

# HEAD'S WEEKLY REVIEW



## Head's Introduction

Dear Parents,

We have been a hive of activity this week with events in and out of school. We have been conducting specialist teaching recruitment interviews and will be able to inform you of appointments for September in the near future.

We have also hosted the GSA Tennis Tournament this week, with several schools from the South East taking part - well done to all the girls who took part and my thanks to the girls and PE staff who organised the day.

Many congratulations to Bethany Cook in Year 9 who competed last weekend in the prestigious London Mini Marathon, achieving 3rd place a year young in very hot and testing conditions!

The girls are focussing on their futures and we trust their revision is on schedule for the forthcoming external examinations. Please do let us know if you feel that your daughter could benefit from extra support.

The girls participating in The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Silver expedition set off this morning and I look forward to hearing about their adventures next week.

I also look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the Summer Concert next Thursday at All Saints Chapel in Meads.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Elodie Vallantine  
Head of School

## School Photography

We have been able to rearrange the Whole School and Reception to Year 8 class photographs for Monday 14 May in the morning.

This will provide a special keepsake as it will be the last Moira House Girls School photograph before we officially launch as Roedean Moira House from September.

## Big Futures Ahead!

Girls from Years 9 and 10 attended the 'Big Futures Show' at Eastbourne Sports Park this week. With over 80 exhibitors, this is the largest employability and skills event in East Sussex and forms an annual part of our Careers provision. The girls had the opportunity to learn in detail about a wide range of careers, including finance, engineering, construction and hospitality. Many showed particular interest in public service, including careers in Medicine, Policing and the Armed Forces.



The event was hugely successful and really provoked the girls into thinking about their own futures and considering options which they may not have previously entertained. Some of the exhibitors so enjoyed meeting our girls that they asked to come to Roedean Moira House to provide enrichment lessons and assemblies later in the year!

## Careers Assemblies

We are delighted that so many of our Old Girls are supporting our Careers provision by offering their industry insight and experience to our current students. There is an exciting line-up of forthcoming Careers Assemblies, which aim to inspire the girls not only with career choices, but the successes of former students.

The series was started in great style this morning with a visit from Dr Charlotte Harrison who spoke to the girls about her career as a doctor at St. Wilfrid's Hospice.



### WEEK 1 / 25TH APRIL

Dr Charlotte Harrison will talk about her career as a doctor leading care at St Wilfrid's Hospice.

### WEEK 2 / 9TH MAY

Geraldine Beare, Moira House Old Girl, will talk about her career as an indexer and her journey to get there.

### WEEK 3 / 23RD MAY

Claire Mitchell, Moira House Old Girl, will talk about her career in investment banking.

### WEEK 4 / 13TH JUNE

Alex Wheatley works for Virgin Atlantic and will talk about his career in the company and his current Food and Beverage Management role.

### PLUS: YEAR 12 ENRICHMENT 8TH MAY & 12TH JUNE

Sophie Beland, Moira House Old Girl, works for Morgan Stanley and will be talking about her career in finance and a careers opportunity for Moira House girls.

Daisy Woodley, Moira House Old Girl, works for AIR Worldwide and will be talking about her career in Catastrophe Modelling and careers in STEM.

## Unsung Heroes

Many wonderful things happen at Roedean Moira House each week, about which many are perhaps unaware. This section is dedicated to the 'unsung heroes', in order to draw our attention to these people and to remind us that our community is special.



Gabriella Soars in Year 6, for showing compassion and support for a peer during a presentation.



Sophie Naish in Year 7, for showing maturity and understanding when supporting her peers.



Katherina Qin in Year 8 for a focussed and positive attitude to her learning.



Grace Russell in Year 9, for always offering a helping hand to her peers in Photography. She always comes to class with boundless enthusiasm and is a joy to teach.



Daisy Ai in Year 9 for making a real effort in music lessons, to understand and use keywords, and to participate more in class discussions. She is also, of course, a brilliant pianist, as she will be showing in the Summer Concert next week.



