

Watt House Newsletter

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A Fitting Finale to a Fabulous Year!

What a year it has been! Already known as the musical, dance and drama house due to the girls holding the House Singing and A Cappella Cups and forming half the cast of Les Miserables this year, they have put the cherry on the icing on the cake this term. Not only did they win Sports Day for the first time in at least six years, they then were announced the winners of the overall Sports Cup on Speech Day; sharing the honour with the boys of Wargrave. This is a fitting ending to a year filled with enthusiasm, fun and endeavour.

As the house continues to expand next year, I hope that the girls remember how proud they felt when 'Watt' was announced as the winners and they keep putting those hands up and smiling!

HOUSE PREFECTS



Millie Cranston



Lucy Mannion

SCHOOL PREFECT



Polly Symes

PEER LISTENERS



Lily O'Brien



Eliza Brown

DEPUTY HEAD OF HOUSE



Darcey Gibson

HEAD OF HOUSE



Amelia Baldock

HOUSE & SCHOOL PREFECT



Kiri Marshall

Sports Day

Let's start with Sports Day. What a win! What an achievement! What a wonderful afternoon!

With more competitors needed for each event this year, it was a challenge filling some of the places, but apart from the senior hurdles (I will get them out practising next year), the girls stepped up and leapt onto the track, or the sand pits and there were numerous wins. These were obviously great to watch and fantastic for the girls to achieve, but equally of value were the girls who just finished their races, or clambered over the high jump bar for the first time ever. Thank you to the girls who stood and cheered, wearing the supporters kit and waving their pompoms. Every point mattered and the looks of pride and joy on the girls' faces when they finished each race was a genuine joy. Congratulations to all the winners, but congratulations too to all the finishers, especially if running/throwing/jumping is not your 'thing'.







House Sport

There have been various other events this term where the girls have had the opportunity to be competitive against the other houses. For the first time ever, there was even competitive cricket, with the juniors all playing on College Field.

Both the Year 9s and the 10s WON their tennis. In Fives, the girls came SECOND. In swimming, both the juniors and the seniors annihilated the other houses as they splashed their way to huge victories. The Year 10s came SECOND in the cricket and the seniors came a very close THIRD. Harsh, as they only played one game and lost that by just 4 runs to the eventual winners.







Music & Drama

This term we have had: the Young Musician of the Year vocal and instrumental finals, the Summer Concert, the Singer/Songwriter evening and the Dell Play, amongst many other things. Every evening was a delight.

The standard of the music in the College is incredibly high, as I am sure you will agree, having listened to the Symphony Orchestra on Speech Day. If you enjoyed their performance of 'Pirates of the Caribbean', you would have loved the Summer Concert, where Livia, Emily, Charlotte, Nelly, Xanthe and Alice all shone. The Undercroft was a whole different vibe and equally enjoyable. Performing your own compositions in public must be daunting, but everyone looked so confident. Well done to Jasmine, Polly, Ruby, Millie and Nelly for making it such a fun evening. YMOTY was an exceptionally high standard this year and any of the Watt girls could have walked home with the prizes, so good were they. Well done and thank you to Emily (joint winner of the senior prize on the flute), Livia, Xanthe, Alice, Poppy and Emma.

The Dell Play was short, snappy and left us wanting more. Timing was key and the girls nailed it and got the laughs. Well done Amelia, Polly, Verity and Millie.





House BBQ

The House BBQ is always a lovely event and one where the House Families can compete with each other in a very lighthearted manner with games of rounders on College Field, followed by a BBQ in the garden. It is also an opportunity to celebrate some of the 'unique' qualities of the girls, such as whose room is the messiest and whose skirt keeps rolling up higher and higher.

We also award the Watt Cup, for the girl who truly embodies the spirit of the house (and who may actually have yellow blood flowing through her veins this year) and the 'Mini-Watts' for a girl in each year group who also stands out from the crowd as someone willing to put their hand up and volunteer, as well as being extremely kind and caring. It is usually very hard to find just one recipient in each year group and this year was certainly no different. The Mini-Watts this year were won by: Poppy Champion, Sophie Fellows, Lottie Thorley, Darcey Gibson and Millie-Rose White. The main Watt Cup winner was Jessie Tarrant.

As ever, a big thank you goes to all the girls for clearing up so beautifully at the end of the evening and to my husband for doing the barbecuing so well, even though there was a slightly stressful start to proceedings when the meat was all delivered frozen. Thank goodness for microwaves!!







House Life

This term, as well as all of the major events, the House has been ticking along with year group rounders, baking, bingo, Feast Fridays, colouring and jigsaw puzzling. The girls and boys houses are slightly different and one afternoon, when two of the Housemasters popped in, their chins hit the floor when they espied the girls sitting around finishing a puzzle, while others were studiously colouring in, at the same time as nattering to each other. A real sense of calm was evident and at the end of a long, hard day, many of the girls have taken the opportunity to unwind before tackling more work. It has been a pleasure to see.



Individual Successes

With such a large number of hardworking, immensely talented girls in the house, it is sometimes hard to keep up with all of their achievements, both inside and outside of school, but we do our best and here are some of the individual successes from the past few months:

Xanthe Lawson beat off 3,200 competitors from more than 260 schools to win the South East region, German, Level 2, Anthea Bell Prize for Young Translators. An amazing achievement!

