

HEAD'S WEEKLY REVIEW



Head's Introduction

Dear Parents,

We are all looking forward to seeing the girls perform in Dream, Dream, Dream over the next couple of days. A big thank you to all the girls and staff involved for their commitment and hard work. I hope to see many of you at the various performances.

This week, we had interviews for the new posts of responsibility in the Sixth Form, i.e. School Knights, Head of Boarding, Sports Captain, Music Captain and Charity Captain. All applicants did a very good job and girls appointed to those roles will have a tough job following in the footsteps of our current team, brilliantly led by Jade and Poppy!

All examination classes should have their revision packs by now. Please make sure your daughter brings them home over the Easter holidays next week. I would also encourage you to ensure that your daughter attends any revision classes put on by teachers in the first week of the holidays. This is an excellent opportunity for additional revision, exam preparation and small group tuition.

Next week, we will have a number of staff interviews taking place to recruit new teachers for September. The interview schedule will include lesson observations, so your daughter might be taught by one of the candidates. We will also have student panels involved in the process to get feedback from the girls before making appointments.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Elodie Vallantine
Head of School



This Girl Can!

Congratulations to Bethany Cook in who took part in the Inter - Counties Cross Country Championships last weekend at Prestwold Hall in Loughborough.

Bethany in Year 9, qualified for the event after winning the four qualifying rounds earlier in the season. Despite truly challenging conditions, Bethany achieved first place a year young, which is an astonishing achievement. The race was one of Bethany's toughest yet in, but she dug deep and won by over 20 seconds in a field of over 300 runners from around the whole of the UK.

Hairspray!

The Year 3 -5 girls have thoroughly enjoyed working on a 'Hairspray' musical themed activity this term. The girls have learned songs such as 'Good Morning Baltimore', 'The Nicest Kids in Town' and 'Mama I'm a Big Girl Now'.

We hope to perform a small excerpt in assembly next term.



Elevating Success

Our Year 11 and Year 13 girls have recently had the opportunity to take part in a study workshops run by Elevate Education.

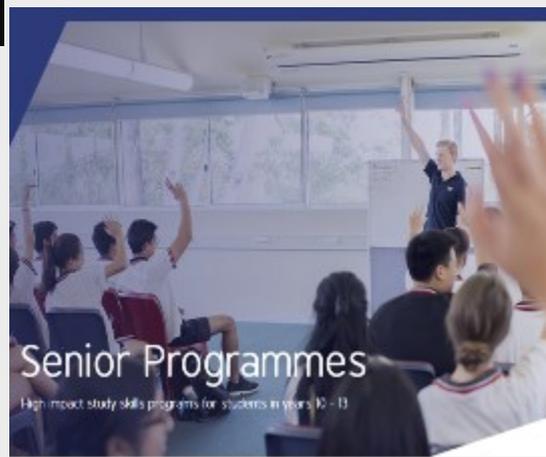
The company provides in depth opportunities for the girls to develop successful revision habits ahead of their summer examinations. The sessions focus on study methods, time management skills, memory mnemonics and study self-evaluation.

There is also invaluable advice for parents in helping your children manage their time to study efficiently. For online advice and support, please visit: <http://uk.elevateeducation.com/>

If parents would like further advice on supporting their daughter through the stress of examinations, please contact your daughters' Personal Tutor.

Knights' Weekly Review

Each week the School Knights, Jade and Poppy catch up with Mrs Vallantine to discuss matters that important to the girls, to put suggestions forward for change or improvement in certain areas and to discuss plans for the future.



Senior Programmes

High impact study skills programs for students in years 10 - 13

Unsung Heroes

Many wonderful things happen at Roedeans 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.



Beau in Year 8, because her work is to such a wonderful standard and she is always so polite and kind to everyone around her.



Stephanie in Year 8, who not only works consistently hard in her Art lessons but is a budding artist at home. She regularly brings her beautiful drawings from home in to show the class.



Abbie in Year 12, who surprised staff with this homemade cake to celebrate World Book Day. It was most unexpected but typical of her to be so very thoughtful, kind and generous.



