

Nugent News

**Lent
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Dear Parents,

My apologies for returning your daughters completely shattered by what has been an epic Lent term in many ways. We are approaching an exam period for years Y11 and 13's, so for them this term has felt particularly brutal. However, there is light at the end of the tunnel, and although they have never sat a public exam, the Nugent tutor team and I are encouraging them to dig deep and get through it. Resilience has been a key word recently, and for me the real meaning of it is now being understood.

The sun is starting to shine, the days are lengthening, the end of the academic year is now just around the corner and there is one final chance over the Easter holidays to return prepared for the Summer term.

Outside of the classroom many different events and occasions have been enjoyed, and there are more to look forward to next term too. The old, bramble-ridden front garden at Nugent has been stripped back and replenished with a rich loam ready for planting. We look forward to the girls enjoying the new garden as well as the Medlycott family in the future, continuing the marking of a new chapter under my tenure.

I hope you all enjoy a wonderful and relaxing Easter together, and look forward to welcoming you back on 17 April.



Term Review

For most of the girls this felt like the repeat of the Michaelmas term with so much going on including Nugent Revue, House Dinner, House Waterpolo, Netball, Football, Chess and a Cappella!

The dreary weather didn't help with the second half of term and with the GCSE and A-Levels around the corner, some heads dropped. However, this is quite usual for this time of year and the Easter break will be a time for everyone to re-group and return energised by the revision they have done and the warmer weather. There's light at the end of the tunnel!

Latterly we welcomed four textiles exchange pupils over for a brief stay from Austria, which was a treat. Our pupils will be out there as I write - doubtless they're having fun. There are also six Nugent girls in St Anton, Austria, on the College ski trip. Super that life is returning to normal post Covid and I am looking forward to more of those exchanges and trips in the years to come.

We were sorry to see Angelica (Y9) leave at the end of this term, and wish her all the best as a day pupil closer to home in Benenden. She has always got stuck in and never stopped smiling.

Academic

Y11 GCSE mocks were in January, top performer was Chloe Tse with an average of over 8. Top A Level mock performer was Cindia Zhou.

Tami (Y9) and Emilia (Y10) also deserve particular praise for their efforts this term.

Olivia Reeves was part of a team which entered the Institute of Economic Affairs' Budget Challenge and progressed to the final! A huge achievement which earned her a Headmaster's commendation.

In Year 9, Miyu Katsumata achieved the highest score in the school for the Intermediate Maths Challenge. Antonia Inderfurth took part in the UK Linguistics Olympiad.

Most praise points per year awards:

	Y9	Y10	Y11	Y12	Y13				
Tami	31	Emilia	31	Gabriela	18	Olivia	10	Imo	7
Miyu	26	Natalie	26	Izzie	12	Elsie	9	Alisa	7
Bertie	20	Nancy	24	Clarissa	8	Selena	7	Amelie	7
				Chloe	8	Anne	7		



Sport

This term's sport has come thick and fast. Although the main sport is Netball, we had girls playing boys hockey, fives, squash and tennis. We achieved a respectable 3rd in the Inter House Sports Cup this term, helped by our maiden team victory for the year by the Y9 Football team, led by Lucia. Although we only have 6 in the year (so they had to play as both A team and B team) they conceded none and enjoyed every minute of it. Well-deserved celebratory pizzas were enjoyed afterwards. The Y10 team placed 4th, but seemed happy to have played in the sports hall. The seniors played in driving rain on Beresford, were the first team there and had the most girls turn out of all the houses thanks to skipper Willow for galvanising such strong participation. Unfortunately we were unable to win a match but the bedraggled team were all smiling at the end of the tournament.

The netball teams were well represented once again, with Y9 coming 3rd (thanks to Bertie for captaining), Y10 coming an amazing 2nd (thanks to Nancy for captaining), and the seniors coming a respectable 3rd (thanks to Izzie for captaining). All teams had fun and showed great spirit, as the photos show.

The hotly anticipated house water polo was great fun and yet again, we seemed to make the most noise in the pool. Juniors were captained by Emilia and came 3rd, and the Seniors came 2nd and were captained



Sport continued...



by Alice. Both teams won one and lost one, and everyone enjoyed it. Once again it was fantastic to see so many girls participating in these house sports events, a key part of what College life is all



about. I am particularly impressed when girls who 'do not play netball' get stuck in and have a go, or as was the case with the interhouse chess, we manage to scramble a team together rather than just opt out and allow the other houses to have a bye into the next round.

As we look ahead to the Summer term, I will be aiming to build on this term's and have high hopes in in tennis and

cricket and of course, athletics on Sports Day.

Already, we have seen the likes of Selena represent the College at tennis, winning the Sussex ladies County Div 1 league. The College were also recognised as the Sussex LTA tennis school of the year so this could be a wonderful Summer ahead for the sport.

We have a couple of keen cricketers who joined Y12 this year, and I am hoping to report great things from House and College competition news at the end of next term.



Performing Arts & Creatives



The array of talent in Nugent continues to astound me. Not only did Gabriela receive a Musical Theatre award, (grade 5 with merit) at the end of term assembly, but Kate received half Colours for Art and full Colours for creative Arts were awarded to Georgia.

