

School House Summer 2024



The summer term is always a whirlwind and this term has been no exception! The girls have been simply brilliant, especially considering the pressure of end of year exams and formal exams. Every one of them has demonstrated buckets of resilience. They have been a pleasure to spend time with, retaining their excellent sense of humour and School House spirit and I am very proud of them. This newsletter captures a snap shot of everything which went on this term!

A special mention must be made to this years U6 leavers. They have been a truly special bunch and we wish them all the very best for exam results and their next steps. They will always be a part of School House no matter where their adventures take them!

Well done School House Class of 2024!



House Families

Summer term kicked off the return of house families and introduced our new Year 12 family leaders.

A great chance to get to know each other a little better, on a glorious summer afternoon, families set off on a scavenger hunt around school, solving riddles along the way. On return they were treated to delicious ice creams complete with sauce and sprinkles.



Family Groups

Iguanodons: Charlin, Jocelyn, Frankie, Val, Chloe, Amelie, Kitty. Led by Joelle

Spinosaurus: Poppy, Riley, Lily, Sasa, Hanhan, Caroline. Led by Anna

Stegosaurus: Annabelle, Viola, Ellen, Emma Z, Emma T, Noor, Flora. Led by Tiggy

T-Rex: Annie, Mariia, Louise, Xinyue, Varvara, Millie. Led by Ariane

Diplodocus: Martina, Flo, Renee, Clara, Lily, Ella B, Alice. Led by Nao

Velociraptor: Iso, Sara, Lucy, Milly, Issy, Daisy, Mandy. Led by Tilly

Our families are very special and give the girls a chance to learn from each other and support each other through difficult situations. It's like having a load of big sisters all rooting for you which is very important.

House Senior Team

I couldn't run this house without the senior pupil team. These girls are my eyes on the ground, barometers, confidants and guides. They lead house council, buddy new pupils and keep me up to date and organised on top of all they have to do. They have started their roles with enthusiasm and I know they will be looking forward to getting stuck in properly next term. I look forward to working with them.

Head of House—Ella Banks

Deputy Heads of House—Millie Grantham and Alice Osbourne

Peer Listener—Daisy Garvin-Marr

Sports Captains—Anna Watson and Tiggy Tutt

Head of International—Mandy Luo

Head of Events—Ariane Dodard

Head of Younger Years—Kitty Seavill

Achievements

School House pupils have achieved huge amounts this term. It was heartening to see so many receive end of year prizes and I could barely keep up with the endless stream of Show Hsms, Praises and End of Year Effort awards. Here is everything summarised:



Art

We are lucky enough to have many artistic girls in house but special mention must go to Lucy Lily and Charlin whose artwork was chosen to be displayed at the Bandstand display this summer! Huge well done girls!



Nao's work was also chosen for the ES Blue Sky Bursaries video.

Achievements

End of Year Prizes



Year 9 Winners

Sara— Art Prize, Mariia—Dance Prize, Iso—Textiles Prize and Poppy—Outstanding Academic Achievement

Year 10 Winners

Viola—Classical Civilisation, Computing and Mathematics Prizes, Ellen—French Prize

Year 11 Winners

Issy—English, History and French Prizes, Millie—Geography and French Prizes, Hanhan—Music Prize, Xinyue— English as Additional Language Prize

Year 12 Winners

Alice—Dance and Geography Prize, Varvara—English as Additional Language and Service to Chapel Prizes, Ariane—German Prize, Tiggy—PE Prize

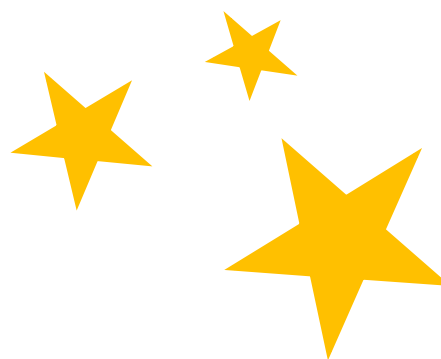
Year 13 Winners

Lati—Head of School Prize, Holly—Art Prize, Becky—Achievement in Sport Prize

Total ShowHSM and Praise points by year group. Final standings for the year.

