

# Watt House Newsletter

**In humanitate robur**



## So many things to celebrate and enjoy!

The girls have been exceptionally busy this term and I am in awe of just how much they manage to squeeze into their school days. It has been lovely to see how many have put their hands up to volunteer to take part in things because they want to try new challenges, at the same time as giving something back to the College and the House.

As a result, the girls have had a really successful term and many of you will already have read about their achievements in all areas of College life. More importantly, the sense of community inside the buildings is wonderful and Watt is overflowing with caring, kind girls.

In this newsletter I will try to give a snapshot of their lives this term.

### HOUSE PREFECTS



Missy Richardson



Mishel Fooks



Alice Younger



May Fogarty-Stevens

### DEPUTY HEAD OF HOUSE



Sophie Stevens

### HEAD OF HOUSE



Leticia Nare

### DEPUTY HEAD OF HOUSE



Sophia Marshall

### DEPUTY HEAD OF SCHOOL



Katie Hillyer



# House Revue

The House Revue is always one of the main highlights of the year and it is a fabulous opportunity for the girls to show parents what an incredibly talented bunch they are. They did not disappoint this year and the sense of pride and community were also clearly evident throughout. The usual frantic last minute dance rehearsals and day before video editing are normal behaviours, but the girls were incredibly self-sufficient about getting these done and I was able to sit back and do nothing. Almost. I cannot thank them enough for turning up for rehearsals in good cheer, taking directions and being so positive. We even had a guest male performer this year! In between the upbeat Year 10 dance and Leticia's breath-taking song, they showcased rhythm, humour, harmony and a sense of fun. The girls also performed the house song in a lighthearted manner; they must have just enjoyed singing it live to you, their parents, with no pressure. Anyway, I am sure you will all agree that the evening was a joy and £320 was raised for charity in the process too.









# Inter-House Events

There have been various events this term where the girls have had the opportunity to be competitive. They have all donned their yellow shirts and whether it was netball, football, waterpolo, basketball, squash or chess, they have done Watt proud.

In netball, the Year 9s and 10s came second, after some excellent matches on Powell courts. The seniors were so exciting to watch, but despite beating School, came a close third. A combined result saw the girls **second overall**. In squash, the girls triumphed in every game, so were the runaway **WINNERS**. The Year 9s struggled in the football, but the Year 10s came second and the seniors **WON**. Thank you to Kayla for juggling her normal training schedule to manage the team and play. We also **WON** the Waterpolo competition and the girls **TRIUMPHED** in the Basketball after some excellent play. Badminton proved not to be our game, yet, but there is always next year! In Chess, the girls did really well to qualify after some tough matches, but then sadly lost in the quarters. They were the **top girls team** though. Special thanks to Tilly (only lost one game), Xanthe and Belle for being the regular players.

Thank you to all the girls for taking part in everything so enthusiastically. They were unfailingly encouraging and positive with each other in every game, no matter what sport or activity and they really did themselves and the house proud with their sporting behaviour - whatever the result.

Of course, I cannot refer to inter-house events without mentioning the A Cappella. The girls were unable to win it for the fourth year in a row, but they were musically magnificent. Rehearsals only started with a week to go and it was quickly apparent that getting so many girls together was almost impossible. You couldn't tell that on the night though, could you? Their last minute warm up consisted of scoffing pizza, while chatting and laughing and encouraging each other. Thank you: Leticia Nare, Katie Hillyer, Alice Younger, Ava Talman, Alice Caroe, Kitty Hill, Ella Home, Sathana Ramasamy, Poppy Champion, Lucy O'Hara and Ana Brown.













# Music, Dance & Drama

The house is full of amazingly talented musicians, singers, dancers and actors, so they are often to be found over in Big School, the Birley or the dance studio, rehearsing. This term we have had Composer performances, Informal Concerts, the Dance Showcase, the Music Scholars' Concert, the Jazz Evening and the Year 9 Drama Scholars' show, as well as the Charity Revue. Each time I was in awe of how confident the girls appeared up on the stage and just how accomplished they all were.

The Dance Showcase was totally sensational. I thought last year's was amazing, but this was another level. Well done to all of the dancers: Katie Hillyer, Ciara Donsbach, Jessica Moore, Kristiana Bailey, Sophia Pennington, Isla Jourdain, Nikol Saveleva, Sophie Imison, Lilah Medlycott and Saffie Polok. It was a highly polished and truly enjoyable evening.

