

Watt House Newsletter

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TRUMPET

With Distinction

Emma Smith

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FRENCH HORN

With Distinction

Sian Sulke

Here comes summer!

This year has flown by and it seems like just a few weeks ago that all of the newbies (myself included) were tentatively finding their place in the house and the wider school community. Now, with the sun shining and everyone looking as if they have all grown at least an inch in height, those days seem a long, long time ago. Eastbourne College is a smashing school and Watt, a wonderfully welcoming home from home for the girls during the day.

The tutors have nurtured the girls through the stresses of exams this term and fingers crossed, there will be happy faces in August; there certainly deserve to be after all of their hard work.

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FLUTE

With Distinction:

Leah Hallinon

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SINGING

Helen Grout

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PIANO

With Distinction

Sophie Nicholles

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VIOLIN

With Distinction

Tianlu Wang

The Garden



With the term beginning with such fabulous weather, the girls were quick to suggest that we



stretched across the lawn, the dog was shut away and the cookies were

moved our coffee mornings outside and into the garden. So, on the first Wednesday back, rugs were



learning their subjects, in-between slapping the sunblock on, practising their partner balances and playing throw and catch. It has been great to see them having some down time in the fresh air and Callie has been in paradise with all of her friends.

debated over: 'honeycomb and white chocolate' or 'red velvet'. Hot chocolate soon made way for chocolate milk, but sugar was definitely still on the edible menu. Soon the girls were down there during morning, lunch and afternoon breaks and the exam girls could be heard



NEWTON READING PRIZE



On 18th April, the Newton Reading Prize competition for Year 11 and 6th Form was held. Competition was fierce and the standard extremely high. There were a few entries from the house and Emma Smith did amazingly well to come second, with Sophie Nicholles also being commended. Well done girls!



The Obstacle Course

On the second Monday of term, we were blessed with a dry (if a little chilly) day and College Field had dried out enough to enable the whole school obstacle course and tug of war to take place.

The girls all took part enthusiastically and the Year 13s were practically pushing each other out of the way to get out of the house and onto the field. They were all fantastic and worked really well as year group teams, particularly in the cargo netting, where being in a pack made it far easier to keep the net up and crawl through. There was much hysterical laughter as they emerged from the final inflatable, as can be seen from the photos.

Both tug of war teams did well and had success against other girls' houses, but the seniors did particularly well in winning overall; not surprising considering how strong and athletic many of them are. All in all, it was a great afternoon, topped off by the presence of an ice-cream van for a little light refreshment.

How about this for house unity and helpfulness though: Rebe tying CT's shoelaces on the way over!









Recital Magic

On Friday 4th May, Sian performed her long-awaited and much anticipated recital, in the Birley. It was most definitely worth waiting for and she was utterly magnificent. With a voice that is still developing (who knows how fabulous it will eventually become if this was still not the finished product), she had the audience spellbound from start to finish.

She performed a wide range of taxing pieces - for Mr Jordan on the piano too - and the large audience were able to appreciate a selection of genres to best reflect her abilities, finishing with a couple of songs from the shows.

Sian looked absolutely stunning and was incredibly poised and confident up in front of everyone, who were all thrilled to hear that this was just a practice for next year's actual diploma recital.



Gold DofE

Rebe Casselden has achieved her Gold DofE award and on Thursday 17th May she went up to Buckingham Palace to collect her award.

Achieving a Silver DofE is a great thing to do, but Gold is a huge amount of dedication, commitment and effort. The people who manage it are always a certain type: those who see opportunities rather than barriers and this typifies Rebe. She thoroughly deserved her day at Buckingham Palace and told everyone many funny stories of the day itself.



REBE CASSELDEN



KATIE MCINTYRE



ORLA MACLAURIN

Summer Concert

On Friday 11th May, the College hosted a combined Summer Concert with St Andrew's Prep in All Saints' Church. A varied programme, giving several performers the chance to shine individually, was advertised and the showpiece was: 'Requiem in Blue', composed by Harvey Bough, who was also there to perform in person. What a splendid evening it was. Modesty had prevented the girls from telling everyone about their contributions, but as the Concert progressed, more and more Watt girls were given centre stage to show how incredibly talented they are.

Emma Smith played Haydn's Trumpet Concerto in E flat major and although one could appreciate that it was a long and difficult piece for her, at the same time, everyone was transported by the beautiful playing and the piece itself. Magnificent.



