

# School House Lent Term 2017



The Fireworks announcing the start of the College's 150th birthday celebrations were spectacular, setting the sky above Memorial building alight with a dazzling display of music and light.

Below: One of my favourite sounds of the house is the sound of a group drawing on someone's talents to play the piano, singing along and relaxing in each others company.



Happy Birthday Eastbourne College! We are so privileged in School House to live in the spot where it all began. Only the ghosts of Main House have witnessed the many changes over the years—I'm sure they love the laughter which follows them from Left and Right Wing and Matron's office as they haunt the corridors! Time is a funny thing. In the eyes of the Upper Sixth, itching to discover the freedom of life after sixth form, Time drags her heels; for us parents, we think we have blinked and missed years suddenly year 9 is a distant memory and we try somehow to put on the brakes, even just for a moment. I can barely believe myself that the girls I started with five years ago are about to embark on their final term; I have only known School House with them; next year will be the start of a new era. The Lent Term itself sped by but as ever School House celebrates a term jam-packed with activities, Gold Arts projects, and sporting success, not to mention strong and lasting School House friendships which only grow stronger with time.

HAPPY EASTER

## House Concert

This year's concert moved me to tears! It brought every year group together and the audience loved it all: from the Year 10's hilarious 'Dance Moms' to the year 11 and 13 videos and the year 12 unique dance. Those who performed individually were outstanding: Mimi Helyar, Felicia Beck and Harriette Fraser, Lily Flint, Fran Schuler and Amy Shi's dancers all deserve special mention. Being 'topped and tailed' with fabulous house songs the pride I could hear in the girls belting out 'School House Girls' was a fitting finale.



*'There is no doubt that School House girls are undeniable'. The Headmaster in his letter to the girls following the concert*





## Inter-House Netball 2017

This is a sport not played on the continent but our wonderful overseas friends—Vicky Schaffer, Carlota Betancour, Fran Schuler, Emma Gasser and Mara Wochner were all out on the courts every week, perfecting their shooting for weekend matches. They really improved and came into their own at House Netball, when we were out to win!

Once again, sadly, the silverware was just out of reach (though we tied with Nugent in the Juniors and only on the basis of goals against did Nugent edge ahead to push us into second place). Carlota was a mean defender, Marlene made a cameo appearance and shot some baskets (her basketball skills coming in very useful!) and Emma and Mara were key players in the senior B team!



# Steeplechase 2017

Being later in the term Steeplechase this year was blessed with blue skies, views of sparkling ocean... and a sea of School House girls!

## Steeplechase Results

### Senior girls:

Senior A race—3rd

Senior B race—3rd

### Intermediate Girls

Inter Race A—3rd

Inter Race B—2nd

Overall: 3rd place!



## Farewells

Every term we have had the sad task of saying 'au revoir;' (as I am sure they will be back!) to some of our German friends. This term it was the turn of Greta Goldberg, Daria Clasen and Mara Wochner. All have left their own marks on School House and will be missed by us all. Tears were shed as Mara fought off the paparazzi there to wave her goodbye—a sign that Mara's two terms were going to be with her for a long time to come. We hope they all come back to see us again soon.

## A level and GCSE Drama

It was an intense evening of scripts written by the girls themselves, exploring the topical themes of the damaging effects of social media and Mental illness. Ulyana Sukhinina, Mimi Helvar, Lianna Yuen, Mitsy Ewart and Abbie Buxton gave great performances in thought provoking



*A level Drama pupils Chloe Webster, Harriette Fraser and Phoebe Sindall were also thrilled with their assessed performances for their final A level. They showed great professionalism and talent in all their roles as well as script writing and set making. All three girls have been really busy in the creative arts this year. Harriette instigated and helped plan the inaugural trip to New York over the February half term; Chloe was awarded her Full creative Arts colours for all she does to lead in every area of the school's creative arts program and Phoebe, who is going on to study drama at university, awaits news from the National Youth Theatre where she auditioned earlier this term. Congratulations to them all for being such great role models and inspiration for others in the school.*

The Newton Reading Prize took place earlier this month and amongst a strong set of readers this year, 3<sup>rd</sup> prize went to our very own Lianna Yuen. She was extremely nervous but entered wanting to 'give it a go' - and thank goodness Lianna didn't let her fear take over. Well done Lianna!



## Charity

The year 10 girls raised £141 through selling their School House biscuits at the School House Concert. It has inspired them to take on more Charity events and they have a whole calendar organized for the coming year.



