

# School House

## Lent 2023



It has been a spectacular term, the girls have survived gruelling mocks, wet weather and numb hands (the joys of outdoor netball and CCF) as well as an action packed curriculum and an extensive activities programme, but there has been so much excitement with various competitions and activities to raise spirits and lift energy levels. A huge thank you to the wonderful Megan Moffat who has continued to lead the house brilliantly alongside the house prefect team. The house council has been very productive and we can now thank Megan and her fellow members for suggesting we convert a store cupboard into a gym. I also thank the very generous parents who donated the equipment. I know the year 11s and 13s will certainly benefit from short bursts of exercise in between revision sessions. There is so much to look forward to but here are a few highlights from the lent term.



# Activities

There have been a wide range of activities on offer throughout the week and at weekends. Below are some of the highlights.

The girls got creative and enjoyed making Mother and Easter day cards this term. There were some beautiful cards made as well as some hilarious ones (Milly B) .

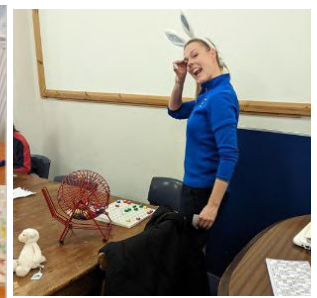


With key members of the house organising numerous charity quizzes, the girls took to my kitchen to sell cakes. My kitchen has never smelt so good and I enjoyed being chief taster.

A huge thanks to the wonderful year 12s who made pancakes on shrove Tuesday for the whole house. The girls enjoyed various toppings and coming together eating delicious pancakes.

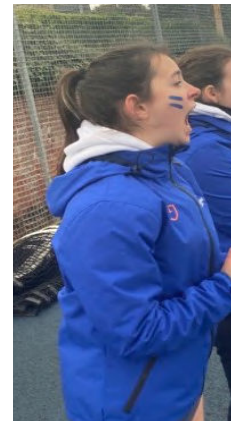


We mixed up the normal tradition of an Easter egg hunt and instead held the first ever BINGO night in School house, once the girls understood how to play (it took Miss Gordon longer than the girls to grasp the concept) they fully got into the spirit and the very much sought after jellycats made it very competitive. The Easter bunny arrived early and the girls enjoyed a little parcel of goodies. My thanks to Millie D-H, Sasa D, Lati A and Annabel M for being the Easter bunnies this year lovingly preparing over 60 parcels.



This term saw the first ever crochet club which has been hugely popular, I am not sure if this is because of the snacks or the company, but either way what a lovely way to spend Thursday evenings. I have bought a new book full of new designs to inspire the next few sessions and I look forward to seeing some finished projects.

# Sport



I am afraid I have lost count of the various races Lisa S has won and the amount of tennis tournaments that Becky F, Annabel M and Lola D have successfully been a part of but I promise it is very impressive indeed! Well done to all of the girls that continue to represent the school and county whilst maintaining such excellent academic standards.

The fives team (senior team are solely made up of School house girls) have had huge successes, well done to Fiona S, Rosa B, Kia L, Lia K and Maisie S for their commitment to training and competing even during the mock period. As the roaming home netball umpire, I have had the privilege to coach and umpire many of the School house girls this term across all levels and ages and I have been so impressed with their positive attitude, teamwork and skill level.

With interhouse netball, football, squash water polo and badminton all being played this term, I am delighted to say that School house are in the lead this term!!!!

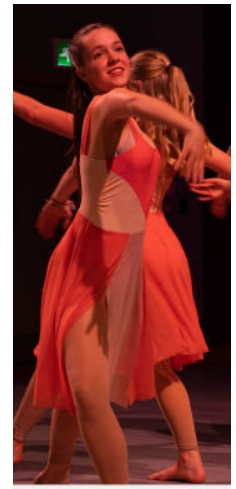
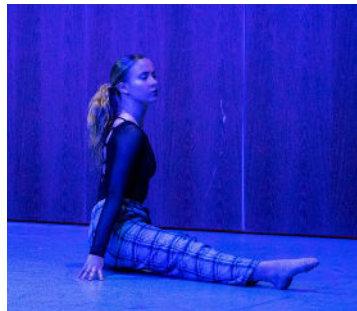


# Arts, drama, music and service



Once again love was in the air and the girls made lots of money for charity selling valentines roses. Many gave up their lunch time and evenings to help. My thanks to all those that got involved.

