



Moir House

Girls School

EASTBOURNE

STRANDS

ISSUE 2 SPRING TERM 2017

DEDICATION TO EXCELLENCE

A plucky group of our younger girls are showing great dedication as they strive for swimming perfection.

Izzi, Cameron and Daisy from Year 3, Romilly from Year 4 and Sophie from Year 6 get into the pool at 7am for one hour extra training before school once or twice per week.



Well done for being so motivated and many thanks to your parents for getting you here so early!

OPEN MORNING - SATURDAY 28 JANUARY

Please remember that this is a normal school day (starting at 8.25am) and all girls and staff are required to attend, so that we can welcome new visitors to the school and show the array of wonderful opportunities that Moira House has to offer.

If your child travels on the school minibus, these will collect at the usual time and will depart at the earlier school finish time of 3.00pm. If you intend to make alternative travel arrangements, please ensure that you inform your driver.



CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPION 2017

Beth Cook in Year 8 has this week become the Sussex Schools Cross Country Junior Girls Champion 2017!

On Wednesday, Beth competed amongst a field of over 200 Year 8 & 9 East Sussex School children in a 3km race.

Having convincingly won the race, she now automatically qualifies to compete for East Sussex in the National heats on 18 March in Norwich. If Beth manages to obtain a place in the top 8 competitors, she will qualify to race for England!

A CLEAR ROUND FOR DARCEY

Many congratulations to Darcey Byrne in Year 4 who recently competed in an open. Darcey travelled to Felbridge to compete in her first unaffiliated show jumping competition on her pony Eddie.

She had a good clear round and managed to get placed 6th on her time in a large class.

She can't wait to compete again.

Well done!



SCHOOL PHOTO UPDATE

We had lots of fun yesterday with the School Photographers, Pret-a-Portrait. The photographers were very engaging with the girls and you should have some great photos to choose from.

It will take a couple of weeks for all of the images to be processed and put into an online photo album, which you will be able to access via a password.

You will then be able to access your prints and there are many print and download options available for you to purchase at your convenience.

UPDATE FROM HEAD OF SCHOLARS, DIRECTOR OF OUTREACH & PASTORAL CARE

Welcome back to our first full week of lessons. Girls have already been extremely busy in and out of School, as they were over the Christmas break.

I want to take this opportunity to remind parents to send in updates and achievements to potentially be included in Strands. We know that girls are very active outside of School, but do not always have all the information to include in Strands. Please feel free to send items to news@moirahouse.co.uk with photos if possible.

In addition to Open Day next weekend, we will be hosting Scholarship Assessments from 26 - 28 January for Academic and Exhibition applicants into Years 3-10 for September 2017 entry.

WHO IS THE FAIREST MAIDEN OF ALL?

Sisters, Taliah and Chloe have been starring in their local village pantomime as a dwarf and Snow White in a hilarious production of 'Once upon a time in Cowbeech'!

They appeared in five performances which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone who participated and, most importantly, by the audiences!



NEWS FROM BOARDING

We are so pleased to welcome back all our boarders following the Christmas holiday period and we are looking forward to a great term ahead.

We have lots of great trips and activities planned for the girls this term. To celebrate Chinese New Year, we have planned a trip to China Town in London on Sunday 29 January. We also have forthcoming trips to a local farm, and a fantastic trip to Madame Tussauds on 5 March where the girls will be able to mingle and take photos with some of their favourite celebrities! We will also be visiting the London Dungeons, which is a journey through 1000 years of London's history.

For those who prefer to stay closer to home, Mrs Wright has started a knitting club on Saturday mornings that all our boarders can sign up to. Come along and learn a new skill - it's great for relaxation too!

DAY GIRLS - Please remember that all of these weekend trip and activities are also open to you, if you wish to attend. The more the merrier! Please just sign up in the School House Boarding Office

A MESSAGE FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

It has been another wonderful and busy week in Moira House with great successes (e.g. Volleyball, Cross Country) as you can see from our newsletter. Year 13 girls received their mock exam results on Wednesday and Year 11 will do so on Monday; girls have done very well in their mock examinations but this is a good opportunity for them to reflect on what they need to concentrate on further or review over the next few weeks. A reminder that there are daily surgeries between 1.30pm and 2pm for girls to get additional support from their subject teachers in smaller groups outside of lessons. All the hard work will pay off in August when the girls get their examination results.

Thank you to the parents of the MHA for attending the termly meeting yesterday evening. The team will need support over the coming months for the various events they will be putting on for the girls, so do get in touch if you are able to assist. The money the MHA raise is used to fund projects that benefit the girls. The next event is the MHA Netball Tournament on 4 February; it would be great to have as many families playing in the tournament as possible.

Please see below for our school Safeguarding Team for this term:

- Mrs Cecy Kemp: Designated Safeguarding Lead
- Mrs Elodie Vallantine: Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
- Dr Rebecca Swingle-Putland: Designated Safeguarding Officer
- Mrs Joann Talkington: Designated Safeguarding Officer
- Mr Steve Crum: Designated Safeguarding Officer

With Open Day next Saturday, I hope the girls have a good rest over the next couple of days. Wishing you all a good weekend.

