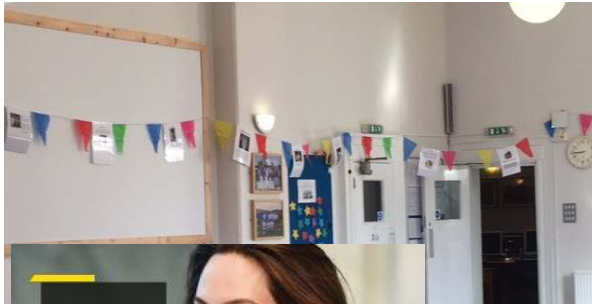


HOUSE TEAS AND DINNERS

Throughout the term we have lots of dinners and teas which are such lovely occasions and make School House even more of the home that it is. The girls love dinners in house and also adore going out with their tutors to Bills or for burgers.



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY



This year we went all out to celebrate International Women's Day. In School House every single School House girl thought of a woman who has inspired them, perhaps in their own aspirations, in what that woman has achieved or someone they see as influential globally or in a specific field. It was a fabulous range of incredible women from politicians to journalists, models to scientists. We then put a display up in both the house and the dining room. We will keep them in house for a while, so please do take a look at who the girls chose. Lots of School House girls also joined other girls from the college for a session of empowering yoga on College Field.



HOW TO WRITE A CV AND APPLY FOR JOBS

The Lower Sixth are beginning to think about their university choices and have been engaging with ideas for work experience, something else that Sarah Reeves could not speak more highly about the importance of. Many of the girls have been proactive about getting work over Easter and Summer; now is the time to do it before UCAS applications have to be made.

My sincere thanks go to Sarah Reeves, Mum of Liv Reeves in year 9, for her absolutely fabulous talk to girls from years 11 to 13 about how to write a CV and how to sell your skills to a potential employer. Sarah gave a really inspiring talk and emphasised the fact that every single girl in School House has a skill to offer. At a time when the girls are uncertain about getting into university and looking ahead to careers, Sarah's talk boosted many of the girls' confidence. She went through competency based interviews and encouraged the girls to think of examples which they could use in interviews. The girls came away feeling very much empowered and positive.



DEBATING CHAMPIONS 2018

After some hotly contested round and a truly thrilling final ,

School House has emerged Debating Champions 2018. I am so impressed with the girls who took part; they are skilled and determined debaters and I thank them for their hard work and commitment to their arguments in every round. Debating has taken on a new profile in the College thanks to our debater in residence Evelyn Valencia who is with us from America for this academic year. In the first round Rosie Kelly and Millie Barker debated the question of whether higher education at university level should be free and made some very strong arguments in opposition to the motion. In the second round Abi Planter-Rose and Millie then opposed the notion the 'NATO does more harm than good' . Their rebuttals were spot on and they presented their arguments with great confidence. In the final School House faced Watt and were once again joined by Rosie and Abbie Buxton also took to the floor to argue that 'Child offenders should be granted life-time anonymity'. A tough one to argue considering recent events connected to the tragic Jamie Bulger case but the girls were outstanding, presented a superb argument and all spoke with great confidence, impressing the Headmaster who was one of the judges.



HOUSE CHARITY

This term the girls wanted to build on our total from selling the Christmas cards so decided to sell valentines Roses. Mimi Helyar and Lucy Martin led the whole project and were awarded Headmaster's Commendations for their hard work, which had made the whole project entirely pupils led. So for the week before half term my office became sweetly scented by the smell of roses and was full of stems as the team snipped stems and tied secret messages of friendship and love to the roses. The roses were duly delivered to recipients who may still not know who sent them!

The total we have raised for charity has now hit £900 this year —thank you for your support!



HOUSE NETBALL AND SPORT THIS TERM

It has been a very busy term for netball. The year 9s A team has been phenomenal and shown that they are out to win! A win over Brighton College of a very convincing 41-15 was the mark of a superb team who has masses of potential and will hopefully overtake Hurst next year at SISNA—a lot to aim for. Well done Izzy Skarbek and Tilly Fox who have been key players in that team. The B team including Mimi Blockley, Liv Reeves, Ellie Previero and Lily Moore had a really enjoyable season as well, winning 8 of their 12 matches, 196 goals for and only 106 against, which is a great tally. Issy Pancaldi also had a great term in the 2nds. In the U15Cs Elena Yang and Juliette Lammerts (pictured) were two of many girls who had, before this term, never played netball in their lives at all. Despite this they were both named player of the match on occasions during the season and kept up the School House tradition and spirit of giving everything a go regardless of ability or potential to win. Well done to all netballers.