The Gold Arts award pupils Harmony, Georgia and Audrey contributed to an excellent exhibition in the Birley Centre. Harmony was also instrumental in running a Zine workshop for Year 12 pupils.

Finally, to House a Cappella, the six Nugent girls were simply incredible. The song choice and harmonies were beautiful and we received a credible 3rd place. Well done girls.



Nugent Revue



It was with some trepidation that I embarked on our first House Revue, but needn't have been concerned. Under the expert tutelage of year group tutors and a leader in each year, the girls organised themselves with little prompting required. The Y9 dance was comedy gold, with homage to the HsM & Helen thrown in. The Y10 sketch was written by Emelia and went down a storm, thanks in no small part to the convincing 'lads in the gym' scene. The Y11 video was a perfect reflection of their

Collective excellent sense of humour and the Y12 and Y13 dance and videos were certainly memorable. Imo and Ella were superb comperes and the whole production was made possible by the support and technical know-how from Georgia. The girls were watched by a full house of parents and students and safe to say, the audience fed back that it was a great success. Well done, everyone!



Service

Gabriela, Izzie and Clarissa attended their route planning and training day for their Silver Duke of Edinburgh award, in preparation for their summer assessment. Several of the girls have been working to help children from the Eastbourne Schools Partnership with their French and making a huge difference to their GCSE prospects.

Imo and Alice have contributed brilliantly to the Stage Magazine, writing some interesting articles for the house.

We managed to collect many bags of clothes and other items for the house charity, Kidogo, which is helping those displaced in Ukraine, please do keep up with their ongoing progress at www.kidogokidogo.uk.

Imo continues to lead by example, giving an impressive speech to CCF adults and her own CCF experience at the formal Officers and NCOs dinner.

While Gabriela Dixon completed the RAF's own cadre course on delivering lessons to junior cadets. She was also promoted to Lance Corporal.

House Dinner

We were thrilled to be sharing our House dinner this year with Gonville, who were excellent company. We decided on an Hawaiian theme which the girls totally immersed themselves in. There was a tutor quiz, limbo competition and a house band to entertain which went down well. Particularly impressive was Natalie who got up and sang publicly for the very first time, smashing 'Surfin' USA' by the Beachboys.

The girls were served a fruit punch and enjoyed breaded chicken burgers with chips and an delicious brownie with ice-cream for dessert. My thanks to the following: Natalie & Rachel for singing, Lizzie Horridge and Y12/13 for helping set up; Jo for organising the playlist with Y13 and Mr Wingfield-Digby for helping organise the whole event. Photos on next page...



Eastbournian Society

The annual Futures fair took place in March, with OEs and Eastbournian Society members taking the time to talk to current pupils and Coastal School Partnership pupils about their careers, from a wide range of sectors and industries. A number of universities were also represented, providing a useful opportunity for our pupils to ask valuable questions. A good number of Y11 & 12s attended, and found that 2 hours simply wasn't enough time to round to all the very interesting stands available. If you would like to take part in the futures fair 2024, the feel free to get in touch with Emma Garrett ECBGarrett@eastbourne-college.co.uk. Emma has come to Nugent to talk at several parent's evenings about the incredible work they do at the ES and I am looking forward to helping build bridges between us in the future.



Looking ahead.....

I am looking forward to longer days, allowing Helen and me more time to entertain the girls on our side for baking and general catch-ups. It's so good to see them all in their year groups, Y10 are usually in my study between 9:30-10:00pm 'hanging out', which is where I tend to catch up on most of the goss.

With a little bit of moving around we



plan to have the ground floor bedroom used as a dedicated quiet study room. Hopefully, that will be welcomed by those in Y11 & 13 especially.

The school have observed an uptick in vaping, which is of huge concern to me and mirrors what is happening to teenagers across the UK. Please be vigilant

and work with us in protecting your girls from this harmful pastime.

Please also be aware that the end of the Summer Term is Saturday July 1st after Speech Day and that the Friday before is whole school assembly and Sports Day, where we are hoping for great success!

Again, more generally the return times from exeats, half terms and Holidays are strictly kept, and can be found in the whitebook. There is no guarantee that I or anyone else will be here to receive your daughters if they arrive outside of those hours.

Y12's who would like a leadership position next year will be asked to write formally for consideration at the beginning of the Summer term. Could I encourage you to help your daughters think carefully about the process and I look forward to receiving applications in due course.

Uniform rules are still in place for study leave if choosing to remain in school and attending meals too. Overall, I am thoroughly impressed with the general meal attendance and uniform adherence, and appreciate your continued support in these areas.

I would also like to thank you in advance for writing to let me know when and where your daughters are going at weekends, to ensure the safeguarding and avoid confusion. My thanks, and have a chocolatey Easter.

Dates for your diary

Mon 17 Apr 6:00pm Term Starts

Sat 22 Apr 7:00pm Boarder's Ball

Friday 5 May 2:35pm Exeat begins

Mon 8 May 6:00pm, Exeat ends.

Mon 15 May Study Leave begins for Y11

Mon 22 May Study Leave begins for Y13

Fri 26 May 2:35pm Half Term begins

Sun 4 Jun 4:00pm Half Term ends

Sat 17 Jun 10:30am G'parents morning

Sat 1 Jul 3:00pm End of Term



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