



HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL SCHOOL HOUSE GIRLS AND THEIR FAMILIES

We did it!!



Lily Flint, Head of House , receives the House Singing Trophy at the end of term.

Ever since the disappointment (to many!) of the inaugural House Singing competition, I have not hidden the fact that justice should prevail! And this year, under the expert leadership of Mirabelle Kelly, School House were indeed crowned House Singing champions with their superb version of *Counting Stars* by One Republic. I still get goose bumps listening to the performance and honestly never tire of it. It was not only a fantastic performance on the night, but the result of a month of a truly concerted team effort, in which every single girl committed to evenings of rehearsals and creating a rendition which really reflected the spirit of School House. The girls really were stars on the night and are stars to have worked so hard. My thanks go to Mirabelle and Miss Arnold for putting together a magical performance.



Drama - *The Crucible*

Incredible performances were seen from School House girls in this year's College production of *The Crucible*. Audrey Hammer deserve particular mention for her brilliant portrayal of the troubled and naive Mary Warren. Antoinette Chastang, Lily Flint and Ellie Previero were also part of a cast which spent hours of the term rehearsing for what was a fantastically powerful and compelling play.



Year 9 Drama

We saw the actresses of future school drama productions in the Year 9 production of *Matilda*. The girls did a brilliant job in a very short space of time.

House Concert

We put on our own entertainment in the first week after half term and what a fabulous evening it was. After the demands of House singing in the first half of term, the girls returned from half term full of energy and put together an evening of singing, dancing, laughs and music. We had many compliments the next day from everyone in the audience who had a thoroughly enjoyable night. We had a super night at Pomodoros to celebrate.



This year's program:
Year 13 Compere Video
Year 9 Dance
Anya Colours Of The Wind
Mean Girls - Year 11
Year 12 Dance
Eastbourne's Got Pick
Up Lines - Year 10
Ruby and Lola dancing
School House Code video
Ellie - *Waste Your Time*
Staff Video
Lily Flint - *Don't Watch Me Cry*
Friday Night - Year 13
Amy and her Crew
Originals Video
Counting Stars

End of term awards

It is always a proud moment when School House girls receive a prize at the end of term assembly. This year the following awards were received by School House girls, a huge well done to them all, we are very proud of you.

Arts:

Textiles Full Colours: Antoinette Chastang

Dance Full Colours: Amy Shi

Textiles Half Colours: Adriana Gracia-Casanova

Art Half Colours: Harriet Morss-Davies

Sport:

Hockey Full Colours: Tilly Fox (an amazing achievement in Year 11)

Half Hockey Colours: Juliette Lammerts

Special Headmaster's Commendation for academic achievement:

Sandra Furhmann (who got the top eRC in the College, but sadly was not able to receive her award), Izzy Skarbek and Liv Reeves



Mention must be made for Katie Nicholas who was nominated for the Simon Green Cup for Endeavour in Sport, the most prestigious award for sport awarded each term—well done Katie for an exemplary attitude.



Year 12 Dinner - dress as something beginning with the same letter as your name!

Charity Work so far this year

Our first charity event of the year was selling biscuits at the House Concert. They were baked and decorated by a team of girls from all years and we raised just under £200 for the Homeless Shelter which was a great start to the year. We also collected plenty of food for the Eastbourne foodbank. Loveday Rowlands and Karina Matei have both spent time working at the homeless shelter this term, fitting it into their very busy schedules.

Watch out for further events in the Lent Term.



Tutor and year suppers

Every term the tutors are fabulous and take their tutees out for dinner, often to 7 Bone which seems to be a favourite with all the girls—not my first choice of Eastbourne eatery and I am grateful to the tutors for taking their tutees there! We have also had year-group dinners in house where the girls have all been full of stories and great conversation. Thanks to Miss Simmons for organising the sixth form cheese and wine evening as well.



HOUSE DINNER

This year's house dinner was with Pennell and the theme was Christmas! It was a brilliant evening with everyone dressed up for the festive season. The tutors, under the direction of Miss Gordon, put on their very own Nativity—we even persuaded Miss Curran to go as the donkey!!



