



Moir House

Girls School

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OPEN DAY - LAUNCH OF ROEDEAN MOIRA HOUSE

We were delighted to welcome so many visitors to our Open day last Saturday, as we officially launched Roedean Moira House for September 2018.

Visitors were treated to an exciting array of exhibitions, performing arts displays, dance, music and a variety of interactive demonstrations.

To learn about our future development plans for the Eastbourne Site, the new vision and scholarship opportunities available throughout the school, please contact Mrs Alexa Barlow, Group Registrar at: groupregistrar@roedean.co.uk.



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MOIRA HOUSE



BUTTERFLIES PREPARING FOR TAKE OFF!

The Butterflies have been really enjoying their transition sessions in Reception. It was such a pleasure to have some of our Nursery girls, in addition to the external children who joined us for Open Morning last Saturday. The girls enjoyed exploring in the foamy sea-themed water area as well as many other fun and interactive activities in the classroom. We also joined some of the Pre-Prep girls to take part in some 'party-themed' activities. A great time was had by all!

We are now practising for our Assembly next week where Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be joined by the Nursery Butterflies to perform some French action songs! We look forward to seeing Nursery and Pre-Prep parents next Wednesday.



HUGE DONATION TO CANCER RESEARCH



Last Friday morning, during a whole school assembly, local Cancer Research UK representative, Janet Geering, came into school to receive the funds raised in last term's Santa Fun Run. We were very proud to be able to give her a huge cheque for £931!

Janet explained to the girls how this donation would make such a difference in so many ways, and expressed her great appreciation.

Well done and 'thank you' to everyone who took part and donated money to make the event such a success.

SIXTH FORM PARENTS' EVENING, 8 FEBRUARY

At such a pivotal time in your daughters' education, we look forward to welcoming Year 12 and Year 13 parents next Thursday, 8 February at 6pm, in Swann Hall for Parents' Evening.

Your daughters will be making appointments for you to meet with her subject teachers and personal tutor and it will be an opportunity to discuss academic achievements and overall progress.

'ROBLOX' ONLINE GAME -SAFEGUARDING

In an ongoing effort to keep parents informed regarding e-safety, it has come to my attention that a popular game called 'Roblox' has been identified as a potential platform for children to be targeted.

Please refer to the website link below, and discuss the matter with your children. If you have any further questions or concerns regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me.

<http://www.esafetytraining.org/apps/blog/>

A NIGHT AT THE RACES - FRIDAY 9 MARCH

Our wonderful MHA are planning a exciting Night at the Races for us on Friday 9 March. This will take place in the Sports Hall and, in addition to the races, there will be a Raffle, food and a Bar.

Further information will be available shortly.

U10s FIRST NETBALL TOURNAMENT

On Wednesday the U10 netball team travelled to Bede's Senior School to participate in their first Netball tournament. The girls faced very strong opposition and were looking forward to the challenge. In their first match they faced Bricklehurst Manor and despite a close first half, the Moira girls grew in confidence and controlled the second half winning convincingly 3-0.

The girls also won their second and third matches 3-0, but they knew they were in for a tough match in the next game against Bede's. The teams were very evenly matched at the start, but the speed of passing, strength on the ball and wonderful teamwork by our girls meant they comfortably won the match. This result put the girls in the final! In an outstanding final, the score at the end of full time was 0-0, which meant the game went into extra time. The score was 1-1 after extra time so the game was to be decided on a golden goal. In an extremely tense encounter, the girls were unlucky to lose 1-0.

However the Moira House Girls should be immensely proud of their outstanding performance and they were pleased to receive medals. Imogen Beale was awarded a trophy for 'Girl of the Tournament'.

Well done to the entire team - we are very proud of you.

**A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD**

Dear Parents,

A huge thank you to all your daughters for doing such a wonderful job at our Open Day on Saturday. Our visitors commented on how fantastic our girls are, something we all know, but it is always nice to hear and share it with the girls.

It was lovely to see a good number of parents at our Parent Reps meetings over the last couple of weeks and to get some valuable feedback on school matters. If there is any matter that cannot wait until the next Parent Reps meetings, do remember to get in touch with your daughter's personal tutor any time.

Since the beginning of term, we have introduced weekly academic and/or pastoral foci in the school to enhance our provision. In recent weeks, we have focused on learning environments and marking. We have also organised academic monitoring visits for various departments with the help from Roedean Heads of Department, so your daughters might tell you that they had visitors in their lessons; Maths took place today and English will take place next week. The foci and visits allow us to action anything that needs to be changed to ensure our practice excellent for the girls.

I hope you all have a good weekend.

Mrs Elodie Vallantine
Head of School

FOCUS ON ACTIVITIES**Puzzle Club**

In puzzle club the girls have been enjoying completing word searches, crosswords and other puzzles. We have completed some online puzzles and even had a go at making our own for each other to solve! The girls have also really enjoyed working together to complete jigsaw puzzles and even tackled Jenga! They have also enjoyed bringing in puzzles from home to share with their friends as well as using our puzzle selection at school.

**Equestrian**

We have welcomed two new girls to Horse-Riding Activity. Fai in Year 10 and Ning in Year 8 enjoyed some rare winter sunshine, whilst putting our ponies, Harry and Toby through their paces.

In addition to lessons in the sand school, we also have direct access to the South Downs National Park, and are able to take hacks out at the weekends. We are able to ride across to the Seven Sisters at the coast and in to Friston Forest for some spectacular scenery.