Tuhina Anoop in Year 9 who has settled in so beautifully and has gained the respect of the Year 9s as an academic leader.



Jane Cheung in Year 12, for working so hard towards her Japanese A Level and achieving higher than she expected!



Molly Keirle in Year 12 who is always incredibly helpful in boarding and goes out of her way to bridge the gap between day and boarding communities - a big help to staff and very compassionate towards other girls.



Caitlin Emerson in Year 13, for persevering to the end of her EPQ and delivering a superb presentation on the death penalty in America.

## Impressive Town Planning in Year 4!

As part of their topic on Settlements, the girls have responded to the challenge of designing a new town with great enthusiasm, commitment and creativity. During their individual presentations they have been able to explain how they considered the needs of all the population, including elderly



people, children, teenagers, young adults and parents. They thought about the layout and access within their town and considered various transport methods, as well as opportunities for education, employment and health care, and places for worship and leisure.

Their ingenious, intricate and detailed 3D models have been finished to a very high standard and the girls should be extremely proud of the thought that has clearly gone into the planning of each town. They are currently on display in Boston House so do please come and have a look at them.



## Harry Potter Studio Tour

Magic was in the air last Sunday morning as two minibuses full of excited girls took off to Warner Brothers' Harry Potter Studio Tour. Alongside many boarders it was lovely to have a number of day girls, and new short stay students joining in.



The girls had an opportunity to see original sets, props and costumes from the movie series. As Princess was celebrating her birthday, she was even chosen to push open the doors to the set for the first time!

Highlights of the day included seeing the original Diagon Alley and imagining an afternoon shopping for wands just like Harry, as well as the Great Hall complete with the Goblet of Fire. Of course tasting creamy butter-beer (non-alcoholic of course) and chocolate frogs also made the afternoon special! However, it was the incredible 3D model of Hogwarts, combined with special effects to feature in the movies that really took the girls' breath away.

## Seaside Fun!

Our current boarders had lots of fun showing some new boarders and short stay girls around Eastbourne. True to form for the sunniest place in the UK, the weather was beautiful and the girls enjoyed the delights of Eastbourne Seafront, including a tasty ice cream! They headed into town for some recreational shopping, before heading back to school - what a great way to make new friends and get to know each other!



## A Double Celebration For Miss Smith

The sun shone last weekend for Miss Smith, who celebrated her son, Harry's, first birthday by getting married! Many congratulations to Jenny and her husband, Kris Jones - we wish you every happiness for the future.



## Reception Class Taster Morning

On Wednesday, Roedeans Moira House welcomed children to our Reception Class for an Open Morning. Our visitors joined current Reception girls and had a fantastic time exploring the topic 'How Does Your Garden Grow?' The girls took part in activities including plant pot decorating, mixed media seed collages and even planting a flower in their decorated pots to take home. They also enjoyed making their own snack, acting out roles in our 'Florist' shop and a taster French session where they acted out the story of 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' in French!



There were big smiles all round....

...especially when the girls were given a very special teddy!

## Pyramid "Royal Wedding" Event

In recognition of the forthcoming Royal Wedding, the girls took part in their own "Wedding of the Year" Pyramid event.

As part of the new term's Pyramid challenge, girls were given a box of materials and an hour over two days to create a wedding dress, a groom's outfit, a wedding bouquet as well as choreograph a "flash mob" first dance and prepare a wedding speech in the form of a rap! There was an amazing atmosphere in the Sports Hall and it was a truly great experience. Girls in different year groups worked collaboratively together, demonstrating team work whilst also enjoying the opportunity for leadership skills to be developed. The results were stunning - well done!



## Summer Concert - Thursday 3 May at 7pm

We hope that you will join us for the annual Summer Concert next Thursday at All Saints Chapel in Darley Road, Eastbourne. A pre-concert bar will be available from 6.30pm.



