

Watt House Newsletter

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Another successful term in all ways.

This is a short term, but the girls have managed to squeeze in a huge amount of academic work, music, dance, drama, art and textiles, plus various trips too. There have also been debating competitions and general knowledge quizzes and mocks for the Year 11s and Year 13s.

In amongst this, there have been lots of House events, plus plenty of laughter and joy. Exhaustion too at times! School life should be something to look back on fondly; to remember the enjoyment of spending time with friends, doing things you like and facing challenges together. Two past Heads of House recently told me just how much they loved being in Watt and how they now wish they could go back in time and just enjoy the moment more. I hope the present Watt girls can reflect on just how amazing they have been this term and come back ready to see the many positives they are surrounded by each day.

DEPUTY HEAD OF HOUSE



Emily Finch

HEAD OF HOUSE



Sophie Fellows

HOUSE PREFECT



Tilly Chapman
(& Head of School)

HOUSE PREFECTS



Daisy Barrow
(& School Prefect)



Alice Caroe



Kitty Hill

SCHOOL PREFECT



Xanthe Lawson

House Revue

The House Revue is always one of the main highlights of the year and it is a fabulous opportunity for the girls to show parents what an incredibly talented bunch they are. They did not disappoint this year and the sense of pride and community were also clearly evident throughout. The usual frantic last minute dance rehearsals and day before video editing are normal behaviours, but the girls were incredibly self-sufficient about getting these done and I was able to sit back and almost do nothing. I cannot thank them enough for turning up for rehearsals in good cheer, taking directions and being so positive. In between the upbeat Year 12 dance and the little-rehearsed, but amazing, A Cappella, they showcased rhythm, humour, harmony and a sense of fun. The girls also performed the House song in a lighthearted manner and their enjoyment in singing it was clear to see.

The evening was a joy and £400 was raised for charity in the process too, so thank you for bringing cash on the night.







International Dinner

The International Dinner was on the last Monday of term and it was a real success again. This year the girls voted for Chinese, Greek and Mexican food. It arrived piping hot and it was hard for the Year 12s and myself to lay the food out without nibbling on it, so delicious did it all look. The Year 13 prefects kept everyone entertained in their families next door while we put everything out and then the families all came in one at a time to tuck in.

It was delicious and there was plenty for everyone, so well done to the organisers and all the girls for joining in so enthusiastically.



Charity

As ever, many of the girls have been fully involved in the Charity Society and our House charity fundraising too. This term we had our annual cake sale, which raised a wonderful £715 and also the donations you kindly made at the revue. Consequently, we were able to donate £1115 to The Chaseley Trust and they have been incredibly grateful for this. As you are aware, Emily Finch gives up a lot of time to work there and support the Trust with their marketing and they cannot speak highly enough of her for this. Kitty Hill also supports there and it would be wonderful if some of the other girls could take up the mantle, as these Year 13s move on to the next stage in their lives.

We also had the big fundraiser: Giving Day, which was a tremendous success. Eva and Lucy were absolute superstars with their planning and organisation and the girls did so well on the day in all the fun events. Well nearly all of them. Not sure Tug-o-War was our thing!

Our House Mascot was Marie Curie and the girls paraded her beautifully down Old Wish Road before joining everyone else to sing an adapted house chant and fill the air with yellow paint. 1st prize for that and I am sure it was partly their joyous skipping down the road that clinched it! Ten girls also took part in the Obstacle Course (with Marie) and they were hilarious and brilliant at the same time; just squeaking over the line, 2 seconds ahead of the closest competition.

A great day and I know several parents also contributed their time and energy, baking and selling cakes. Thank you all.



House Sport

This has been a busy term with house matches; many of them happening in the last few weeks and I am really grateful to the girls who are keen to put their yellow shirts on and represent the house so well, no matter the result. Listening to them encouraging each other and laughing when things do not always go to plan is a delight. I am always so proud of them, especially when they try something new and realise that they actually really enjoy it. Sport should always be the winner! As a bonus though, the results have been very good, so here goes:

In Netball, both the senior and junior teams came second. In Fives, the seniors won and overall the House came second after the Year 9 and 10 matches. The Year 9s won their Basketball competition and the Year 10s came second.

In Squash the juniors and seniors won by a country mile. Special mention must go to Emma Birch here, who did not look as if she was going to lose a single point, even when playing against one of the male sports graduates! In Football, the Year 9s and the seniors won and the Year 9s even came up with a song on their way up to the pitch. The standard of the Watt senior Football team was another level compared with the other houses and it really was a joy to watch them play.

A huge well done and thank you to all the girls in yellow!







Music, Dance & Drama

This term we have had composer performances, Informal Concerts, the Dance Showcase, the Music Scholars' Concert, the Jazz Evening and the Year 9 Drama Scholars' show, as well as the Charity Revue. Each time I was constantly in awe of how confident the girls appeared up on the stage and just how accomplished they all are.