A huge well done to Tess Garrett and Polly Symes (Watt house) for organising and hosting a hugely successful charity review. They raised money for the wonderful Bushbells and Crisis charities. The SH girls also enjoyed buying Bushbell's merchandise at a recent event held in the dinning hall.



Audiences were wowed during the spectacular dance showcase where Varvara K, Ella B and Aline A performed stunning pieces. Such talent!!



We congratulate all of those that have performed in the various informal concerts and music scholar performances this term. The term finished off with the wonderful A Capella music competition where the School house girls sang a very impressive Coldplay medley.

# End of term prize winners

Yet again the School house girls received numerous prizes at this terms prize giving ceremony. Well done to the following:

## Silver DofE

Annabel McKenna

Millie Bonnar

Ella Panayiotou



We also congratulate Sassy Garrad, Ellie Simpkin and Rosa Beazleigh for their exceptional work in their arts award, alongside Tess Garrett.

## Gold DofE

Abi Perry

## Netball full colours

Megan Moffat

Caitlin Milborne



Well done to Akari Ikeda for completing their leading cadet part 2 qualification as well as achieving an average of above level 8 in their mock exams!

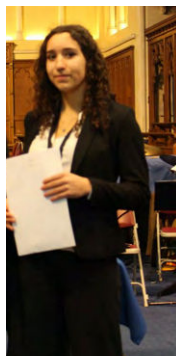
## Fives full colours

Rosa Beazleigh

Fiona Swann

## Photography full colours

Sassy Garrad



In photography Sassy Garrad has just been offered an unconditional place at Camberwell UAL to study Fine Art Photography. She is the first pupil to gain a place direct to a degree course at UAL in recent history. We congratulate all the fantastic university offers the girls have received. Each one is special and we wish them the best of luck as they revise for their summer exams.

## Textile half colours

Mandy Luo

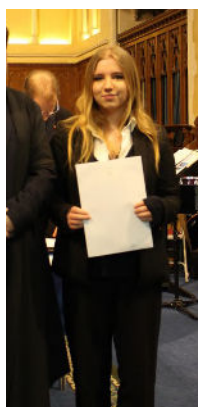
## Netball half colours

Holly Mitchel

## Fives half colours

Maisie Spencer

Lia Krieger



# Looking ahead

There is lots to look forward to this term. Not least the weather. Here are a few key dates for your diary.

Monday 17th April: Boarders welcome back to house

Tuesday 18th April : Summer term starts

Saturday April 22nd: Boarders Ball (7pm-10.30)

Friday 28th April : Year 11 Dinner (6pm-8pm)

Sunday 30th April: Iron Man charity event– all girls to be in please

Saturday 6th May : Coronation Weekend (no school Sat - Mon)

Monday 15th May : Year 11 Study Leave starts

Monday 22nd May : Year 13 Study Leave starts

Friday 26th May : Half Term starts

Friday 30th June : Sports Day (all pupils return for this)

Saturday 1st July : Speech Day

Saturday 1st July : Year 13 Cornflower Ball - Winter Garden

# Thank you

Once again I must take time to thank the wonderful team in School house, from all the tutors as well as the incredible domestic staff and maintenance team who keep the house running smoothly. This wonderful house is also down to your fantastic daughters who make it such a wonderful place to live and work. Lastly a massive thank you to you all, boarding life is full of adventures but having such supportive parents makes it so much easier. It is such a privilege to be part of your daughters lives. I look forward to seeing many of you at the end of this term as we come together for sports day and speech day.

