

# Nugent News

**Lent  
2025**

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Another packed Lent term has flown by, leaving us all in need of a long and well-earned rest. So much has happened this term and there have been many announcements about the school, it's direction and how that will impact on Nugent House, it's a perfect time for us all to step back and let it all sink in.

One think that is for sure, whatever the next academic year looks like for the College, Nugent House will not lose it's identity, the staff we have are going nowhere and that home from home feel will be enjoyed by boarders, Flexi-3 and Day-plus pupils alike.

The other core components of College life and the core values we hold will also be identical to before in Nugent, but I think it's going to be a bit more lively during the day. We might even gain some sporty ones from Day houses as well, which might mean we can add to our trophy cabinet again next year!

Whatever happens we will carry on doing our best to provide top class pastoral care. That, you can rely on.





## Term Review

The start of 2025 was eventful, as we entertained Y12 boarders over the first weekend and then had a Y9/10 Po-modoros Trip on the second weekend. There was Pottery Painting, Chinese New Year, Open Mornings, Bikeathons, A Capella, Dance Showcases, Live Lounge performances, EBC Got Talent, Giving Day, all of the usual house Netball, Football, Fives and Squash competitions and the Wednesday night family suppers chez Medlycott! It is no wonder everyone feels exhausted.



We added to our silverware with tug-of-war, squash and football and the girls have continued to buy into everything that the College stands for and have also participated in almost every opportunity it provides.

## Academic

In January Yr 11 sat their mock GCSE exams with a level of performance that bodes very well for the summer. In February the U6 pupils sat their mock exams with Chloe Tse achieving 3 A\* grades and 1 A. Both year groups have been using their time well as we move into study leave next term I hope they continue to work hard both independently but also use the many opportunities for support the College provides. Praise points as follows:

Year 9			Year 12		
Selina	Zhong	35	Isabella	Walters	20
Maddie	Pridmore	33	Emilia	Dixon	19
Sophie	Pritchard	31	Yankie	Lee	15
Abi	Woolley	22	Briony	Rollinshaw	15
Year 10			Jasmine	Beckett	13
Tami	Tam	24	Ava	Najafi	10
Jess	Mattison	42	Nancy	Revill	10
Lizzie	Crosby	34	Laura	Hutter	9
Sunny	Shen	25	Serena	Ting	8
Alisa	Xu	23	Year 13		
Year 11			Chloe	Tse	20
Mia	Liu	19	Gabi	Dixon	14
Miyu	Katsuma-ta	14	Evie	Ginbey	10
Tami	Tam	13	Suki	Sheraton	6
Sophie	Szeto	10	Clarissa	Muzariri	5
Millie	Stack	8	Izzie	Steed	5





## Academic cont...

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We had Nugent representatives in the team participated in the Oxford and Cambridge Debating regional round school competitions and are still competing in the preliminary rounds of the UK School Challenge general knowledge competition.

In modern languages, several of our year 10 pupils have just returned from a very successful and enjoyable exchange trip back from the beautiful town of St. Jean de Luz in the southwest of France.

The dance showcase this term we awesome with Clarissa, Gigi and Abi performing brilliantly.

Several sixth form went to Stratford-upon-Avon to see a performance of Shakespeare's Hamlet. This was an excellent opportunity and will support their upcoming A-level exams.



## Sport

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The College 1st VII netball squad reached the Sussex semi-finals and has Izzie (Capt.), Emilia, Briony & Evie regular team members. It is no wonder that we were very close to winning to the house netball, narrowly missing out on top spot. The fencing, squash and badminton teams enjoyed fixtures and the fives teams competed in the south-east regional competitions with Izzie winning the doubles plate! The senior tennis impressively retained their national winter schools title with great set of wins on the finals day at Sutton. The competition to reach the national finals at Nottingham and Eton at the end of the summer term starts in earnest early next term and we wish Emma all the best for that.

We continued to dominate House football, with the seniors coming a close 2nd and the Year 10's winning! In Fines and Squash we had many getting involved and having fun, well done particularly to Bertie who won all of her





## Sports Cont...

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This term Evie Ginbey was awarded her Full Colours in Netball, and Izzie Steed full colours for both Netball & Fives. It was such a great moment to hear Izzie's name announced for the winner of the Simon Green Cup for Endeavour. Izzie has played 1st team netball since Year 11. In her final year at the College, she has captained the team to victory against our local Sussex rivals. She is a role model to others and not only has her netball been a strength, but she has competed in Fives this term too and qualified for the national finals before teaming up with Sophie Fellows to win the doubles plate title. Her impressive commitment and endeavour is demonstrated in her playing 130 fixtures in four years across six sports. She is a very worthy and deserving winner of this prestigious award this term and we are all extremely proud of her and everything she does to represent



## Performing Arts

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Emilia Dixon produced an excellent presentation for the National Gallery's Articulation Prize and was selected as regional finalist with her presentation on Turner's 'Ulysess deriding Polyphemus'. Judges at the Folkstone heat commented on Emilia's thorough research and passion for storytelling. Isabella Walters was also commended for her entry in the College heat which made her a close runner up. Visual artists are producing artworks for the Blue Sky Art Auction which takes place in the summer term. There is still time for pupils and staff, from any subject area, to contribute - look out for the adverts on Teams. Workshops in stop animation and origami were hosted by our very own Freya Parker (as well as some others who presented prizes to the winners of their Sewing Bee which all Houses took part in. In Dance the term has ended with an outstanding Showcase from our talented dancers. Years 9 to 13 have continued working towards ballet, modern and tap grades. We were fortunate to host a dance workshop from Daniel Hay-Gordon, co-director of the renowned LGBTQ+ dance company, Thick and Tight.





