

Dates for your diary

Sun 5 Jan 6.00pm Lent term begins

Thurs 23—Sun 26 Jan Exeat

Thurs 23 Jan 3.15 pm -
Year 10 Parents' Evening

Fri 14 Feb 3.15pm
Year 11 Parents' Evening followed by
Year 11 Options Evening

Fri 14 Feb 2.35pm
- Sun 23 Feb 9.00pm Half term

Sat 29 Feb—Nugent House Dinner

Fri 20 March Term ends at 3.00pm

Looking ahead.....

I hope that your daughter has a super Christmas holiday with the right blend of festive fun, rest, and time spent with friends and family. Year 11s will be facing mock GCSE exams immediately on their return, so I am sure that they do not need me to remind them of the need to get down to some decent revision. I would also encourage all girls to try a digital detox from time to time—to enjoy the simplicity and magic of Christmas in its own right rather than living it through a computer screen.

There is a lot to look forward to next term—the Nugent -Pennell dinner, netball, and most importantly lighter nights and more daylight hours! In the meantime, as the shopping frenzy undoubtedly reaches its zenith over the next few days, I would encourage your daughter also to consider more meaningful gifts to bestow, pondering the words of Anne Frank 'You can always give something, even if it is only kindness'. I wish you all a most joyous Christmas and New Year.

Best wishes, Vicky



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Dear Parents

The Michaelmas term is always the beast of all terms — the longest, the coldest and the most arduous. It certainly seems like a long time ago since the late summer days back in August when term started. Impossible, as ever, to condense the activity of 55 girls and 90 days (and I dread to think how many hormones) into four short pages, but I do hope that this will give you a flavour of what has been going on.



Michaelmas Term 2019

This term we welcomed a staggering 17 girls to Nugent into all year groups from places as far afield as Vietnam, America and Mauritius. A special shout-out must go to **Liz Helmin**, new into Year 13, who has revolutionised Friday nights with a wide variety of entertainment.

For me it has been a pleasure to work with Marina again, and I am sure that all girls would agree that she and Bruce are now part of the Nugent furniture! Elsbeth has continued to lighten the mood of even the darkest November morning and put in the occasional appearance at roll call.

Highlights of the term have included a superb House concert, the Birley Live Lounge, where Nugent made up more than 50 per cent of the singers, a surprise second placing in the inter-house singing, and **WINNING** the Christmas decorating competition due to our indomitable festive spirit and our live baby Jesus (Elsbeth!)



Blue Health at its best.

Reward Leaderboard Michaelmas 2019

- 1) Sapphyre Mils Kennelly
- 2) Georgie Ginbey
- 3) Sophia Semkina
- 4) Imogen Symonds
- 5) Abbie Coleman
- 6) Alessandra Orio
- 7) Sasha Rozanov

Academic

I am delighted to report that the majority of Nugent girls have worked really well both in and out of the classroom this term, with frequent visits to the HMO for high numbers of Show Hsms. Adding together both eRCs, the current leaders are (proudly announced in rank order.)

- 1) **Charlotte Imbert (12.67)**
- 2) **Abbie Coleman (12.37)**
- 3) **Florence Ji (12.34)**
- 4) **Sapphyre Mills Kennelly (12.32)**
- 5) **Georgie Ginbey (12.13)**
- 6) **Alessandra Orio (11.95)**
- 7) **Sophia Semkina (11.95)**
- 8) **Liz Helmin (11.92)**
- 9) **Amelie Kleine (11.84)**
- 10) **Sasha Rozanov (11.6)**

Rebekah Agunede was awarded an honorary academic scholarship for the sixth form.

Georgie Ginbey, Sapphyre Mills Kennelly and **Savannah Winston** were all highly commended in the Headmaster's book challenge. **Sapphyre, Abbie Coleman** and **Alessandra Orio** all gained Headmaster's commendations for excellence this term.

