

# Watt House Newsletter

**In humanitate robur**



## HEAD OF HOUSE



Jess Williams

## DEPUTY HOH



Uma Carey-Morgan

## HOUSE PREFECTS



Ria Sanderson



Beth Hawkins



Leila López-Morán

## Summer - can you beat it?

The curtain comes down on another academic year and what a year it has been, with the house growing in number as so many new girls joined our community. Next year we will be increasing again and the academic year will be beginning in August rather than September. If the incoming girls are as lovely as this year's intake, it will be a wonderful year. However, before even thinking about that, let us celebrate this year and all that the girls have achieved and enjoyed over the past few months of school...

### HEAD OF SCHOOL



Shaumya Kularajan  
(House Prefect)

### SCHOOL PREFECT



Rae Greenhow  
(House Prefect)

### SCHOOL PREFECT



Sophie Nicholles



## Sri Lanka

### Combined cake sale with Nugent

Everyone was horrified by the events in Sri Lanka on Easter Sunday. Whatever our religious beliefs, the fact that so many innocent people were murdered while at prayer was shocking. So, aprons to the ready, everyone felt that they wanted to help the many victims and a cake sale was planned. Wow! So many delicious cakes! The Year 12 girls organised everything: putting out the cakes, selling, clearing up afterwards, then going around houses later on to tempt more people into eating even more sugar. Everyone had contributed by either baking or buying and it was due to that excellent community effort that the sum of £450 was raised.

## Debating

The inter-house debating proved to be extremely competitive this year, with the level raised even higher than previously. With three regular debaters in the house, everyone was optimistic of a good showing and the girls certainly did not disappoint. Confident and competent winners over Wargrave, Rae, Ciara and Anastasija strode purposefully into the semi-finals against Reeves. They debated extremely well, but sadly it was not to be this year. However, the girls definitely impressed with their arguments and their ability to speak in public. Well done to all.



### INDIVIDUAL DEBATING HONOURS

In the inter-house debating, Rae Greenhow and Anastasija Timofejeva came third and ninth respectively overall (out of thirty) for their debating prowess.



# Photography

## School photography competition



*Olivia Wood*

This year's competition was on the theme of travel and as usual was open to all. The Watt girls put on a fine showing and three of them featured in the final selection, with their pictures being displayed in the Warren Atrium.

Competition was fierce and the final results found Olivia Wood (Year 12) coming second in the senior section, with Arielle Karoubi (Year 10) coming third in the juniors.



*Arielle Karoubi*



*Jessie Tarrant*



### NEWTON READING PRIZE

The English Department ran the annual Newton Reading Prize on 1st May. Ellie Long ('A Clockwork Orange' by Anthony Burgess) came second and Rae Greenhow ('Her Kind' - by Anne Sexton) came third. Well done to both of them.



# Summer Concert

## Fantastic Music at St. Saviour's

was, quite simply, a magnificent evening of music. The standard was incredible, showcasing



The Annual Summer Concert was held on 10 May at St. Saviour's Church and what a fantastic evening it was. The Watt girls had ample opportunity to shine and enthrall and they certainly did: Eleanor Long was the principal

the extremely high level of music in the College and this year, in particular, in Watt.



violinist in the Symphony and String Orchestra as they accompanied the soloists; Sian Sulke started by playing the horn solo in Mozart's *4th Horn Concerto*; Helen Grout then took the lead on her alto saxophone in Rachmaninoff's *Vocalise*; Leah Hallinon then played the lead flute in Chaminade's *Concertino for Flute and Orchestra*. All three were fantastic. Juliette Zeilmaker then led the Chamber Ensemble on her violin, with Leah on the bassoon, while the choir (which includes Rae, Helen, Shaumya, Eleanor, Emily, Natasha, Tianlu and Jasmine) sang Rutter's *Magnificat*. Sian and Sophie Nicholles sang solo parts and were wonderful. It



## Year 13s

Friday 17th May saw the Year 13s having their final normal(ish) working school day. They started the day with breakfast in house - pain au chocolate and croissants seemed to go down well - before setting off to morning lessons.



time to collect their leavers' kit before heading off for half term and their revision books.

Their last lunch took place after the rest of the school had finished and each house sat together for a very civilised chat over a leisurely meal. With so many girls in the year, their table was enormous, particularly as some of the tutors wanted to come and share in the meal too.



