

Nugent News

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This has certainly felt like a very long term and we can all reflect on a lots of achievements and hurdles overcome. The newbies who started this year are all now fully integrated and I can reassure them that the Lent and Summer terms are by no means as heavy as this first term. Each and every girl can be really proud of what they have done this term, although there is always room for improvement, it feels like as a house we are almost there in terms of buy in and general attitude to the College offering and boarding life.

Since Sana has joined as matron, her warmth and presence have changed the vibe in house considerably. Her office is usually buzzing with chatter, or girls are in there sharing their worries and woes in private. Hayley Fry has also completed her first term as resident tutor and brought with her loads of energy and enthusiasm, organising events like Sunday Funday and the Christmas Party. With these two on board I know that Nugent is in great hands.

I know that with the Government's policy on taxing private schools, boarding parents in particular are feeling the pinch. As a boarding house we are more under pressure to provide outstanding care and opportunities for the pupils under our supervision. This newsletter certainly showcases just how much we are doing and I hope that you all agree there's not a lot more that we could be doing. The overall feeling in house is wonderful, and although you might have heard of what has not gone that well this term, within this newsletter you can read about what we have done brilliantly.

Helen and I, and all the Nugent team, wish you a very happy and peaceful Christmas.



Term Review

This has been the most packed term I have ever experienced as a HsM. From all the usual House events, such as hockey, singing, dinners, Y9 drama and revues, we are also now packing in Colour Runs, Boarder's Olympics, Sunday Funday and awesome Christmas Parties. That has brought a buzz to boarding that the girls feed off and I am so pleased that most of them (and you parents!) recognise that, and fully buy into what we are trying to do. With more participation the girls are getting much more out of their time here, and we are now expecting to challenge for wins, knowing that we are all for one and one for all. The new pupils in house have certainly thrown themselves into everything and I

look forward to seeing what we can achieve next term with Netball being the main focus. Great term all round everyone, and you deserve a good break!



Academic

At risk of sounding like a stuck record, practice makes perfect and good habits bring good results. I am so pleased to see that the discipline around prep, meals & bedtimes is beginning to produce some great results. The number of last years' Y13 Nugent leavers that are at a first choice University are up compared to previous years, and this is absolutely no coincidence. The current sixth form are an excellent example to the rest of the house, regularly signing up to morning & Saturday sessions and also utilising the LRC in the evenings. I know the Y11's will be revising hard for their mocks and the Y13's won't be fully relaxed over the Christmas period either, but they have been working hard and should be comforted with that knowledge. Alisa and Sunny (Y10) deserve special mention for their contribution to a sixth form National Ritangle competition, completing 18 out of 20 problems. The Y10's has their exams and 6 pupils average 7 or over, which is fantastic. The overall behaviour of the house is measured in Praise Points, which are mainly given out during lessons or for preps. This term's table of

Praise Points illustrate the effort the girls have been making, some of whom are new, some who have previously been near the bottom of the tables. These 20 deserve a particular mention, and their exam results will reflect this hard work, with good habits bringing good results.

Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13
42 Lana	59 Lizzie C	47 Klara	28 Isabella	31 Chloe
40 Sophie	56 Sunny	30 Tami	20 Emilia	26 Lorena
33 Selina	53 Anais	24 Millie	16 Yankie	20 Izzie
27 Abi	43 Summer	22 Miyu	15 Maya	18 Gabi



Sport



This has been a truly action-packed term for Sports in Nugent. Most of the house have been turning out for College teams on Saturdays and enjoying so much success. I am so impressed with the 4 regulars in the excellent 1st XI, and Emilia, Bertie and Jasmine all got awarded their half colours. Izzie Steed, a stalwart in the College defence was awarded her full colours. With such a strong showing in the 1st XI was this to be our first major House trophy in over 10 years and more than 50 competitions? The girls started well with a win, then drew one. All they needed to do was draw against the other joint favourites Watt House. We managed it with some fine team work and remaining calm in defence. It was not just the senior team, or wider squad that celebrated the win though, it was the whole junior team, all the girls who came and supported and all you faithful parents who joined in too! The girls were absolutely thrilled to win and the whole house enjoyed pizza to celebrate their success.



We also had the delayed House Swimming, which again was a whole house event; everyone turning up to support those brave enough to jump in and have a go. I was so pleased to see those girls that knew they weren't going to win but jumped in because they knew no-one else was going to. Also incredibly impressed with Jasmine who won her race! Well done to all those involved. We can't forget the House Steeple Chase at the beginning of the year, with almost everyone getting involved and running or walking the course. Again an impressive approach to these events that might not be everyone's favourite! Stand out performers were Selina in the Juniors (14th), Bertie Cooke (1st) Miyu Katsumata (9th) and Lizzie Crosby (19th) in the Intermediate and Emilia Dixon (5th) Laura Hutter (9th) Izzie Steed (10th) and Jasmine Beckett (12th). Bertie also won the Y11 Aquathlon events, with Emilia Dixon coming 3rd in the Y12 event. So much to celebrate, so I have included LOADS of photos. Please do ask if you would like one or two of these e-mailed home for printing.



