



# Moirahouse

## Girls School

EASTBOURNE

### STRANDS

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#### NEWS FROM THE NURSERY

We have been welcoming all of our children back for the new term, along with children who are new to our Nursery. Our theme for this term is 'Marvellous Me', and we have been talking about our families and friends. The children have all contributed to making a 'Friendship Tree' using hand and foot prints. We will be drawing pictures of our families over the next few weeks. If you have not yet brought in pictures of your child's 'special people' please can we ask that you email them to: [shughes@moirahouse.co.uk](mailto:shughes@moirahouse.co.uk) or that you bring in a printed copy.



#### A WORD FROM OUR SCHOOL KNIGHTS

Firstly, welcome back to a new academic year at Moira House! We are both privileged to have been elected as School Knights (Head Girls) this year, and look forward to seeing new and existing students, teachers and parents at school. If you have not met us already at recently held events, we hope to see you in the next few weeks.

This year some of our aims are to encourage friendships throughout the years, and also to further Moira House's involvement in the wider community. We can already see this in action through the Standard Bearers interacting with the Upper Prep in Dunn House at lunchtimes, and the reintroduction of visiting Carlisle Lodge Nursing Home every week.



Jade Biss

We welcome you to come and talk to us at any time, and look forward to giving a broader student perspective every week in Stands, with updates from ourselves and the rest of the Year 13 Captains.



Poppy Horne

School Knights 2017-18



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#### Open Morning

Saturday, 30 September 2017

10.00 am to 12.30 pm

Scholarships and Exhibitions available

Day - Flexi - Weekly - Full Boarding

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## PROVING THAT 'OTHER PEOPLE MATTER'

Last Wednesday, after an absence of two years I returned to Carlisle Lodge, a residential home for the elderly across the road from Moira House. We were all in the sitting room doing a quiz with the residents when I asked the carer if I could see one particular elderly gentleman who I used to visit every week. His name is Charles, nicknamed 'Doc' due to working all his life as a doctor. She took me to his room and he claimed not to recognise me but said that he was happy to chat with me. For half an hour he was flicking through all of his papers looking for something and would not tell me what it was. Whilst he was looking he told me about the Labrador he used to own, in order to distract me. Luckily, just before I had to leave, he found what he was looking for and produced a letter that I had written to him two years ago when I could not visit him due to exams. All he said was "I do remember you". This reduced me to tears as I was so touched that he had kept it. I wanted to put this in Strands just to show the girls that the little thoughtful things do matter. Since then, I have written him another letter and we have become pen pals.

Jade Biss, School Knight



## LAMDA LESSONS

We are currently recruiting new students for our LAMDA courses. We offer solo and shared lessons in Acting, Verse and Prose and Public Speaking.

LAMDA courses are concerned with building performance technique but they are also about empowerment and transferable communication skills.

The ultimate aim is to provide all people with the opportunity to develop the life skills they need to be a success: attributes such as self-confidence and the ability to communicate clearly and present ideas are at the heart of the LAMDA philosophy.

For further information or to book a space on the next LAMDA Course, please contact our Head of Drama, Mr Ken Lawrence at: [klawrence@moirahouse.co.uk](mailto:klawrence@moirahouse.co.uk) or by telephone on: (01323) 644144.

## A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

Dear Parents

The girls have kept busy again this week, playing in matches, going on trips and preparing for concerts, whilst focusing on their academic subjects at the same time. It would be lovely if as many members of the Moira House community could support the girls next Monday night at the Winter Gardens for the Eastbourne Schools Partnership Gala Concert.

We are also busy preparing for our Open Day. We will once again focus on the girls when presenting to parents in Swann Hall, with a few of our students making speeches about their time in the school. It was suggested by parents last week that it might be nice for a parent to say a few words about their experience; if anyone is interested, please contact Sue Graham, Head of Communications and Alumnae.

I hope you have all managed to read the report from the ISI from our monitoring visit in June. We are delighted with the overall result of the inspections we had in March and June. Girls really do flourish and achieve their potential in our school.

Thank you to all of you for returning your surveys to Mr Blond, our Executive Head. The answers are being analysed to allow us to develop an action plan for the future. Yesterday, I had the pleasure of meeting with the Heads of Deepdene, a school which is a partner of the Roedean Group of Schools. We will soon be visiting them, and them visiting us, to share good practice in terms of Nursery, Pre-Prep and Prep.

Mrs Elodie Vallantine  
Head of School

## YOUNG SCIENTISTS CONSIDER CHANGE

The Science department are delighted to (belatedly) announce the winners of last years National Science Week Poster competition. The theme was "Change", encouraging young people to think about and investigate the changes happening in the world all around us; from seasons and climate, to materials and energy. It was also a chance for young people to consider the changes they can enact to have a positive impact on the future.

The winner from Year 5 was Beata Sperling-Tyler who put together a colourful and informative piece on changes in the landscape due to weathering.



## FOCUS ON ACTIVITIES

### TAP DANCING

Our Activity on a Monday is tap. We chose tap as it was something different. On our first lesson we went through the basics as you have to learn the simple steps to be able to do advanced tap.

We love tap here as the teacher is nice and encouraging. When we started we were really excited and that is how we feel every week, as we learn so much. We enjoy tap as it's a different element of dance and would recommend it to everyone!