Time to squeeze in one more lesson before a final service in the chapel, where Jess Chapman did a reading and there was music and remembrance of their time in the College. Just



### THOMAS CAMPION ESSAY PRIZE

Sophie Nicholles and Leila López-Morán both submitted essays, through the English Department, into this prestigious competition. The standard was incredibly high, yet both of these girls were placed in the top 10 out of over 200 entrants. They went up to Peterhouse College at the end of June to attend the prize-giving ceremony. Well done to both of them for such a fabulous achievement.

## House BBQ



On Saturday 18th May the weather took a turn for the better and we were blessed with glorious sunshine. Phew, as it was BBQ day!

It was a lovely event with nearly all of the house attending and enjoying each other's company, some simple BBQ food, a few short speeches and some fun and serious prizes. We also had a blindfold piñata, which Imogen Smith managed to eventually bludgeon into submission.

Sahara handed out the fun prizes before the slightly more serious 'mini-Watt chocolate oranges' and 'Watt House Cup' were awarded. One of Sahara's awards was for 'the person most likely to get their clothes off in public': definitely one to treasure! The mini-Watts were



for two girls in each year group who epitomise a 'Watt' girl, with their kindness, endeavour and 'have a go' attitude. This year these went to: Jasmine Wright, Polly Symes, Emily May, Kizzy Rollings, Tianlu Wang, Rae Greenhow, Leila López-Morán, Helena Drew and Sahara. 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 was Shaumya, which (unsurprisingly) elicited a loud cheer when her name was announced.

The School and House positions of responsibility were also announced and what a strong team they will be. A great showing from the Watt girls this year!



**WATT HOUSE CUP WINNER**

**&**

**NEW HEAD OF HOUSE HANDOVER**





## Inter-House Tennis

We have some really good tennis players in the house and (more importantly) we have many girls who just enjoy playing the game and hopefully will go on and continue to play throughout their lives after school.



When it came to both the senior and junior inter-house tennis matches, however, this enthusiasm did not equate to many wins. The other houses all had elite players who were a true delight to watch in action. With typical Watt spirit though, this did not dampen the girls' enthusiasm and those who competed did so with smiles on their faces and excellent sportsmanship. Well done them.



## GOLD DofE

Achieving a Silver DofE award is a great thing to do (and several of the girls are part way through doing this), but Gold really is another level and requires a huge amount of dedication, commitment and effort. With at least one more girl needing to just finish their Gold expedition to pass the award, Isabelle Newton, Leah Hallinon and Apurva Paruchuri have already finished and two of them deservedly took a trip up to Buckingham Palace to receive their awards. Well done all of them.





# The Vernon Dobtcheff Award

## The girls clean up

The English Department held the annual Vernon Dobtcheff Competition, where senior pupils are invited to submit projects which represent anything they have read, in any form. This leads to an array of amazing sculptures, books, journals and posters. This year the Watt girls took most of the honours (only one other person featured in the results). The work has been on display in the department for most of the term and all of the other year groups have stopped to admire and discuss the projects there:

### Winner:

Leila López-Morán

### Highly Commended:

Sophie Nicholles

Beth Hawkins (*see pictures*)

### Commended:

Erin Banks

Freya Cournane

Georgia Gills



## CCF CAMP

All of the Year 10s spent much of the last week of term at either Navy, RAF or Army Camp. The weather was mainly hot, but the Monday night saw an impressive storm when the Army were camping out under their bashas. A certain hsm was also there, under a warm and cosy pop up tent, but she was really impressed by the positive attitude of the pupils when they awoke to find quite a lot of their clothing a little damp!



## Sports Day

On the last Friday of term, which was a gloriously hot day, like last year, all of the girls trooped off to the Sports Park in their unmissable yellow shirts, ready to do their best for the house.

There were some excellent individual performances, with several of the girls winning their events. Some of these were: Beth (400m), Juliette (800m), Emily (Javelin), Clementine (100m), Kiri (Long Jump). There were more I am sure, but the official results have not been published yet.

There were also many second places too and some of these were: Ellie (200m), Jasmine (Triple Jump), Daisy (Long Jump) and Jessie (Triple Jump). The relay races went particularly well, where the girls finished a close second in nearly all of them.

Our specialist event is definitely the Tug O' War though and this is undoubtedly because (a) the girls have a technique that all the other houses started to adopt as the day wore on as it was so effective and (b) because it is a true team event. If the girls were not actually on the rope pulling, they were standing next to them, cheering. The seniors annihilated everyone else and the look of joy on their faces (both competitors and cheerleaders) truly was a sight to behold. The house spirit is strong - and so are the girls!

Well done to all who donned their yellow and took part and entered into the spirit of the day. It was a fitting reward for them all to be awarded the cup for 'Most supportive house' in the prize-giving afterwards and a very proud Beth was delighted to accept it on behalf of the other 66 deserving girls.