The Dance Showcase was totally sensational. I thought last year's was amazing, but this was another level. Well done to all of the dancers: Ciara Donsbach, Jessica Moore, Sophia Pennington, Isla Jourdain, Nikol Saveleva, Sophie Imison, Isla Kuchta-Paul, Lexi Stanger, Ruth Boothby-Kettle, Mathilda Kirkman, Ava Kashani and Erin Hillyer. It was also part of Eva Bramley's Gold Arts Award and was a highly polished and truly enjoyable evening.

The Charity Revue was an excellent evening of entertainment, with many of the Watt girls (it might even have qualified as a 2nd Watt Revue!) giving up their time to rehearse, perform and entertain and help raise lots of money for charity too.

Ruth B-K and Erin H were amazing in the Year 9 Drama Scholars Show; Ella Horne kept singing increasingly beautifully in Jazz evenings, composers concerts and a practice recital. Alice Caroe's recital was superb and the A Cappella was fabulous. The girls took on such a hard piece, but mastered it to perfection and their performance on the night was outstanding. They were deserved winners; not just for their wonderful singing, but also their whole performance. The trophy is back where it belongs!





General House Life Photos







Individual Successes

Subject Commendations

Ciara Donsbach
Lucy O'Hara

Jessica Moore
Eva Bramley

Headmaster's Commendations

Xanthe Lawson

Emily Finch

Kitty Hill

Colours

Half Colours:

Ebony Aloof	:	Art
Ciara Donsbach	:	Dance
Jessica Moore	:	Dance
Nelly Bathard-Smith	:	Photography
	:	Netball
Daisy Dunkley	:	Netball
Kitty Hill	:	Badminton
Tian O'Leary	:	Badminton

Full Colours:

Nelly Bathard-Smith	:	Music
	:	Fives
Alice Caroe	:	Music
Florence Garvey	:	Art
Daisy Barrow	:	Drama
	:	Fives
Daisy Dunkley	:	Fives
Sophie Fellows	:	Netball
	:	Fives

Academic Awards

Tilly Chapman	:	Advanced Level Physics Olympiad - Bronze
Anjali Pal	:	Intermediate Level UK Linguistics Olympiad - Bronze
Ebony Aloof & Florence Garvey	:	Hon Scholarships for Art
Xanthe Lawson	:	Offer to read History & German at University College, Oxford.

Gold DofE Award

Kitty Hill

Trinity Music

Ruth Boothby-Kettle	:	Grade 4 with Distinction
Erin Hillyer	:	Grade 5 with Distinction
Ana Brown	:	Grade 7 with Distinction
Isla Jourdain	:	Grade 7 with Distinction
Lucy O'Hara	:	Grade 7 with Distinction
Poppy Campion	:	Grade 7 with Distinction

Music Exams

Xanthe Lawson	:	Grade 8 Singing with Merit
Emma Birch	:	ABRSM Piano Diploma
Alice Caroe	:	Level 4 Diploma in Singing with Distinction

Service

The following have completed their Cadet Force (CFIT) Instructional Techniques Course:

Rosie Hoskinson	Isla Jourdain
Nancy Maclaurin	Sophia Pennington
Nikol Saveleva	Maya Vidyarthi

Notable Show Hsms & Praise

Show Hsms

Praise

Year 9

Lottie Hecks	:	18
Ruth Boothby-Kettle	:	14
Darina Bodnar-Dybash	:	7

Erin Hillyer	:	29
Georgie Gribble	:	17
Mila Sharma	:	17

Year 10

Elizabeth O'Sullivan	:	13
Ava Williams	:	7
Lexi Stanger	:	6
Izzie D'Abbraccio	:	6

Isla Kuchta-Paul	:	17
Iman Hodzic	:	12
Marla Walker-Rhymes:	:	11
Annushka Birch	:	11

Year 11

Polly Hecks	:	8
Yuki Chae	:	6
Nikol Saveleva	:	5
Rosie Hoskinson	:	5

Maya Vidyarthi	:	7
Ana Brown	:	7
Chloe Barnes	:	6
Isla Heath	:	6

Year 12

Humreen Ellens	:	12
Jessica Moore	:	8
Amelie Hunt	:	5

Nessie Miller	:	9
Poppy Champion	:	6
Eva Bramley	:	5

Year 13

Sathana Ramasamy	:	14
Emma Birch	:	10
Xanthe Lawson	:	10
Alice Caroe	:	7

Daisy Barrow	:	6
Sophie Fellows	:	6
Tilly Chapman	:	5
Kitty Hill	:	4

A few Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 22 April	:	Start of term
Monday 12 May	:	Year 11 study leave begins
Friday 16 May	:	House Games, BBQ & Prize-Giving - 5.30pm - 7.45pm.
Monday 19 May	:	Year 13 study leave begins
Friday 27 June	:	End of Term Assembly & Sports Day
Saturday 28 June	:	Speech Day & Year 13 Cornflower Ball



HAVE A WONDERFUL EASTER EVERYONE!