



# Moir House

## Girls School

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#### NEW PARENTS' BARBECUE

We were delighted to welcome so many of our new parents to school for a barbecue on Sunday lunchtime.

The weather was perfect and the setting on the Lacrosse Pitch was ideal for families to get together to chat and for the children to play together.

Many thanks to our wonderful catering team who provided us with a delicious menu, including some extremely tasty puddings!



#### WELCOME TO NEW GIRLS IN PRE-PREP AND LOWER PREP



During this week's assembly, the new girls in Pre-Prep and Lower Prep were warmly welcomed into school and praised for how well they have settled in during their first week at Moira House.

We were also delighted to be able to present Superstar Awards to girls who have been recognised for exemplary work, attitude to learning and behaviour.

What a super start to the new school year. Well done girls!

## SUMMER DANCING SUCCESS

Daisy Wheatley and Keiana Hollobone from Year 3 took their Grade 1 Tap and Modern exams during the summer.

They both passed both their exams with Distinction and are now looking forward to taking their Grade 1 Ballet exam at the end of September.



## NEWS FROM THE PERFORMING ARTS FACULTY

We have had a fantastic summer of exam results with many high marks in LAMDA (Speech and Drama), Associated Board and Trinity College (Music and Musical Theatre) and Dance exams. Many girls gained Distinction, including Hannah Richards who achieved Grade 8 Distinction in Musical Theatre at the same time as achieving a Merit in Grade 8 Singing and who spent her summer on a professional tour performing her own music. I was lucky enough to see Hannah perform in Canterbury and was blown away by her performance. We wish her every success as she moves on from Moira House to study Music and Musical Theatre at Chichester University. Another student worthy of special mention is Megan Clarke in Year 10 who gained Distinction in her singing, musical theatre, LAMDA and piano exams all in the space of about three weeks! We are very proud of all our girls who passed exams in the Performing Arts this summer and send our warmest congratulations to them all:

Examination results: **In LAMDA: Distinction:** Camryn Gibson, Esme Scanlan, Cheyenna Beale, Macy Jupp, Hannah Ward, Holly Broadhurst, Daisy Williams, Katy-Anne Burr, Emily Davison, Megan Clarke, Raphy McDavitt Lowe. **Merit:** Emma Walker, Elianna Manville, Eleanor Finch Mitchell, Amy Cowderoy, Beata Sperling-Tyler, Sofia Oakdon, Sophie Nash, Emma Walker. **Pass:** Carys Clarke, Sian Clarke. **In Musical Theatre: Distinction:** Hannah Richards, Megan Clarke. **In ABRSM (music): Distinction:** Megan Clarke, Tianlu Wang. **Merit:** Cheyenna Beale, Jade Fenton, Hannah Richards, Esme Scanlan, Daisy Williams. **Pass:** Daria Gorbunova, Abigail Lester, Gigi Leung, Millie McKay, Mona Ng. **In Dance: Distinction:** Ava Williams, Bethany Gander, Roxy Foreacres



## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Welcome back to the new year. This year we are welcoming a large number of new girls and it was lovely to see everyone working together in the Pyramid (House) Festival. Well done to Merlin who managed to score the highest points.

The New Parents' BBQ was very well attended in perfect weather. Thank you to all the catering staff who put on a lovely spread for us - especially those cakes!

Each evening this week we have hosted a Parents' Information Evening. This had previously been on one evening, but this year we are trying to improve the communication by focussing on each section of the school separately. The evenings have been well attended and seem to have been of good value to everyone. Thank you to everyone who was able to be there and thank you also for your feedback, which we always welcome.

Next Saturday is Open Day and a normal school day. Thank you in advance for any arrangements you are needing to make to get the girls to school. We are expecting a good attendance so any help from parents is always appreciated. Later on during the afternoon we will be officially opening the Equestrian Centre. This is an exciting event which is scheduled for the afternoon at 2pm, with some displays in the Riding School by our girls and our Old Girl and Olympian, Gemma Tattersall. You will receive more information to attend and it would be lovely to see you there. The event will finish at the end of the day, earlier than usual at 3pm, so you will be able to take your daughter home with you immediately following the displays.

Mr James Sheridan  
Principal

## MUSICAL TUITION

Our instrumental lessons have also started this week and we welcome Mr Painter (Teacher of Clarinet/Saxophone) and Mr Charlesworth (Teacher of Violin) to our team, alongside our new Head of Key Stage 4/5 Music, Mr Sharp. It's never too late to start learning an instrument and in particular we have currently have a few vacancies for: Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, Violin, Flute and Cello. Please contact Mr Cousins or Miss Smith if you would like your daughter to take up an instrument. We may be able to arrange a free taster lesson before you decide to commit to a series of lessons.

