

# Watt House Newsletter

In humanitate robur



## HOUSE PREFECTS



Lottie Crathern



Alex Hawkins



Evie Sleep



Daisy Russell



Millie-Rose White



Hannah Woodall

## Where has the year gone?

Sometimes I feel as if I have blinked and missed a year of my life. Does anyone else feel the same?

Another academic year draws to a close and yet again I am in awe of everything that the girls in the house have achieved. For some it is being offered a place at Cambridge, for others being accepted onto a pilot training course, or perhaps displaying their textiles work in an exhibition, or performing in their first Informal Concert. The diversity of the girls' talents enriches our community and makes me incredibly proud to have them in the yellow house. Well done one and all.

### HEAD OF HOUSE



Emily May

### DEPUTY HEAD OF HOUSE



Jessie-Mae Tarrant

### DEPUTY HEAD OF SCHOOL



Sapphyre Mills Kennelly

# Photography

## School photography competition

This year's theme was called 'Emerging' and was open to the whole school community. With only three prizes being awarded to the pupils, no matter whether they were seniors or juniors, Maisie Tarrant's achievement in coming 2nd overall was all the more commendable. Well done Maisie!



## Art & Textiles

I am always so impressed by the creativity of the girls and yet again they have managed to produce some wonderful pieces.

Here are some which have been displayed recently in the Birley.





## Dance

We have several incredibly talented dancers in the house and the recent Dance Showcase was a wonderful opportunity for them to display all of the hard work and discipline that goes into their training. It was also Millie's Gold Arts Award and what a success it was. Wow! Not many photos here sadly of the actual showcase, but some of the dancers in the house anyway.

In the showcase, Millie-Rose White, Alex Hawkins and Sophia Hawkins all performed outstanding solo pieces. Supporting them were Millie Cranston, Maisie Tarrant and Angelina Watson and they were all brilliant. Well done too to Kirsty Reid for all of her incredibly hard work behind the scenes in preparation.





## Year 9 Music Showcase

The Year 9 musical iPad evening has really improved over the years, as the pupils have become more adept on their iPads. It was a pleasure listening to the music they were producing and they even played a piece on the ukuleles. The house music is in safe hands with these girls as they move up through the school.



Well done Nelly Bathard-Smith, Sophie Fellows, Alice Caroe and Xanthe Lawson.



## Sport

There are some very good tennis players in the house and many more who just love to play the game and hopefully will go on to play throughout their lives, long after they have left school. It is a lovely social game.

Sara Bierbrauer is our superstar player and just this last week she won her singles and doubles matches to help her team qualify for the National Finals later this summer. Fantastic.



Several of the girls turned out for the house tennis one Saturday afternoon before half term and they did really well; representing Watt with good humour, determination and style.



## Athletics

We have several talented athletes in the house who have turned out repeatedly to represent the College in weekend fixtures. Special mention must go to Molly Swinger, who reached the National Finals last week and is ranked 8th nationally at U20 level in the 400m hurdles (perhaps one of the hardest disciplines there is in athletics). Amazing Molly!



Special mention must also go to Nelly Bathard-Smith, who won the Sussex Schools Long Jump competition a few weeks ago and is one of only a handful of athletes (along with Molly) who have been put forward by Sussex to compete in the English Schools athletics competition. Well done Nelly!



## Football

Kayla Ginger is an extremely talented all-rounder and is regularly to be seen lugging her cricket bag around the campus, or dashing off to football training, as well as representing the A teams here in school in both netball and hockey. Her real passion is football though and after training hard and showing tremendous commitment, she has been offered a contract by Brighton and Hove Football Club Regional talent Centre at U16 level. Fantastic news Kayla. Well done.

