



Moir House

Girls School

EASTBOURNE

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WELCOME BACK!

We are delighted to welcome you back to Moira House for 2017/2018! We hope that you have all had a fantastic summer and we are really looking forward to a busy term ahead.

Over the summer, we received another excellent set of exam results with 89% of the examinations taken at A Level scoring A* to C. The girls have done incredibly well and made outstanding progress in the last two years. A particular mention must go to Sarah Yip, Annie Smith and Francesca Head who scored A*/A in all of their subjects.

At GCSE, for a non-selective school we continue to produce outstanding added value. This year the girls should be incredibly proud with 33% of the entries achieving A* - A and 78% of the girls achieving A* to C grades. A special mention must go to Hope Parish, Raphaella McDavitt-Lowe and Eloise Deaville-Bray who achieved A*/A in all of their 11 subjects.



CHLOE POLLARD - U23 WORLD CHAMPION!

On the back of her recent National Silver Open water performance and her European Gold at the Aquathlon Championships in Bratislava in May, Chloe travelled to Penticton, Canada for the International Triathlon Union World Championships as part of the Great Britain Team.

In an early morning race start, Chloe dominated the 1km swim, emerging on the beach 1 minute ahead of the field once again showing her swimming pedigree before hitting the road for the 5km run.



In a race that played out to the line, Chloe took the **Under 23 World Aquathlon** title ahead of Canada and Australia.

Chloe is currently studying Physiotherapy at the University of Brighton, in Eastbourne.

Many congratulations Chloe - we are so proud of you!

MHA MEETING - THURSDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

The MHA (Moir House Association) will be holding their AGM and meeting next Thursday evening at 7.00pm.

The MHA comprises a group of willing parents who raise funds for school projects throughout the year. We always need more support and would love for you to join us in the Sitting Room if you would like to come and listen to the kind of activities we get up to!

OPEN DAY - SATURDAY 30 SEPTEMBER

A reminder to all girls and parents that our first Open Day of the year will take place on Saturday 30 September.

This is a normal school day and all girls are required to attend as usual. This gives visitors and prospective parents the opportunity to see the amazing variety of opportunities that we have available at Moira House.

For anyone wishing to book a place, please contact:
Admissions@moirahouse.co.uk

REMINDER - UNIFORM SALE

Stevensons, our school uniform supplier, will be in the JAC (Boston House) this **Saturday 9 September** from 10.00am - 1.00pm. The MHA will also be opening their shop for pre-owned uniform.

PARKING

The start of term has seen a return to some very poor parking. Can we remind you that it is not only illegal, but highly dangerous to park on the pavements, the double yellow lines or the zig-zag lines. It is also not acceptable or legal to 'drop-off' in these areas as it causes congestion and increases the danger for girls crossing the road. May we also remind you that you are not permitted to drive onto the school site at all.
Thank you.

DANCING AT DISNEYLAND

Well done to Alice in Year 7, who travelled to Paris to perform at Disneyland.

Alice has also qualified to take part in the IDTA Southern classical ballet performance award with an ex-ballerina after receiving a very high Mark in her grade 3 ballet exam.



A BUSY SUMMER FOR GABRIELA IN YEAR 4

Gabriela has spent the summer competing in tennis tournaments in both England and Poland, achieving great results.

Her best result was in the Sussex County Championship where she won the Doubles Title, making her Sussex Champion 2017.

However, Gaby's proudest achievement was receiving the call to be part of the 9 & Under Sussex County Team and to receive her County uniform!

She was the youngest player to make it to the team and we are extremely proud of her.

Well done!



A MESSAGE FROM MRS VALLANTINE

Dear Parents

It was good to see the girls settle back into the school routines so quickly this week. If you have any queries or need any information at all, do get in touch with your daughter's personal tutor or Head of Section at any time; they are here to help. Girls have enjoyed the rehearsals for the Pyramid Festival throughout the week; this afternoon's performances were a brilliant showcase of the girls' teamwork from Pre-Prep to Sixth Form.

Thank you to all the parents that have been coming into school this week for various meetings and events. It was lovely to see you all back after the summer break and to welcome new parents to our school community. We have our first Communications Steering Committee meeting for the year next Thursday; I would encourage you to attend or pass on your comments to Sue Graham, Head of Communications and Alumnae, so that we can have a system that works for everyone. Next Thursday evening is also the Moira House Association AGM; we would love to welcome new parents to the group.

We have now received the draft report for our ISI monitoring visit in June. As soon as we get the final version, we will share it with all of you.

On Monday, staff from Roedean will be in school for their first familiarisation visit. It will be a good opportunity for them to get to know the school, the girls and the staff. They will be going into lessons and meetings with various groups of girls and staff.

I hope you all have a good weekend.

Mrs Elodie Vallantine
Head of School

OTHER PEOPLE MATTER

Sisters, Izzy and Giorgia from Years 3 and 1 respectively, held a charity cake sale during the summer holidays.

They baked and decorated the cakes themselves and did a great job of selling them to passers by in their community.

In total the girls managed to raise a fabulous £248 for St Wilfrid's Hospice, for which they were extremely grateful.



SHOWJUMPING TEAM TRIUMPH!

Our competitive riders had an extraordinary day at the August Summer Show at Golden Cross, when they won every jumping class!

We began with Rosie Maynard-Watkin scorching round on MJ to win the 50cm class in great style. She was followed by Maisie Gibbs on Chester who won the 70/75cm class with excellent technical jump-off turns. Then we had speedy Sasha Baldwin on Bob, who rode brilliantly to win the 70-80cm Scurry with Maisie Gibbs a few seconds behind her in fourth place on Chester.

Rosie also competed in the Showing classes, getting placed in Working Hunter and Tack and Turnout. She also accumulated the most points during the day and was awarded Supreme Champion! What a fabulous day for our Moira House riders, who brought home the silverware and rosettes!



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

WEEK B

Tuesday 12 September

7.30pm Parents' Information Evening with the Executive Head, Head of School and Governors, Swann Hall

Thursday 14 September

8.30am Communications Steering Committee
7.00pm MHA AGM and Meeting, Sitting Room

WEEK A

Monday 18 September

3.00pm U9 Netball v St. Andrew's (h)

Tuesday 19 September

3.00pm U14A & B, U15A Netball v Gildredge House (h)

Wednesday 20 September

8.15am Nursery & Pre-Prep Parent Reps Meeting
3.15pm U12A & U13A Netball v Gildredge House (a)

Thursday 21 September

3.15pm U19A Netball v Hurst (a)
6.00pm Whole School Parents' Information Evening

Friday 22 September

10.00am Netball Trip to Conover Hall Departs (Ys 8 & 9)

Sunday 24 September

10.00am Rehearsal for Eastbourne School Partnership Gala

SPORTY SISTERS

Berry in Year 3 benefitted from an intensive swimming course during the holidays. She went from being able to swim 25 metres in front crawl, to competently swimming 100 metres in breaststroke, backstroke and front crawl.



Cameron in Year 4 discovered natural talent for sailing. Within a day, she was sailing single handed on the sea, passing her Stage 1 in record time. She quickly progressed to pass Stage 2 and was invited to take part

in her first Sailing Regatta, where she placed 6th overall!

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