Please email to:

[rcousins@moirahouse.co.uk](mailto:rcousins@moirahouse.co.uk) or [jsmith@moirahouse.co.uk](mailto:jsmith@moirahouse.co.uk) for further information.

## A PHIZZ-WHIZZING START TO THE PYRAMID FESTIVAL!

Oopma-Loompas, Matilda, Willy Wonka and The Witches were just a few of the Roald Dahl characters brought to life by the girls as the first week of term drew to a close. Roald Dahl has been and continues to be an inspiration to many students and we were happy to join in the celebrations to mark what would have been the author's 100th birthday.



Golden Tickets, Witches and Revolting Children!



The event was the annual Pyramid Festival, with points scored for performance, art and drama. Although an inter-pyramid competition, the main aim was to bring girls together, particularly the many new girls, to foster friendships and working relationships, which are so important to our Moira House Community.

Roald Dahl would have loved what the girls put together, maybe he would have said these things about the performances—"A little nonsense now and then, is cherished by the wisest men", "We are the music makers, and we are the dreamers of dreams" or "It doesn't matter who you are or what you look like, so long as somebody

## COSY NEW COMMON ROOMS

During the summer we have been busy making comfortable new common room areas for the girls to relax in. The Upper Prep Common Room in Dunn House is shown below and the Year 11 Kitchen to the right.



The new bright and airy Sixth Form Common Room in Boston House is shown above. The Senior Communal Common Room to the left.

## THIS WEEK IN SPORTS

The Upper Prep Hockey Squad kick-started the sports fixtures this year at Moira House with a convincing 3-1 win over Skippers Hill. Captain Bethany Cook gave an excellent motivational talk to get the new team of Year 7 and 8 girls together, supported well by Amelia Devlin, her Vice Captain from Year 7.

Jasmine Wright, who normally plays in defence, stepped up to Goal Keeper and made some fine saves throughout the match. In defence Bronwyn Trowhill, Cody Standen, Stephanie Vieira and Alice Granea made some well-timed tackles to prevent the through balls from Skippers Hill. In midfield, both Grace Russell and Megan Lee proved a joint force to be reckoned with and kept out most of the opponents attack; both of them making some quick paced runs in our own attack to cause Skippers Hill all sorts of problems. Bethany Cook used her speed and steely determination to chase down any stray balls and made run after run at the oppositions defence, who struggled to keep up with her and retrieve possession. Her persistence paid off and she scored two fine goals. The third goal was an awesome strike from Chloe Maidens with a shot that almost blew a hole in the opponent's backboard. Showing similar grit and determination, Chloe made it very difficult for the opposing midfield and defence with some lovely displays of trickery and skill. In midfield Amelia Devlin gave the opponents no time on the ball and hassled well to give many turnovers in possession. Cheyenna Beale showed great pace on the ball and worked well with Chloe and Bethany to keep Skippers Hill on their toes. Also in midfield Jemima Soars showed how commitment to extra training at the local hockey club pays off and made some outstanding runs and crosses of the ball which nearly saw three further goals being scored. She was unlucky not to score herself.

In PE we have started our Games programme of activities, in which we will be competing against each other in small pyramid sports competitions as well as learning lots of new skills and strategies.

An excellent start – well done everyone.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**Monday 19 September**  
6.00pm Nursery Parents' Information Evening

**Tuesday 20 September**  
3.00pm U15 Hockey v LOGS (h)

**Wednesday 21 September**  
2.30pm U11 Netball v Burgess Hill (h)

**Thursday 22 September**  
3.00pm U18 Hockey v Claremont (a)  
5.00pm Secondary school Team Relay Championships  
7.00pm MHA AGM and Meeting, Sitting Room

**Friday 23 September**

**Saturday 24 September**  
Open Morning and Equestrian Centre Opening –  
(Girls in school from 8.25am–3.00pm).

## A MESSAGE FROM MR CRUM

The Open Day and Official Opening of the Equestrian Centre are taking place on Saturday 24th September. This will run as a normal school day with students starting by 8.25am and finishing at the earlier time of 3pm.

Minibuses will run as per normal in the morning and at the end of the day will leave soon after 3pm. Please speak to your minibus driver if you have any minibus related questions.

The timetable for the day will mostly run as per the normal timetable for a Monday Week A. This is a great opportunity for our staff and students to showcase the range of learning opportunities we have to offer at Moira House and all aspects of school life, which make us such a great place to come to.

**Mr Crum, Assistant Headteacher**

## CONGRATULATIONS TO STEPHANIE

Stephanie Vieira, Year7 had a very successful Summer in tennis.



She has won 4 Regional Tennis Tournaments and won the Sussex County Closed Championship 2016 in the 12 and Under Single Girls category.

As a result of this tremendous victory, Stephanie has been invited to the Babolat Championship UK Final in Birmingham.

Well done Stephanie!

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