## Cornflower Ball



After five years at the College for most of them, Saturday 29th June was the final day for this year's Upper Six leavers and how better to celebrate it than with the annual Cornflower Ball. It started early in the garden at 6.15pm. With the sun beating down, the parade of gorgeously glamorous girls and their equally glamorous parents, began to appear through the garden gate. The Prosecco rapidly started to disappear and the level of noise rose exponentially. Over an hour sped by in a most enjoyable fashion and then everyone made their way over to the Ball, where hopefully more fond memories of their time at the College were formed. It was certainly a fabulous evening and the girls spent most of the time up on the dance floor. Judging by the amount of noise from College Field at 4am, several of them may well have spent the night out there too!



# End of Year Awards

There have been a large number of awards this term for these incredibly hard working girls:

## Class Effort Awards:

Jasmine Wright	:	History, Music, RS, Geography & Latin
Kizzy Rollings	:	Spanish & English
Jess Chapman	:	Politics & Philosophy
Issy Newton	:	Biology & English
Ellen Duthie-Jackson	:	English & French
Apurva Paruchuri	:	Chemistry
Freya Cournane	:	Philosophy
Millie Barker	:	Economics
Elsa Auer	:	Chemistry
Libby Carpenter	:	Art
Imogen Smith	:	English
Rae Greenhow	:	Class Civ & English
Shaumya Kularajan	:	Greek
Sophie Nicholles	:	English
Megan Terry	:	Latin
Kennie Lumley	:	Photography
Erin Banks	:	PT
Alex Hawkins	:	Latin
Orla Maclaurin	:	Biology
Jessie Tarrant	:	Class Civ
Kitty Walters	:	Class Civ
Lucy Mannion	:	RS

Eleanor Long	:	Gold Arts Award
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## Half Colours

Darcey Wootton	:	Art
Sophie Nicholles	:	Drama
Isabelle Newton	:	Rowing

## Full Colours

Daisy Mayhew	:	Art
Eleanor Long	:	Art
Libby Carpenter	:	Art
Imogen Smith	:	Drama

## Headmaster's Award

Year 9	:	Jasmine Wright
Year 12	:	Uma Carey-Morgan

## Music exams this term:

Leah Hallinon	:	Grade 8 Bassoon With Distinction
Helen Grout	:	Grade 8 Saxophone with Distinction
	:	Diploma Singing With Distinction

## Year Group Achievement Prizes:

Polly Symes	:	English, French & History
Juliette Zeilmaker	:	Latin & Biology
Alexandria Hawkins	:	Dance
Emily May	:	Geography
Jessie-Mae Tarrant	:	Textiles
Natasha Symes	:	EC prize for the Outstanding Academic Performance in Year 11
Tianlu Wang	:	Singing, Music, Latin, History & Spanish
Elsa Auer	:	German
Sophie Nicholles	:	Blackburn Senior Singing Scholarship
Erin Banks	:	Art
Sophie Rust	:	Business
Megan Terry	:	Latin
Shaumya Kularajan	:	Greek
Rae Greenhow	:	Classical Civilisation
Leila López-Morán	:	Spanish
Jessica Williams	:	Physical Education
Kennie Lumley	:	Textiles
Eleanor Long	:	Lord Hyndley Senior English Prize
Holly Fletcher-Price	:	Rexie Adalian Senior Philosophy & Ethics Prize
Imogen Smith	:	Gubbins Senior Drama Prize
Leah Hallinon	:	RW Nicholson Senior Instrumental Prize
Isabelle Newton	:	Langer Cup for Achievement in Water Sports
Daisy Mayhew	:	C Mackenzie Senior Art Prize
Helen Grout	:	HV Waterfield Senior Music Prize
Sian Sulke	:	BM Oman Senior Latin Prize



## Bandstand Brilliance



In the last week of term, we were treated to the spectacle of the Eastbourne College Band and the singer/songwriters performing on the seafront in the bandstand. Despite the howling wind whipping across the stage, everyone was amazing. Performing like that in front of so many people (including the passing public) takes a special type of courage and those performers have it in spades. Representing the house were Helen on saxophone, Millie singing and Jasmine playing piano and singing. They were fabulous!

### In conclusion...

As the girls know, once they start driving into school, I love to nip out and take pictures of their parking. Some of them park perfectly every morning, but I have managed to spot a few dodgy efforts. This year's award goes to Sahara (yes, she actually left her car parked like that)...



**HAPPY SUMMER EVERYONE!**