Yanni, and Dan in Year 11 and Joy in Year 10, for qualifying for the 'Pink Kangaroo National Maths Competition'. Inspired by the Australian Mathematical Trust, bringing together young students in 50 countries around the world with the aim of promoting mathematics.



Caitlin Corbett in Year 11, who completed her coursework portfolio for English Language and English Literature almost two weeks before the deadline. Excellent focus and time management is to be commended.

International Evening

Last Sunday the Boarders held their annual International Evening to celebrate their diversity and different culture from their homes around the world, including Laos, Taiwan, Thailand, Nigeria, Austria, Germany, Russia, France, Germany, Wales, Mexico, Philippines, Saudi Arabia and Australia,

The girls took to the stage to dance and sing in their own languages. Rachel sang a beautiful song in her native tongue of Yoruba, which had the audience close to tears.

Chloe Lee, Cynthia Bai, Elaine Siu and Ada Lau had prepared a dance that they had been practicing for weeks and wowed the audience with their dancing talents.

Our youngest and newest boarder Ling took to the stage for the first time and sung a solo. She has grown so much in confidence over the past few weeks and we are so proud of her.

The evening was rounded off with a fashion show with hand made costumes, created by the girls and Mrs T, Head of Boarding. Well done to everyone who took apart and contributed to make the evening so memorable.



Record Year for DoE Success

Last year was a record year for Roedeans Moira House, with the best ever completion rate for the Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award. Congratulations to all the girls - Caitlin, Isobelle, Eva, Georgia, Daisy, Maisie, Joy, Amy, Pally, Natalya, Lana, Ellie, Piya and Yanni, who have so far completed the award. Some of the girls had received their awards last term, but the rest received their certificates in Friday's Assembly.

Natalya, Lana, Maisie and Amy have gone on to start the Silver award this year, and I hope they will be able to help Davina and Angela who are going straight in to do the Silver Award. I am pleased that we also have eight girls this year signed up for the Bronze Award: Jemima, Eleanor, Tia, Lily, Megan, Bronwen, Jemima and Trinity.

I hope that as well as completing the expeditions they will enjoy the activities that they chose for the Physical, Skills and Volunteering sections. Well done to those who have already got some of these sections signed off.

Mrs Dodd, DoE Co-ordinator



Photography Activity

Year 7 and 8 students have been experimenting with studio lighting in preparation for taking their own photographs as part of the creation of an album cover they are designing. We spent time trying different lighting effects and use of coloured gels. The girls had great fun and found the results very exciting. They are keen to apply these new skills in their own album cover work. The activity will continue next term, giving the girls time to experiment and create their own final piece of artwork.



Photography Competition Winner

Grace Russell in Year 9, has recently won a Photography competition run by the Seaford Rotary Club. She received her award in Friday's assembly. The task was to produce a portfolio of three photographs based upon the theme, 'A Different Perspective'. The aim of the competition was to encourage young people to experiment with photography, be able to interpret the theme and express their ideas through the medium.

Grace said, "I entered the Seaford Rotary Club's Young Photography Competition at the beginning of January, with three photos. I found out on 1st March that I had won my category and that the photograph of the grass had been the winning photo. All entries were judged by two professional photographers. I was thrilled to have won and the judges said that they loved the grass photo because of my use of depth of field."



Summer Ball, The Grand Hotel - Saturday 23 June

As always, our end of year Founders' Day Celebrations are concluded with the Summer Ball at the luxurious 5-star Grand Hotel in Eastbourne.

This is a 'Prom' for the Sixth Form girls, to complete their school journey in great style with their lifelong friends, as well as a chance to dress up and have a great night out - certainly one to be remembered!

All family members are welcome and the ticket price of only £30 for students and £60 for guests includes a drink on arrival, a sumptuous 3-course meal, disco and entertainment. To purchase tickets, please contact Mrs Hollister-Sheppard in the Finance Office at: jh-sheppard@moirahouse.co.uk.

To all those girls travelling home for the Easter Holidays, remember to bring your evening dresses back to school with you.



Reminders...

- ◆ Pre and Lower Prep Spring Concert - Thursday 22 March at 3pm in Swann Hall
- ◆ End of Term Assembly - Friday 23 March at 11.30am - MUFTI DAY for ROSA UK
- ◆ Please check all uniform belongs to your child and is correctly labelled.