Our tutors

My job would be impossible if it were not for our truly fabulous band of School House tutors. They really are a team of wonderful ladies, who support the girls in all they do - and love a bit of dressing up too! Special thanks must go to Hannah Simmons, our resident tutor, who is by my side come rain or shine and organised the entire Christmas dinner single handed. We will also be eternally grateful

to Dee Traynor who came in as matron after half term and was an absolute wonder - thank you Dee.



Year 9 BBQ

It seems a very long time ago now, but at the start of the year, the Year 9 boarders got together at School house for a BBQ, to get to know one another. The sunny days of September are long gone but the friendships among Year 9 have got stronger and events like this help them all to build memories which they will collect over their five years at Eastbourne.



WARGRAVE Sports Day

Our new girls did not know what had hit them when they were asked to race on space jumpers, as 'wheelbarrows' and sack racing. School House spirit brought the trophy home!



Remembrance Sunday and CCF

CCF field Day

happens early in the year and all the recruits go away for overnight exercise. Special mention must go to Anya Brown in Year 11 for her promotion to Lance Corporal and to the Year 10 girls who did so well on camp. They also did the College proud in the Remembrance Day parade during which Anya also did a reading.



STEEPLECHASE 2019

A tradition of the first term is Steeplechase over the Downs and the sun shone for us in September. School House girls who stood out on the day were Katie Nicholas who came second in the inter girls and Lola Dutton who was presented with her bronze medal in the Year 9 girls race. A superb performance from so many meant that School



House was presented with the cup for most participants and came second overall—another amazing team effort.



Tennis

Mention must be made of our tennis players. They have a punishing schedule of early morning runs and sometimes several hits a day but still they smile through it! Results show how the training pays off: Lola won a grade 3 doubles title at half term; Mel won a grade 3 doubles title two weeks ago with Bella in Nugent; Antoinette, Summer, Mel, Aria have all played in the Sussex Ladies League remaining unbeaten and at top of the league after 3 matches. Summer has played all ten matches since we started playing in 2018 and has won 20 out of 20 matches!

Anda, Aria, Antoinette and Elo (Nugent) are at the top of the Senior Students Schools Winter League after two wins with the finals next term; Mel, Summer and Tegan have played in many GB tours and played grade 3 regional events all term; Mel played in the Lancashire Ladies County team in the winter County Cup.

It has been an incredibly busy but successful term for them all and they deserve our congratulations.

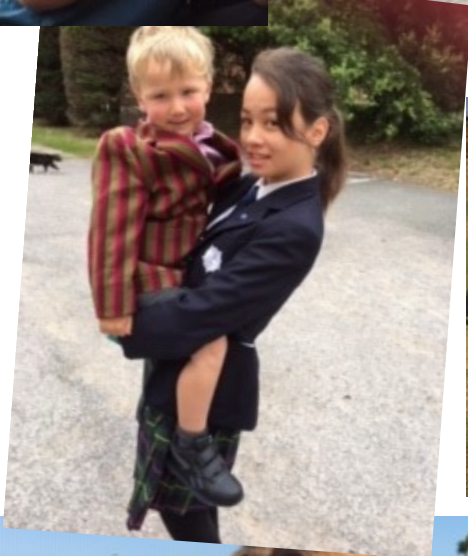


AQUATHLON

In the first month of term five of our girls swam and ran their way long the seafront. Katie Nicholas, Izzy Skarbek, Tilly Fox and Caitlin Milborne all represented School House in the second year of the aquathlon - one of my favourite events, so I was thrilled to see them take to the sea.



Faces of School House—many of whom, in their down time, have been found playing Now Dance, School House game of the term!





LENT TERM: Important Dates (see also the online Whitebook)	
Sun 5 January:	Return 6.00pm onwards
Mon 6 — Fri 17 Jan:	Year 11 mocks
Thursday 23 Jan, 3.15pm:	Year 10 parents' evening Exeat starts 2.35pm
Sunday 26 January:	Return from exeat by 9.00pm
Friday 14 February:	Year 11 Parents evening Half term begins 2.35pm
Sunday 23 February:	Return by 9.00pm
Friday 20 March:	Term ends



JASON, THE BOYS AND I WISH ALL SCHOOL HOUSE FAMILIES
A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