After that, Rae Greenhow was given the lead cello piece in Vivaldi's Concerto for Strings - wonderful.

The Requiem in Blue then began and it is a very eclectic mix of genres, which is not all that mainstream and not something that many in the audience had listened to before. Sophie Nicholles took to the front of the stage and performed a breathtakingly beautiful version of a most unusual song. It was so good to hear her sing a solo with such poise and with such an appreciative audience.

The list goes on as then Helen Grout, Sian Sulke and Bibi Convert all had individual sections. All were excellent. Leah Hallinon was playing the bassoon, which showed how talented she is on top of her flute playing. Then, a most surprising and lovely thing happened and it was Shaumya stepping forward to sing a solo. Shaumya is always so quick to say, "I can't actually sing."



Well, no one is ever going to believe her again after that performance!



Junior French Speaking



On Tuesday 15th May, the Deekes French Speaking competition was held. Sometimes, getting up in public to speak in your native tongue is difficult, so to do it in a different language must be really nerve-wracking.

Mrs Davies reported that the standard was extremely high, so even more credit to our two successes in the house: Arielle Karoubi who came 1st and Natasha Symes who came 3rd. Well done to both of the girls.

(brother of Bibi), who were absolutely amazing. Natasha Symes deservedly came second.

Well done to all the girls though for entertaining us all so well.



Declaration Prize

Every year the English Department holds a competition for Years 9 & 10. It is open to anyone who wishes to take part and each pupil has to source a piece of prose or poetry and then present it. This year it was held in Le Broq and the judges were Ms Squire, Mrs Bathard-Smith and Mrs Mackenzie.

The standard was incredibly high and the passages chosen, really interesting. There was a piece written by an older brother of a competitor and a diary extract from a grandfather who was a prisoner of war. The house was represented by all five of the Year 10 girls and they were really good. The overall winners were Poppy Moore and Jerome Convert



House BBQ

On Saturday 19th May, the whole house BBQ was held in the garden. It had been a glorious day and the atmosphere was one of happiness and joy, helped by Harry and Meghan deciding to get married on the same day as our celebrations and period 4 being cancelled! With two BBQs fired up and ready, garlic bread in the oven and an entire freezer full of ice-creams, what could go wrong? Luckily absolutely nothing and the girls were very patient as we made sure that the food was thoroughly cooked before serving it.

This was the last time the whole house would potentially be together this year and it was a time to celebrate both funny moments and contributions to the spirit of Watt. The U6 all did 'the person most likely to...' for each other, which was a bit of an eye-opener for everyone else. For example, Rebe was awarded 'the person most likely to have 100 boyfriends first' and Anya had the dubious honour of 'the person most likely to wake up in a bush after a night out'. Tianlu won 'the best listener' award as she has to do a lot of that within her very chatty group of friends and Sophie 'the person most likely to analyse everything in minute detail'. She was actually analysing that as she came up to accept her expensive paper plate award.

One girl per year group was also awarded an almost priceless gold cup (!) for representing the core values of the house so well and being a role model to others. These winners were:

Jessie Tarrant,

Natasha Symes,

Jess Williams,

Apurva Parachuri,

Rebe Casselden and Indy Wood, (as the two Upper Sixth girls could not be separated).

We then awarded the Watt Cup for being (as Indy put it) the girl who says 'yellow' with all that she does and how she behaves. The house contains a huge number of girls who inspire, participate and amaze, but there has been a stand-out person throughout the year with her musical accomplishments, her concert planning and her general ability, through any adversity, to keep a big smile on her face and always be looking to see what she can do to help others feel good about themselves. She epitomises who a Watt girl is and just what can be achieved through enthusiasm and hard work.

Well done Emma Smith; an extremely worthy winner.



After the prizes, there was much mucking around and even some limbo dancing from the Lower Sixth, before everyone headed off home. It had been a lovely evening.





Prefects Dinner

On Friday 18th May, the Headmaster hosted all of the School Prefects for their final hurrah - a formal dinner. We have been fortunate to have an almost unprecedented four Prefects this year - Abi, Rebe, Olivia and Bibi - although with the girls we have in Year 13, there could easily have been more, such is their strength.

They were all very excited about the evening ahead as they changed after school and didn't they look absolutely stunning.



