



# Moir House

## Girls School

EASTBOURNE

## STRANDS

Week 1 Autumn Term 2014

### Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Friends,

I hope that you have had the opportunity to enjoy the summer break. At the start of a new academic year it is always a joy to welcome the new girls to school. This year we have seen a huge increase in our intake with 70 girls joining us across the full age range from Reception to A level. This is a very encouraging 40% rise from this time last year. My thanks go out to all staff who have worked so well to ensure that we continue to attract interest in our great school.

The girls have had a high energy start to the week and the atmosphere around the school has been great. The House Festival preparations have been in full swing and as I write I am heading out to see the fruition of their efforts! The event is a great team builder and this year there is the added excitement of the Junior girls now being members of the Senior School Pyramids (Houses).

The girls have also had the opportunity to choose their activities from the fantastic range on offer and I would urge all parents to discuss their daughter's choices. Be aware that some activities incur a cost!

I look forward to seeing as many new parents as possible at the BBQ on Sunday. Also please remember the Parents' information evening next Thursday. The term has truly started! I hope we all have another wonderful year.

Mr James Sheridan, Principal

### Maddy achieves a Paddle Passport Award



A huge well done goes to Maddy Baldwin-Charles for achieving her Paddle Passport BCU Award, last month at the Cuckmere Valley Canoe Club.



### Director of Drama, Mrs Jordan, performing in Table Manners!

Our very own Mrs Natasha Jordan is performing in Table Manners at the Devonshire Theatre in Eastbourne from Thursday 4 September until Saturday 13 September. To book tickets, visit [www.eastbournetheatres.co.uk](http://www.eastbournetheatres.co.uk) or call the Box Office on 01323-412000.



## A triumphant performance for Raphy McDavitt-Lowe in Les Miserables

Raphy McDavitt-Lowe, Year 9, performed in Les Miserables (School Edition) last month with the Lewes Operatic Society. After a lot of hard work and rehearsals during the Summer holiday, the performance was a huge success! NODA (the National Operatic and Drama Association) reviewed the performance on Friday 8 August 2014: "This really was a triumph for the young people taking part in this production. From beginning to end, the exciting vitality and pathos held the audience in its thrall."

At Friday morning's Activities Fair our girls were able to choose from more than 120 clubs and activities



Congratulations to Abbigail Lester in Year 1 who successfully completed the 'Mythical Maze' Summer reading challenge.



We warmly welcome our new Reception Class to Moira House Junior School!



## Junior and Senior House Festival



Our Junior and Senior House Festival was held this Friday, bringing together girls from Years 3 to 13. Together in their Houses (Pyramids), girls from Merlin, Pegasus, Vulcan, and Excalibur, were given fifteen minutes to showcase their talents in dance, music, drama, art and their own House song. The theme for the Festival was 'The Movies' and each Pyramid received a score and given first to fourth place. The four Pyramids compete on numerous occasions throughout the year to receive the Inter Pyramid Trophy. The winner of the House Festival was Excalibur. Well done Excalibur.

## Forthcoming Events

### KEY

- Nursery events
- Junior School events
- Senior School events
- Sixth Form events

Weekend activities are open to day students

### SUNDAY 7 SEPTEMBER

- ■ 13:00 NEW PARENTS BBQ on Top Lawn to include representatives from MHA, Junior and Senior Parent Representatives and Old Girls (until 14:30)

### TUESDAY 9 SEPTEMBER

- 14:00 U14 Netball v Bede's (h)
- 18:00 Duke of Edinburgh Parents Information Evening for New Participants in Swann Hall
- ■ 19:00 MHA AGM and Meeting, Sitting Room

### WEDNESDAY 10 SEPTEMBER

- 14:00 U12 and U13 Hockey v St Andrew's (a)
- 14:15 U10 and U11 Netball v St Andrew's (h)

### THURSDAY 11 SEPTEMBER

- ■ 18:30 WHOLE SCHOOL PARENTS' INFORMATION EVENING (Nursery, Prep, Pre-Prep, Senior and Sixth Form)

## Thought for the week

*'You are in charge of your happiness. Plan your dreams, no one else will do it for you.'*

*Haitham Elsaadany*

## Marketing and Admissions update

It has been a busy start to the new term and we are delighted to welcome our new starters, as well as welcome back our current students, following the summer break. The Marketing and Admissions team, which includes Mr James Harding, Mrs Elaine Allen, Mr Giles Carrington, and myself, are thrilled with our Junior intake, which continued to grow over the summer months. Our Boarding staff warmly welcomed the numerous new boarders from Years 8 to 12.

Our team has changed slightly - Mrs Laurie Marsden has left over the summer and we wish her well. Joining us recently, is Mr Giles Carrington, who some of you may know as a fellow parent of the School. Mr Carrington has taken up a new post, as Market Development Manager, and he brings with him a wealth of experience and knowledge. We look forward to widening our reach, both in the UK and internationally.

Our social media presence continues to grow, with 400 Facebook likes and 150 Twitter followers. Please do follow us on these social media platforms.

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Director of Marketing, Communications and Development



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