

School House

Lent 2024



Although a short term, it is always one that is jam packed. From social nights, academic competitions, careers fairs, trips, interhouse competitions and concerts to name just a few! I am always in awe at how much the girls can fit into their busy days and the amount of energy they still seem to have at the end of it all. The School house girls have shown resilience and a huge sense of house spirit this term and as a result have excelled in so many areas. Spending time with them all has been an absolute pleasure and I can't thank them enough for all the kindness and support they have shown me this term. Led by an incredible team of upper 6th and wonderful tutors, it has been a pleasure working with them this term and getting to see them thriving in so many areas of School life.



Activities and parties

There have been a wide range of activities on offer throughout the week and at weekends. Below are some of the highlights.

After doing a pupil survey, other than fixing the leaks in the roof, the other major request was more pizza nights. Each year group enjoyed a pizza night and BINGO this term. Well done to the lucky winners of the sort after jelly cats!



The year 12s had a mixer with Nugent house where they enjoyed making jewellery and tie dying various items, lots of fantastic pieces were created and it was lovely to welcome Nugent house over.



We celebrated the Lunar new year in style thanks to a Chinese take-away from Mr Haus, the girls were also given a scratch card and 6 lucky winners won a beautiful bracelet and the grand prize was, you guessed it, a dragon jelly cat.



With Mother's day taking place this term, we decided to spend an evening making cards and jewellery, the many artists in the house showed off their creative skills and produced beautiful handmade cards for their lucky mums.



House dinner

One of our major social events this term was our joint house dinner with Powell house, we opted for an 'under the sea theme,' there was an array of fabulous outfits from the obscure such as Miss Gordons inspired anemone costume, through to those wanting to make a statement about the environment as well as lots of sea creatures, pirates and scuba divers.

The night was mostly lead by the SH year 12s who did a great job at organising the night which included sorting out the seating plans and decorations. Annabel McKenna and Cindy Deng joined forces with some of the Powell house boys to sing us a tune which was a real treat. There was also a quiz and disco at the end. My thanks to the amazing catering team who supplied us with delicious food and to all those that helped organise such a fun event.



Sport

Participation has been a core value we have been looking at this term. I have been delighted by the many girls who have stepped up and represented SH in a variety of activities. Many girls trying things for the first time and others being able to show case their extraordinary talents. A special mention must go to Millie Bonnar (sports rep) who not only helped to organise the house but also participated in so many events. I am yet to find a sport that Millie doesn't excel at. Her positivity and determination inspired many others to do the same. Well done Millie! Becky Fisher, Ella Panayiotou and Tiggy Tutt were other noteworthy participators and often needed to be in two places at once.

Netball, chess, waterpolo, football, basketball, badminton and squash were all played this term and it was a pleasure watching the girls play so enthusiastically and proudly, whether they were supporting or playing, the house atmosphere was electric. A highlight was watching the senior basketball competition, the girls soon got a hand of the sport, despite many not playing before, and although many spent more time on the floor, the energy and effort was tremendous. Anna Watson was the standout player. Chess is an area to work on but my huge thanks to those that stepped up and gave it ago, specially Annie Erebor (year 9) who showed great house spirit and gave it a go when we needed a player.

OVERALL FOR LENT TERM 2024

1. School (78pts)
2. Blackwater (76pts)
3. Watt (66pts)
4. Nugent (60pts)

We are delighted that SH are currently in the lead but as you can see it is super close, can we win interhouse sport for a second year running?