Birthdays

Throughout their last year in the school, the Year 13s usually hit their 18th birthdays. We have had several more this term and the girls have all celebrated in the traditional British way: with cups of tea and cake.

Rebe had a picnic and tea party in the garden, with so many cakes and cookies that the girls all looked a bit queasy for the rest of the day. Indy celebrated hers just before half term and she shares her special day with Hannah (one of her BFFs). Hannah came over and the two had their day time celebration in the common room.



Inter-House Tennis

A gloriously hot day - possibly even too hot for tennis - heralded the much anticipated senior inter-house tennis competition.



instinct in sight! Lots of laughter, numerous 'Sorrys', but also many comments to their opposition, such as, 'good shot'. Music to the spectators' ears because of the sportsmanship on show and the warmth and humour being displayed by all of the girls. Emma and Bibi also played extremely well and were a credit to the house.



With the captain of tennis in the house (Katie) and her talented partner (Olivia), hopes were high for the A team. They played really well and the standard was incredibly high. Too high in the end with the strength of the senior squads in the school, but one victory and two really close games, enabled them to come a very creditable third. The B team were Bibi and Emma and in all honesty, their personalities came to the fore



during play and there was not much killer

Friday 25th May

The Friday before half term was a day where the Year 13s could often be heard saying: "This is the last time we will..."

The day started with a continental breakfast in house. As all the girls came in, there was a general lift in the mood as they all realised that the pain au chocolat, croissant and fruit were all for them and the aroma of freshly brewed coffee was a definite pick-me-up for some. Mr Miller and Mrs Davies joined us and there really was a lovely atmosphere.



A 'last' morning registration for everyone was followed by the Upper Sixth Thanksgiving Service in All Saints. Bibi did a lovely Dr Seuss reading and Emma played and sang 'Tiny dancer'. In typical Emma (generous) fashion, she did not want to perform on her own and so there was a quick rehearsal so that all of the Year 13s would know the words to be able to join in as a whole house accompaniment. This togetherness typifies this special year group. and the performance was wonderful.



Lessons followed, then five of the girls had to sit a Philosophy A-level paper, while all the others had a final late lunch together with Mrs Davies and myself. Before going in, they made the most of the sunshine and sitting down at lunch it was really lovely to see and hear them talking about the future and making sure that plans were in place to meet up, not to mention what they would be wearing to the Cornflower Ball.



Young Craftsman of the Year

After the report in the last newsletter about Rebe's wonderful Design & Technology project, there is more excellent news. It was entered into the Young Craftsman of the Year competition at the South of England Show and Rebe took first prize. This competition aims to promote crafts and skills and to encourage young people to extend themselves and produce work of the highest standard. Rebe certainly did that, so well done!

Having been offered a nice sum of money for her work. Rebe is now considering making a small collection of pieces in her university holidays, perhaps exhibiting them and then selling them on.



Gold Arts Award



May completed her Gold Arts Award on the penultimate Wednesday of term, which was such a good achievement after the completion of her A-levels.

She hardly mentioned it to anyone beforehand and the actors involved only found out about it a short time before rehearsals started at 2.30pm in the afternoon. Then, at 6pm, everyone was ready to perform; lines learned and characters created ready for an audience.

It was so good. The theme was: 'Loss' and there was poignancy, as well as humour. Weightwatchers featured and the line, "I've lost 6 stones of fat and gained 6 stones of muscle," did make everyone chuckle!

May had chosen her cast well and they did not disappoint. Well done to Ellen, Daisy and Natasha for stepping up so quickly and effectively (especially just the day after MAZE), but, most importantly, well done May for putting on such a good show and completing the award.

Double Drama

As the term drew to a close, there were two shows put on in Le Brocq. Both were just an hour long and they could not possibly have been more different.

Most people went to see them both on the same evening and the first show was staged by the Year 9 and 10 Drama Scholars group. Entitled **MAZE**, it was a hard hitting piece which the pupils had written themselves, about social media. Minimalist scenery and little movement around the stage made the audience really focus on the words being said and there were several scenes that made the older audience members



feel extremely grateful that such technology had not been around in their youth.

Well done to Daisy, Ellen, Natasha, Jessie, Orla and Otilie for entertaining everyone so well and making us all think about the difficulties of

navigating through the minefield of social media.

