



Moir House

Girls School

EASTBOURNE

STRANDS

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REMEMBERING ON HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY

Throughout the week both Pyramid and whole school assemblies have been remembering Holocaust Memorial Day. The theme this year was 'Life goes on'. Prayers were led by Caitlin Emerson and Stephanie Deans read the poem 'Blackbird' which was specially commissioned for this year. Both Madame Couture and Miss Reid led separate assemblies that remembered the six million Jewish people systematically persecuted and murdered by the Nazis and those who collaborated with the Nazis during the Holocaust. The overall message to our girls was to commit to do something, no matter how small to stand up to prejudice and the process of persecution. Other people matter.



HOLOCAUST
MEMORIAL
DAY TRUST

OXBRIDGE CONFERENCE FOR YEAR 12



This week Year 12 attended a local Oxbridge Conference. Tutors from Oxford and Cambridge Universities - Dr Jeff Tseng, a lecturer in Physics from Oxford, and Dr Andrew Spencer, Admissions tutor and associate lecturer in History from Cambridge - spoke to us on the admissions process and the courses they offered. We received invaluable advice on applications, UCAS and the interview process; the science and humanities workshops gave us a taste on the respective departments, allowing us to make an informed decision on our applications. The workshops were interactive, and students engaged in the interactive discussions, as well as answering questions on an individual basis and as a group.

Caitlin Emerson and Dayna Idos, Year 12

LEGALLY BLONDE - 7 & 8 FEBRUARY

If you have not already signed up for a seat on our guest list do not delay! Contact Claire Mansel at Reception for your seat reservation for what promises to be a spirited production full of song, dance and high drama! The production is most suited for Year 6 and upwards, plus any parents and friends who would like to come and support our senior girls.

The performances are next week on 7 & 8 February in Swann Hall at 7.00pm and last around 75 minutes. We look forward to seeing you!

Please note that next Tuesday and Wednesday there will be NO Music or Musical Theatre Evening Classes but they will resume as usual on Tuesday 21 February after half term. Italy rehearsals are unaffected.

LEGALLY BLONDE

The Musical 

PHOTO ID FOR VISITORS TO SCHOOL

As a school, we ask any visitors, whether they are parents, guests or contractors, to be prepared to show a form of Photo ID when they come to the school.

This is common practice in other schools and we are most grateful for your co-operation. Thank you.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHY - VIEWING CARDS

Following Pret-a-Portrait's recent visit to take individual and sibling photographs, a viewing card explaining how you can view and order pictures, is being sent home with pupils today, Friday 3 February.

Please ask your children to give it to you as soon as possible so you have a chance to order any pictures you would like at a discounted price before the Early Bird Deadline 14 February 2017.

If your child was not in school today, they will be given it at the next available opportunity. Alternatively, you can contact the School Office to collect your viewing card.

If for any reason your viewing does not make it to you in the next few days, please contact Pret-a-Portrait directly on 0800 021 7626 or customerservice@pret-a-portrait.net

We would welcome your feedback on the photos and this can be sent to: sgraham@moirahouse.co.uk

PRE AND LOWER PREP SUPERSTARS

Girls in the Pre-Prep and Lower Prep were treated to a cello solo by Amelia in Year 4 as part of this week's Superstars assembly.



Pre Prep and Lower Prep Superstars

YEAR 1 & 2 VISIT THE BRIGHTON TOY & MODEL MUSEUM



Years 1 and 2 visited the Brighton Toy and Model Museum on Tuesday to see the vast collection of old toys and learn more about how toys were made in the past. The girls took part in an 'old toy hunt' and two workshops, focusing on how toys have changed over the past 100 years.



A MESSAGE FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

As you can see from the front page of this edition of Strands, Year 12 attended an Oxbridge Conference this week which got them thinking about options for universities. Full UCAS preparation will take place next term. Each year, our girls are very successful in getting into their first choice university; it is worth noting that 100% of MoHo girls did so in 2016.

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Governors' talk on Saturday. This week, we have been meeting with our Parent Reps. The meetings have been very productive and we are following up on any points raised. A reminder from the White Book that we will be having coffee mornings for each section of the school and we would love to see as many of you as possible then. We are going to create a working party to look at ways of enhancing our communications with parents; we would welcome parents to be part of this working party so if you are interested, please email Sue Graham (sgraham@moirahouse.co.uk).

I hope you all have a good weekend.

Mrs Elodie Vallantine
Acting Principal

SELF DEFENCE DEMONSTRATION

Unfortunately, violence against women is on the increase, so we have invited our friends in from the Eastbourne Freestyle Kempo Ju Jitsu Club to give a demonstration on how it is possible to protect yourself.

This is available to all

Year 12 and 13 girls

on Thursday 9 February

2pm - 3pm

SWANN HALL

For further information, please contact Mrs Harris-Moss

CHINESE NEW YEAR FEAST

We celebrated the Chinese New Year with a sumptuous buffet with such offerings as homemade dumplings filled with minced pork, ginger and soy sauce; sweet and sour pork, chicken chow mein, steamed white rice and homemade sticky rice cakes coated in sesame seeds. The dining hall was suitably decorated by our girls for the occasion. Many thanks to all the catering team, Ann Li, Mo Molaei and the house mothers for making the event such a success.



A MESSAGE FROM MR CRUM

I am sure that, like me, you are finding these cold crisp mornings a beautiful sight, and the School and its grounds really do look stunning in the frosty conditions!

I am writing this having just had the experience of a very positive Year 10 Parents' Evening, which reminds me to draw your attention to the Year 8 Parents' Evening on Thursday 9 February. Do please note that half term starts at the slightly earlier time of 4pm on Friday 10 February and the minibuses will leave at 4.15pm.



