

# Watt House Newsletter

**In humanitate robur**



## What a year!

Well done to everyone for adapting to 'the new normal' - and that includes quickly learning a whole new vocabulary.

Normally crammed full of house and school events, with a multitude of accompanying photos, this newsletter will look a little different this term. What has gone unchanged though within the house, is the wonderful spirit, enthusiasm, good humour, fun, hard work, friendship and caring behaviour from all of the Watt girls, whether old or new. They have been a joy to spend time with this term and their achievements have been multitudinous. So very capable, they have impressed me every single day.

**DEPUTY HOH**



**Molly Swinger**

**HEAD OF HOUSE**



**Natasha Symes**

**DEPUTY HOH**



**Melis-Rose Ozcan**



**Elsa Auer**



**Tali Greig**



**Charlotte Holder**



**Katherine Linaker**



**Isobel Mitchell**



**Isabel Stead**

**HOUSE PREFECTS**

# INTER-HOUSE COMPETITIONS

## YEAR 9 DRAMA

The Year 9 drama competition was a real success for all of the houses. It enabled the Year 12 directors to step up and learn how to inspire and lead, as well as revealing a huge number of talented performers. These days, Chaucer may not immediately appeal to everyone, but the Year 9s clearly had fun with their tales and there was much fun and laughter before and during the actual performances. There can only be one winning house though and the prize this year deservedly went to the girls in Watt. They threw themselves into rehearsals, learned their lines and listened hard to their talented directors. The result was a very funny, beautifully acted sketch. Well done to all of them!





## A Cappella

This year, competition was fierce indeed and even though the singers had to perform to an almost empty auditorium, standing in a socially distanced manner, they had clearly all rehearsed incredibly well and were a real pleasure to listen to. In Watt, Katherine Linaker and Tianlu Wang had taken charge of choosing the song, doing the arrangement and coaching the others. Finding time to rehearse was extremely challenging for them, especially when one of the girls only returned from her fourteen day isolation just before the day itself. Phew! They were amazing and all played their part in it sounding wonderful. Well done to them for deservedly winning the competition and upholding the proud A Cappella winning tradition in Watt.



**WELL DONE:**

Tianlu Wang

Polly Symes

Alice Caroe

Katherine Linaker

Xanthe Lawson

Millie Cranston

Mayuri Tambyrajah



## SPORT

Throughout the term there have been numerous inter-house sports events. It all started with the Aquathlon back in September and every Friday afternoon the Year 9s, 10s and more lately the older years too, have competed for their houses in: hockey, swimming, netball, rowing, badminton, basketball and cricket. The Year 9s have been untouchable in the hockey and the Year 10s too have shone on the pitch. All the girls have done really well, but more importantly have represented Watt with pride and enthusiasm and the house is lying 2nd in the year long competition. Fantastic!

















## COFFEE MORNINGS

We have managed to keep holding our weekly coffee mornings throughout the term and although there are restrictions on the number who can be in the common room at break time to sit and eat the delicious food, everyone has contributed enough each week to enable all of the girls in the house to taste something (including me). There was a bit of an unofficial decorating competition going on and many of the cakes were fantastic. Huge thanks must go to several parents and grandparents who stepped in to help the busy girls by baking for them and 1st prize (for a parent) has to go to Mrs Wells for her magnificent Christmas cake.





## Notable Show Hsms & Praise

(Show Hsms = 2pts; Praise = 1pt)

### Year 9

Xanthe Lawson	: 46
Nelly Bathard-Smith	: 38
Tilly Chapman	: 37

### Year 10

Lottie Thorley	: 24
Sophia Marshall	: 23
Missy Richardson	: 17

### Year 11

Jasmine Wright	: 27
Kiri Marshall	: 27

### Year 12

Lottie Crathern	: 30
Kizzy Rollings	: 16

### Year 13

Tianlu Wang	: 15
Tali Greig	: 12

## Subject Commendations

Isabel Stead	: Physics
Lottie Crathern	: Politics
Maddy Osman	: Economics
Katherine Linaker	: CCF

## Headmaster's Commendations

Millie Cranston	Daisy Russell
Kiri Marshall	Sapphyre Mills Kennelly X 2
Polly Symes X 2	Maddy Osman
Kizzy Rollings	Emily May
Lottie Crathern	Millie White
Nelly Bathard-Smith	



## Other Notable Achievements:

Well done Millie White and Jessie Tarrant for being invited to join the extension programme in Photography

### Half Colours

Daisy Newton	:	Art & Photography
Daisy Newton	:	Drama
Ellen Duthie-Jackson	:	Dance
Millie White	:	Dance

### Full Colours

Katherine Linaker	:	Music
Tianlu Wang	:	Music

### Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award

Kizzy Rollings	Emily May
Elsa Auer	Sapphyre Mills Kennelly
Natasha Symes	Orla Maclaurin

### Charity

Sophie Fellows and Ava Jones raised £130 for Macmillan Cancer support by making and selling face masks. A wonderful thing to do. Well done both of them.

### CCF

Congratulations to Katherine Linaker for being promoted to senior Sergeant in B Company

### The Simon Green Cup for Endeavour

Well done to Elsa Auer for being the joint winner of this special award for enthusiasm and commitment to School sport over her years in the College.  
Thoroughly deserved!





## And finally:

It has been a strange Michaelmas term in many ways, but what has not changed is the happy, positive, thriving atmosphere in the house. It is crammed full of talented, engaging individuals who applaud each other's successes and urge each other on to do even better. They have all worked hard, even if they have not been able to attend the last few weeks of school and I wish every one of them and you, their families, a healthy, enjoyable Christmas holiday.

I will be expecting to see them all back for live lessons when term starts on Monday 4th January 2021. Digital technology may be wonderful, but there is absolutely no substitute for live education!

## MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR







(Wreath made by Amelia Baldock)