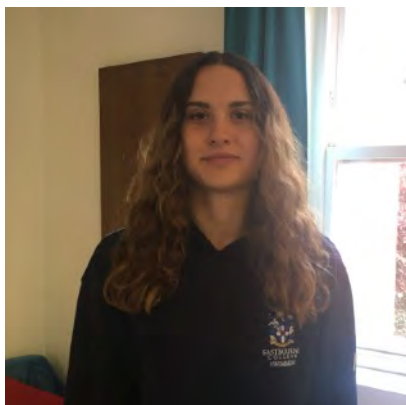




## Academic Achievements

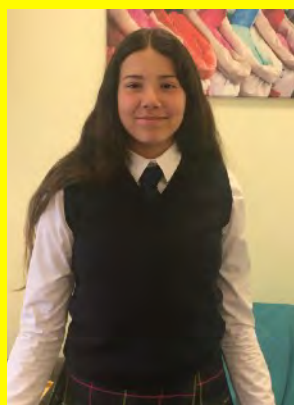
### Economics

Maddy Osman was awarded the 'Economics pupil of the term' prize. High praise indeed from an extremely academically rigorous department.



### French Speaking

This year the Kirk Greene award for French Speaking was awarded to Missy Richardson, who impressed the judges with her confident pronunciation and excellent intonation. Très bon!



Xanthe Lawson was a runner-up in this competition too. Well done to both girls.

### German Poetry

Well done to Nelly, who won the Year 9 Poésíeac Competition with her excellent recital of German poetry.

## Musical Achievements

### Young Musician of the Year

There were several Young Musician of the Year finalists in both the instrumental and vocal sections.

Well done to all those who qualified for the finals:

Xanthe Lawson, Ruby Mills Kennelly, Alice Caroe, Millie Cranston, Tianlu Wang, Nelly Bathard-Smith and Katherine Linaker.

Particular well done to Mille Cranston for being a joint class winner.

It was a genuine pleasure listening to them all performing and I feel certain that the house music is in good shape for years to come.

### Instrumental Exam Success

Congratulations to:

**Sophie Fellows** : Grade 5 Theory Exam with Merit.

**Livia Domaingue** : Violin Grade 7 with Distinction and Grade 8 Piano with Merit.

**Emily May** : Flute Grade 8 with Distinction and Piano Grade 8 with Distinction

### Musical Extravaganza

It was wonderful to be able to listen to the talents of the girls in the Musical Extravaganza which was held in the last week of term. Still not able to be held at the Bandstand, it was well-attended in the Undercroft and the atmosphere was encouraging, positive and fun: a real celebration of music.

Millie and Tianlu sang beautifully and Nelly played the trumpet wonderfully well too.

## House BBQ

On the Friday afternoon of half term we were blessed with sunshine for the House Games on College Field and the BBQ afterwards in the garden. Almost every single girl was able to be there and it was so lovely to finally have all of the girls in one place, having fun and celebrating just being together with their house mates.

The girls were split into their Families and they played games of Rounders, Bench Ball, British Bulldog and Tug of War. Despite an incredibly long and tiring term, they still threw themselves into the games with great gusto, and much fun was had by all.

Afterwards we retired to the garden for an enormous game of Pass the Parcel before Natasha handed out some fun prizes, followed by the more serious mini-Watts and full 'Watt House Cup' presentations. The mini-Watts were for one girl in each year group who epitomise a 'Watt' girl, with their kindness, endeavour and 'have a go' attitude. It is always incredibly hard to choose only a few girls to win this, as there are so many in the house who are worthy Watts. This year though, these went to: **Ava Jones, Lottie Thorley, Millie Cranston, Hannah Woodall and Charlotte Holder.** The main Watt Cup was awarded to the person (from any year) who is the best role model for all of the girls with the above attributes, plus just a little bit more. The recipient this year was **Molly Swingler.**

After the prizes, my poor husband then cooked food for 70 hungry girls, which is perhaps above and beyond anything he agreed to do when he married me. Poor chap, but he loves it really!

It was a lovely few hours and the girls were, as ever, excellent company. It was great to see them all relaxed and laughing after an exhausting seven weeks.













## Sports Day

What a great day it was, particularly as none of the pupils had been able to compete last year. I hope that everyone has had the chance to watch it via the link.

To name individual girls for their successes would be unfair to everyone who played their part in the house coming an incredibly close second overall; we were missing two of our top athletes as well. Everyone who took part and finished their race, or jumped their jumps or threw their throws, or stood and cheered on the sidelines, played their part in the house success and their Hsm could not have been any more proud of them all.

