



# Moir House

## Girls School

EASTBOURNE

## STRANDS

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### NEWS FROM PERFORMING ARTS

Four Music and Performing Arts Scholars from Years 9 & 10 went to Theatre Royal in Brighton for a Creative Theatre workshop on Wednesday, where they had the chance to try their hand at lighting, stage make-up and general stage craft.



#### AUDITIONS FOR A MAJOR MOVIE

We were very lucky to be visited by a Casting Director from Universal Studios today, who has been auditioning some of our girls for a role in an upcoming Hollywood Movie 'Ancient Futures'. It's an amazing opportunity for the girls to take part in an audition of this calibre—good luck everyone!



#### AUTUMN CONCERT—TUESDAY 22 NOVEMBER

We very much look forward to welcoming you to our Upper Prep, senior and Sixth Form autumn Concert next Tuesday at the beautiful All Saints Chapel in Darley Road, Meads. The bar will open from 6.15pm, with the concert starting at 7.00pm. There will be a variety of ensemble and solo performances to enjoy.

#### PRE-PREP & LOWER PREP RECITAL

A huge 'thank you' to Miss Smith for the tremendous input she has had with the younger girls. The recital yesterday was fantastic. There will be a full write up in next weeks edition of Strands.



#### SCHOLARS ON DISPLAY

On Wednesday, all of the Scholar projects from 2016 were displayed in Swann Hall. Parents and staff were overwhelmed by the superb work and effort that the Scholars have put into their extra projects this year. Well done to all the girls for their hard work!

Scholars taking GCSE Dance are partaking in the Rambert Dance Residency at Eastbourne College this week. It is a two and a half day workshop culminating in a performance on Friday night at the Birley Centre.

### YEAR 6 & 7 PARENTS' EVENINGS

We look forward to welcoming Year 7 families to Parents' Evening next Thursday 24 November from 6.00pm. There will be refreshments available in the Sitting Room from 5.30pm, where you will have the opportunity to chat to other parents and to Mrs Kemp, Director of Studies. The following week, on 2 December, we look forward to welcoming Year 6 Parents to discuss their daughters' progress. The girls have a list of consultation times at the back of their School Planner and they should approach their teachers to arrange consultation appointment times. All meetings with teaching staff will take place in Swann Hall.

## UPDATE FROM UPPER PREP

**Padlocks:** There are still some girls in Dunn House who do not have a padlock on their locker - please email Ms Sheridan if you need to school to purchase one on your behalf.

**Winter uniform:** Some girls are still wearing the summer uniform socks. Can you please make sure that your girls are either wearing navy blue tights or ankle socks (Year 8) or grey knee length socks or grey tights (Years 6 and 7).

**Diaries:** Can you make sure you are checking and signing your daughters' diaries on a weekly basis. This is a good way for you to monitor study.

**Board Games / Puzzles:** If you have any pre-loved games that are no longer played with, we would welcome them for our Common Room for the girls to enjoy at break times. Anything suitable for age 9 upwards would be great—thank you!

### Parents' Evenings coming up this half term:

The girls should be coming home with a sign-up sheet which will tell you when your appointments will be with different teachers. The parents' evenings will take place in Swann Hall.

- **Year 7 on Thursday 24 November at 6.00pm**

## REMEMBRANCE DAY

Last Friday we held our annual Remembrance Day Service, which was attended by the whole school. Students, led by Stephanie Deans articulated the importance of the Poppy and its' historical significance. This year's British Legion theme of 'Re-Remembering' was emphasised in our service by honouring the fallen victims of the First and Second World Wars. This was commemorated in the Poem 'In Flanders Field' by John McCrae and was beautifully read by Lauren Freitas from Year 7.

The girls ensured that we are all aware of the impact of modern day warfare on our present service men, women and their families. The poppy has been a symbol of hope for over 90 years and it is still important today. When we wear a poppy we are supporting all those families that have lost loved ones, or worried for their loved ones and who are affected by conflict.

