

Nugent News

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Dear Parents,
I expect your girls collapsed in a heap after what has been a very long and even arduous term, at times. However, they should all be looking back proudly on the huge amount they have achieved as individuals, a year group and as a House this term. I have always maintained that kindness and participation are key pillars of what we stand for in Nugent, and the girls have proved that this term in particular. Every time I ask someone to do a tour, join a committee, represent the House at sports or help in some other way, I am never down. I hope that as the days grow longer next term, and with the netball season in full swing, the 'Nugent bug' does not return and your well-rested daughters do not miss out on any of the wide and rich offering we provide for them. Next term I will be focusing on 'Integrity', and that starts with being honest with yourself, in the hope that all the girls are able to self-reflect on what it means to do their best. If they are doing the best they can, then no more can be asked or expected.



Term Review

The nights drew in and the weather turned from summer to winter in one week. We were all thrown into on the doldrums a bit, and well-being came into sharp focus once again. Luckily, we were on the front foot with Ashley, our in-house Yoga instructor, who provided a sanctuary for the 8 loyal pupils who signed up. We would like to offer it on Thursday as well as Monday night, so do please write and request a spot for next term.

It seems like a very long time ago that we were insisting on everyone staying in for the year group and House barbeques at the start of term, and we have covered such a lot of ground since then.

We continued to encourage pupils to get the most out of their experience at the College with the introduction of Participation Bingo, and a reward for those who participate in all areas of school life. The 22 new starters, including 11 Y9's, have settled in quickly and got stuck in straight away. It's great to see. It also reflects so well on the existing girls in house, when there are the inevitable homesickness or friendship issues for the 'newbies', the others lean in and support. The prefect team have been extremely proactive which makes such a difference to the running of the house. Reading back over last year's newsletter I emphasised that winning isn't everything, and that enjoying the participation was all that mattered... well, we did both this year! More on House singing later, but needless to say the House spirit was lifted and we liked that feeling. Here's to more silverware next term!



Academic

Nugent continue to contribute in the classroom, particularly Suki Sheraton enjoying debating; Polina Lipanova's leading part in the National Schools Day of the Dead video competition 2023; several Y12's looking forward to taking part in the IEA Budget Challenge next term, and the Y9 artists who enjoyed a trip to the Towner to see the Turner prize entries. Polina was also awarded her half colours for photography well done!

We also had a couple of French exchange pupils to stay in Nugent for several days, which added to the atmosphere in House. The girls were very hospitable and although the exchange pupils managed to lock themselves in their room from 8pm-8:30am (when their door was finally unlocked and they were able to dash to the loo), they had nothing to worry about as they were looked after by the whole House.

The Y10's completed the end of term exams and will have gained invaluable experience in doing so. Now, focus turns to the Y11s who will have to start their mocks on the first day of the lent term.

Many pupils achieving in the classroom, and it's great to see prep times being used – as well as study periods by the sixth form. The Praise & Show HsM points for the whole term are now in and the following tables show some incredible efforts by many. Please do ask me directly and I can let you know the totals for your daughter if not included below... might be interesting for you!

Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13
45 Sunny	25 Electra	36 Natalie	21 Sarah	13 Evie
38 Jess	24 Tami	29 Emilia	17 Lorena	10 Claud
36 Alisa	23 Bertie	25 Steph	16 Nelly	8 Rachel
35 Flo	20 Miyu	25 Ava	16 Lena	7 Selena



Sport

Another very busy term of sports with around 80% of the Nugent girls representing the College this term. It has been busy on Saturdays! Added to that we have had so many House competitions; our Sports prefect Alice Pepper has been very busy organising and cajoling. If the girls were unable or unwilling to play for the House, they ensured they were there to support, Darcey even making a huge poster and cheering on the hockey players in the rain – thank you, Darcey!

We have had House hockey, rowing, fives and of course the steeplechase. Although no silverware came our way this term, we showed the most important skills of all: winning with humility and losing with good grace. The team spirit shone throughout and the girls were united as a team, having fun, smiling and doing their best.

The very successful 1st XI hockey had five Nugent players in the team, winning that end of term match away to Rugby school and Bertie getting Man of the Match for playing 'the best I've ever played', Bertie was also selected to play for the England pathway. Liv Reeves gained her half-colours and Evie Clayson her full colours, all superb achievements.

