

# Watt House Newsletter

**In humanitate robur**



## What a term it has been!

Enthusiasm, endeavour and so many successes - a typical Watt term!

I am always staggered how so many of the girls in the house manage to squeeze so much into every single school day, yet they all thrive and face each day with enthusiasm, even when they must be exhausted. This term has been no different and I applaud each and every one for their endeavours. The numbers continue to grow, but the atmosphere remains the same and for that I am deeply grateful. There is no substitute for kindness and the house is full of kind girls.

### DEPUTY HEAD OF HOUSE



**Sophie Stevens**

### HEAD OF HOUSE



**Leticia Nare**

### DEPUTY HEAD OF HOUSE



**Sophia Marshall**

### HOUSE PREFECTS



**Missy Richardson**



**Mishel Fooks**



**Alice Younger**



**May Fogarty-Stevens**



**DEPUTY HEAD OF SCHOOL**

**Katie Hillyer**



## House Sport

The inter-house sports events started with the Aquathlon early in the term. Each house was allowed a maximum of ten competitors and after much juggling and some last minute replacements, the girls took to the seafront and put on a fine show, really doing the house proud. There were several podium finishes, with Sophie Fellows winning the seniors; Poppy Campion winning the intermediates, with Isla Heath second, and Isola Crawford coming second in the juniors. Well done to all the girls who took part, as Watt finished the overall girls' winners.



We then moved onto the House Hockey and there was a bit of a mixed bag there. The seniors struggled a little, but there was no doubting their enthusiasm and effort and they finished on a high with an excellent win over one of the boarding houses. The juniors did really well and all credit to them that we had over 20 girls who were keen to play. Our 'B' team had so many players that it was easier to just switch the whole team at half time, rather than rolling the many substitutes on and off. They came an extremely close second, only losing on overall goal difference. Well done to all the girls who played.





We then moved onto the House Rowing, but are still unsure what the results are for this. What we do know though is that rowing 2000m when you are not used to it, is jolly hard work! The girls were in year group teams of 4 and the next year group could not start until the one before had finished. An overall time was taken for how long all 20 girls took to row 2000m. They were all really supportive of each other throughout and their determination was a joy to behold.



Next up was the House Steeplechase and it was fabulous to see all the girls out doing their best in yellow. Running long distance is not everyone's favourite thing and the looks as they crossed the line ranged from utter joy to utter relief, but a tremendous well done to everyone who did their best. Watt finished overall winners, with some individual glory too: Sophie Fellows won the senior event (and Queen of the mountain), with Poppy Thomas coming second; Poppy Champion was the fastest Year 11 and Isola Crawford came second in the Year 9 race. All the girls played their part though in winning the event for the house.







The last House sporting event of the term was Senior Fives (sadly no photos). Our two players were Daisy Dunkley and Sophie Fellows and they were magnificent. Daisy barely lost a point in the entire competition and Sophie only lost one game. They swept all before them. Well done girls!

As announced in the final assembly of the term, Watt are leading the way in the Sports Competition, so all to train and play for next term!

## Dinners

There have been two dinners this term: the House Dinner and the Year 12 Dinner on the second weekend of the term. This was a lovely occasion and enabled the girls to meet many new people from the other houses. The girls all looked stunning.

The shared House Dinner with Pennell was a success too and everyone really entered into the spirit of dressing up as a film icon; even the staff. The organisers did an excellent job and judging by all the happy smiling faces, everyone had a great time.









# Charity

Charity is very important to the Watt girls and the house is blessed with numerous girls who attend regular meetings and work hard to help the House and College raise money and give supplies to those in greater need than themselves.

This term the house has run its annual Cake Sale, this time for 'The Sanctuary Café' and with all the home baked goods, the selling and of course the eating, £655 was raised. A great total. Thank you to everyone who baked, as the selection of yummy food was amazing!

Also this term, Sam Martin and Vicky Burford organised our Charity Watt Walk, from Seaford back to Watt House, in aid of 'You Raise me Up'. The organisation was superb and although it involved getting up early on a Sunday morning, at least 3/4 of the house walked all, or some, of the walk. It was held on a beautiful October day and it really was a wonderfully uplifting occasion, walking with staff, parents and girls and several dogs too of course. Well done to all the girls who turned out to walk because a Justgiving page was opened and just over £4000 was raised in total. This exceeded all of our hopes and the charity was hugely appreciative.









## Music, Dance & Drama

We were robbed! No doubt about it and you can make your own minds up in the Revue next term when you hear the girls sing live, but no-one sang as beautifully as they all did in the House Music competition. Of course, their housemistress is totally and unashamedly biased, but they really did sing beautifully on the night and they should all feel immensely proud of how hard they worked to prepare and how wonderful they all sounded. It was not to be this year, but it will give the girls more incentive for next year I am sure.



Several of the girls are keen and able dancers and spend a great deal of time in the dance studio. This term there was a fine evening performance after an all day workshop involving several of our Coastal Partnership schools.

The Choir has also been incredibly busy this term, with a Remembrance Service, Confirmation Service, Advent Service, a trip to London, plus all of the preparations for, and actual singing, at the Carol Services. They have been magnificent and a joy to listen to. There are 14 Watt girls in the Choir, so it is always an extra pleasure listening to them singing. It is also a big commitment and they have given up several Sundays this term, so well done to all of them.





