

# SCHOOL HOUSE SUMMER 2019: TOO MANY GOODBYES

## FAREWELL UPPER SIXTH—WHAT A YEAR YOU HAVE BEEN!



This year we say goodbye to Marina Davies, Matron in School House for 11 years: Mum, Grandma, Matron, friend to so many. She has been at the center of the house and happiness of so many of the girls for so long. 'Thank you' really is not enough for all she has done - the wisdom and care she has given the girls is her true value and they will remember her for this in years to come. Luckily she and Bruce are heading to Nugent so they will not be too far away.





# BOARDERS BALL

This year saw our inaugural Boarders Ball in the new Dining Room. This was a first for everyone and it was a huge success. Every boarder dressed up and enjoyed an evening with the whole boarding community, chatting, eating delicious food provided by the catering department, and music from the fantastic Big Kahuna, featuring OE Alex Brown who brought the dance floor to life! A fabulous evening had by all.





## OUR VERY SPECIAL MATRON— THANK YOU.

Over the years Matron has been so much to so many - here are a few memories, some she will not forgive me for sharing but they sum-up her fun, devotion, energy and simply what a wonderful woman she is. We can't believe she is going to Nugent (the 'dark side') but know that her heart belongs to School House where she has made so many memories and so many people happy.



## TUTOR FAREWELLS

As well as Matron we say Farewell to three special tutors. Firstly, Peggy Squire who has been a wonderfully inspiring, loyal and devoted School House tutor since she arrived at the College five years ago. She will be remembered very fondly by her tutees who really appreciated her support and wisdom, and whole

by the house who

loved her bead sessions and sense of fun. She goes to teach in London and to find adventures. Kathleen Briedenhann, a superb tutor, particularly supportive of House. She goes to on her adventure to Buenos Aires. Lastly, Dr Paulina Taraskin who has been a devoted School House tutor this year and goes to share her passion for Classics at Stowe School. We will miss them all and wish them the very best of luck .



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## PHILIP LE BROCQ PRIZE

This is the most prestigious prize to be awarded on Speech Day and everyone waits with baited breath to hear who the worthy and lucky recipient will be. This year, I am absolutely thrilled that it was very deservedly awarded to Lianna Yuen, someone



who has made the most of everything that the College can offer but also given back so much. It is intended by the donors, Philip Le Brocq and his wife, that the award go to a pupil who will use it to do something exciting and enriching in their life, something their son was denied, so they wish to see someone else have that opportunity. Lianna was in shock when she was told she had won it as she says 'my mum always told me to see the good in others and I know that there are so many other deserving people in my year' - an attitude which shows why Lianna stands out. Our warmest congratulations go to Lianna who will be going to Warwick to read Law and has plans to travel and set up a business with the award. She leaves us with the words 'When you have ability, you have responsibility', words which I shared with my Upper Sixth as they leave and hopefully bring their many talents to good use in 'taking care of the world', as Philip Broadley (Chair of Governors) said in his address.



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## END OF YEAR PRIZE WINNERS

This year School House is also extremely proud of the following girls who earned the following awards:

Mimi Helyar: Headmaster's Prize for services as Head of School

Izzy Skarbek (top right): Biology and Latin

Liv Reeves (bottom right): English Lit, English Lang and History

Carla Maddison: EE Morris Painting Prize

Christy Ng: Elizabeth Hurst Senior Mathematics Prize

Maho Okado: Professor Soddy Oxbridge Science Prize

Eliza Houchin: Senior Physical Education Prize

Amy Shi: Her Gold Arts Award

Juliette Lammerts: NJ Hill Junior Textiles Prize

Elena Yang: Junior Mathematics Prize

Christina Ni: Junior Prize for English as an Additional Language

Federica Buckingham: Spanish Prize

Danru Wu: EAL prize







## GOLD DofE SUCCESS

This term Lucy Martin went to the Palace to receive her Gold DofE. Such a huge achievement after months of commitment. Well done Lucy! (on the left of the picture)



## ELIZA HOUCHIN: TRIPLE COLOURS:

Triple colours is earned through commitment to training and representing the school at the highest level consistently during a pupils sporting journey. Well done Eliza!

**HEADMASTER'S SPECIAL PRIZES** - these are awarded in recognition of a huge contribution to School Life: Abi Perry (left) who does so much in sport, drama and music and Antoinette Chastang (right) who excels in tennis, textiles, drama and academically.