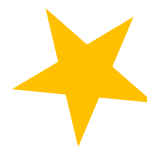
Year	First	Second	Third
Year 9	Poppy	Charlin	Riley
Year 10	Viola	Millie and	Lucy
Year 11	Hanhan	Issy	Emma T and Xinyue
Year 12	Alice	Varvara	Tiggy
Year 13	Cindy	Becky	Lati

Huge congratulations to Millie Grantham, Kitty Seavill, Tiggy Tutt and Xinyue Zhao who haven't received a single sanction all year!



Achievements

Colours, Awards and Sporting Achievements



Full Colours

Lati—Athletics, Becky, Annabel and Lola—Tennis, Milly Bateman—Cricket

Triple Colours

Millie Bonnar—Hockey, Cricket and Tennis.

Arts Awards

Gold Arts to Holly and Bronze Arts to Valerie

Young Musician of the Year

Duet winner—Hanhan who also gained her L4 Diploma in Musical Performance

Simon Green Cup for Endeavour

Millie Bonnar has played over 140 matches across five sports for the College and the most by any pupil in Y13 this year! In this, her second season with the 1st XI girls cricket team, she was again first to score 50. She also competed for the girl's senior tennis team. Her positivity and encouragement to those around her has been inspirational and she is fully deserving of this award.



Big well done to Kitty Seavill who successfully passed her CISI Fundamentals of Financial Services qualification. A significant achievement!

School House Spirit Award

This award is made each year to one girl who has epitomised all we ask of a School House girl.

Recipients fulfil not only the school core values of participation, kindness, integrity and pursuit of excellence, but also go out of their way to support others in the house, be an outstanding role model and all round good person.

This year's recipient was a unanimous choice.

Cindy Deng!



Achievements

End of Year Class Effort Prizes



Awarded by teachers to pupils who have demonstrated significant effort, consistency and enthusiasm throughout the year.

Year 9

Annie—Religious Studies, Jocelyn—Maths, Poppy—Music and Chemistry, Charlin—French and Art and Riley—French and Classical Civilisation

Year 10

Milly Duffillova—German, Louise—French and Viola—Art and History

Year 11

Hanhan—Music and German, Emma Thylmann—Biology

Year 12

Noor—Physics, Anna—Religious Studies, Joelle—Economics and Chemistry, Daisy—Maths, Varvara—Dance

Year 10 CCF Activity Week

This was the hottest Activity Week in many years and Year 10 must be commended on their resilience during four full days of water sports, London trips and of course, the highly anticipated and challenging, day and night in Tangier Woods practising all the cadet skills they have developed over the year. From camouflage and field cooking, to recon and using weapons, they absolutely smashed it, returning home exhausted but happy.

A special mention to Renee, Lucy and Lily who excelled in the blank firing exercises and were particularly enthusiastic about their CCF weapons experience, despite initial reservations. I now know who will protect the house should it ever be needed!!



Activities and Events

Boarders' BBQ



Alternating with the annual Boarders' Ball (which returns next summer) the inaugural Boarders' BBQ was a huge success. As well as delicious BBQ supper, rounders, tennis, Kubb, Spike Ball, Croquet and volley ball activities took place. Mr Medlycott flagged down an ice cream van so everyone could enjoy a delicious ice cream at the end of the evening. It truly was a celebration of the wonderful boarding community. Not one girl asked to leave and we had to shoo them home at 9pm. A huge shout out to Mr Wingfield-Digby who masterminded the event, which now becomes a permanent bi-annual fixture in our calendars.

Bandstand

The annual bandstand gig, celebrating singer song-writers and our Jazz Band was excellent. Well done to both Ella B and Millie Davidson-Houston for finding time to get to rehearsals and the performance amidst a hectic schedule. The whole house went and agreed it was superb!



Hanhan's Recital

The only Year 11 to be awarded her own recital, usually reserved for sixth form pupils, Hanhan wowed with a selection of gorgeous pieces. We are very lucky to have such a talented violinist in School House. Well done Hanhan.