Having seen Sophia Hawkins dance, we all know how talented she is. This summer she has been accepted onto an extremely selective classical ballet course at Elmhurst Ballet School.

Polly Symes was co-editor and producer of the College's first ever academic magazine: 'Symposium'.

Millie-Rose White has been offered a full scholarship at the prestigious Laine Theatre Arts Academy. She has also just competed and been placed in the Miss Dance UK finals and has qualified for the world performer finals.

Humreen Ellens won the annual Kirk Greene prize for her French reading recital.

Millie Cranston took part in a youth engagement programme run by the House of Lords select committee for the Environment and Climate Change. She met with five peers to present her ideas and has received a certificate of appreciation from the House of Lords. Fantastic!

Even though they had finished exams and could have been at home relaxing, Bethany Thomson, Mia Lozinski and Izehi Ebhohimen all came back in to school in the last week to help run the Pride Lunch. It was a great success.

Poppy Campion ran a marathon over two days to raise money for Ukraine. What a fantastic attitude and level of fitness for a Year 9!



Year 13 Leavers

It is always sad to say goodbye to the Year 13s, as they head off to pastures new. This year is particularly poignant for me, as many of them started in Year 9, as I too arrived at the College and became the Housemistress of Watt. We all learned together and for the past five years, as others have joined that group, they have been outstanding ambassadors for the House and the College. They will be greatly missed, but they leave behind the legacy of kindness, compassion and joy, which has made them such a very special group of girls.

They all looked utterly stunning for their Cornflower Ball.





End of Year Class Effort Awards

Lily Michaelides	:	German & Spanish	Amelie Hunt	:	French
Nessie Miller	:	Art & Latin	Jessica Moore	:	Geography
Mia Taylor	:	English & Maths	Lucy O'Hara	:	French
Libby Thorley	:	Art & English	Humreen Ellens	:	Textiles
Poppy Champion	:	Spanish			
Maisie Tarrant	:	Biology	Angelina Watson	:	English
Missy Richardson	:	German & French			
Ellie Simpkin	:	Photography	Polly Symes	:	English
Darcey Gibson	:	PE			
Millie-Rose White	:	Dance & History	Ellie Robins	:	French x2
Livia Domaingue	:	Geography	Evie Sleep	:	Art

Subject Commendations

Libby Thorley	:	French	Humreen Ellens	:	French
Jessie Tarrant	:	The Stag Magazine			

Headmaster's Commendations

Izehi Ebhohimen
Kiri Marshall
Millie Cranston
Polly Symes
Poppy Champion

Headmaster's Award

Bethany Thomson

Colours

Half Colours:

Verity Terry : Dance & Drama
Sophia Marshall : Drama

Full Colours:

Evie Sleep : Art
Livia Domaingue : Music
Jessie Tarrant : Photography & Textiles
Daisy Russell : Drama

Music Awards

Xanthe Lawson : Grade 4 Violin
Grade 4 Piano
Grade 6 Singing
Alice Caroe : Grade 6 Singing
Emma Birch : Grade 8 Piano
Charlotte Walters : Grade 6 Clarinet
Livia Domaingue : Grade 8 Violin

DofE Gold Award

Emily May

Ellie Robins

Gold Arts Award

Livia Domaingue

Jessie Tarrant

Millie White

Daisy Russell

Orla Maclaurin

Evie Sleep

Speech Day Prizes

Humreen Ellens	:	Emily Hale Prize for the Outstanding Academic Performance in Year 9
Daria Popa	:	Dance
Lucy O'Hara	:	Drama
Poppy Campion	:	English
		Tom Lewis Year 9 Prize
Kristiana Bailey	:	Latin
Jessica Moore	:	Spanish
Xanthe Lawson	:	EC Prize for the Outstanding Academic Performance in Year 10
Sophie Fellows	:	Latin
Emma Birch	:	Physics
Daisy Dunkley	:	Textiles
Sara Bierbrauer	:	English as an Additional Language
Charlotte Thorley	:	Rexie Adalian Junior Scripture
Sophia Marshall	:	Steer Award for Acting
Kiri Marshall	:	Newton Critical Reading Prize & Art Prize
Millie Cranston	:	Dance Prize
Polly Symes	:	Gurney Travel Scholarship
Maddy Osman	:	Jubilee Prize for the Outstanding Academic Performance in Upper Sixth
Jessie Tarrant	:	Archbishop Gregg Classical Civilisation Prize
		Senior Photography Prize
Sapphyre Mills Kennelly:		C Mackenzie Senior German Prize
Katherine Walters	:	Duke of Devonshire Senior Classics Prize
Emily May	:	Duncan Ferguson Senior Geography Prize
Daisy Russell	:	Gubbins Senior Drama Prize
Bethany Thomson	:	Headmaster's Prize for Be You Ambassadorship
Livia Domaingue	:	HV Waterfield Senior Music Prize
Millie White	:	Senior Dance Prize
Lottie Crathern	:	Senior Business Prize
		Senior Politics Prize
		Tenby Senior Economics Prize

Some Pictures to Finish



Have a Wonderful Summer Everyone!