## FULL COLOURS TO:

Eliza Houchin: Tennis  
Carla Maddison: Art

## HALF COLOURS TO:

Antoinette Chastang:  
Tennis  
Summer Reeves: Tennis  
Leia Ballim: Art

## Honorary Academic Scholarship

We are very proud that School House's Dasha Gushchina's academic excellence has been rewarded through an honorary Academic Scholarship. Her citation read as follows: 'Dasha consistently performs to a high level across all subjects, having achieved three A\*s in her recent L6 exams as well as heading for a top grade in her EPQ. She has shown herself to be diligent and dedicated above and beyond.'

## A LEVEL and GCSE ART and TEXTILES

As ever, the artists and those girls doing textiles for GCSE, Year 10, Year 11 and A-level have astounded me with their creativity, imagination and dexterity to produce such outstanding final pieces. They have devoted hours to their work, creating their finished products from what started as only a vision, turning it into beautiful pieces of art and designs.



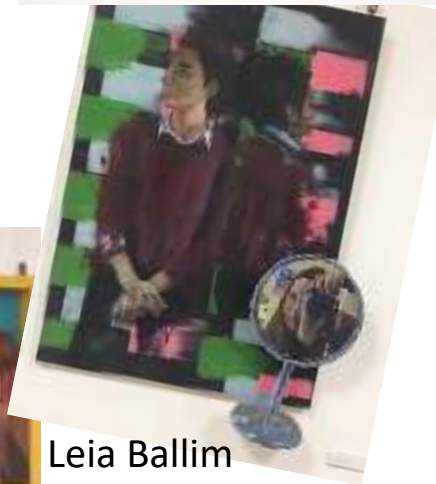
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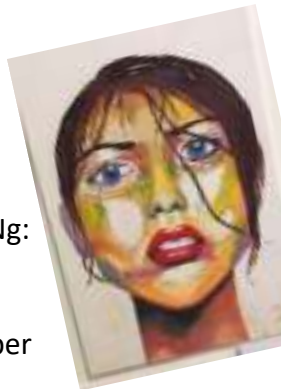
Carla Maddison



Leia Ballim



Christy Ng:  
going to  
LSF in  
September



Antoinette Chastang was mentioned in our last newsletter for being awarded a Prize for her stunning design for the Royal Opera House in textiles. Her accolades don't stop there: she has made the final of the Young Designer Competition at the Fashion and Textiles Centre. Alongside this she has been ball-crewing for the Nature Valley International tennis tournament at Devonshire Park, next door to School House.



Freddie Buckingham and Liv Reeves have been working hard in Year 10 on their painting and ceramics.



## JUNIOR DRAMA SCHOLARS

This term our drama scholars and those invited to be part of the drama scholars group in both Year 9 and 10, put on some gritty and thought provoking productions. They wrote and directed them all themselves, with some but minimal help from the drama department. The results were impressive, with the Year 9 researching and presenting the impact that the Grenfell Fire Disaster had on the families affected and Year 10 presenting a very hard-hitting representation of some horrific true stories of child trafficking.



## DEBATING

I was hugely grateful to Chloe Dang, Karina Matei and Audrey hammer for being our School House debating team this year. They came up against stiff opposition in the very first round, where they met Reeves, the very experienced debaters and eventual winners of the competition. The girls were fantastic and learned a great deal so they can take it with them into the competition next year. I know they enjoyed the experience and next year will be prepared to take to the floor with the cup in mind!

## TENNIS AND HOUSE TENNIS

This year has seen some real dedication among the girls on the tennis team. Not only do they train at normal Games times, but Mr Gent has them getting up early for morning runs and fitting in strength and conditioning as well. They really do have to be organised and willing to put in the hard yards.

Summer Reeves has led the way in her calm, reassuring manner and was in the 1st IV who won the U18 Sussex Championships.

She is applying to American universities to play tennis there next year and we wish her all the best. The girls 1sts were unbeaten for the 3rd summer term in succession with Summer, Antoinette Chastang and Karina Matei all representing the team. Antoinette & Karina had some great wins in the national cup playing for the B IV who reached the regional semi-final before losing narrowly. Proving dedication, all three girls are representing the College in the Independent Schools Champs at Eton after term ends and Summer and Antoinette will travel to Nottingham in the A team squad for the national schools finals



the following week.

Just joining us from America is

Fiona Swann in Year 10 and she will be vying for team places next year. In the school tennis teams Eliza Houchin, Mirabelle Kelly, Lily Moore, Tilly Fox and Caitlin Milborne have all played in the first teams with some great wins over

excellent teams. All our tennis girls were wonderful when representing School House in the House tennis competition, with the seniors coming a very narrow second to Nugent but the junior teams of Lily and Karina, and Tilly and Caitlin came away with the cup! Well done to all the girls.