House Bingo

We held a post exams party for the night after exams had ended. The girls demolished piles of cakes, fresh fruit and crisps impressively quickly and then three very fraught games of bingo followed. The winners of this terms highly sought after Jellycats were Lati, Lucy and Ellen! Lucky girls.

Activity Week

Year 9 pupils enjoyed either a trip to stunning Italy or a three day programme including film making, an inflatable assault course, tree top high ropes and a trip to Longbridge Farm.



Sport Success

Once again, participation has been a key there this term and so many of the girls have gone out there and done their best across a variety of sporting competitions. Led by Anna and Tiggy, our new sports captains, with ongoing support from Millie and Ella P, our outgoing sports captains, School House did an amazing job and the sea of blue and braids at sports events, from house tennis to Sports Day was unbeatable. Particularly the house spirit and camaraderie which saw non competitors turning out to cheer on their friends, run with them where needed and ultimately win us the House Spirit Award for the third time in a row. I couldn't be prouder!



Whilst we didn't win the House Sports Cup this year the girls put in some impressive performances at sports day:

Senior Girls

Alice—1st place in the 400m, Millie— 1st place Triple Jump, Ella—1st place Long Jump and Holly—1st Place High Jump

Inters

Clara—1st place 1500m

Juniors

Mariia—1st place hurdles

Heptathlon Participants

A special mention to our heptathletes who competed in the 100m, 800m, long jump and shot putt. No mean feat and we think they did a super job!

Juniors: Iso and Lily—joint second and third respectively

Inters: Millie Davidson-Houston—second place

Seniors: Ella—second place



New beginnings and farewells



We were extremely excited to welcome two new members of School House.

Baby Tabitha was born on 8 May, 8lbs and 1oz. She was shortly joined by baby Mabel on 13 May, 9lbs and 5oz. Both girls are simply gorgeous and have had so many cuddles from their new babysitters!



We are also thrilled that Mrs WA and Katie will be back with us next term. Mrs WA re-

turns as resident tutor and Katie comes back as our evening and weekend matron. Both will return to full duties after Christmas.



Dee Traynor returns as matron for the first few weeks of term until Katie is back. Miss Belle (Drama Graduate) and Miss Rogerson (Sports Graduate) join us as new duty tutors.

We also had to say goodbye to some people this term. Miss Ball leaves Eastbourne College at the end of term to travel and explore. She has been a school house tutor for almost all of her 8 years here and she will be very missed.

Miss Fry leaves School House for the role of resident tutor in Nugent house. Whilst we will be sad to lose her from house, we are excited she will remain part of the boarding community.



As always, it is super sad to say goodbye to School House girls as they leave the school and go onto other exciting chapters.



This term we lose Martina from Year 9, Ellen from Year 10, Clara, Emma Thylmann and Emma Zhu from Year 11 and Caroline and Amelie from Year 12. They have all added so much joy to the School House community and we wish them all the very best for their next steps.

Dates for your diary

A full calendar will be with you for the start of next term, however here a few key dates to keep in your diary.

Wednesday 28 August— 6pm Boarders return (those flying in can enter earlier on request)

Thursday 29 August— Term starts

31 August—Year group BBQs

1 September—House charity shop challenge and family day

7 September—House BBQ

14 September—Lower 6th Welcome Dinner and Junior Supper Trip

15 September—House Olympics

20 September—U6 parents evening and Exeat

5 October—School House Concert

18 October—L6 parents evening and Half Term

10 November—Remembrance Parade

22 November—Y9 parents evening and Exeat

12 December—House Singing

13 December—End of term

Term dates can be found on our website to enable you to make travel arrangements. Please note all pupils must be at school until the end of each half and full term. No early leave will be approved.

Important Notices

As we move back to Friday chapel services , a reminder that pupils going home on a Friday will be able to leave from 6pm onwards after Chapel has finished.

Check uniform ready for the start of term. Junior skirts should sit on the knee and many girls have shot up this year so new skirts will be needed. Senior pupils must have matching suits. Skirts should sit on the knee when standing and trousers shouldn't be flared or wide legged.

As always—please ensure everything, including home clothes, is named!