INTERNET SAFETY

Some parents have asked for advice on ensuring that their child is making safe use of technology at home.

We continue to support and teach girls about internet safety during ICT and PSHE lessons in school. There are also some very good websites to support parents in enabling safe choices to be made at home:

- <https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/staying-safe-online/>
- <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>
- <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

If you have concerns about your child please do also inform their personal tutor so that we can support them in school as well.

FIREFIGHTER CAREERS TALK

Girls from Year 8 upwards were lucky enough to receive a visit from Jules Gilbert-King, who is a Borough Commander in the East Sussex Fire & Rescue Service. Jules started off our new Careers Programme, delivering a talk on women in the Fire Service. The talk was extremely inspirational and gave a real insight into a career path that is not usually associated with women.

There are currently only 20 women in the East Sussex Fire & Rescue Service. Jules joined the service in 1994 and has since worked her way up through the ranks, successfully mastering over 11 different promotional positions and is now Borough Commander for the Hastings and Rother area.

The girls thoroughly enjoyed the talk and we are extremely grateful to Jules for giving up her time to come in and talk to the girls.



PYRAMID MUSIC COMPETITION

The Pyramid Music Competition will be held this year on Tuesday 28 February, and the Music Department would like to encourage anyone who sings or plays an instrument to enter.

The school peripatetic teachers have application forms to fill in with the girls, but if your daughter has lessons outside school she can collect an application form from Miss Smith in the Music Department or Mrs Hafernik in the Pre/Lower Prep in Boston House.

U9 NETBALL V SKIPPERS HILL

Our U9 Netball team played a great game against a fast and feisty Skippers Hill team. Excellent shooting from the Skippers Hill girls gave them a strong lead in the first half (1-8). Our Year 4 girls were particularly impressive, displaying a fighting team spirit. They did not give up and worked really hard in the second half to limit Skippers scoring. Final score 2-10.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS**WEEK B****MONDAY 6 FEBRUARY**

8.00am Parent Rep Meeting - Nursery
 5.30pm U10,11 & 13 Swimming Gala v Claremont (a)
 5.30pm U10,11,12 & 13 Swimming Gala v Claremont (h)

TUESDAY 7 FEBRUARY

8.00am Year 11 Coffee Morning
 2.45pm U15 A & B Netball v Eastbourne College (h)
 7.00pm **Legally Blonde** - Senior Production, Swann Hall

WEDNESDAY 8 FEBRUARY

8.30am Lower Prep Class Assembly in the JAC
 2.30pm U13 A,B,C,,D Netball v Claremont (h)
 2.45pm U11 Hockey v Battle Abbey (a)
 7.00pm **Legally Blonde** - Senior Production, Swann Hall

THURSDAY 9 FEBRUARY

6.00pm Year 8 Parents' Evening

FRIDAY 10 FEBRUARY

4.00pm **HALF TERM BEGINS**
 4.15pm Minibuses depart
 5.00pm Boarding Houses Close

SUNDAY 19 FEBRUARY

4.00pm Boarders return between 4.00pm - 9.00pm

WEEK A**MONDAY 20 FEBRUARY**

8.25am School re-opens
 9.00am Book Fair, Reception to Year 5

TUESDAY 21 FEBRUARY

9.00am Book Fair, Reception to Year 5
 2.15pm U14 Netball v LOGS (h)
 6.00pm GCSE Options Evening for Year 8

WEDNESDAY 22 FEBRUARY

9.00am Book Fair, Reception to Year 5
 2.30pm U11 A&B Netball v St Andrews (a)
 2.45pm U13 A,B & C Netball v St Andrews (h)

THURSDAY 23 FEBRUARY

2.45pm U18 A&B Netball v Eastbourne College (h)
 6.00pm Sixth Form Open Evening for Year 10

FRIDAY 24 FEBRUARY**SATURDAY 25 FEBRUARY**

1.30pm Lacrosse v Worth (h) mixed Year 7-13 team

SPORTS ROUND-UP**NETBALL**

Our U18A & B Netball teams played superbly last Thursday. Beating Buckswood 25-9 and 24-14. There was some outstanding defending by Jessica Brialey for the Bs, and Lauren Davison for the As in Goal Defence and Goal Keep and great shooting and assistance by Chloe Hughes and Taliah Winn for the As and Amelia Carrington and Jade Biss for the Bs. Well done girls!

Congratulations to another great round of matches from the U15 A& B netball teams. They played Buckswood on Tuesday and both teams dominated the competition. Well done to Isabelle Barlow who was voted girl of the game for the U15B and Katy-Anne Burr as girl of the game for the U15A. Movement around the court has been outstanding and we are looking forward to your upcoming matches.

CRICKET

The U13s took part in the annual Lady Taverners indoor Cricket Tournament, having had very little opportunity to practise yet this term. Although narrowly losing out on a place in the final, their performance was quite remarkable given the lack of preparation.

There were strong batting performances from Sophie Naish (who also claimed 3 wickets in 1 over when bowling) and Stephanie Vieira, whilst Megan Lee, Bethany Cook and Darcey Russell were the pick of the bowlers. Overall, it was a very encouraging performance and, with some more concentrated practices over the coming weeks, we will hopefully be able to build on the potential and the enthusiasm they displayed at this tournament.

FIXTURE UPDATE

Thursday 9 February 2017 - Volleyball v Roedean (h)
 - awaiting confirmation of the fixture 4.15 pm

Thursday 23 February 2017 - Volleyball v Bexhill College (a) 2.45 pm

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