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# Summer Concert 2018

Thursday, 3rd May, 7pm

Pre-Concert Bar from 6.30pm

All Saints Chapel, Meads

[www.moirahouse.co.uk](http://www.moirahouse.co.uk)

## Tennis

Two U10 teams enjoyed a fantastic day of tennis at the annual U10 Sussex Schools' Tennis Tournament this week.

Our B team (Daisy Dunton, Abbigail Lester, Tea Neil and Eve-Jolie Kerswell) qualified from the group stages to the quarter-finals. Here they met Our Lady of Sion but lost narrowly by 2 points after finishing on a tie at 3 matches all.

The A team (Gabriela Pacheco-Lagoda, Georgia McKay, Ffion Carnell and Isabella Putland), having put Brighton College out in the group stages, beat Burgess Hill in the quarters, 5 matches to 1. They then faced Sion in the semis, dispatching them by 6 matches to 0 to qualify for the final! Bedes "A" proved too strong on this occasion but Roedean Moira House can be very proud of an excellent afternoon of tennis and for winning the silver medals.



The 'A' Team, Silver Medal Winners

## Rounders

Our U18 rounders team played a fantastic first game against Lancing College. Roedean Moira House played a strong first innings with some fast fielding and excellent batting from all the girls. In the second innings the game stayed close but Roedean Moira House played a consistently strong game, winning with an overall score of 14½ rounders to 13½ rounders. Well done girls!

## GSA Tennis Tournament

On Thursday Roedean Moira House was proud to host the annual GSA Tennis Tournament for U12, U14 and U18 players. On a glorious sunny, but windy day, 50 girls from GSA schools from all over the South East competed at a high standard in a great tournament, played on both hard court and grass surfaces. Special congratulations go to Stephanie Vieira and Amelia Devlin who were crowned champions of the U14 tournament despite only being in Year 8!



## Forthcoming Events

### WEEK B

<b>Mon</b> 30 Apr	U13 Aegon Tennis League v Bede's (h) U9/8 Mini Tennis v Bede's (h)
<b>Tue</b> 1 May	U9 Sussex Tennis Tournament at Bede's, The Dicker (a) U14 & U15 Rounders v Battle Abbey (a) Year 9/10 Aegon Tennis League v Roedean School (h) Year 9 & 10 Badminton v Mayfield (h) Hindleap Warren Information Evening
<b>Wed</b> 2 May	Year 7 & 8 Aegon Tennis League v Hurst (a) - <b>CANCELLED</b> U12 & U13 Rounders v LOGS (a) U10 & U11 Rounders v Bede's (h)
<b>Thu</b> 3 May	U18 Rounders v Bede's (h) U9 Cricket v Bede's (a) Summer Concert, All Saints Chapel
<b>Fri</b> 4 May	U11 Sussex Tennis Tournament at Bede's, The Dicker (a)
<b>Sat</b> 5 May	Canoeing & Kayaking at the Cuckmere Valley.

### WEEK A

<b>Mon</b> 7 May	<b>BANK HOLIDAY - School Closed</b> Boarding Trip to Mamma Mia!, London
<b>Tue</b> 8 May	Year 9/10 Aegon Tennis v Bede's (a) U15 Rounders v Lancing (a) U14 A & B Rounders v Lancing (a) Little Canada Trip Information Evening
<b>Wed</b> 9 May	External Exams Start Pre-Prep Assembly, Swann Hall U12 Rounders v Windlesham (h) U12 Rounders v Burgess Hill (a) Year 8 Aegon Tennis League v Burgess Hill (h)
<b>Thu</b> 10 May	Year 8 HPV Vaccinations U18/16 Rounders v Claremont (h)
<b>Sat</b> 11 May	Trip to Knockhatch Adventure Park, Dry Ski Slope - Snowboarding.
<b>Sun</b> 13 May	Trip to Port Lympne Zoo, Kent.

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