## CHILDREN IN NEED

Kaather in Year 6 spent most of her time during the recent half term holiday making soap, which she has been selling to raise money for Children in Need.

Well done for following our motto of "other people matter".



## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Firstly, thank you to the parents who met with me in Beijing at the weekend. It is always so nice to meet up with our parents on such occasions. My trip was very successful and we spent quality time with our associates in Beijing, meeting and training staff. Moira House is well known in Beijing as we have welcomed girls from China for many years and we enjoy a justified excellent reputation there.

I returned on Wednesday in time to see the Scholars' Exhibition in Swann Hall. Thank you to Dr Putland for all that she is doing for the girls. The work was quite amazing and a great testimony to the quality of girls we have in the school. Well done for your efforts.

The highlight of the week was the Pre-Prep and Lower Prep Concert. It is great to see the fantastic growth we have experienced in the last two years. The impact on the concert is very noticeable. The enthusiasm of the girls was infectious and the quality of the more advanced performers was inspirational. Thank you to all the parents who were there and to the music department for engendering such enthusiasm and skill in the girls. Well done. Next week it is the turn of the older girls from Years 6 to 13 in the Autumn Concert at All Saints Chapel in Meads.

Mr James Sheridan  
Principal



## SIXTH FORM UPDATE

We had a fantastic and successful Year 11 Taster Day last week with girls getting a feel of what life in the Sixth Form is really like. It was a great opportunity for girls who are undecided on subjects or interested in new ones to learn more so that they can make informed choices for their A Levels.

Could you volunteer to become a Sixth Form Parent Rep? This offers you a fantastic chance to share information with teachers and keep the cohesive supportive network. Please contact Miss Savage if you are interested in this: [hsavage@moirahouse.co.uk](mailto:hsavage@moirahouse.co.uk)

## MEADS MAGIC



Come and support our girls from Vocis who will be singing on the stage 5pm-5.15pm at Meads Magic in Meads Street. It would be wonderful if you could come and support the girls, and start to get into the festive spirit!

## JANUARY MOCK EXAMS FOR YEARS 11 & 13

The date for Years 11 & 13 Mock examinations has been set. It will be the **10-16 January 2017 inclusive**. In the coming week your daughter will be given their mock timetable to help them prepare appropriately.

It is vital that all Year 11 & 13 girls attend and that boarders return in time, in accordance with the term dates in the White Book. Mock examinations are an excellent way of honing revision and exam skills and ensuring individualised support is able to be put in place for your daughter. If you would like further revision support for your daughter please contact either your daughter's Personal Tutor or Mr Pollard (Year 11) or Mrs Harris-Moss (Year 13).

## MOHO MANURE!

If any keen gardeners would like to take advantage of the abundance of horse manure we have available, please contact our Stable Manager, who will help you: [saspinall@moirahouse.co.uk](mailto:saspinall@moirahouse.co.uk)

## PEGASUS FLY TO VICTORY IN PYRAMID HOCKEY

The Year 5,6 & 7 Pyramid hockey tournament took place at the Summerdown all weather pitch this week, which is where the girls have been training in their PE lessons. The practice paid off with all four pyramid teams displaying some fine hockey in both attack and defence.



In the first round of matches Pegasus met Excalibur and after a hard fought first half Pegasus came out on top. The 6-0 score line does not reflect the effort and close chances that Excalibur had. Merlin played Vulcan in a similar match, where Merlin achieved a 3-0 win, however this again did not reflect the hard work and lovely team play of the Vulcan girls.



In the second round of matches Excalibur met Merlin which was an end to end match; with many near misses in both goals. The victory went to Merlin who won 2-0. In the other match Pegasus played Vulcan winning 1-0 and in the final deciding round of matches the top two teams, Pegasus and Merlin, came up against each other and so played off for first place. The final result was 3-0 to Pegasus, with all three goals being scored in the second half. Vulcan and Excalibur played a very even sided game to decide on third and fourth place; with both teams coming close to scoring on a number of occasions. In the end Excalibur came out on top with a 2-0 win.

## TENNIS TRIUMPHS

Our young tennis players had an action-packed weekend. Gabriela played the 9 & Under Winter County Tour last Saturday in Brighton. On Sunday, we were well represented at the David Lloyd Regional Tournament in different age groups. Well done to: Romilly Smith—Runner up in Under 8, Gabriela Pacheo Lagoda—Winner in Under 8, Sofia Oakdon—Winner in Under 9 & Runner Up in Under 10, Stephanie Vieira—Winner in Under 12.



**U11 HOCKEY v BURGESS HILL**

This was a terrific match, with fast end to end play. Moira House took the lead in the first half with a well worked goal, set up by Millie McKay and Sasha Baldwin and neatly finished by Imogen Wells, playing in her new role up front. Burgess Hill managed to score an equaliser in the second half but it was a fine team performance by our U11s! Congratulations to Sasha Baldwin who was awarded girl of the game.

**VOLLEYBALL**

Our volleyball team thoroughly enjoyed playing in the Bede's Volleyball Tournament on Sunday. We were the only all-girls team competing and after a slightly nervous start against a strong Rikkyo 1, the girls grew steadily in confidence and played some fantastic matches. We lost narrowly by just 2 points to the overall winners, Rikkyo 2, and by 3 points to the all-boys 2nd placed team Battle Abbey. We finished strongly with a great win over Bedes (mixed) in our final game. Well played, girls. Super volleyball!

The girls also had a great match against Battle Abbey (5 boys and 1 girl). Set scores were extremely close with our girls playing some excellent 3 touch volleyball. We served strongly and defended admirably. Well played everyone!

**MICHAELA'S GOING THE DISTANCE!**

Last Saturday, Michaela Taiwo competed in the Thurrock Long Distance Invitation Meet. She swam in the girls 800m race, completing all 32 lengths in 11:04:61 minutes. This achievement meant that she not only won a gold medal, but also qualified for the Essex Championship.

**FORTHCOMING EVENTS****WEEK B****MONDAY 21 NOVEMBER**

5.30pm Swimming Gala v Roedean (Junior, Inter & Senior)

**TUESDAY 22 NOVEMBER**

8.50am Autumn Concert Rehearsal (until 5.15pm)

3.00pm U15 Hockey v Buckswood, The Saffrons

6.30pm Autumn Concert, All Saint's Chapel (Yrs 6-13)

**WEDNESDAY 23 NOVEMBER**

8.30am Lower Prep Class Assembly (JAC)

2.45pm U11 Hockey v Claremont (a)

3.00pm U13 Hockey v Claremont (h)

**THURSDAY 24 NOVEMBER**

3.00pm U18 Hockey v Eastbourne College

6.00pm Year 7 Parents' Evening (Swann Hall)

**FRIDAY 25 NOVEMBER**

4.00pm Meads Magic, Meads Village

**WEEK A****MONDAY 28 NOVEMBER**

3.45pm Bedes Invitational Swimming Gala (a)

**TUESDAY 29 NOVEMBER****WEDNESDAY 30 NOVEMBER**

2.30pm U11 Netball v Battle Abbey (h)

2.45pm U13 Hockey v Battle Abbey (a)

**THURSDAY 01 DECEMBER**

5.00pm U18 Lacrosse Match v Roedean (h)

6.00pm Year 6 Parents' Evening (Swann Hall)

**FRIDAY 02 DECEMBER****A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF PE**

As the weather is getting colder it is important to ensure your daughters have the correct swimming hats for their swimming lessons. These should be silicone and long hair should be tied back.

Many of the girls have sports activities and PE lessons after swimming and although there is no indication that cold weather and wet hair cause colds, it is important that we minimise girls feeling uncomfortable.

Girls are, of course, allowed to wear a winter hat to keep them warm in their activities should they have a wet head. Thank you.

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