



# Moir House

## Girls School

EASTBOURNE

## STRANDS

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### RECEPTION GIRLS VISIT THE STABLES

The Reception girls really enjoyed a visit to the stables this week. They had the opportunity to pat and groom the smallest pony called Troy, which proved a real hit! Troy was very gentle and stood still so that even one of our most nervous girls could give him a stroke! The girls helped to fill hay nets for the horses and watched them munching! Miss Aspinall told the girls lots of interesting facts about how the horses are looked after.

The girls are really looking forward to their next visit!



### PREFECTS AT WORK



Our Senior Prefects have been working hard since the beginning of term, organising and developing new and exciting activities for the Senior Common Room, as well as supervising the kitchen and dining room area. If things continue as they currently are we will have a great year ahead!

### SIXTH FORM SCHOLARSHIPS

We were delighted to welcome a strong field of Sixth Form Scholarship candidates to school this week. The girls spent the day with us, during which time they undertook a series of subject specific assessments and interviews.

We will be holding further Sixth Form Scholarship Assessment and Interview Days in the coming weeks. For further information, please contact:

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

### A TRIO OF TALENTED TENNIS PLAYERS

Many congratulations to our budding tennis superstars, Sofia, Romilly and Gabriela who have all had outstanding results in competitions recently.

Sofia won 2 tournaments last weekend and has now been invited to attend the David Lloyd "All Stars" Regional Championships in Beckenham in November. Romilly came 2nd in the same tournament in her category. Last Saturday, for the second consecutive year, Gabriela won the 8 & Under 2016 David Lloyd Eastbourne Tennis Championship, which will allow her to play in the next regional stage. The following day, she played in a 9 & Under tournament in Brighton where she played some excellent tennis, finishing in third place out of fifteen. We are very proud of all of you—well done!



### SEAFORD PROMS - REMINDER

Girls from Moira House will yet again be representing the school at the Seaford Proms on Saturday 8 October with the Seaford Silver Band. Year 7 and Cantabile will be performing, as will Dr Swingle Putland. It promises to be another lovely evening at Seaford Head Community College starting at 7.30pm.

If you wish to purchase tickets, they are available in Reception before Saturday for £10, or on the night at the door for £12.

## PRE-PREP AND LOWER PREP SUPERSTARS

This week the Pre-Prep and Lower Prep held their Superstars Assembly. Girls were awarded stickers for excellent examples of work and behaviour seen over the last few weeks.



In addition, the new School Council Reps were congratulated and awarded their badges of office.

They are now looking forward to their first meeting.

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

On behalf of all of us, I would like to thank all the parents who have offered to be this year's Parent Reps. We have been meeting with the Reps from each section of the school this week and it has been very informative for all of us. The meetings are a really positive sign of the cooperation that exists between the parents and staff and I urge everyone to connect with your Rep if you have not already done so. Please contact the school office if you are unsure how to make that contact. A set of minutes will be forwarded to you in due course.

One topic that has come up repeatedly is communication and we are hoping that we can address many of the issues as the new management system beds in. We are also looking at improving how we use Strands to keep you informed of future events.

Well done to all the girls who represented us in sport this week, but a special mention to our swimmers who have had quite brilliant results in the pool. Well done girls!

Mr James Sheridan  
Principal

COMING SOON...

PIZZA & FILM  
NIGHTS

We are looking forward to our Year 6 & 7 Pizza and Film evening next Thursday 13 October. The evening will start at 5.30pm and finish at 7.30pm, when you should collect your daughter from Dunn House.

Girls may bring slippers, a blanket and a teddy, but will remain in school uniform.

We will be hosting Year 8's Pizza and Film evening the following week on Thursday 20 October—the same rules apply!

## JUNIOR ENTERPRISE CHALLENGE - REMINDER

Girls from Year 4 are due to compete again in the Eastbourne Junior Enterprise Challenge at the Congress Suite. This will take place next Monday, 10 October. Girls will be leaving school at 8.45am and returning by 2.45pm.

"MOHO Business UTD" (the company name the girls have chosen) are made up of a finance, marketing and buying department. They will undertake an enterprising challenge, which is as of yet, unknown to them.

We look forward to hearing how they got on in the next edition of Strands!



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All Year 11 & 12 girls  
are invited to a

**Boston**

**Tea**

**Party**

Tuesday 11 October

4 pm

**Boston Common Room**

## BRAVE RIDING AT HICKSTEAD ALL STARS MINI DERBY

Rosie in Year 4 and Sasha in Year 6 competed at the famous Hickstead Showground last Sunday against 50 riders of all ages, including adults. Rosie came a very commendable seventh place, in the individual competition.

Riding her horse Marley for the first time in competition, Sasha had been in the running, until she had a nasty fall. However, despite being injured, Sasha rode the tag team event with Rosie a couple of hours later. This time it was Rosie's turn to be thrown from the horse when her horse, MJ, refused at the 13th of 15 jumps. Showing amazing team spirit Sasha took over and completed the round for them both. The girls displayed immense bravery, exceptional teamwork and amazing spirit - they were a real credit to Moira House. Very well done!



## ESSA ENGLISH SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY CUP, CHICHESTER

On Thursday, five Moira House girls represented the school in the cross-country relays. Over 70 girls ran in the Junior Girls' competition; all of our girls ran extremely well, with Year 8 student Bethany Cook coming 1st overall! Beth was leading the field from the start and finished nearly a minute ahead of the second runner—it was a superb effort! As a team, we came a respectable fifth overall, with Teni Ogunlesi, Michaela Taiwo, Pippa Carrington and Trinity Talkington making up the rest of the team.