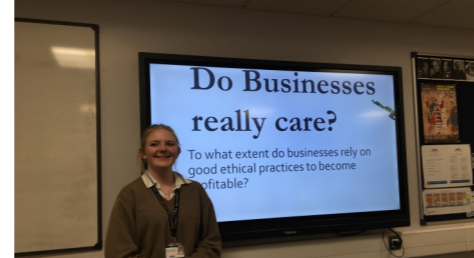
Florence Ji gained a gold medal in the Cambridge Chemistry challenge, and deputy head of school **Charlotte Imbert** a copper medal.

Zara Lawson Johnston and **Sofia Sergeeva** were both business studies pupil of the half term.

Eliza Reynolds gained half colours and **Charlotte Schneider** a departmental commendation in art.

Most improved eRCs were from:

- **Alisa Ievskaia**
- **Yasmin Tarn**
- **Cindia Zhou**



Sport

Leading from the front, **Eliza Reynolds** has been an inspirational Captain of the 1st XI. She fully deserves her full colours—for the second time! **Abbie Coleman, Lili Erbler** (who both gained half colours) and **Kristina Duckett** have also represented the College at the highest level. The second XI consisting of **Sacha Hood, Savannah Winston**, and **Olivia Jayaraj** are unbeaten in Sussex under the leadership of our very own Miss Lusty.

In the first time in a long time, inter-house hockey was unfortunately cancelled this term due to the inclement weather (yesterday really was ghastly!) but we look forward to it next term.

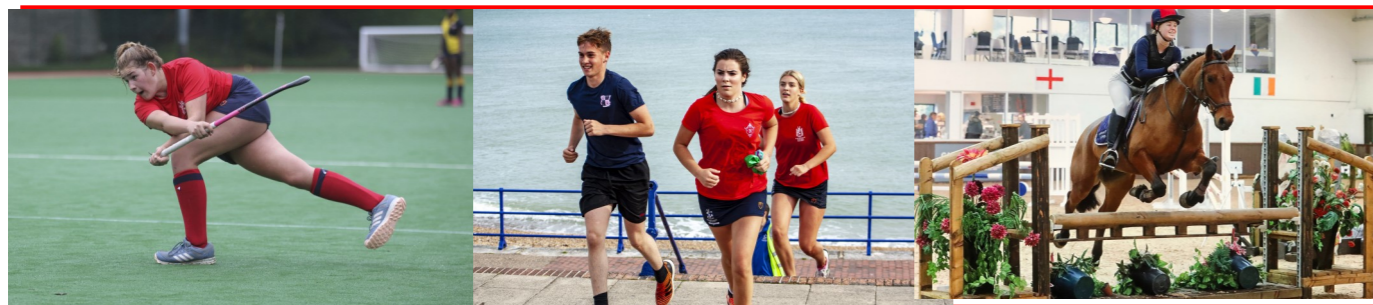
Eliza will also captain the 1st netball team, where she will be joined by **Abbie Savannah** and **Liza Thwaites**. They have already reached round 4 of the National Cup.

It seems a long time ago since the aquathlon and the steeplechase, both held on gloriously sunny days, showcasing our beautiful location by the sea at its finest. A hardy Nugent contingent took part (**Abbie, Savannah, Georgie Ginbey, Kristina Duckett** and **Amelie Kleine**) and congratulations to **Sapphyre Mills Kennelly** for coming fourth overall.

The Steeplechase is a word which normally fills the girls with dread and me with delight. With strong performances from **Meg Moore** (third) and **Abbie** (fifth), the intermediates placed second. **Elo** and I enjoyed battling it out in the senior girls, but youth prevailed and took her to a well deserved silver medal. Another hero of this (really hot) day was **Liz Helmin** in the Nugent bear costume, as she cheerfully greeted every runner on the home straight with a high five!

Bella Moen has had a super season in tennis, taking part in competitions all over the world! She reached the singles quarter final and doubles final in the ITF event, and recently won a Grade 3 doubles title. **Elo** is at the top of the senior students schools winter league, and faces the final next term. Nugent's other tennis pros, **Charlotte Imbert** and **Sasha Rozanov** have had to deal with ongoing injuries this term, but thanks to the magic of my local physio, they are getting back on track; **Charlotte** and **Bella** are currently training in Tenerife.

Olivia McKeown (pictured below) took part in the equestrian National Finals, and **Liza Thwaites** participated in the National Finals in fives. Swimming also continues to go from strength to strength with a lot of early morning training.



Performing Arts: 'improvidus apto quod victum'

One of the highlights of the Michaelmas term is always the Christmas production, and *The Crucible*, starring **Georgie Ginbey, Elo Quitmann** and **Esha Shah**, was no exception. **Georgia Hutcheon** was stage manager and was supported by **Imogen Symonds**.

I believe that the poppet now has a new home in Nugent.

Nugent really is carving a name for itself in singer songwriting—in fact the Birley Live Lounge was almost an extension of our house concert! Old timers such as **Liv** and **Elo** were joined by **Savannah Winston, Willow McNulty** and **Ella Parker** and **Sacha Hood**—all of whom have been really prolific in their writing this year. Earlier in the year, they also had the opportunity to perform on BBC live radio as part of BBC Music Week. **Elo** has continued to take part in several live gigs out of school too. She also received a headmaster's commendation for taking part in a local charity concert.

Sapphyre Mills Kennelly and **Rebecca Gao** both took part in truly professional informal concerts. **Sapphyre** has just gained distinction in Grade 7 flute, and **Audrey Hang** a merit in Grade 6 singing. **Sapphyre** also led the flute trio in a festive rendition of Frosty the Snowman at the Christmas concert, and received a departmental commendation. **Liz Helmin** has set up African drumming workshops on a Saturday morning, and she also pro-duced an environmentally friendly fashion show where **Savannah Winston** and **Rebekah Agunede** modelled. **Sasha Rozanov** was invited to join **Sapphyre** and **Liv** in the chamber choir this year, and as Nugent's first saxophonist in many years, **Liza Thwaites** is a member of the jazz band and has taken part in many events. **Liv** and **Elo** moved mountains in rescuing our house song in the inter-house competition, where we were the surprise runners-up. Yes we even beat Watt House. Next year we are going for the win.



House Concert

Compèred by **Zara Lawson Johnston** and **Tilly Morgan**, our house concert this year was truly stellar. The talents of the girls never ceases to amaze me, whether this be video-editing (**Rosie Wheatley**), dancing (**Florence Ji, Rebecca Gao, Audrey Hang** and **Cindia Zhou**), or singing live (the singer-songwriters!). **Liz Helmin** also had the whole audience beat-boxing, and the Year 10s...

performed a funny sketch based on *Take Me Out*. **Rebekah Agunede, Abi Disu** and **Sofia Sergeeva** all displayed their customary energy in street-dancing and thanks to **Anna Hasell** we all know now how to make the perfect iced coffee. Under the leadership of the Upper 6th, it really was a pleasure to put together this term, and your generosity enabled us to raise nearly £200 for the Sam West Foundation.



DofE and Service

Over half of the Year 11s took part in the silver DofE practice expedition over the half term break; they were certainly put through their paces at the end of an eight week half term. At the same time, **Zara Lawson Johnston** and **Daisy Holden Craufurd** were taking on the mighty Pen Y Fan as the culmination of their gold qualifying expedition; poor Daisy has been on crutches ever since having completed the expedition with a ruptured tendon. This has not put off **Liza Thwaites** and **Yasmin Tarn** signing up for gold, and there will be the chance for the Year 10s to attend a presentation for silver in the New Year. It really is a worthy award and I would strongly encourage your daughter to consider it.

Much more sedately, but sticking with the outdoors theme, Nugent also delivered a thought-provoking and entertaining Chapel service based on the *Lion King*. It was the opportunity for 'the bear' to put in another appearance, but sadly we were not allowed to sing *Hakuna Matata* in its entirety in Chapel!

Many of the girls have been involved in outreach in the local community, whether in local charity shops, coaching sport, beach cleaning or volunteering at St Andrew's. **Sofia Sergeeva, Abi Disu** and **Sapphyre Mills Kennelly** all gained Headmaster's commendations for helping at a tea party for the elderly.