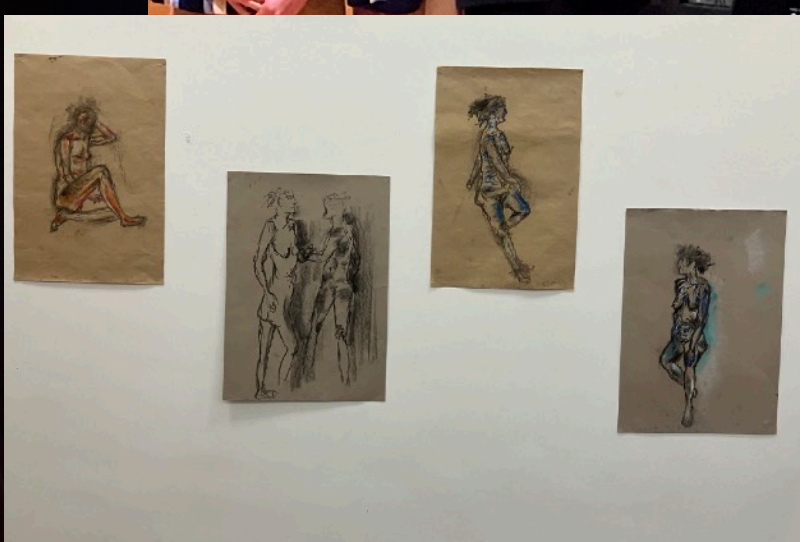
Sophie Fellows was one of the the main organisers of the Charity Revue and that too was an excellent evening of entertainment. A few of the Watt girls gave up their time to rehearse, perform and entertain and help raise lots of money for charity too.

Isla Jourdain, Miki Chae, Yuki Chae, Sophie Fellows and Emma Birch performed wonderfully in the Piano recital; Ella Horne and Alice Caroe sang beautifully in the Jazz Concert and Alice Caroe, Xanthe Lawson, Ella Horne and Alice Younger wowed in the most recent Scholars' Concert.

Liv Reade, Hannah Sewell and Missy Richardson also held an excellent Gold Arts Awards private view this term.









# House Entertainment



There have been a few events this term which the girls have all got stuck into and enjoyed. They usually revolve around food, but not always. Food though, as we witness every year, is a wonderful way to bring people together in an unhurried manner. Sitting and chatting while munching, is a happy healthy way to spend some social time.

This term we have had: some Feast Fridays, Bicy Breaks (organised by the Wellbeing Whizzkids and Peer Listeners), a cake in a mug evening, a Year 10 Hide & Seek / Macdonalds evening, a Cryptic Clue Egg Hunt and of course, the International Dinner. All have been great, but the highlight must be the International Dinner. Nearly all of the girls stayed to feast on Chinese, Indian, Mexican and Greek food and absolutely no-one had the slightest opportunity of going home hungry! Yum yum!



# Individual Successes

## Music

Miki Chae	Piano	Grade 5	Distinction
Xanthe Lawson	Singing	Grade 7	Distinction
Alice Caroe	Singing	Grade 8	Distinction

## Trinity Musical Theatre

Leticia Nare	Grade 8	Distinction
Ana Brown	Grade 6	Merit
Isla Jourdain	Grade 6	Merit

## Half Colours

Alice Caroe	Drama
Sophie Fellows	Netball & Fives
Daisy Dunkley	Fives

## Full Colours

Poppy Thomas	Netball
Ava Talman	Netball
Missy Richardson	Squash
Alice Younger	Music
Liv Reade	Textiles

## Mathematics Olympiad for Girls

Poppy Thomas	Distinction
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## Advanced UK Linguists Olympiad

Xanthe Lawson	Silver Medal
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## Extra-curricular commitment

May Fogarty-Stevens	Qualified as a Young Scout Leader
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## Gold DofE

Mishel Fooks
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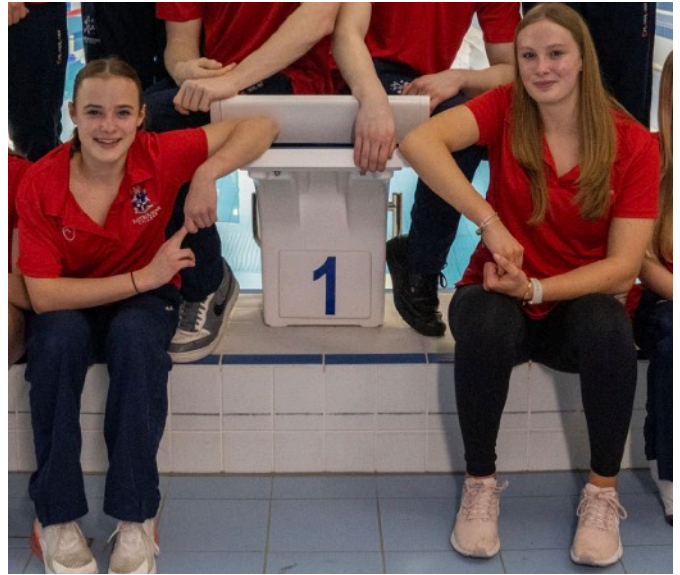


## More Individual Sporting Success

Hattie Stone (Year 9) competed in the Swimming Counties over two weekends in February. She achieved outstanding results, with some PBs along the way and is now overall Junior Champion, as well as U15 winner of : 50m Fly, 100m Fly, 50m Breaststroke, 100m Breaststroke and 100m Freestyle.