**ATHLETICS** This season has seen so much activity in athletics track and field. Many of the girls have been at the top of their events in the Sussex Independent Schools Diamond League. Mimi Blockley was our top achiever with a SILVER inter girls 100m and contributing to the fantastic GOLD inter girls relay. Izzy Skarbek, Flora Stevenson, Freddie Buckingham and several others also took part in weekly meets in which they aimed to better their performance rounding-up to the final results.

## CRICKET

Leading the way in girls cricket is Liv Shellard who Mr Ferley has played in the boys team this year. We look forward to the sport growing over the next five years as more and more girls take up the sport in prep school and bring it to the College, just as Liv has done.



# SPORTS DAY—congratulations juniors and the whole house! Winners of both the junior cup and overall Sports Day Cup!

There were outstanding performances from Katie and Olivia who won two individual events

Abi, Pia, Caitlin and Adriana also performed brilliantly. Mimi Blockley led the way in the Year 10 competition, with Izzy Skarbek, Ellie Previero and Tilly Fox all with outstanding performances in both individual and relay events .



Katie Nicholas receives the Junior Cup for the Year 9s—a huge well done to them all for a great team effort



Mimi and Abi our star sprinters perform a perfect relay change over



Last ever Sports Day for the U6th!



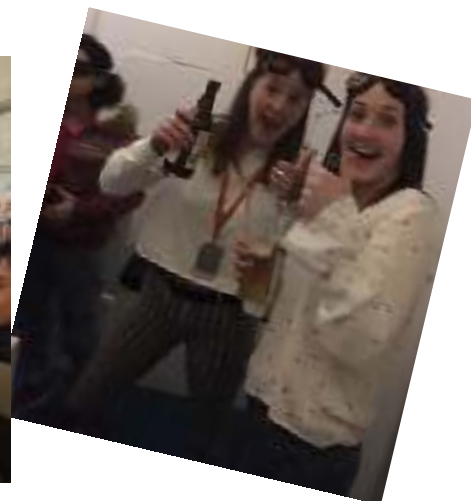


# FACES OF SCHOOL



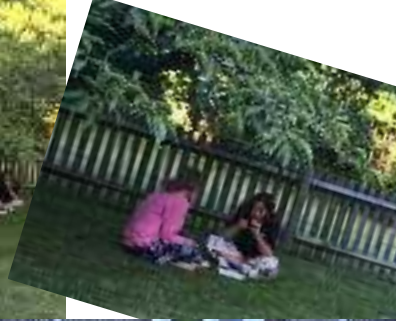
## UPPER SIXTH FAREWELL NIGHT OUT!

Every year is something different and the Upper Sixth never know where they will go until they arrive at the destination! This year, Miss Simmonds, Miss Squire and I took the girls to Brighton, the surprise was an Escape Room experience, which the girls loved and then on to supper at a cool seafront restaurant. We all had a great night!





End of term BBQ with Nugent, just before the Year 10s went on CCF camp



What better way to end the weekend than with fish and chips on the beach. With the disappointing summer that we have had, there has been little chance, but this weekend we headed to the beach on a warm Sunday evening—the seagulls were thrilled!



## FISH AND CHIPS ON THE BEACH





**SINGER SONG-WRITERS AT THE BANDSTAND** What a way to end the term with an inspiring and hugely entertaining evening at one of Eastbourne's most iconic locations, the Bandstand. Ellie Previero, Abi Perry and Mimi Helyar were part of an inaugural Bandstand Concert where the acoustics were perfect and the girls performances simply brilliant—well done to everyone who took part. You are all stars! The audience loved it and are already looking forward to next year.



## HANDING OVER THE BATON

Congratulations must go to Mimi Helyar for being a fantastic Head of School. Well done Mimi, School House has been so proud of you.

Lily Flint (above) has made a magnificent start as our new Head of House. I really look forward to working with her and the prefect team next year. I want to thank Lucy Martin for all she has done for me and School House over the year - as you can see above, she even took over as HsM!



## Prefects for 2019

Heads of House: Lily Flint

Deputy Heads: Mirabelle Kelly and Chloe Dang

School Prefect: Amy Shi

House Prefects: Harriet Morss-Davies, Morola Oyefsofi, Antoinette Chastang, Adriana Garcia,

Peer Mentors: Olivia Legg and Sophia Jin