

Watt House Newsletter

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What a Term!

It is so good to be back to normal school life.

We are still packed to the rafters, but it has been lovely to see the year groups mixing again and not in their 'bubbles'. Although everyone has been shattered this last week, the girls have all clearly relished being back taking part in the usual school activities which, until 18 months ago, we all took for granted. Watching them entering and departing the building, they are smart, focused and a credit to the College, but they also love to have fun and this is all too obvious from the squeals of laughter, thumps and bumps as they rush around the house, or practise their dance moves in their rooms.

HOUSE PREFECTS



Lottie Crathern



Alex Hawkins



Evie Sleep



Daisy Russell



Millie-Rose White



Hannah Woodall

DEPUTY HEAD OF HOUSE



Jessie-Mae Tarrant

HEAD OF HOUSE



Emily May

DEPUTY HEAD OF SCHOOL



Saphyre Mills
Kennelly

House Sport

In the second week of term, the inter-house aquathlon took place. Sunny, but windy, we had a really good turn out in all categories and the Watt girls



dominated the junior event. Poppy Champion won the Juniors, with Issy Doyle and Lily Stoner in 2nd and 3rd place. Sophie Fellows won the



Intermediates and Sapphyre came second in the seniors. Well done all who took part.



STEEPLECHASE

A few weeks later the whole school steeplechase took place up on the Downs and along the seafront. Again, we were blessed with warm, sunny weather and all the girls took part with smiles on their faces (even if they were full of trepidation inside).



In the three categories: junior, intermediate and senior, we had two individual winners in Poppy Champion and Sophie Fellows, and two second places in Kayla Ginger and Lottie Crathern, which was brilliant. What was even more brilliant though was the house atmosphere, as the girls all stood and supported each other as they finished and then ran over to join in with the house photo. The post race nibbles seemed to go down well too. It was a great opportunity



for the house to build some spirit early in the term and it certainly worked a treat.



Dinners

There have been a few dinners this term and they started with the Year 12 Welcome Dinner on the second Saturday of the term. This was a lovely evening and it enabled the Year 12s to meet new pupils from other houses. The theme this year was a character from the movies and the girls certainly dressed up enthusiastically. We had an excellent selection, from Jess the Cowgirl to Tigger!



There was also the House dinner with Powell. The theme for this was a fairly open-ended 'Different Decade' theme for each year group and it really was a lovely evening, organised by Lucy, Alice, Amelia and Millie. They spent hours planning the decorations, the seating and then, on the day itself, getting the dining room ready. Emily and Alex also stepped in to help and because of all their hard work, the evening was a tremendous success. The outfits were great and the atmosphere was friendly and fun. Judging from all the happy smiley faces, everyone else was enjoying themselves as much as I did.



Charity & Service

Throughout the term, many of the girls have been involved either through the College, or independently, with charitable causes. They volunteer and give their own time willingly to help improve others' lives.



As well as this, within the house we had our annual Children in Need cake sale, which saw nearly every single girl (and possibly a parent or two) baking delicious goodies to sell to the starving masses. The sum raised was £703, which was a fabulous total. It also made a lot of hungry children very happy and all the girls who helped set out the stalls and sold their wares had real fun in the process. I was incredibly impressed by the number of home made cakes and cookies and so were the customers, judging by the amount raised.



MUSICAL EXCELLENCE

Nelly Bathard-Smith took on the daunting task (for the second year in a row) of playing The Last Post on Remembrance Day. It is always a moving moment and Nelly absolutely nailed it. I cannot see anyone else taking on this role for the next three years, as she is only in Year 10.

Nelly was also one of only five College pupils to play in the orchestra for Les Misérables, where she played the flugelhorn as well as her trumpet. Well done Nelly!



House Music

On the final day of the first half of term, the House Singing competition was held in The Birley. With so many girls who are incredibly busy, trying to find a time when they could all practise was impossible. Even with a few evening rehearsals, at no point, until the actual performance, was the whole house together to sing. It was therefore wonderful to hear how beautifully they did sing on the day. The girls voted to sing: 'Pompeii' and Amelia took the lead by brilliantly sorting out the harmonies and parts. Emily then took over the conducting and was a force to be reckoned with on the evening!