## SPORT

It has been a busy term once again with netball, steeplechase, Bath Cup swimming where Liberty Balmer set a new College Record for 50m Freestyle, and hockey still going, not to mention the plethora of other sports enjoyed by those doing pilates, cycling, golf, squash and many others. The College runs a hugely varied AEP — 'alternative sports program'—and this term Greta Goldberg, who we sadly had to farewell this term, has been involved with golf and Marie De Bailliencourt takes to the Downs on her bike each week as well.



**Hockey and netball:** Lucy Martin has been kept extremely busy this term playing for both the U16A netball team, the first hockey team and playing for Kent U19 hockey team. She has contributed to Eastbourne's success in netball at SIS-NA and in becoming Sussex hockey champions as well. Annabelle Jellings and Eliza Houchin have also been very busy indeed with hockey and netball respectively. Lily Flint also had a really successful season in the U15Bs, as did Mirabelle Kelly who was named player of the match in every one of her U15C matches.

**Tennis:** our tennis players—Amelia Allen, Ines Pelvang and Martha Holt - have played some exciting winter tennis fixtures and have achieved the remarkable feat of being pre-seeded third in the country at the national finals this summer at Nottingham Tennis Centre - we look forward to an exciting tennis season ahead.

**Sports Colours:** These are awarded to those pupil who have made an outstanding contribution to school sports teams so we are delighted that Katie Crowther and Charlotte Giles both received Half colours in netball. Well done to them.

**ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS:** among the excellent achievements in the Year 11 mocks were Millie Barker and Mimi Helyar who gained 6 A\*s and 3 As apiece. The Year 11 girls continue to top the tables with their outstanding effort grades—everyone gained above 4 in their recent eRCs which bodes really well for the revision period and imminent exams. The Upper sixth have received a plethora of UCAS offers and now have a few weeks to turn those offers into reality. Each term it is important to recognise top ERC grades. This term they are:

### Most improved eRCs :

Year 10: Morola Oyefsofi  
Year 11: Marie de Bailliencourt  
Year 12: Maya Goddard  
Year 13: Phoebe Sindall

### TOP eRC effort grades :

Year 10: Morola Oyefsofi  
Year 11: Lianna Yuen  
Year 12: Ines Pelvang  
Year 13: Iniga Stoodley

## P150 Photography Competition



Congratulations to Polina Kutukova whose picture of the Wargrave boys before the Steeplechase gained first prize in the year 13 category of the College Photography competition run by Miss Pocock. She asked for 'images of Eastbourne' and Polina's was picked as the best of all year 13 entries. In Year 10 Vicky Schaffer came third with her sunny picture of Grand Parade.



Year 11 Post-Mock Dinner—the year elevens still achieve the most impressive eRC grades which still only get better and better - they are a hard working group who deserve to do well. Good luck to them all in their GCSE exams



### Arts Gold Fashion Show

Lily Kelly, Chloe Webster, with the help of Cece Plumptre and lots of willing models from across the houses, presented a sparkling Fashion Show; a fusion of mixed media, spot on music and wonderful original fashion. The girls and their hard work were a credit to School House .



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 18TH April: Boarders return at 6pm

Saturday 29th April: Saturday Night Leave—note Monday evening return

Monday 1st May: Boarders return 6pm

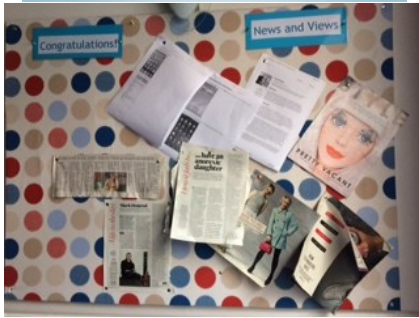
Monday 15th May—Year 11 Study leave begins

Friday 26th May: Half Term Begins 4.30pm

Sunday 4th June: Boarders return 6pm

Monday 5th June: Upper 6th Study leave begins

Saturday 1st July: Cornflower Ball



### Notice boards and news!

Whilst phones are the preferred source of information these days, we do have The Times delivered daily and The Week is a brilliant overview of world news. I also post articles in the entrance hall for the girls to read. Please do send the girls back with anything others may find of interest and I will post them too.



The blossoms are out in the garden!

### A baby W-D!

We wish Mr and Mrs Wingfield Digby all the best with the imminent arrival of their first baby. Mrs Wingfield-Digby has been a super tutor in School House and we will all miss her on duty and her tutees look forward to her coming back next year. We can't wait to meet the new addition!

Mrs Wingfield-Digby's tutees will be looked after by another School House tutor already on the team.



I hope that revision goes well for those who are approaching exams, and time is well spent with family and friends. Enjoy your Easter Holidays and we look forward to seeing you all for the start of the Summer Term!

All the best, Laura and Family