## Year 9 Drama

This year's production was Willy Wonka, and with so many Year 9s, the Watt girls were split into two groups for their performance. The Year 12 directors did a wonderful job and the Year 9s themselves were enthusiastic and extremely able. They definitely had the best props and their performances on the night were excellent; really making us laugh.





# Sweeney Todd

This term, the school musical was 'Sweeney Todd'. 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.

All of the leading female roles were played by the girls from Watt and they were magnificent: Leticia Nare, Alice Caroe, Katie Hillyer, Xanthe Lawson, plus Isla Jourdain, Ana Brown, Emma Birch, Ella Horne, Lucy O'Hara and Poppy Campion. Others who all played their part in making it such a success were: Annushka Birch, Daisy Robinson, Isola Crawford, Kristiana Bailey and Saffie Polok, plus Miki Chae and Isla Kuchta-Paul 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.





## Art & Textiles

There are a number of exceptionally gifted girls in the house when it comes to the Creatives and this term there have been opportunities for them to showcase their extremely hard work and huge talents.

### FASHION SHOW

Liv Reade's Gold Arts Award Fashion Show in October was outstanding. Her theme was fashion reimagined in a sustainable way and she made all of her costumes herself; managing the concept from start to finish. It was a triumph and lovely to see her Watt friends helping her by modelling her wonderful clothes and helping backstage on the night.



### THE GAZE

The Curation Group of Missy Richardson, Hannah Sewell and Liv Reade, from Watt, produced an exceptional exhibition entitled 'The Gaze'. It was extremely thought provoking and beautifully crafted.





# Christmas

For the first time this year we won the whole school inter-house Christmas Decorating competition. The girls really entered into the spirit of winning the internal inter-study competition and the totally overwhelming amount of Christmas sparkly tat on display, when the judges came round, won them over. Yay!





# Christmas Party

The annual Christmas Party is such fun; exhausting, but fun! This year was no different, thanks to all of the work that Sophie Stevens did beforehand and then all of the sixth form help on the night. It was great to see the year groups mixing in their Families and lovely to see so many staying after the games to eat pizza, chat and relax after such a long, tiring term. The atmosphere was genuinely really heartwarming.









# Individual Successes

## Music

Yuki Chae	Piano	Grade 6	Merit
Alice Younger	Singing	Grade 8	Distinction

## Trinity Musical Theatre

Ana Brown		Grade 5	Distinction
Isla Jourdain		Grade 5	Distinction

## Half Colours

Katie Hillyer	Drama
Missy Richardson	Art
Liv Reade	Art
Daisy Dunkley	Hockey
Sophia Marshall	Hockey
Kayla Ginger	Hockey

## Full Colours

Leticia Nare	Drama
Sophie Fellows	Hockey

## Honorary Scholarships

Liv Reade	Textiles
Lucy O'Hara	Drama



## Notable Show Hsms & Praise

	Show Hsms:		Praise:	
Year 9	Izzie D'Abbraccio	: 16	Lexi Stanger	: 31
	Serena Patel	: 15	Ava Williams	: 24
	Eleanor May	: 14	Marla Walker Rhymes:	23
	Anjali Pal	: 13	Saffie Polok	: 23
Year 10	Rosie Hoskinson	: 13	Polly Hecks	: 15
	Heidi Muckle	: 9	Nancy Maclaurin	: 15
	Nikol Saveleva	: 9	Chloe Barnes	: 12
	Sophie Imison	: 9	Laila Rajwani	: 12
Year 11	Humreen Ellens	: 11	Poppy Champion	: 12
	Lily Michaelides	: 8	Lucy O'Hara	: 12
	Amelie Hunt	: 7	Jessica Moore	: 8
Year 12	Tilly Chapman	: 11	Xanthe Lawson	: 10
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Year 13	Hannah Sewell	: 5	Grace King	: 8
	Callie Gent	: 5	Ella Stevenson	: 7

## Subject Commendations

Sophie Stevens

## Headmaster's Commendations

Sophie Stevens



## Participation Award

This term, the School Prefects have introduced a new initiative in their quest for more pupils to make the most of all the opportunities on offer here in the College.

The School Prefects in each house have encouraged individual active participation, as well as participation through supporting friends. They can do this by attending informal concerts, debates, house sport and many other activities where their friends are performing, or perhaps have work displayed.

In Watt, we have put up a chart and everything the girls have been doing this term has been logged. It is a big task, with so many girls in the house, but it has been eye-opening to see, in minute detail, just what an enormous variety of things the girls do here at the College, as well as in the house.

To start the initiative off this term, vouchers have been awarded to the girls who managed to do, or support, the most in each year group. It was a close thing, because so many girls do so many things, but the winners this term were:

Year 9	:	Izzie D'Abbraccio
Year 10	:	Isla Jourdain
Year 11	:	Lucy O'Hara
Year 12	:	Emma Birch
Year 13	:	Sophie Stevens

## Dates for the Diary

Sunday 7 January	:	House Open - 10am - 8pm
Monday 8 January	:	Lent term starts
Thursday 25 January	:	Year 11 parents meetings
Thursday 25 January	:	Extended Exeat Weekend starts 2.15pm
Friday 2 February	:	Revue Tech Rehearsal - 6pm - 8pm
<b>Saturday 3 February</b>	:	<b>Watt House Revue (compulsory event) - 7pm</b>
Friday 9 February	:	Year 11 A-level Information Meetings
Friday 9 February	:	Half term starts
Friday 8 March	:	Year 13 parents meetings
Friday 8 March	:	Exeat Weekend starts 2.45pm
Friday 22 March	:	End of term at 3pm