

School House, Summer 2020



A year to remember... hopefully not to forget

I will remember this year in so many ways. It was the year that School House won House Singing with our incredible version of 'Counting Stars' - I still get goosebumps every time I hear it! We had lots of opportunities to dress up, including our tutor nativity, dinners, charity events and we also won Senior House Netball! So I hope that we will be able to think back over many wonderful occasions, not as 2020 being just the year of lockdown... which is how we come to an end. It was SO much more than that and I hope that this newsletter reminds you of how much the girls have all achieved over the past year. Have a super summer!



The Tom Lewis Prize 2020 Lati Akinyemi—Year 9

We are absolutely thrilled that Lati was awarded the Tom Lewis prize - she is such a deserving recipient as she fulfils everything that this prize stands for: a wish to seize every opportunity; a determination to face challenge; the ability to make others laugh and inspire friendship. We are so proud Lati—well done, from everyone in School House.



ZOOMING LIFE!

This term has mostly been spent 'Zooming' - a symptom of the pandemic, along with many other terms we never envisaged using so frequently such as 'lockdown', 'furloughed', 'social distancing' and 'Cummings'. We had great fun with hats, pets and changing our backgrounds! It was lovely to see everyone!



ART AND PHOTOGRAPHY

Before lockdown started, the girls in house were very busy in the art, textiles, DT and photography departments. Here are just some of the incredible GCSE and A-level coursework pieces



Left: Morola Oyefesobi, U6th



Above: Harriet MORss-Davies, U6th

Below Right: Liv Reeves, Year 11

Below left : Audrey Hammer, Year 11



Below left : Adriana Gracia-Casanova, U6th



Above: Antoinette Chastang, Textiles U6th



Above: Celina Liu, Year 11



CHARITY

Looking back over the year, School House has been raising money for different charities and continues to give their time and effort to causes which need our support. In the Michaelmas Term, we made cookies at the concert and donated the funds to the homeless shelter. Then in the Lent Term we turned our attention to the local variety Club for children through our annual Valentine Roses appeal, which is always a great

way to end the first half of term. This term I became acutely aware of the effect lockdown was having on women and children who are victims of domestic abuse, so set the girls a challenge to do any Random Acts of Kindness for which they may receive a donation in return to support the charity 'Advance'. The results have been incredible! Izzy, Tilly and Caitlin have raised enormous sums from their marathon walk, Miss Gordon

swam to the pier and back (that was after starting the summer swimming between just two groynes), Juliette, Abi and Mel have been baking cakes, Polly has been making exquisite cards and bookmarks and Liv and Lati have offered to paint anything! We have already raised over £1500 and I am so proud of the girls. We will continue to raise money for this very important cause over the year.

Click on the link to follow our progress and to [donate](#) to and here is the link to '[ADVANCE](#)' website to find out more about their good work.



Till, Izzy and Caitlin on their marathon walk—they made it all the way from Mayfield to Eastbourne!

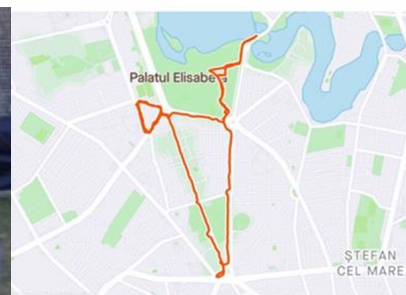


Karina Mati ran 10km for 'Advance'



Karina Matei
Today at 4:57 PM

Afternoon Run



Distance	Avg Pace
10.00 km	6:53 /km
Moving Time	Elevation Gain
1:08:51	13 m
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813 Cal	89 m

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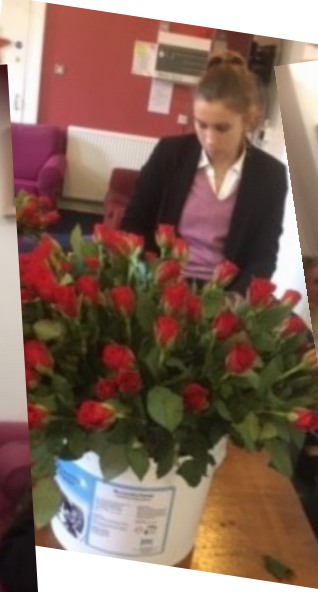


Profile



Training





Valentine's Roses



Polly Smith is making bookmarks and cards to raise money for Advance - send her an order and she will make them in return for a donation.

Miss Gordon's Swim to the Pier and back! Sandra Fuhrmann made her very own t-shirt and welcomed Miss Gordon, Miss Curren and myself when we reached the pier!



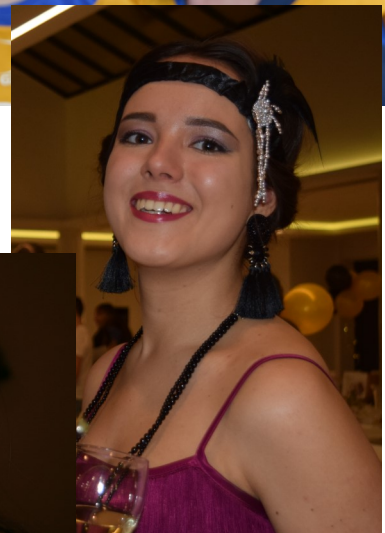
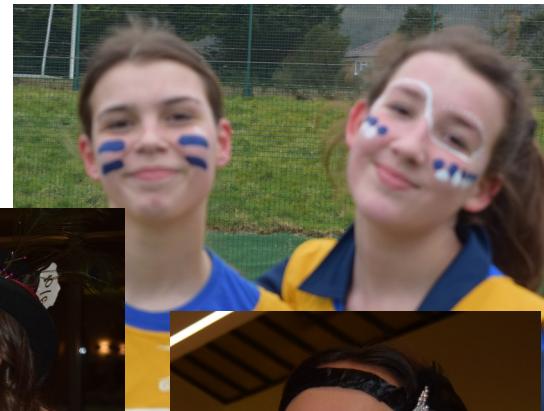
HOUSE NETBALL



Congratulations our senior netballers who WON HOUSE NETBALL!!! Well done Seniors. We came a very close second overall - superb play by everyone!

FAREWELL YEAR 13

Remembering the years gone by! School House is not going to be the same without you all here. It's been a great five years!



END OF YEAR PRIZE WINNERS AND ACADEMIC AWARDS

Once again, School House girls have received a number of outstanding academic, sporting and creative arts prizes in recognition of achievements where the girls have gone beyond expectation and excelled in areas of school life. Particular mention must go to Dasha Gushchina who was awarded no less than three academic prizes, one in each of her A-level subjects.

Well done to ALL our Prize winners– we are so proud of you.

Year 13

Elizabeth Hurst Senior Mathematics Prize	Daria Gushchina
Tenby Senior Economics Prize	Daria Gushchina
Duncan Ferguson Senior Geography Prize	Daria Gushchina
Senior Dance Prize	Amy Zhuo Y Shi
Nelson Helmsley Senior Textiles Prize	Antoinette Chastang

Year 11

Rex Colgate Junior Biology Prize	Isabella Skarbeck
NJ Hill Junior Project Prize for Computing	Audrey Hammer
Marshall Junior French Prize	Federica Buckingham
Junior Spanish Prize	Federica Buckingham
Junior Latin Prize	Olivia Reeves
AL Margetson Junior English Prize for Literature	Olivia Reeves
Junior Prize for English as an Additional Language	Danru Wu



Year 9

Chemistry Year 9 Prize	Elizabeth Chan
Mathematics Year 9 Prize	Elizabeth Chan
Art Year 9 Prize	Polly Smith
EAL Year 9 Prize	Olivia Molliet

Year 10

C Kirk-Greene Junior French Reading Prize	Fiona Swann
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Year 12

EC Arnold Lower Sixth Biology Prize	Thalia Dang
Lower Sixth Chemistry Prize	Aria Wang
Lower Sixth EAL Prize	Anda Kadia
Lower Sixth French Prize	Sandra Fuhrmann
Lower Sixth Photography Prize	Loveday Rowlands
Alex Coates Lower Sixth Physics Prize	Elena Yang
PG and DG Gilbert Memorial Prize for Achievement in Girls' Sport	Tegan Heaton

Headmaster's Special Award

Special Mention must go to Morola Oyefesobi who was named as one recipient of a Headmaster's Special Award for all round contribution to the College. Well done Morola, you certainly deserve this for everything you have done in your five years, we are going to miss you in School House.

FACES OF SCHOOL HOUSE



SCHOOL HOUSE SPIRIT SHIELD

Ever since the girls chose the values which embody School House spirit, we have awarded one girl each term with the Spirit of School House shield. The values of the code are:

S—Sisterhood

C—Courage

H—Honesty

O—Optimism

O—Open-minded

L—Laughter

This term, Olivia Legg is our very worthy recipient. She has been with us since Year 9 and is someone who is always there for a chat, joins in everything that School House does with real joy and enthusiasm. Over her five years she has been a friend to many and someone the girls could rely on to be there if they needed her. THANK YOU Olivia for all you have done for School House over the years.



Above: Our academic scholars - Dasha, Sandra, Eleanor, Thalia and Anda - enjoyed their scholars' feast before the Lent term ended.



Year 11 Post-Mock Dinner

Year 11 may not have sat their exams but they certainly worked hard in the weeks beforehand and enjoyed their James Bond dinner!

THANK YOU TUTORS .

I am eternally grateful to my amazing team of tutors and matron. School House would not be the wonderful place it is without their constant support for the girls, their enthusiasm for everything (including dressing up when it really is not their cup of tea - Dr Ball escaped being made to dress up as a sheep!) and general great willingness to give up their time, and support for charity events, dinners, house singing and everything to help me and the girls.

THANK YOU



CONGRATULATIONS NEXT YEAR'S PREFECT TEAM:

Head of House: [Loveday Rowlands \(School Prefect\)](#)

Deputy Heads of House: [Eleanor Daniels, \(School Prefect\)](#), [Juliette Lammerts](#) and [Hannah James](#)

Senior Prefects: [Anda Kadia](#), [Elena Yang](#), [Melanie Griffiths](#)

I really look forward to working with the team and the whole Upper Sixth, all of whom have already started to lead the house with enthusiasm.

Have a fabulous summer holiday!

Some final reminders:

- [BUDDIES](#) please keep in contact with your new buddy — it will make them feel very welcome and help them settle in
- [NEXT YEAR'S LOWER SIXTH](#) — please choose suits carefully and get it right first time.
- [NEXT YEAR'S UPPER SIXTH](#) — please continue to write your personal statements and research universities and courses or GAP years over the summer
- [A LEVEL RESULTS](#) are Thursday 13 August — please come in, call the school or look on the portal for results
- [GCSE RESULTS](#) arrive Thursday 20 August — as above to collect results
- [TERM STARTS:](#) Boarders to return on Wednesday 2 September