HOUSE NETBALL



COUNTY HOCKEY PLAYERS

Congratulations to Tilly Fox (year 9) and Lucy Martin (year 12) both of whom have been picked to represent Kent for their age groups in hockey. Sadly their first fixture this weekend was cancelled due to inclement weather but they have three more which will hopefully go ahead.

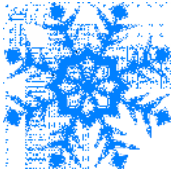


Teamwork was at its best at house netball when girls from all years joined together to take on the other houses. Once again it came down to goal difference so whilst we only lost one game in the juniors we came 4th and in the seniors we came a fabulous second. Thank you to Issy Skarbek and Lucy Martin for captaining, Lianna for being a wonderful and willing sub and to all girls for fighting to win! I loved watching Tilly F and Ellie P fly around the court!

A lot of this term has been spent wondering what the weather will bring us next! There was much anticipation about the snow which was on its way and then much disappointment at the few centimetres which stayed for a moment but decided not outstay its welcome! However that did not stop the year 9s and year 12s getting out there! The year 9s headed up to Links armed with trays (which the Rev emailed me quizzingly about thinking they make have plundered them from the dining room— as School House girls would dream of doing such a thing!! (Thank goodness I had some they could use!) and Abbie Buxton made an attempt at a snow man outside!



SNOW!



EPQ

Claudia Grace should be congratulated on completing her 6000 word EPQ on 'Do environmental or biological factors play the bigger role in shaping violent criminal behaviour'. Her flawless and professional presentation was superb, reflecting her true passion and newly gained knowledge about this subject. She had clearly thoroughly enjoyed the project and is an example to all our girls who are doing EPQ next year. It is a great opportunity to research a topic of personal interest and great practice for university.



Arts Gold Fashion Show

We had another treat from our Gold Arts Awards girls Martha and Cece this term in the form of a fashion show. Once again they designed the show, the clothes, trained the models, planned the music and background images and promoted it. Gold Arts Awards take a lot of commitment and creativity combined to bring the final event together. The support from the girls who modelled and Amy Shi dancing made it a great house event.





We continue to endeavor to empower our girls and to encourage them to see the world from different perspectives. Coming together in a boarding house from so many different backgrounds and countries is a fabulous way to keep ourselves connected to the huge outside world. Another way we have done this is in School House is to introduce a weekly serving of TED talks. Held in the common room with the lure of chocolate biscuits, those girls who have come have really enjoyed the varied menu of talks shown. They have been on a broad range of topics from global food scandal to street art . I would love to see more girls come along—talks last only 15 minutes - so next term year groups will be asked to come along to one or two, to what their appetite for more. It is not compulsory but the more the merrier and it is a great way to open minds to ideas, what is going on in the world beyond our very small bubble. There is so much we are not aware of and hopefully our weekly viewings will inspire curiosity and in some cases action. Please do encourage your daughters to embrace this community initiative, and opportunity to mingle and chat with other year groups.



This time last year the blossoms were out in the garden! This year they are waiting for the sun to burst through!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 15th April: Boarders return at 6pm
 Saturday 21st April; Community Weekend
 Saturday 5th May : Saturday Night Leave—note Monday evening return
 Monday 7th May: Boarders return 6pm
 Monday 18th May—Year 11 Study leave begins
 Friday 25th May: Half Term Begins 5pm
 Sunday 3rd June: Boarders return 6pm
 Monday 4th June: Upper 6th Study leave begins
 Saturday 30th June : Cornflower Ball



ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

TED TALKS summer term

Wk 1: How to connect with depressed friends

Wk 2: From death row to Law graduate

Wk: 3 Looking for a job? Highlight your ability not your experience

Wk 4: The brain changing benefits of exercise

Wk 5: My failed mission to find God and what I found instead

Wk 7: Teach girls bravery not perfection

Wk 8: 12 year old App developer

Once again Miss Squire and Miss Simmons arranged, with the help of cleverly hidden eggs by the U6th, a fantastic Easter Egg hunt. Mille Barker's was rescued from the depths of the pool, table and Mitsy Ewart is still to find hers; despite looking in every single teapot in the house, it remains elusive, quietly melting somewhere!



I hope that revision goes well for those who are approaching exams, and time is well spent with family and friends.

Enjoy your Easter Holidays and we look forward to seeing you all for the start of the Summer Term!