The second show was called **Shakers** and was put on by four Year 12s. It was a series of sketches about a cocktail bar (hence the name) and it was a hilarious mix of irreverent jokes, colourful language and frighteningly accurate



observations of people who either frequent such bars or who work in them. The acting from the four role-changing stars was truly excellent and Issy Newton's wrestling with a pair of jeans in New Look was hilarious.

It was exciting to note that two of the other stars are joining the house in September (Megan and Lauren), so the Year 13 Revue sketch for next year is looking like it should be fun...



Mad as a hatter!



The play on words was incredibly clever and you had to pay attention at all times or several jokes could be missed in the blink of an eye. Superb costumes and amazing face paint added to the visual effect and the only disappointing moment was when it finished far, far too soon.

Thank you to the girls for entertaining everyone so well and it was great to see the talents of some more of the girls who are joining the house in September (Annabel, Holly, Millie and Daisy).

In the last week of term, the Lower Six Dell play was Alice in Wonderland. With Imogen playing the part of Alice, Sian as The Queen of Hearts and Helen as the White Rabbit, the house was well-represented and their acting was excellent. The play started outside the Nugee Atrium on a glorious sunny evening and then the audience followed the actors round to the Dell theatre, which was a masterpiece of design.



LAMDA

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With Distinction

Imogen Smith

LAMDA

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With Merit

Daisy Newton

Cricket



With so many keen cricketers in the house, it was inevitable that the inaugural girls' cricket match on College Field should be well-represented by the Watt girls. Played on a Friday evening, at the end of another glorious sunny day, girls such as Indy, were finally able to represent the College (in a girls team) in one of their favourite sports. The match did not end with a victory, but it was a fine spectacle with some excellent individual performances against a far more experienced Gildridge House team. With winter training being put in place for the girls this coming year, there should be many more matches to follow. Well done girls for being the very first to compete for the College.



Year 9 /10 inter-house tennis



Most of the Year 9 girls have not really played much tennis before this term. The progress that they have made has been excellent, but competing against some of the other houses with girls who receive coaching throughout the winter months and who have been playing for years, we were always going to struggle. However, with Natasha & Elsa leading and Jessie, Chloe, Grace, Maddie and Arielle rotating around, we were able to put out three pairs and they smiled and graciously competed and did their very best. They came 4th, so well done and lots more to come next year with more playing time under their belts.



Sports Day

On the last Friday of term, with the hot sun beating down on them, an exhausted group of girls clambered into the buses bound for the Sports Park, after the completion of their CCF trips and journeys back from France.

There are some talented athletes in the house and some excellent individual performances ensued. As expected, the house atmosphere was incredibly supportive and the girls in yellow were cheering each other on throughout. Rae even ran alongside Shaumya when she had to step in to run the 300m.

There were too many great performances to list, in full, but:

- Elsa (800m), Daisy (Long Jump), Rae (Discus) and Alex (Shot) all won their events
- May (1500m), Sian (Discus), Sahara (Javelin), Daisy (Hurdles), Beth (200m), Ellen (TJ), Natasha (Javelin), Alex (300m), Jessie (LJ), came second in their events
- The inter girls (Years 10 & 11 combined) won overall
- The senior Tug O' War was an annihilation: who knew we had such strong girls in the house, as they beat each of the other girls' houses in less than 5 seconds each time... amazing!

Well done to all of those who took part and entered into the spirit of the event.







Cornflower Ball



So, after five years at the College, Saturday 30th June was the final day for this year's Upper Six leavers and how better to celebrate it with the annual Cornflower Ball. It started early in the garden at 6.15pm and I have never known the girls to be quite so punctual. They were practically queuing up outside the gate at 6.10pm, ready to officially begin their last evening with a glass or two of Prosecco. Most of their parents were also there and everybody looked absolutely stunning.

Due to a slightly ill-timed watering of the lawn earlier in the day (oops), heels were sinking down into the soil, but it only added to the atmosphere of laughter and good cheer which surround this most wonderful group of young women. When spending time with their parents

it is easy to understand why they are as they are. Julian and I could easily have spent the whole evening pouring wine and socialising with the more adult versions of their supportive, friendly, kind and caring daughters. Having children is a tremendous responsibility and it is fabulous to spend time with so many people who have done such an amazing job with theirs.