Arts, drama, music and service

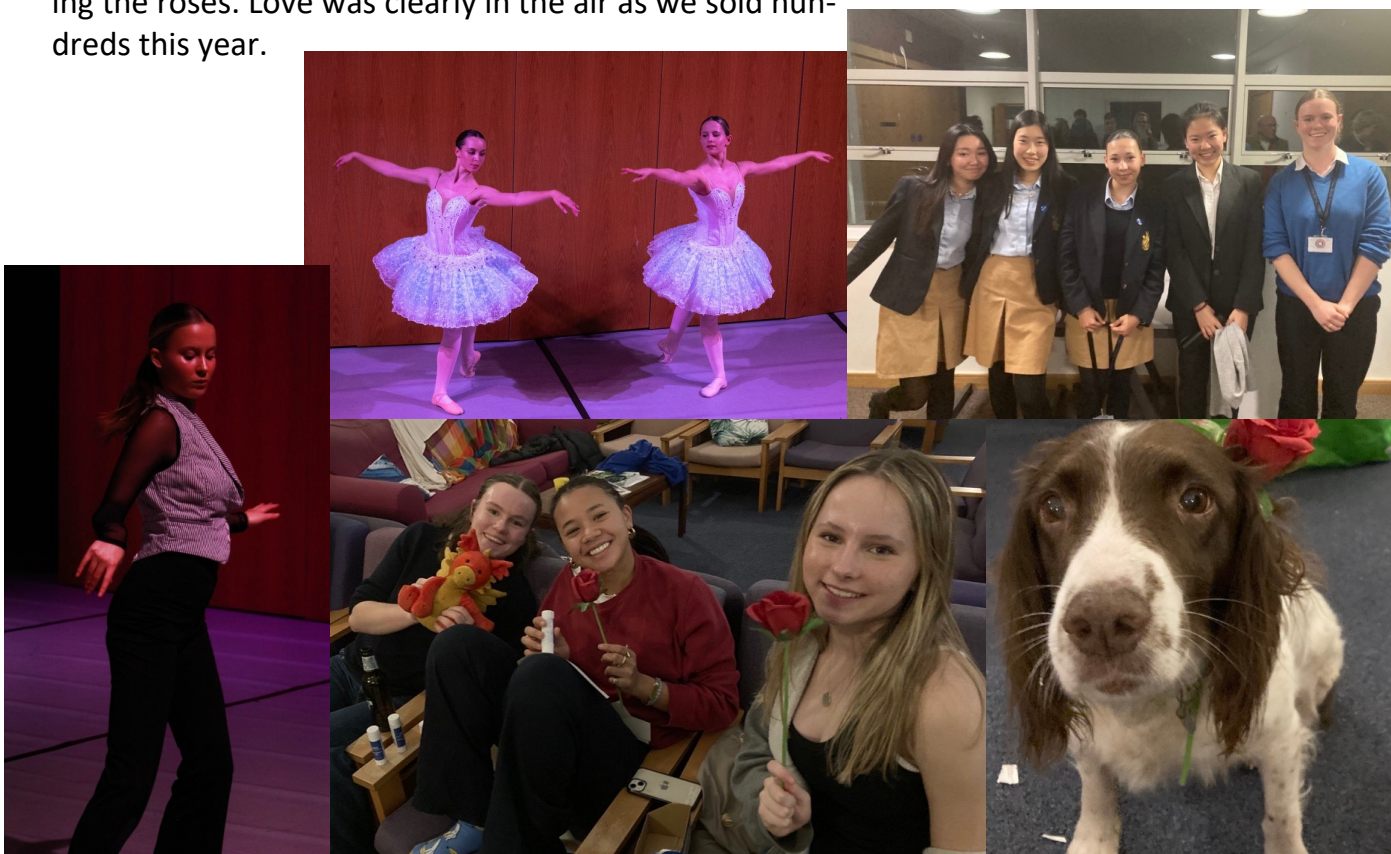
There have been so many wonderful events this term so below are just a few highlights.

Dance showcase— this spectacular show was a huge success and Elsbeth and I were lucky enough to attend (as did most of School house) it was a popular night and it was easy to see why. The array of dance styles and talent was sensational. School house boasted so many performers. A huge well done to Ella Banks who played a huge part in its organisation and success. Ella Banks, Varvara Kriuchkova, Flora Liu, Alice Osborne, Mariia Susidko all starred and thanks to Tiggy Tutt for taking some breathtaking photos of the girls in action.

The house **A Cappella** is one of my favourite evenings of the year. If you would like to watch a recording of the show, please click on the link below. The School house girls sang Olly Murs 'Trouble maker.' It was not easy going first but the girls started the show with style and did us proud. Well done to the winners Craig house.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C8TqCQHZLS8>

Maia Mountain (SH OE and head of house 2021-2022) ran a 155km Ultra Marathon in Costa Rica to raise money for Mind, a charity which raises awareness of mental health as well as providing support for thousands of people every year. This year, our **charity roses** supported Maia to reach well over her target. Well done to Maia and her father Joe, we are all so proud of you. My thanks to the many girls that spent hours selling and organising the roses. Love was clearly in the air as we sold hundreds this year.



End of term prize winners

Netball full colours

Holly Mitchell
Ella Panayiotou

Netball half colours

Millie Bonnar
Ella Banks
Anna Watson
Tiggy Tutt

Intermediate Maths challenge

Sara Xue
Viola Han

A special mention to Hanhan Zhu for gaining her distinction in her ABRSM Violin exam.

Dates for the diary

Monday 15th April– 6pm Boarders return (those flying in can enter earlier on request)

Tuesday 16th April– Term starts

Saturday 4th May– year 10 parents meeting

Saturday 4th May– Exeat weekend (after College commitments)

Monday 6th May– Boarders return after 6pm

Monday 13th May– year 11 exam leave starts

Monday 20th May– year 13 study leave starts

Friday 24th May– Half term

Friday 28th June– Sports day (all pupils to return for this event) followed by SH BBQ and end of year prizes for the girls

Saturday 29th June– Speech day followed by cornflower ball for U6th

Lastly.....I wish you all a very happy Summer term and will hopefully see you all before I go on Maternity leave. I wish Sarah Gordon, Hayley Fry and Dee Traynor the best of luck as they take over the reigns. The girls will be in fantastic hands. I hope to see many of you at speech day