WINNERS!

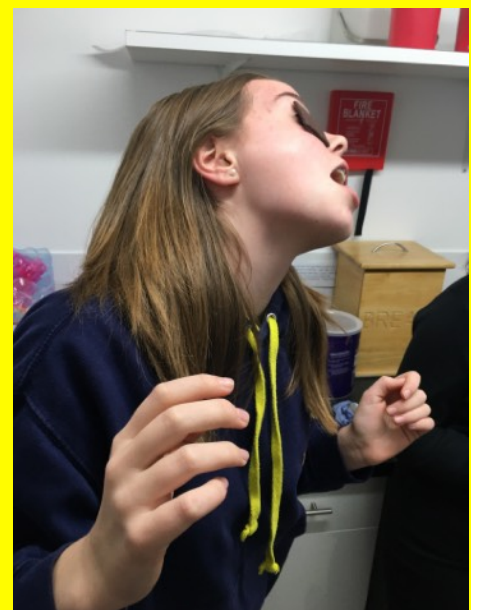
Everyone agreed that they sang beautifully on the evening and they really could not have been any better; no-one could have questioned the decision if the girls had won. However, singing competitions are always somewhat subjective with the judging and you never know what will happen until the results are announced. Luckily though, it was the girls' night. Their harmonies were perfect and they were all smiling and clearly having a fun time throughout. They deservedly won because they were excellent. Next year everyone will be out for revenge though, so we will have to raise our levels even higher to have a chance.

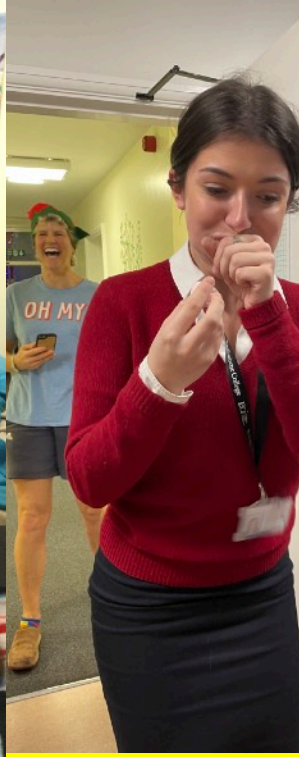


Food & Fun

There was a change to our Wednesday Coffee Mornings, as we moved instead to Feast Fridays. The girls have certainly enjoyed the opportunity to sit and scoff and then Hoover up the leftovers throughout the rest of the day and on Saturday mornings too.

In the final week of term the girls had their Christmas Party. This was organised by Jessie Tarrant, with a great deal of help from those of the prefect team who were available, as well as Kizzy Rollings & Sapphyre Mills Kennelly. In keeping with the house ethos of making it simple, yet as much fun as possible, the girls were all split into their Family groups and they had to go around the house taking part in a variety of games. Everything was timed and there were individual challenges, as well as team events. Special mention goes here to Amelia Baldock, our elite sportswoman, who managed to pip Lucy O'Hara to the coveted crown of 'Chubby Bunnies Queen'. She managed fifteen! I think her competitive nature came to the fore! Jessie and the team added up the scores and declared the winners of the Christmas Tree decorating competition, as well as the Family who got stuck in the most. It really was a lovely evening of fun and it was great to see the different year groups mixing and getting on so well.





Les Misérables

This term, the school musical was 'Les Misérables'. Not a light-hearted, fun musical, but goodness me, what an amazing show it was. It was of the highest calibre in terms of the music and singing. The scenery and stage direction were excellent, but it was the fabulous acting and singing that made it such a success. Several of the key female (and male) roles were played by the girls from Watt and they were magnificent: Millie Cranston as Fantine, Amelia Baldock as Éponine, Poppy Campion as Gavroche, Polly Symes as Madame Thénardier and Alice Caroe as Young Cosette. Others who all played their part in making it such a success were: Ruby Mills Kennelly, Xanthe Lawson, Verity Terry, Sophia Marshall, Daria Popa, Lucy O'Hara and Imogen Wells. Also, Emily May and Nelly Bathard-Smith were in the orchestra and Alex Hawkins and Millie White were behind the scenes. The commitment required to take part in the school productions is massive, so well done to all of them, especially as they were utterly exhausted and many of them were struggling with illness.