The Rattonians  
present

A Christmas  
Spectacular

Favourites from the Musicals  
and Christmas Music  
with a visit from Santa!

## WEEKEND ACTIVITIES & TRIPS

We have lots of exciting trips and activities that take place at the weekends.

There may be a misconception that these are only open to Boarders - this is not so. The trips and activities are open to ALL girls – the more the merrier!

Last week we enjoyed shopping in Brighton and next weekend we are going Paintballing! Other trips we have planned include:

- ◆ A Day Trip to Portsmouth, including Spinnaker Tower
- ◆ A Christmas Spectacular Show at the Congress Theatre, Eastbourne
- ◆ The Russian Ballet, performing Sleeping Beauty
- ◆ The Lion King in London's West End

Please look out for the sign up sheets, if you would like to join in with any of these great activities.



## NEWS FROM BOARDING

We are looking forward to our Mexican Night this weekend - there will be photos next week!

A little known fact to the wider community is that we have a weekly award to the girls with the tidiest room! Congratulations this week go to Lucy Gao and Milly Tan. Very well done girls - keep up the good work!



## A MESSAGE FROM THE OPERATIONS TEAM

Following the improvements that took place during the Summer holidays, we are busy with ongoing projects. These include improvements to the Pre-Prep entrance, Sixth Form Offices and changing facilities for the Senior girls.

We have a full programme of these works to be completed during the Autumn Half term. Thank you for your patience.

If you have any suggestions for the Operations Team, please email: [operations@moirahouse.co.uk](mailto:operations@moirahouse.co.uk)

Mr James, Operations Manager

## MORE SWIMMING SUCCESS FOR TENI & MICHAELA

Congratulations Michaela and Teni in Year 7, who participated in the Regional Southern Final. The girls swim for Thurrock Swimming Club (TSC), the top team in Essex. The club beat all the teams in the M11 area to reach the Southern Final which took place last Sunday in Weston-super-Mare, Somerset. TSC finished 5th overall, narrowly qualifying for the National Finals by 10 points. Well done girls!



## FIXTURES ROUND UP

- U15s Hockey v Lancing College (3-0) the girls continue to show excellent team work and commitment.
- The U13A & B squads played Vinehall and continue to go from strength to strength. Both teams narrowly lost out and a draw would have been a fair result after a strong second half. Well done to Grace Russell for her first match in goal with some fine saves.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### WEEK B

#### MONDAY 10 OCTOBER

- 4.00pm Pre-Prep Stay & Share Afternoon
- 5.30pm Swimming Gala v Brighton & Hove (h)

#### TUESDAY 11 OCTOBER

- 3.00pm U15 Hockey v Claremont (a)
- 5.15pm Volleyball v Bedes (h)

#### WEDNESDAY 12 OCTOBER

- 8.35am Whole School Assembly re: Food Bank
- 3.00pm U13 Hockey v Mayfield (a)

#### THURSDAY 13 OCTOBER

- 8.50am Visitor to Year 7 RS Lesson re: Gideons
- 3.00pm U18 Hockey v Battle Abbey (h)
- 4.15pm Pre-Prep & Lower Prep Parents' Evening

### WEEK A

#### WEDNESDAY 19 OCTOBER

- 8.30am Pre-Prep Assembly for parents in the JAC
- 2.30pm U10 & U11 Netball v Bedes (h)
- 3.15pm U13 Hockey v Bedes (a)

#### THURSDAY 20 OCTOBER

- 9.00am Whole School Harvest Festival, St. John's Church, Meads - All parents welcome

#### FRIDAY 21 OCTOBER

- 4.00pm HALF TERM BEGINS
- 4.15pm Minibuses depart
- 5.00pm Boarders to have departed - Houses Close.

### WEEK B

#### SUNDAY 4 NOVEMBER

- 4.00pm Boarders return from 4.00pm - 9.00pm

## U10 & U11 HOCKEY v VINEHALL

The U10 & U11 girls played hockey against Vinehall this week. The U11A team were under pressure in the first half and were pinned back in defence, conceding 3 goals. They evaluated at half time and re-organised, creating more space at the back and had a really good second half. Sophie Naish, as Goal Keeper, was awarded girl of the game for her excellent shot stopping.

The B team had a good game, with some girls playing their first ever match. Anna Graham, girl of the game for the B team, defended well but Vinehall found the net on 5 occasions. Well done to Imogen Devlin for scoring in her debut game. The game finished 1 - 5.

## U10 & U11 NETBALL

Last week a mixture of U10 and U11 girls played L.O.G.S at home. After a slow start, and playing against a very talented attack, the girls fought back and played some excellent free flowing netball which resulted in some good goals.

Hannah Petherick and Sofia Oakdon were superb in the final third of the court with Beata Sperling-Tyler and May Fogarty-Stevens putting in some great work in defence. L.O.G.S came out on top but the girls should be very proud of their efforts.

## A MESSAGE FROM MR CRUM

There is a slight adjustment to the White Book for parents of U14 hockey players, as we are no longer participating in the Tournament on 11 October.

We look forward to seeing as many parents as possible at the Pre-Prep and Lower Prep Parents' Evening on Thursday 13 October starting at 4.15pm in Boston House.

At Moira House we celebrate Harvest Festival by coming together as a school community at our local Parish Church, St. John's, in Meads. This will take place on Thursday 20 October at 9.00am. We warmly invite all parents to attend.

Mr Crum, Assistant Head

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