The steeplechase was probably not one to remember this year, as a House we came last but did manage 3rd in the Juniors (hope for the future maybe?). Individually we were excellent though, with Bertie (Y10) coming first in the Intermediates, and B-Belle (Y9) coming first in the Juniors. Well done girls.

In House hockey we came last and rowing I think we might have done brilliantly – we are still awaiting the results. In fives Izzie and Alice came third, which was excellent.

We are also blessed with some fantastic equestrians, Stella and Millie performed well at the Hurst invitational and in the NSEA National Finals, Chloe captained the team which included Mille once again. These girls are rarely mentioned but quietly get on every week, and are superb ambassadors for us.





Performing



The singing talent in House was illustrated by Gabriela, Winsome and Alice during the live lounge and informal concerts. It was so lovely to see the Nugent tradition continuing and continuing in the this way. I hope the next generation take inspiration from those three.

We had several of our girls performing in the superb *Sweeney Todd* musical: Gabriela, Sienna, Evie, Zoe, Sunny, Alisa and of course Nelly and Rachel were ever present on the trumpet and flute back stage. The hard work in rehearsals and time spent preparing themselves showed such dedication, the show was a triumph.



We did it! We won something! To Watt House's absolute disgust, we wrestled the trophy from their grasps with an uplifting and in unison version of Super Trouper by Abba. The girls rehearsed regularly and made sure on the night they had fun and enjoyed the moment. That was really expressed in the performance and the judge was blown away by the emotion of it. An exceptionally proud moment indeed.



Year 9 drama



The Year 9 drama performance of Charlie and the Chocolate factory nearly didn't happen! Thankfully the show went on and those that had the 'Nugent bug' were recovered sufficiently to get themselves on stage and ensure a performance. As ever, there were lessons learnt, but the whole experience brought the year group closer, as they were collectively pushed well out of their comfort zones! Miss Horridge and Miss Greenwood were always there to cajole and encourage rehearsals, but Gabbi and Evie were absolutely fantastic. They took their role, as drama scholars seriously and even when sickness threatened to overthrow the whole thing, they calmly provided a plan B. Tremendous leadership that rightly earning them the Best Year 9 Directors 2023 title.



Service

The Act of Remembrance and the Remembrance Sunday services were especially moving this year, not only because of the music from the brass group, corps of drums and College Choir but particularly due to Nelly Bathard-Smith's performance of the Last Post on the College's silver bugle.

Nugent has a good number in the school choir, and they were beautifully uplifting in the end-of-term carol service as well as throughout the term.

This term I would like to congratulate those who have read in chapel - not an easy task, especially when in front of the whole school! Alice Pepper, Claudia Schroder-Smith, Evie Clayson, Izzie Steed, GG Law, Gabbi Dixon and Nancy Revill all shone and should be very proud of themselves.



Looking ahead.....



Dates for your diary

Sun 7 Jan 6.00pm Term Starts

Mon 8 Jan 11:00am Y11 mocks begin

*Thur 25 Jan 2:15pm Exeat begins.
2:45 pm Y11 Parent meeting*

*Fri 9 Feb 2:15pm Half term begins,
2:45pm Y11 parents meeting & A-level
info.*

Sun 18 Feb return from HT (6-9:00pm)

Sat 2 Mar Nugent Revue from 6:15pm

Fri 8 Mar 2:15pm Exeat begins.

Fri 22 Mar 3:00pm End of Term

That's it folks. The end of another marathon Michealmas term, but with Christmas and new year to look forward to with the days getting longer, I am looking forward to cracking on with next term already. The Nugent Revue is always good fun - we have a real chance of winning the house netball and will give swimming and water polo our very best! Rooming will be available on the first day of term, no sooner. Please ensure if your daughter is returning outside the hours 6-9pm on 7th that I am informed, otherwise she may well be locked outside!



PLEASE REMEMBER:

- If you are taking your daughter out of school at any point, it is essential that you please send a one line e-mail, confirming that you are assuming responsibility for them during that period. The girls must also sign out.
- **Return times from exeats, half terms and holidays are strictly kept**, and there is a good chance I will not be in until the return time stated in the White Book.
- Meals are compulsory, as the girls will verify, I've become slightly obsessed with them all going to breakfast. Please refrain from sending them back with huge boxes of Krave and other junk food!



MERRY CHRISTMAS