For further information, please contact Stable Manager, Sarah Aspinall at: saspinall@moirahouse.co.uk

**NEWS FROM THE SIXTH FORM**

With mock examinations behind them Year 13 are now working hard on consolidating their studies and perfecting exam techniques. I met with Year 13 last week and advised them about ensuring that they allow enough time for revision and exam practice over the coming months. For many who enjoy a lot of outside interests, this may mean making tricky decisions and prioritising as the exams draw closer. Many Year 13 students also now have a full complement of university offers and are finalising their choices as regards Higher Education destinations. Our Year 13 cohort have a diverse range of talents and interests and have applied to courses to study subjects such as Medicine, Engineering, Midwifery, Sports Management and Education. Miss Lewis has also been advising them on all matters financial as part of the Enrichment programme, so they are aware of how and when to apply for Student Loans.

Year 12 will soon be able to apply for positions of responsibility to replace our current Standard Bearers and School Knights, who will be retiring from their duties at the end of term in order to focus on their exams. The girls will be briefed about what this entails and how to apply shortly. I would like to thank the outgoing team for all their support to date. They have been fantastic ambassadors and a real credit to the school. I look forward to working with a new group of highly engaged and motivated young ladies next term.

Mrs Harris-Moss, Head of Sixth Form

YEAR 1 VISIT TO ALL SAINTS CHURCH

On Tuesday morning the Year 1 girls went to visit All Saints Church, to support their current RE topic of learning about a place of worship.

Rev. Robert Lovatt gave a tour of the church including the playgroup, sitting room, meeting rooms and the youth club room. He also pointed out the stained glass window that Moira House donated to the church following fire damage in 1927.

The girls had the opportunity to ask lots of questions and enjoyed learning about all the areas of the church and what they are used for.

**SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHY**

Your Viewing Cards, containing the individual sitting reference number for your daughter will be coming home to you next Monday. This will enable you to view all the photographs that were taken of your daughter and to order and prints or digital downloads.

SWIMMING v BURGESS HILL

On Monday the Junior Swim Squad swam against Burgess Hill. The races were close with Burgess Hill winning by a mere 4 points!

Well done to Cameron Taylor who put her well rehearsed dives into her races and Tea Neill for her amazing finish in her individual race! Your hard work is really paying off!!

FORTHCOMING EVENTS**WEEK B****MONDAY 5 FEBRUARY**

4.50pm Y5-8 Swimming Gala v Claremont (a)

TUESDAY 6 FEBRUARY

10.00am U15 Lady Taverners Cricket (h)

4.00pm U15A Netball v LOGS (CANCELLED)

3.15pm U14A & B Netball v Mayfield (CANCELLED)

WEDNESDAY 7 FEBRUARY

8.15am Lower Prep Parent Reps Meeting

8.35am Pre-Prep Parents' Assembly

2.00pm U11 Netball v Claremont (h)

3.00pm U10 Netball v Burgess Hill (h)

3.00pm U12A & U13A Netball v Rye College (CANCELLED)

4.15pm U12A Netball v Uckfield College (h)

5.00pm Drama Trip, The Flying Lovers of Vitebsk -
Late return (11.30pm)

THURSDAY 8 FEBRUARY

2.30pm U18A & B Netball v Claremont (a)

6.00pm YEAR 12 & 13 PARENTS' EVENING, Swann Hall

FRIDAY 9 FEBRUARY

4.00pm HALF TERM STARTS

4.15pm Minibuses Depart

5.00pm Boarding Houses Close

SUNDAY 18 FEBRUARY

Boarders Return between 4.00pm - 9.00pm

WEEK A**MONDAY 19 FEBRUARY**

8.25am School Re-opens

1.05pm U9 Mini Tennis v Bede's (h)

4.30pm Swimming Gala v St. Andrew's (h)

TUESDAY 20 FEBRUARY

9.00am Pyramid Music Competition

3.00pm U14 A&B, U15A Netball v Lancing College (h)

WEDNESDAY 21 FEBRUARY

2.30pm U12A & U13A Netball v Claremont (a)

3.00pm U10A & U11A Netball v Bede's (h)

THURSDAY 22 FEBRUARY

2.15pm U18A & B Netball v Sutton Valance (a)

FRIDAY 23 FEBRUARY

2.00pm IAPS Swimming Qualifier v Ardingly (a)

NETBALL ROUND-UP**U12 & U13 v Benenden**

Our U12A team played a fantastic two games against Benenden on Wednesday. In the first match we dominated the game with the score finishing 11-2 to Moira House. Benenden then asked to bring out their strongest teams to play us, which enabled Moira House to continue playing a fast paced, strong and skilful game, which we won 12-4. Well done to Sasha Baldwin for the consistently accurate feeds into our semi-circle and for winning 'Girl of the Game' in both matches.

The U13A team also played brilliantly, with the score finishing 12-2 to Moira House. The defensive play from Cheyenna Beale, Sofia Hanan Comaduran and Stephanie Vieira made it difficult for Benenden to keep possession of the ball down their end of the court. The attacking play from Amelia Devlin and Teni Ogunlesi was outstanding throughout the game and won them joint 'Girl of the Game'.

U10 v Skippers Hill

The U10s played a tough fixture against Skippers Hill this week. After an even first half Skippers had the edge in the second with a 12-9 win. Each quarter the girls passing & marking improved. Well done to joint 'Girls of the Game', Zoe Whittington and Olivia McMullen.

U14A v Steyning Grammar School

The U14s extra hard work and commitment at training paid off this week with a fine display of appropriately timed moves and set plays against a very strong Steyning side. The girls attacked with pace and determination, showing a lovely team spirit. A well deserved win, 27 - 7, well done ladies.

Update from Chloe Hughes, Sports Captain

This term has been another busy term for our girls on the netball courts. Our U12s have had success against Bede's and Brighton College, our U15s against Battle Abbey and our U13s against Steyning Grammar to name a but few.

Outside of the netball courts, Beth Cook has successfully qualified for the National Inter-County Championships in cross country running, with many other key matches coming up.

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