More House Sport

We had the house hockey one Saturday afternoon and there was much success there, due to the talent and enthusiastic characters we have in the house.

The Seniors (Years 11-13) had incredibly close games which could have gone either way; sadly two 1-0 defeats saw them lose their chance of overall victory, but they won their last game to take 3rd place. With only Emily in the 1st XI, this was a fabulous result and really I couldn't have been more proud of them with the way that they played.

The Juniors (Years 9 & 10) dominated their matches and won all three to take the overall victory. They were definitely the team to beat, but no-one could and they only conceded one goal. Great hockey from all of the girls and played in excellent spirit. The combined result, from both junior and senior competitions, saw us come second overall. Brilliant!

Thank you to all of them for turning up on a Saturday to represent their house so well.



Notable Show Hsms & Praise

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

Year 9

Nessie Miller	: 47
Libby Thorley	: 41
Issy Doyle	: 40
Mia Taylor	: 36

Year 10

Xanthe Lawson	: 64
Emma Birch	: 40
Tilly Chapman	: 26

Year 11

Katie Hillyer	: 36
Harriet Brinsmead Maclean	: 29
Missy Richardson	: 20

Year 12

Kiri Marshall	: 26
Verity Terry	: 22
Charlotte Walters	: 16

Year 13

Lottie Crathern	: 14
Livia Domaingue	: 13
Sapphyre Mills Kennelly	: 12

Subject Commendations

Jessica Moore x 2

Jessie Tarrant

Jess Coupland

Xanthe Lawson

Kiri Marshall

Jasmine Wright

Other Notable Achievements

Half Colours

Alex Hawkins	:	Dance
Amelia Baldock	:	Drama
Millie Cranston	:	Drama
Jessie Tarrant	:	Hockey
Sophie Fellows	:	Hockey

Full Colours

Millie-Rose White	:	Dance
Emily May	:	Music
Emily May	:	Hockey

Arts Awards

Sophia Hawkins	:	Bronze
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Headmaster's Challenge Winners

Xanthe Lawson
Kiri Marshall
Jess Coupland

Immerse Education National Essay Competition Scholarships

Xanthe Lawson
Kiri Marshall
Jasmine Wright

Exeter University

Jasmine Wright was the national winner of the Exeter University Politics essay competition for her essay on effective protest

Swimming

Darcey Gibson was selected for the South East Regional Swimming Championships.
Amelie Hunt recently broke the school 50m breaststroke record, that has been standing since 2005, by 1.5 seconds.

Dance

Millie-Rose White competed in the TDCI World Performer Finals in Blackpool last month and also became the TDCI Senior Tap Champion; she will be competing in the Champion of Champions event in January.

Finally, here is a selection of photos from the term, just in case you wonder what the girls do when you wave them goodbye in the mornings...







Some dates for the diary for next term:

Thursday 6th January	:	Term starts and GCSE Mocks begin for Year 11s
Thursday 20th January	:	Exeat begins at 3.15pm and Year 10 Parents Evening
Monday 24th January to Thursday 27th January	:	Year group House Revue rehearsals each evening from 6pm - 8pm
Friday 28th January	:	Whole House Revue Tech rehearsals - 6pm - 8pm
Saturday 29th January	:	Watt House Revue - 7.30pm. Parents & Pupils
Wednesday 9th February	:	House International Dinner - 6pm - 8pm
Friday 11th February	:	Half Term begins at 3.15pm and Year 11 Parents Evening
Monday 21st February	:	Term resumes and A-level Mocks begin for Year 13s
Thursday 24th March	:	House a Cappella Competition
Friday 25th March	:	Term Ends at 3.15pm



MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE & A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR