



# Moir House

## Girls School

EASTBOURNE

### STRANDS

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#### A TASTE OF OLYMPIC GLORY FOR OUR SWIMMERS

Last Saturday we proudly set off with two teams, Junior and Senior, to the Olympic Park in London to take part in the National Relay Swimming Finals. The atmosphere was electric and all who had qualified were excited to swim in the wake of their swimming heroes.

First up for the 4 x 50m Freestyle were our Junior squad, comprising Beth Cook, Trinity Talkington, Teni Ogunlesi and Micheala Taiwo. The girls fought a tough heat competing against some huge schools. Our girls timing on take-overs could not have been any better and we saw a number of long course PB's. Our time was 2.06.21 placing us first in Sussex and 19th in the country.



Having set the benchmark, our Senior girls didn't fail to impress. The 4 x 50m Freestyle squad consisting of Jessica Brialey, Bethany Collins, Chloe Hughes and Maddie Drury stormed down the pool with a very respectful time of 1.58.38, placing them second in Sussex and 22nd in the country.

The girls and their families enjoyed the day and the inspirational surroundings; making friends from other schools and standing as one to sing our National Anthem, is a moment we won't forget! Well done girls—we are so proud of you!

#### AUTUMN CONCERT AT ALL SAINTS CHAPEL

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the fabulous Autumn Concert last Tuesday at All Saints Chapel. We were treated to some sensational individual and ensemble performances which truly showcased the tremendous range of talented girls and staff that we have at Moir House.



## A MESSAGE FROM BOARDING

As the end of term is approaching this is a gentle reminder to inform us in plenty of time of your daughter's end of term travel arrangements. Thank you to everyone who has already replied to our electronic form. The form was sent out last week. If you haven't received an electronic form please do not hesitate to get in touch with the school office.

It is very important that we have this information as soon as possible. Many thanks.

## FUN FILLED WEEKENDS

Despite the atrocious weather over the last few weekends, the boarders have not had their spirits dampened and been having great fun getting out and about. There was a keenly contested ten-pin bowling competition, which was followed by a multinational Laser Quest battle between girls from Germany, Thailand, Wales, Hong Kong, Russia and Australia! Evdokia won the ten-pin bowling and Miss Godley won the Laser Quest! The girls enjoyed it so much, you could say they were bowled over!



Despite gloomy skies, the girls headed along the coast to Portsmouth last weekend and were brave enough to take the 'walk of faith' at the top of the Spinnaker Tower!



They rounded off the day with some more sight-seeing and a spot of retail therapy at Gunwharf Quays!

A good day was had by all.



## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

This week I have been with the ISI (Independent Schools Inspectorate) to learn about the new Inspection Framework. The major change is that, going forwards, inspections will have a significant emphasis on compliance on regulations and this will be supplemented by a report which will focus on 'Outcomes for Pupils'. This will be reported in two categories of 'Pupils' Achievements' and 'Pupils' Personal Development'. Inspections will be much shorter than before, with schools being informed on a Monday of an inspection on Tuesday and Wednesday. As parents, you will still be asked to complete a questionnaire, but this will be a much shorter timeframe than before. Moira House was last inspected in 2010 so an inspection is likely very soon.

Being away on training meant that I was unable to attend the wonderful senior music concert last Tuesday evening at All Saints Chapel. Well done to everyone who contributed to such a successful evening.

I am writing this piece just after Friday assembly and it really was a great tonic after such a challenging week. Thank you to Beau Hagan (Year 7 Dance Scholar) and the Junior Choir for making my day!

Congratulations to our swimming teams who travelled to the National Finals last weekend at the Olympic Park. We are all very proud of you for achieving such fantastic results. It is amazing to see Moira House competing against such huge schools and doing so well.

Mr James Sheridan  
Principal

## SIXTH FORM NEWS

'Flexi' has been authorized for both Years 12 & 13 after excellent report cards. 'Flexi' is a privilege for the Sixth Form girls, whereby they may go home or start late when they don't have a lesson, activity or duty. It should however be noted, that if girls abuse this or fall behind in academic studies, this will be reviewed. If parents have any concerns, please contact Miss Savage or Mrs Harris-Moss.

We will be shortly sending a letter home to parents to attend a drinks and nibbles reception at 5.15pm on Thursday 8 December, for an hour before the unveiling of the Angels and Earthlings (a traditional MoHo Sixth Form event!)

Please do get in touch if you would like to join us as a Class Representative for the Sixth Form. If you would like any further information about what your involvement would entail, please email Miss Savage at: [hsavage@moirahouse.co.uk](mailto:hsavage@moirahouse.co.uk)

## UPDATE FROM PRE-PREP

**Pyramid Poetry Competition** - Some of the girls in Years 1 and 2 have chosen to take part in this competition on Tuesday 29 November during Pyramid assembly time. The girls are busy learning their poems and are receiving some guidance in school from the older girls in their pyramids. Best of luck to all!

**Pre-Prep Christmas Production** - All of the girls from Reception to Year 2 will be performing in this production on Wednesday 7 December at 2.15 pm. The majority of costume items will be provided for the girls but you will be contacted should your daughter require any additional items. I do hope you will be able to join us for what promises to be a memorable afternoon.

**Classroom Concerts** - This term's Pre-Prep classroom concert will take place on Thursday 8 December during the girls' music lesson. Miss Smith will be sending details shortly about this event.

**Advent Carol Service** - All girls will be performing in the Carol Service on Monday 12 December at 4.00 pm in All Saints Church. Further information on arrangements for this event will be sent to you nearer the time.

**Pre-Prep & Lower Prep Christmas Party & Craft Afternoon** - As in past years these events will be held on Tuesday 13 (party) and Wednesday 14 December. Your daughter may bring party clothes to change into for the party. The Pre-Prep girls will finish at the usual time of 4.00 pm on both of these afternoons.

I am sure you will agree the next few weeks are going to be extremely busy, but exciting, for the girls. A few early nights will certainly help to keep them all fit and well for the festive season!

Tracy Bees, Head of Pre-Prep

## SWIMMING GALA SUCCESSES

Moira House swimmers beat Eastbourne College in a home gala last Monday night. Encouraged by their recent trip to the Olympic Park, there were some tremendous performances by Chloe, Jess, Emily, Taliah, Michaela and Trinity. The final score was 32-20. Swimmer of the gala was Jess Brialey for an outstanding comeback in the 4x50m Freestyle Relay!

## TASTY TAPAS TREATS



The boarders were treated to a special Tapas Evening in the Dining Room. Traditional tapas dishes such as patatas bravas, baked mushrooms filled with manchego, fried squid with chilli dip and lime wedges and olives in garlic and oregano were on offer.

Chefs Graham and Chris made fresh

churros and prepared grilled plums filled with mascapone served with a homemade cinnamon biscuit.



## A MESSAGE FROM MR CRUM

We are looking forward to Vocis performing at Meads Magic this afternoon at 5.00pm - I can hardly believe that this begins our festive season here at Moira House, but as always this is eagerly anticipated.

Do please note the Year 6 Parents' Evening is next Thursday, 1 December in Swann Hall. Your daughter will have made your appointments for you—please check.

I wish you and your families an enjoyable weekend.  
Mr Crum, Assistant Headteacher

## TAKING AFTER MUM IN THE POOL

Congratulations to Cameron and Berry Taylor (whose Mum is one of our swimming teachers) on their recent achievements in the pool.



Cameron achieved her 200 metre badge and certificate in breaststroke and front crawl. She swam both strokes consistently throughout, showing good technique for her age!

Berry attained her 50 metre badge and certificate in backstroke and breaststroke, having worked really hard to keep her strokes at an even pace. Well done



## TIA'S CAMPAIGNING FOR BARNARDO'S

Before the summer holiday, Tia was chosen to feature in this important advertising campaign.

Before the photo shoot, award winning photographer, Laura Pannack, asked Tia to bring her own clothes including her school uniform, as she wanted the shoot to feel as natural as possible.

With the choice of the production teams' wardrobe and Tia's own clothes, they decided for Tia to wear her Moira House school uniform!



So, no doubt you'll recognise the uniform even with the Moira House logo digitally erased.



## THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

The booklet about the expeditions for this year has now been sent out to parents. If you have any questions about the award please contact Mrs Dodd at:



[ddodd@moirahouse.co.uk](mailto:ddodd@moirahouse.co.uk)

If your daughter completed the expeditions last year please can you encourage her to finish the other sections of the Award and get them uploaded onto eDofE.

We are looking forward to another inspirational year!

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### WEEK A

Monday 28 November

5.30pm Bedes Invitational Swimming Gala

Tuesday 29 November

Wednesday 30 November

Thursday 01 December

5.00pm U18 Lacrosse v Roedean (h)

6.00pm Year 6 Parents' Evening

Friday 02 December

### WEEK B

Monday 05 December

4.30pm U10-U13 Swimming Gala v Battle Abbey (a)

Tuesday 06 December

11.00am Nursery Christmas Play

Wednesday 07 December

2.15pm Pre-Prep Production

2.30pm U10 & U11 Netball v St.Andrews (a)

3.00pm U13 Hockey v St.Andrews (a)

Thursday 08 December

9.00am Moiraville

4.00pm U9 Netball v St.Andrews (a)

6.30pm Angels & Earthlings Party (Sixth Form)

Friday 09 December

4.00pm MHA Christmas Bazaar, Sports Hall

Saturday 10 December

6.30pm Boarders' Christmas Dinner

## U11A & B HOCKEY v CLAREMONT

In our final hockey match of the term, both teams played some impressive, attacking hockey. It is great to see the enormous progress made this. Sasha Baldwin scored a fine goal in the opening minutes of the A team match. Defensively our marking has improved but we still need to close opponents' space down more quickly in order to stifle shooting opportunities. Well done to Camryn Gibson and Lois Harffey-Burkhill, awarded girl of their respective game. Olivia McMullen made her debut for the B team and Chloe Crockett played her first game in goal.



Moirahouse Association

Parents and Friends of Moira House Girls School Eastbourne

Christmas  
Bazaar  
Friday 9 December  
4 pm to 6 pm



Father Christmas, Refreshments, Music and Games  
Fantastic Raffle Prizes, Cantabile Singers

Sports Hall, Upper Carlisle Road, Eastbourne

## MHA CHRISTMAS BAZAAR - APPEAL

We would be most grateful for your donations to the annual Christmas Bazaar please. We are looking for appropriate raffle prizes, such as Chocolates, Bottles of wine, toiletries etc. Please bring in your donations by **Monday 5 December**. Your delicious homemade cakes will be most welcome on the day! Many thanks.

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