Mrs Elodie Vallantine
Acting Principal



YEAR 8 PREFECTS

The girls in Year 8 were all given the opportunity to trial at being prefects last term, when they had the opportunity to act as leaders as well as role models within the Dunn House. Girls who were interested in becoming a permanent prefect then wrote letters stating what they did during their time as a prefect and also what they would bring to the prefect team.

The successful girls were awarded their badges in assembly on Friday and we are expecting great things of them! Well done to: Rebekah Noyce, Jemima Soars, Amelia ffinch-Mitchell, Rosie Nel, Bronwen Trowhill, Emma Walker, Darcey Russell, Beth Cook, Lily Jenden, Pippa Carrington, Jemima Richenberg, Maya Klein, Grace Russell, and Carys Clarke.



OLYMPIC EVENTING MASTERCLASS FOR TWO YOUNG RIDERS

Last Tuesday Rose Maynard-Watkin and Sasha Baldwin were very fortunate to attend the Tina Cook 'Eventing Training Clinic' at Brendon Stud in Pyecombe. The course was held in the Paris arena which has an array of jumps and obstacles, including water, which were extremely daunting for the girls and their ponies.



After assessing the girls with a series of warm ups and tests, Tina put them through their 'strides' and built them up to eventually tackling higher and more challenging jumps up to 70 & 80cm, with varying degrees of difficulty. It was a fabulous learning curve for both girls and their ponies, as well as being an amazing opportunity to take guidance from Triple Olympic medallist, Tina Cook. A thoroughly enjoyable experience all round.



NEWS FROM PRE-PREP

The Reception girls are learning all about 'People Who Help Us' this term. So, this week we went on a walk around the school to interview different members of staff and find out how they help us in school. Before we went we thought about the questions we would like to ask.

We were surprised at just how many people there are that all work together to help us! We found out lots of information and we now know the names and jobs of more adults in school.



SPORTS ROUND UP

Our Netball teams have had a very successful week. Well done to our U15 A and B teams who played tough matches on Tuesday against Lancing College. The girls played with strong movements from Chloe Walker in our B team and Lana Harffey-Burkhill in our A team, both winning girl of the game. The A team list narrowly by 19-18 in the final minute. Outstanding job!

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

WEEK B

MONDAY 23 JANUARY

5.45pm U8,9,11 & 13 Swimming Gala v Battle Abbey (a)

TUESDAY 24 JANUARY

2.45pm U15 A & B Netball v Claremont

WEDNESDAY 25 JANUARY

8.00am Sixth Form Art & Photography Trip to London

2.30pm U11 A & B Netball v Battle Abbey (h)

THURSDAY 26 JANUARY

Scholarship & Exhibition Assessments & Interviews Years 3-10

2.45pm U18 A & B Netball v Buckswood (h)

3.00pm U9 Netball v Skippers Hill (h)

5.15pm Volleyball v Rikkyo (h)

FRIDAY 27 JANUARY

Scholarship & Exhibition Assessments & Interviews Years 3-10

SATURDAY 28 JANUARY - OPEN MORNING

Scholarship & Exhibition Assessments & Interviews Years 3-10

8.25am All Girls in School—Open Morning (until 3.00pm)

1.30pm Lacrosse v Worth School - **CANCELLED**

WEEK A

MONDAY 30 JANUARY

8.00am Parent Rep Meeting - Sixth Form

TUESDAY 31 JANUARY

8.00am Parent Rep Meeting - Seniors

WEDNESDAY 1 FEBRUARY

8.00am Parent Rep Meeting - Upper Prep

2.45pm U13 B Netball v Skippers Hill (a)

2.45pm U11 A & B Netball v Skippers Hill (h)

THURSDAY 2 FEBRUARY

8.00am Parent Rep Meeting - Lower Prep

1.45pm Intermediate Maths Challenge, Years 9-11

2.15pm IAPS Swimming Regional Qualifier, Bedes Prep

3.30pm U18 Netball v Collyers (a)

6.00pm Year 10 Parents' Evening

FRIDAY 3 FEBRUARY

8.00am Parent Rep Meeting - Pre-Prep

SATURDAY 4 FEBRUARY

12.00pm MHA Netball Tournament - Sports Hall

SUNDAY 5 FEBRUARY

1.00pm Volleyball Tournament, Bedes, The Dicker

The U12 girls won the plate in the annual Bedes netball tournament. The girls played exceptionally well missing out on the final by 1 point. The starting seven of Stephanie Vieira, Amelia ffinch-Mitchell, Chloe Maidens, Eleanor ffinch-Mitchell, Darcey Russell, Amelia Devlin and Teni Ogunlesi kept the momentum going throughout the tournament whilst Lauren Freitas, Daria Gorbunova and Michaela Taiwo assisted confidently.



The U11 netball team travelled to Lewes Old Grammar School this week. It was a very worthwhile journey with the A team winning 5-0 the B team winning 3-0. Girl of the game awards went to Sophie Stevens, GS for the A team and Sophie Naish, GA for the B team.

VOLLEYBALL VICTORY

Congratulations to our Volleyball team for their excellent match v Bedes, which they won by 3 sets to 0. It was a terrific game with plenty of long and exciting rallies.

Serving was strong and effective, first ball into the setter was consistently good and every team member worked well together to protect the floor from the ball! Well done for a fantastic performance.

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