Amelie Hunt (Year 11) also competed, but has moved up to the Senior competition now, where as a 16 year old, she is competing against adults. Amelie qualified for four finals and did incredibly well, while competing against 20 year olds who do not have to juggle school commitments, as she does.

Amelie and Hattie were also 2 of the 4 members of the girls' swim team who competed in the Bath Cup at the Olympic Park this month. With 3 x Year 9s and a Year 11 in this U18 competition, they did incredibly well to qualify for the finals and promise much for next year.



Izzie D'Abbraccio (Year 9) continues on her upward trajectory with her fencing.

This term, not only did she win the U16 Kent County Championships, so is now County Champion, she also came 2nd in the recent Public School Championships.

Nationals are on the horizon for her too.

Lexi Stanger (Year 9) continues to excel with her gymnastics.

Last term she competed in the Sussex Championships and won her particular category event. Earlier this month she finished in the top 2 in a high level event to qualify for a national competition: the English Finals in Telford in June.





## Notable Show Hsms & Praise

Show Hsms:		Praise:		
<b>Year 9</b>	Saffie Polok	: 14	Elizabeth O'Sullivan	: 26
	Anjali Pal	: 13	Marla Walker Rhymes:	22
	Ava Williams	: 12	Serena Patel	: 22
	Eden Bell	: 11	Izzie D'Abbraccio	: 21
<b>Year 10</b>	Amelie Knight	: 7	Yuki Chae	: 12
	Maya Vidyarthi	: 7	Laila Rajwani	: 12
	Nikol Saveleva	: 7	Sophia Pennington	: 11
<b>Year 11</b>	Jessica Moore	: 7	Lucy O'Hara	: 7
	Kristiana Bailey	: 6	Humreen Ellens	: 6
<b>Year 12</b>	Xanthe Lawson	: 8	Emily Finch	: 5
	Kitty Hill	: 8	Daisy Barrow	: 4
	Emma Birch	: 6	Emma Birch	: 4
<b>Year 13</b>	Grace King	: 5	Ella Stevenson	: 4
	Mishel Fooks	: 4	Alice Younger	: 3

## Subject Commendations

Alice Younger

Tilly Chapman

Sophie Fellows

Ebony Aloof

## Deputy Head's Commendations

Kristiana Bailey

Lily Michaelides

Jessica Moore

## Headmaster's Commendations

Humreen Ellens

Sophie Fellows



# House Life





## Even More Individual Sporting Success



Kayla Ginger (Year 13) continues to excel with her football. After competing in international tournaments for the Hungarian National team last year, she remains a part of the Brighton and Hove squad and has successfully juggled preparing for her A-levels and training and playing to a high level each week. She was certainly awe-inspiring in the inter-house matches! She is off to America next year to study and play football. What a star!

Amelie Knight (Year 10) has played golf for a few years, but this past year she has started to 'get the bug' properly and can be regularly seen out on the course, or practising. She has just been selected to join the Sussex development squad, so well done to her. We will enjoy watching her progress over the next few years.



### The Simon Green Cup for Endeavour

Poppy Thomas (Year 13) joined the College in Year 12 and has shone from the minute she arrived. As a sports scholar, her major sport is netball, but she has been prepared to represent the house and school in any other events too and has been a leading light.

This year she has been 1st VII Netball Captain and is known for her almost machine like ability to score goals from everywhere in the circle, as well as her ability to move over two thirds of the court in just a couple of bounds. Her willingness to push herself to improve both with her mental approach and physical abilities has been inspirational to many other girls. She is a most worthy winner of this cup.



## Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 16th April	:	Summer term starts
Friday 26th April	:	Year 11 Dinner (6pm-8pm)
Saturday 4th May	:	Year 10 parents meeting (before Saturday matches).
Saturday 4th May	:	Exeat Weekend (after Saturday matches)
Monday 6th May	:	Bank Holiday Monday (no school)
Monday 13th May	:	Year 11 Study Leave starts
<b>Friday 17th May</b>	:	<b>Watt House End of Year BBQ &amp; Prizes (6pm-8pm)</b>
Monday 20th May	:	Year 13 Study Leave starts
Friday 24th May	:	Half Term starts
Friday 28th June	:	Sports Day (all pupils return for this)
Saturday 29th June	:	Speech Day
Saturday 29th June	:	Year 13 Cornflower Ball - Winter Garden

**Have a lovely Easter everyone!**