Netball Round Up

Our U11 and U10 teams faced tough challenges this week against Brighton College's A teams in their final matches of the season. Though Brighton College proved too strong to beat, our teams showed tremendous spirit, fighting hard and never giving up. All of our girls showed tremendous improvement from the start to the finish of the games and the final quarter of the U10 game was level at 2 all! Gabriella Soars and Olivia McMullen jointly awarded 'Girl of the Game' for the U11s and Ffion Carnell was selected as 'Girl of the Game' for the U10s.

Congratulations to all of our U11 and U10 players who have competed for the school this season. Well done - you have all worked so hard and have improved immensely!

The U14B team played their final netball match of the season this week against Burgess Hill. The girls won the first quarter 5 -3 with some well worked passing into the circle. During the second quarter, Burgess Hill came back and levelled the score 6 - 6. In the third quarter, the game evened out with some outstanding interception and defence from Trinity Talkington, Emma Walker and Lily Jenden. The final quarter saw Burgess Hill convert every chance and play a more well paced game, which resulted their eventual win, 14 - 9. Well done to 'Girl of the Game', Rosie Nel for her agility in the air and superb footwork.

It has been lovely to see the girls go from strength to strength this season and this is a credit to their hard work at training and true Moho spirit in supporting each other as a team.



The U15A team played in a netball tournament at Benenden School this week. The girls were a real credit to us with some fantastic games against some very strong schools such as Brighton College, Benenden and Eastbourne College. With some brilliant defence from Maisie Gibbs and lovely movement in the circle from Lana and Daisy, our U15A team went from strength to strength throughout the day. Captained by Natalya Chance who played some outstanding attacking play, the girls finished fourth in the whole tournament.

Many congratulations girls, your hard work and determination really paid off.

This week, our Year 3 and 4 girls were invited to attend a netball festival at St Andrew's School in Eastbourne. It was a great afternoon of fun and 5 a-side netball! All of our girls joined in and, together with the St Andrew's girls, were divided into teams named after animals in the jungle.

Many congratulations to the Tigers - Izzi Putland, Cameron Taylor, Daisy Wheatley, Gabi Pacheco-Lagoda and Georgia McKay - who were the overall Winners of the tournament!

Junior Elite Musical Theatre

The year 3-5 Elite Musical Theatre girls have been working hard towards their Trinity College of London Grade 2 exams. For this exam, they must perform two solo contrasting songs plus a monologue and will be tested in the exam on their acting improvisation skills. As well as all of that we are working on their dance technique. We had a great class last night working on their stretching, kicks and leaps from the corner.



Mufti Day - Friday 23 March

To further honour International Women's Day, we will be having a Mufti Day next Friday, 23 March. To participate, students are asked to bring in a £1 donation. The charity for which Roedean Moira House are raising money is called Rosa, the UK fund for women and girls. Rosa's mission is to women and girls to create a society in which they have an equal voice, are safe and free from fear and violence, enjoy good health and wellbeing and achieve economic justice. For more information, please visit www.rosauk.org.

Normal Mufti uniform guidelines are to be followed. I hope we will see many of you at our End of Term Assembly in the Sports Hall starting at 11:30 am next Friday.



WEEK B

Sat 17 Mar Senior Production of Dream Dream Dream - All Welcome (2.15pm & 7pm)

WEEK A

Mon 19 Mar U9 Sussex Schools' Mini Tennis Tournament, The Dicker
Yr 3-6 Swimming Gala v BHHS (h)

Tue 20 Mar Yr 9-10 Pyramid Netball Festival
Enterprise Talks at Roedean School

Wed 21 Mar U12 & 13A Netball v Roedean (a)
U14A Netball v Uckfield (a)

Thu 22 Mar Yr 11-13 Pyramid Netball Festival
Pre & Lower Prep Spring Concert

Fri 23 Mar End of Term Assembly (11.30am)
TERM ENDS at 1pm

WEEK B

Mon 16 Apr INSET DAY
Boarders Return between 4pm - 9pm

Tue 17 Apr Summer Term Starts

Get social with us...



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