House Hockey



House Hockey continued....



House Steeplechase....



House Steeplechase continued...



Boarder's Olympics...



Boarder's Olympics continued ...



Performing Arts

The house has been full of dancing and singing this term, more so than at any time I remember. This is not just down to the girls rehearsing for House Singing or the Revue, but also the School play and many singers, choir members and musicians we have.

GG performed with the CSP, Cecily in various workshops, GG, Alice and Anais impressing at singer songwriter, and of course there was our very own Gabi, who brought audiences to tears on a regular basis with her incredible singing performances. In drama too we have many in the school play and other performances, Evie, Gabi and Nancy were wonderful in Blue Stockings. Full Colours in drama went to Evie Ginbey, Gabi Dixon received her half Cours in drama and achieved a grade 8 with Merit for singing. Well done all.



Nugent Revue

I am sure the seasoned pros who were able to come along to the Revue this term will agree, this was the best one so far. With so many girls from all sorts of backgrounds showing off what they can do, it was a lovely celebration of Nugent House. Thank you all for coming along and supporting the evening, which I thoroughly enjoyed. The Y9 dance was so good, despite Romy cartwheeling into a wall 15 mins before curtains! Y10 sketch was hilarious and brilliantly written by Jess and performed so well by everyone. The Y11 video was a masterpiece, no one would have guessed it was completed just 24 hours before the night! Y12 was the stand out year group performance, the hours of rehearsals in the dance studio paid off with a perfect dance showcase. The Y&13 video and also the compere video were hilarious and so well done. The soloists were awesome, each one performing so very well. Thanks so much to the comperes for bringing it all together, but especially Miss Fry..



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Nugent Events

A new page had to be included for this term! We have had House BBQ's, Year Group BBQ's, Y9 inclusion events, Just Dance Parties, Sunday Fundays, Y12 dinner, our own House Dinner with Craig House and of course our regular family meals... even a sixth form drinky-pool! The girls have really got behind these events, and they have been mainly run by Sana and Miss Fry, so thank you so much both, the girls have loved it, Freya Parker even commented that the Christmas Party was the best party she had ever been to. Don't try and deny it now Freya.



Year 9 drama

Nancy and Darcey have been great with the girls as I know the girls have sung their praises to me and Miss Belle in drama. The girls really got involved and I loved the creativity of the piece, particularly the scene with the Wolf and Little Red on the train. Romy's costume was brilliant! She did a great job at transforming herself into a boy in both looks and acting choices. Sophie's storytelling pulled the performance together and got her best performer on the night. Selina played a fabulous weak and fragile grandma. Lana's clarity and energy helped keep the narrative clear which aided the adaptation, Maddie put in a good performance as the mum and Abigail's woodcutter with the gun was hilarious. Well done to you all for getting stuck in!



Service



The House charity this year is the Chasely Trust, thank you all for helping support Lorena in her appeal after the House Revue. The usual service on Wednesday's has been continuing with many supporting some worthwhile causes and also taking part in the DoFE Silver and Gold.

CCF as ever, is the main place the pupils will contribute to service at the College, and this year was particularly poignant as it will be Mr Lambs last after 17 years as Contingent Commander. Gabi Dixon is now Head of Section and doing a wonderful job in charge and Elsa Day very much involved as much as she can be. Remembrance Sunday was as moving and powerful as ever, well done to all the Y10's involved.



Service continued...



Looking ahead.....

Next term is looking much shorter than what we have just had to endure, with the days getting longer I think the House will feel very different. Really looking forward to seeing everyone back in January, but not before a few weeks of Christmas! Please ensure girls return no earlier than 6pm on 5th, unless by arrangement when flying in from abroad.

I do try not to burden you with too much info through the term, so please do take note of the important dates and reminders below. Many thanks and a very Merry Christmas to you all.



Dates for your diary

Sun 5 Jan 6.00pm Term Starts

Mon 6 Jan 11:00am Y11 mocks begin

Thur 23 Jan 2:15pm Exeat begins.

2:45 pm Y11 Parent meeting

Fri 14 Feb 2:15pm Half term begins,

2:45pm Y10 parents meeting

Sun 23 Feb return from HT (6-9:00pm)

Fri 14 Mar 2:15pm Exeat begins.

Fri 28 Mar 3:00pm End of Term

PLEASE REMEMBER:

- If you are taking your daughter out of school at any point, it is essential that you please send a one line e-mail, confirming that you are assuming responsibility for them during that period. The girls must also sign out.
- **Return times from exeats, half terms and holidays are strictly kept,** and there is a good chance I will not be in until the return time stated in the White Book.
- Meals are compulsory, as the girls will verify, I've become slightly obsessed with them all going to breakfast. Please refrain from sending them back with huge boxes of Krave and other junk food!