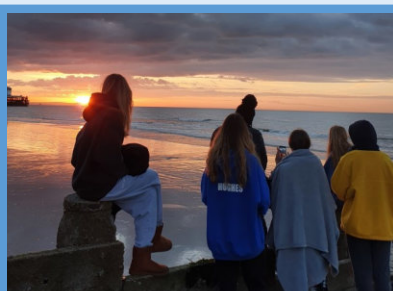


# School House Summer 2021



What a term it has been....but the girls of School house have continued to thrive in all aspects of school life. They haven't let the pandemic hold them back and have continued to show resilience throughout this busy term. Each year group has had its own challenges, but each one has triumphed. I hope that once the girls have had a chance to rest and relax, they will be able to look back over their year and see just how much they have overcome, appreciate and be proud of what they have achieved. I certainly am.



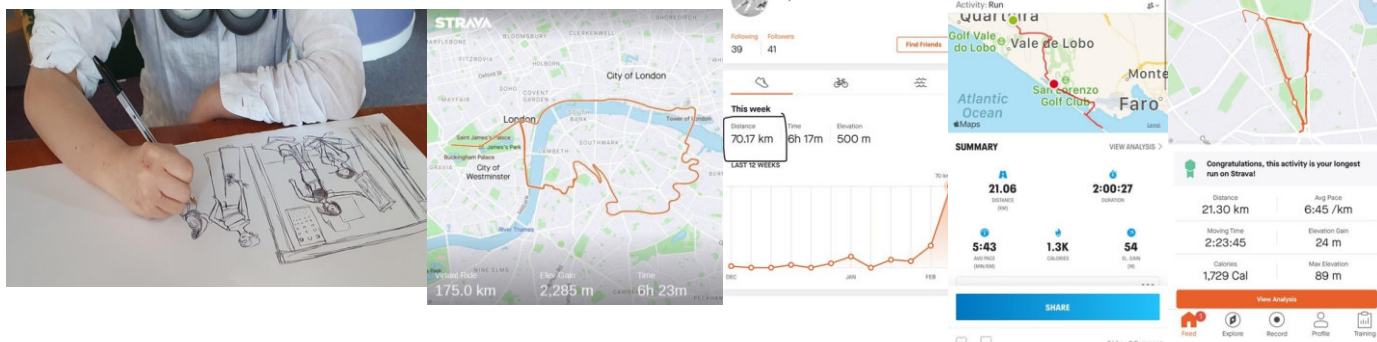
# Activities

With the girls missing out on vital socialisation this year, it was our aim in house to get them together as much as possible through a range of different activities. We used time at the weekends and the evenings to create a space that allowed them time to relax and be together. We even found some hidden talents. Some of the highlights were Phila Haller's acting skills in the murder mystery, Anda Kadia's glass painting skills, Maia Mountain's top rounders batting and Tiggy Tutts paddle boarding skills (she even managed to push Miss Gordon into the river!)



# Charity

The girls didn't let anything get in their way from raising a great deal of money for charity this year. Last term we had epic bike rides, art drawathons and running to great lengths to raise **£2,634** for Mind. Thank you so much to everyone that donated.



**This term** we found any excuse for a party so held the charity shop challenge. Each girl needed to spend a maximum of £10 to buy their best outfit from the local charity shops– wow did they find some amazing clothes. Special mention to Liv Shellard, Audrey Hammer and Elizabeth Harvey for their pieces. The evening involved the girls getting into their ‘families’ to play a variety of different games.



# Sport



Not that I am competitive at all, but I thought it was worth mentioning that we won inter house tennis (smashed it!) and we won inter house athletics and not only that, we also won best supporting house! In other words ,no matter what the event, or who was competing, whether we were winning or coming last, the girls cheered and supported everyone. The two large dinosaurs and pom poms certainly helped. School house spirit was in full force.



After Harriet Armstrong did a fantastic job at organising the whole event a little thing called Covid and isolation meant eleven of the Lower 6th couldn't compete. On the morning of sports day, we somehow managed to swap things around. A massive thank you to the year 11s who volunteered to move up an age category to compete in the seniors. Not one girl complained, they were just happy to help. What super stars!

What stands out above all else was how willing everyone was to take part no matter their experience (however it was great to see Caitlin do so well in the javelin and Maisie fly around the 1500) We were the only girls house to have someone competing in every event. Katie Nicholas, Liv Shellard and Anda Kadia all stood out. I asked them all at the very last minute to step into various events and each time I was met with 'no problem Miss.' School house spirit shone through and I couldn't have been prouder .