The Ball beckoned and over everyone went for what will hopefully be something they will all look back on with fond memories in the future. It was certainly a smashing event in the Winn building.

Farewell Year 13s, but let it not be goodbye for ever!

Awards

There have been so many achievements this term from these incredibly talented girls:

Class Effort Awards:

Orla Maclaurin	:	Latin, Spanish, Biology & Music
Jessie Tarrant	:	Maths, English, CC
Flora Stevenson	:	History, D&T, PE
Alex Hawkins	:	Physics, Biology
Elsa Auer	:	German, Latin
Bella Al-Khalifa	:	Art
Libby Carpenter	:	Textiles
Ellen Duthie-Jackson	:	Dance
Otilie Grant	:	RS
Helen Grout	:	French
Arielle Karoubi	:	Maths
Maddie Lindsay	:	Art
Sahara Moshref	:	Physics
Daisy Newton	:	Maths
Isabelle Newton	:	P & T
Natasha Symes	:	Maths
Tianlu Wang	:	Geography

Colours:

Half Colours

Music : Leah Hallinon & Helen Grout

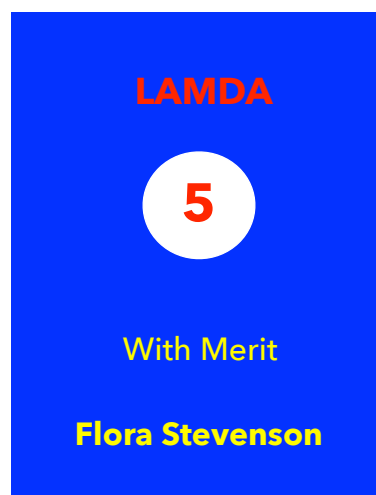
Fives : Indy Wood

Full Colours

Tennis : Katie McIntyre

D & T : Rebe Casselden

Music : Sian Sulke



Prize-Giving Awards:

Blackburn Singing Scholarship	:	Sian Sulke
Headmaster's Award	:	Elsa Auer
Design & Technology & Textiles Prize	:	Jessie Tarrant
Year 10 Dance Prize	:	Daisy Newton
History, Latin, Maths, Music & Spanish Prizes	:	Tianlu Wang
EC Prize for the Outstanding Academic Performance in Year 10	:	Natasha Symes
Junior Spanish & Scripture Prizes	:	Rae Greenhow
Junior English, Singing & Latin Prizes	:	Sophie Nicholles
Junior CC, Maths, French & Greek Prizes	:	Shaumya Kularajan
L6 Textiles Prize	:	Libby Carpenter
L6 Latin Prize	:	Sian Sulke
Senior French Prize	:	Bibi Convert
Senior History Prize	:	Katie McIntyre
Senior Geography Prize	:	May Scott
Senior Design & Technology Prize	:	Rebe Casselden
Senior Painting Prize	:	Rosie Kremer

Other notable mentions

In modern languages, the Year 11 vocabulary competition was won by Shaumya Kularajan, who reached an impressive score of 99%.

In the recent Model United Nations Conference, hosted in the College for over 60 pupils in Years 9-12 and from St. Andrew's, Natasha Symes, representing Egypt, came 1st.

Congratulations to Isabelle Newton for her senior cadet appointment this term.

Honorary Academic Scholarship

This term, Natasha Symes has been awarded an honorary academic scholarship for her outstanding effort and attainment in every single one of her subjects in the last two years, as well as her exemplary behaviour and immersion in almost every area of school life; she is an outstanding role model in every way. Natasha being awarded this is particularly special as it is extremely unusual for a Year 10 to receive one.

Next year

There are exciting times ahead for the house with Arnold girls joining in Years 10 and 13, as well as many new girls joining in Years 9, 10 & 12.

The Watt girls have been incredibly welcoming to the Arnold contingent, who understandably have felt very sad at the loss of their own house. They have all been spending time in Watt and already seem part of the furniture, so I am sure the transition will be a smooth one in September.

Appointments

Our House Prefect team next year will be:

Head of House : Sahara Moshref

Deputy HOH : Eleanor Long

Prefects : Helena Drew,
Lauren Bennett,
Helen Grout,
Isabelle Newton.

Deputy HOS : Lauren Bennett

School Prefect : Sian Sulke

And finally, I shan't miss their parking next year, but I will miss the Year 13s themselves.



Have a wonderful summer everyone!