However, if you have managed to watch the video (and I do urge you to do so), you will have no doubt seen how well the Year 9s did. Future Sports Days are looking very bright indeed, as they won all but one of the junior competitions. Wow!

Watching the relays was a joyful experience for the Watt Hsm and the last 'Whole House' relay was a fitting send off for the overall Vitrix Ludorum winner, Molly Swingler, as she powered her way down the track to win.

The two photos below show how maximum effort and 'never giving up' can make all the difference in sport, as well as in life:



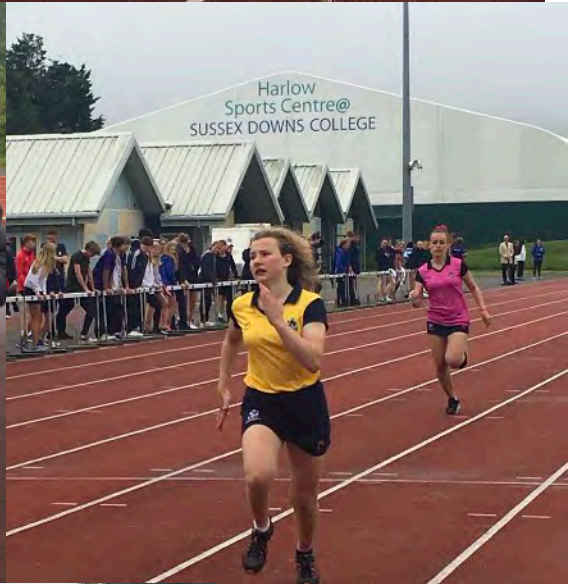














## Cornflower Ball



This was not quite the usual occasion, with parents unable to attend the main event and no dancing either. However, it was still a really special occasion. The Year 13s and their parents all came to the garden at 6pm, where the Elderflower Pressé flowed. Usually it is the Prosecco, but with parents driving and the girls sensibly pacing themselves, 'non-alcoholic' seemed to be the preferred drink. The girls all looked absolutely beautiful as they mingled and chatted and posed for photos.

Over in the Winn Building they all seemed to be having a lovely time with their friends and there were many happy, smiley faces to be seen. Hopefully they have some more fond memories now to take away with them as they move onto life after College.









## Dell Play

Despite a few of the cast and the backstage crew having to isolate, 'the show must go on' and the Year 12s put on their annual Dell Play in the last week of term. This year it was 'The Importance of Being Earnest' and four of the cast were from Watt. They were fantastic; what a talented group and the play itself was extremely entertaining. Well done Alex, Orla, Daisy and Arielle (and Mia for her work backstage).





## Trinity

Such an incredible group of girls when up on stage, Daisy Newton, Millie Cranston, Millie White, Amelia Baldock, Ruby Mills Kennelly and Sophia Hawkins all performed their Trinity Pieces in the last week of term. Wow!





# End of Year Awards

## Class Effort Awards

Awarded by each teacher for the most consistently hard-working pupil in each of their classes.

Sophie Fellows	:	Textiles, Chemistry, English, French & Geography
Mayuri Tambyrajah	:	Biology x2 & Chemistry
Nelly Bathard-Smith	:	Spanish & DT
Tilly Chapman	:	Textiles & Spanish
Daisy Dunkley	:	Art & IT
Angelina Watson	:	Chemistry & Biology
Lottie Thorley	:	English & French
Sara Bierbrauer	:	English & Physics
Kiri Marshall	:	Chemistry & German
Jasmine Wright	:	Biology & RS
Maddy Osman	:	Economics & Maths
Charlotte Holder	:	Geography & Physics
Sophia Hawkins	:	French
Maisie Tarrant	:	Maths
Kayla Ginger	:	Chemistry
Sophia Marshall	:	Biology
Sophie Stevens	:	Chemistry

Harriet Brinsmead-Maclean : History		
Lucy Mannion	:	Physics
Alice Wood	:	Dance
Amelia Baldock	:	Photography
Alex Hawkins	:	History
Lottie Crathern	:	History
Livia Domaingue	:	French
Sapphyre Mills Kennelly	:	Chemistry
Ellie Robins	:	Geography
Mille-Rose White	:	History
Hannah Woodall	:	Maths
Elsa Auer	:	English
Ellen Duthie-Jackson	:	Dance
Louise Mariani-Mcintyre	:	Art
Isobel Mitchell	:	Biology
Alexandra Lupu	:	PT
Melis-Rose Ozcan	:	Textiles
Ella Blake	:	Latin
Suhansa Biyanwila	:	Physics



## Year Group Achievement Prizes

Xanthe Lawson	:	Emily Hale Prize for the Outstanding Academic Performance in Year 9
Alice Caroe	:	JL McIntosh Year 9 History Prize
Angelina Watson	:	Dance Year 9 prize
Daisy Dunkley	:	Textiles Year 9 prize
Tilly Chapman	:	Mathematics Year 9 prize
Sophie Fellows	:	Arnold Embellishers Innovation prize
Sophia Hawkins	:	Headmaster's Prize for all-round contribution

Katie Hillyer	:	Dance Year 10 Prize
Missy Richardson	:	C Kirk-Greene Junior French Reading Prize

Polly Symes	:	AL Margetson Junior English prize for Literature Andrew Downes Junior English Prize Junior Classical Civilisation Prize
Amelia Baldock	:	Junior Drama Prize
Kiri Marshall	:	RG Dyer Junior Art Prize
Verity Terry	:	Junior Dance Prize

Emily May	:	Lower Sixth Geography Prize Green Lower Sixth Mathematics Prize
Millie-Rose White	:	Lower Sixth Dance Prize Lower Sixth Photography Prize
Alex Hawkins	:	Lower Sixth Drama Prize
Evie Sleep	:	Lower Sixth Art Prize Vernon Dobtcheff Creative Prize
Jessie Tarrant	:	Baynes Lower Sixth Classical Civilisation Prize



Sapphyre Mills Kennelly	:	Lower Sixth German Prize
Lottie Crathern	:	John Belk Memorial Essay Prize
Hannah Woodall	:	Headmaster's Prize for all-round contribution

Natasha Symes	:	Jubilee Prize for the Outstanding Academic Performance in Upper Sixth
Isabel Stead	:	CS Smallman Senior Chemistry Prize Professor Soddy Oxbridge Science Prize
Katherine Linaker	:	BM Oman Senior Latin prize Duke Of Devonshire Senior Classics Prize
Elsa Auer	:	C Mackenzie Senior German Prize
Isobel Mitchell	:	Professor Soddy Oxbridge Science Prize
Molly Swingler	:	RD Macklin Senior History Prize
Tianlu Wang	:	Tenby Senior Economics Prize
Daisy Newton	:	Senior Photography prize

### Half Colours

Millie-Rose White	:	Photography
Daisy Russell	:	Drama
Alex Hawkins	:	Drama
Polly Symes	:	Drama
Emily May	:	Music
Sapphyre Mills Kennelly	:	Music
Lottie Crathern	:	Athletics

### Full Colours

Daisy Newton	:	Drama Photography
Molly Swingler	:	Athletics



## And Finally:

It just leaves me to say a fond farewell to the departing Year 13s and wish them all the very best for the future. Hopefully they will all let me know from time to time what lofty peaks of success they have climbed. Also to Ava Jones who is leaving the community to move away with the family. Best of luck Ava; we will miss you.

After reading of all the successes this year, it is clear that the House is in a healthy place and the girls are all continuing to strive to do their very best. I am sure that next year will be no different, with outstanding House Prefects who will undoubtedly lead by example.

In the meantime, have a wonderful summer everybody and please put those screens away and take time to look up, look around and appreciate what a wonderful part of the world we live in. Thank you one and all for making this such a fantastic year, even though it was a little different!

I shall finish with a few random photos to reflect Watt life behind the scenes. Hopefully I have managed to capture all seventy-five girls somewhere in here...