# Arts, drama, music and dance

I have been amazed by the creativity and innovation produced by the girls of School house. Despite a slightly disjointed term, many of them have gone above and beyond to show case some real talent. This talent has been demonstrated in many of the displays and concerts, whether that be the dance showcase, the Lower 6th Dell play, Sports Day, the art display or Afrotastic. Well done to all the girls that have benefited by taking part in the many workshops that have been on offer.

Thank you girls for bringing such joy to the School. This was much needed after this year and we thank you for not only working hard academically but also in the arts.



# End of year prize winners and academic awards

Once again, School house girls have received a number of outstanding academic, sporting and creative art prizes in recognition of achievements where the girls have gone beyond expectation and excelled in areas of school life

## Well done to all our prize winners

**Year 13– Sandra Fuhrmann**– Archbishop Gregg senior classical civilisation prize and the LG charter senior French prize

**Eleanor Daniels**-Lord Hyndley Senior English prize

**Year 12– Olivia Reeves**-English and Latin prize and the EE Moris painting prize

**Anya Brown**– DofE ambassador

**Freddie Buckingham**– Spanish prize

**Maia Mountain**– politics prize

**Year 11-Kia Letcher and Fiona Swann** Headmasters prize

**Tina Wang**– Tunstall junior chemistry prize

**Year 10-Elizabeth Chan**– biology, chemistry and computing prize

**Marie Schindera**– EAL prize

**Year 9– Akari Ikeda**– Art prize



## Colours

Art half colours– Katrina Evershed and Olivia Regattieri

Athletics half colours– Maisie Gibbins and Harriet Armstrong

Tennis half colours– Maia Mountain, Karina Matei and Tilly Fox

Tennis full colours– Tegan Heaton, Melanie Griffiths and Anda Kadia

# Goodbye Yr 13

My time was short with these fantastic girls but much richer for having them in it. There is so much I will miss about them all. They continued to make me laugh and School house will not be the same without them. Keep in touch and best of luck for the future. You will be sorely missed .



We sadly say goodbye to some of our fantastic year 11s as well. Good luck to Katie Nicholas, Tiye Sako, Olivia Shellard, Helena Thies and Samantha Wong. We wish you the best of luck for your new adventure.

# Thank you tutor team

I am incredibly grateful for all the help and support that the girls and I have received this year. The tutor team have continued to be a constant presence in house and always ready to inject some enthusiasm as well as guidance to all.

Sarah Gordon started her new role as resident tutor this year and has gone above and beyond to look after the girls (and me). From sunrise walks, paddleboarding, fish and chips as well as supplying the two dinosaur mascots to name but a few, I cannot thank her enough for all her help. School house are very lucky to have her.

Katie Thorpe has continued to offer fantastic support and guidance. She had to learn so much about government guidelines, PCR tests, quarantine and isolation rules as well as organise some very stressful last minute transport changes. On top of all this, she has been an absolute rock, always there for tea and sympathy as well as keeping the girls in line. I do not know what we would have done without her, we thank her for making sure everything in house runs so smoothly so that we can all focus on working hard.

We say goodbye to the very talented Elise Arnold who will be leaving us to study her masters degree in drama. We thank her for all that she has done and wish her the best of luck. I know that she will excel.

We welcome the fantastic Megan Harwood and Sarah-Jayne Smith to the team from September. Megan will be a duty tutor and Sarah-Jayne a work tutor.



# Congratulations next years prefect team

These incredible girls have already made a huge impact and I look forward to working with them next year

Head of house— Maia Mountain

Deputy Heads of house— Lily Moore and Izzy Skarbek

Head of School— Liv Reeves

School Prefect— Tilly Fox

Head of lower years— Anya Brown

Peer Listeners— Freddie Buckingham and Karina Matei

Sports Captain- Harriet Armstrong

Head of overseas— Waka Yasuda



## Have a fabulous summer holiday

### Exam results

A Level: Tuesday 10 August

GCSE: Thursday 12 August

Either log on or come in person. I will be available both days. Good luck!

### Dates for Diaries

Weds 1 Sept —Boarders return

Thurs 2 Sept—Term starts

Fri 24 Sept—Upper 6 Parents Evening

24 -26 Sept—Exeat weekend

Thurs 14 Oct—House Singing

Fri 15 Oct—Lower 6 Parents Evening

15—31 Oct—Half term

Fri 26 Nov—Year 9 Drama & Parents Evening

26 -28 Nov—Exeat

14-16 Dec—School Plays and Drama

Fri 17 Dec—Term ends at 3.15pm.

**And finally...** thank you to all the wonderful parents and guardians. It has not been the easiest of starts but your patience and support has made it so much easier. I have loved working with your daughters and although I fear we may not be completely clear of quarantine and isolations, this term has felt a lot more like the norm and I cannot wait to hit the ground running this September. Have a great summer holiday.



**I couldn't resist  
adding a few more  
pictures**