## Performing Arts cont...

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In Drama we are pleased to announce excellent LAMDA results. The Year 11 trip to Wicked was a great success and we were lucky enough to meet with cast members following the show. The Year 9 scholars including our own Lana Constable worked very hard throughout rehearsal for their production of Two by Jim Cartwright.

Of the 350 entries into the Samsung 'Design for Tomorrow' competition Briony Rollinshaw and Darcey Lewis both made it through to the next stage. They have already received a Samsung tablet each and attended a whole day seminar and workshop in London.

Year 11 and Year 13 Textiles pupils are preparing to submit their coursework and complete their 10- and 15-hour practical exams after the Easter break. Year 10 and 12 have been completing mock assignments to prepare for their coursework ahead. Year 9 has been mastering new skills and will soon be completing a project creating upcycled accessories from old denim and white shirts.



## Service

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Y10 & Y12 attended their first training day on Sunday 23rd in preparation for their practice, in the summer term. Emilia Dixon has also been selected for the DoFE Young Leaders Programme and have enrolled on it.

The Charity Society held a very successful Revue organised and hosted by Gabi Dixon, building on the good work of the Charity Lunch (and previous events) and contributing to a running total so far of about £2500, with more to come. All monies went to the chapel charity for this year – the Midlands Orphanage and Care Centre in Colenso, South Africa. At the beginning of the Term the Prefects put together a highly successful 'Eastbourne's Got Talent' event raising £879 for Blues Sky Bursaries, with our very own K-Pop dancers Lorena, Serna and Yankie all doing brilliantly.



## Service cont...

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The Royal Navy section focused on drill and revisiting key naval fundamentals this term. Cadets engaged in weekly sessions, a visit to the Training Ship Eastbourne drill hall, and presentations on naval roles.

The Army section's highlight was an overnight voluntary exercise where cadets demonstrated impressive self-sufficiency and weapons handling skills. Year 11 cadets undertook the Cadet Forces Instructional Techniques course, balancing it with GCSE pressures.

The RAF section saw cadets participate in their first Air Experience Flight at RAF Benson and receive weapons training. Year 11 cadets continued their leading cadet and Methods of Instruction courses, with several receiving awards. Special mention to Sergeant Gabi Dixon for her achievements and leadership.

## Looking forward

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There is a lot to look forward to this term, with new prefect appointments being made very early on and the new team taking over from the current Y13's as they go on exam leave.

There are cricket, tennis and athletics fixtures, to get stuck into and all the usual house events and competitions for the Summer term too.

I am particularly looking forward to seeing all the girls perform at Sports Day and hope that we can really finish this year on a high with this last House event of the year.

We will of course have exam leave for the Y11 and 13's which I hope that all pupils will utilise to their best advantage. Towards the end of term there will also be the usual trips and the CCF away days which are a lovely tonic to the end of year exams that the rest of the girls will have taken part in.

I hope by now you have all signed up to the Boarder's Ball and have a suitable frock organised for your daughters. As usual the College are mindful of the cost of these events so please do not over-spend on a suitable dress, but please do ensure that they are not too revealing, mindful that this is a school event. We are also planning to replace the Y11 dinner this year with an end to GCSEs celebratory meal out with School House, probably to Pomodoro's or similar.

Look forward to seeing you on the cricket pitches, in house, at Speech Day or or at the Cornflower Ball.

## Dates for your diary

**Tue 22 Apr 8:30am** .....Staff inset

**Tue 22 Apr 8:00pm** .....Term Starts

**Sat 26 Apr 7-10pm**.....Boarders Ball

**Sat 3 May** ..... *Leave weekend*

**Mon 6 Feb 6pm**.....Term resumes

**Mon 12 May**.....Y11 Study Leave

**Mon 19 May**.....Y13 Study Leave

**Fri 23 May 2:15pm**.....Half term begins  
**2:45pm Y9 options meeting.**

**Sun 1 Jun 6pm**.....return from HT

**Fri 27 Jun**.....ALL required for Sports Day  
**Sat 28 Jun 4pm** .....End of Term

### PLEASE REMEMBER:

- If you are taking your daughter out of school at any point, it is essential that you please send a one line e-mail, confirming that you are assuming responsibility for them during that period. **The girls must also sign out.**
- **Return times from exeat, half terms and holidays are strictly kept**, and there is a good chance I will not be in until the return time stated in the White Book.
- The school retain the right to send pupils back home if they are not following the usual school rules at **study leave**