It is good because it is for all ages and for free. We learn something new every week and the teacher helps us with our technique until we get it.

I love tap as it has a great rhythm to it and enjoyable moves. If you have an interest in tap then come to this class!

*Written by: Katie Hillyer, May Fogarty-Stevens & Tallulah Hodges, Year 7*



### HORSE RIDING



Mila in Year 8 riding Bruno

Hello my name is Mila. Horse riding at Moira House is a privilege because every single lesson you learn something new and you always have a lot of fun! We also learn Stable Management and how to look after your horse.

Hi my name is Pally. Horse riding is a great sport and we learn so much. I ride Pedro. He is a brown and white pony and can be a bit naughty sometimes but I enjoy riding him. As well as riding in our Sand School, we can also go out on hacks on the Downs.



Pally in Year 10 riding Pedro

## WEEKEND TRIP TO CHESSINGTON WORLD OF ADVENTURES

The girls were in high spirits as they set off with Ms Justice and Mrs T at the helm for an action packed day at Chessington World of Adventures. Everyone was hopeful that there would not be a repeat of the horrendous downpours of the previous day! The older girls went exploring in small groups while Mrs T chaperoned the younger ones around the park.

There was so much to see and do. The girls all went on as many rides as they could and also enjoyed seeing the animals dotted around the park. Their favourite ride was the Sea Dragon.

Thankfully, the weather had held out and all the girls finished up with donuts and candyfloss to tide them over on the journey home! A great day was had by all.



## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

## WEEK B

## MONDAY 25 SEPTEMBER

- 5.40pm Swimming Gala v Ardingly - **CANCELLED**  
 7.00pm Eastbourne Schools Partnership Gala Concert  
 The Winter Gardens, Eastbourne

## TUESDAY 25 SEPTEMBER

European Day of Languages - Years 6-8

## WEDNESDAY 27 SEPTEMBER

- 8.15am Upper Prep Parent Reps Meeting, Sitting Room  
 2.45pm U10 & U11 Hockey v Claremont (a)  
 3.00pm U12A & U13A Netball v Buckswood (h)

## THURSDAY 28 SEPTEMBER

- 3.15pm U18A & U16A Netball v Gildredge House (a)  
 3.00pm U13 Aegon Tennis (h)

## SATURDAY 30 SEPTEMBER

- 8.25am **WHOLE SCHOOL OPEN MORNING** (3pm finish)  
 12.30pm U12 Netball Tournament at Burgess Hill (a)

## WEEK A

## MONDAY 2 OCTOBER

- 8.15am - Open Parent Coffee Morning, Pre-Prep &  
 8.45am Nursery, Sitting Room  
 3.15pm U9 Netball v St Andrews (a)  
 5.30pm Swimming Gala at Rodean - Junior, Inter &  
 Senior Squads

## TUESDAY 3 OCTOBER

- 2.45pm U14 / U15 Netball v Buckswood (a)

## WEDNESDAY 5 OCTOBER

- 8.15am Senior Parent Reps Meeting, Sitting Room  
 2.45pm U10 & U11 Netball v Burgess Hill (a)  
 2.45pm U13 Hockey v Buckswood (a)

## THURSDAY 5 OCTOBER

- 8.15am - Open Parent Coffee Morning, Prep, Sitting  
 8.45am Room  
 3.00pm U16 Netball v Brighton & Hove High School (a)  
 4.30pm U18 Netball v Farlington (a)  
 6.00pm **SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING**, Boston House

## REMINDER

Don't forget to get your tickets for the Eastbourne Schools Partnership Gala Concert at the Winter Gardens, next Monday, 25 September at 7.00pm.

Tickets are available from the Eastbourne Theatres Box Office on: (01323) 412000 or online at:

[eastbournetheatres.co.uk](http://eastbournetheatres.co.uk)

This is a charity event supporting Chestnut Tree Hospice.

## U14A &amp; U15A NETBALL v GILDREDGE HOUSE

It was a fantastic match for both the U15 A and U14 A and a great start to our season. Both teams had a strong start with the U14A taking a lead against Gildredge House in the first quarter. With fantastic shooting from both Pippa Carrington and Amelia Ffinch-Mitchell the game continued to develop into a match of fantastic set plays and teamwork. The final score finished with a Moira House victory of 14-10.

It was another brilliant, but tough match for our U15A team, with a tight score throughout the first and second quarter. With some strong attacking play from both Natalya Chance and Taliah Maidens and brilliant defence from Maisie Gibbs, the girls went on to play one of their most successful matches together to date.

The final score was Gildredge House 22 - Moira House 17.



## U14B NETBALL v GILDREDGE HOUSE

The team made a great start to their season with a convincing win against in their first game. The girls have been working extremely hard in training for the last few weeks and their efforts and progress here paid off.

Squad: Sian Clarke, Bethany Cook, Darcey Russell, Emma Walker, Kate Shortell, Trinity Talkington, Lily Jenden, Holly Broadhurst, Rosie Nel, Jemima Soars, Evdokia Gnatyuk. Unfortunately Lulu Flowers was unable to play, and whilst missed by the team, Sian Clarke stepped in and did a superb job as Goal Shooter.

Well done ladies and we look forward to watching your progress.

Final Score: MoHo 10 – Gildredge House 7

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