



12 October 2018

Dear Parents

Congratulations! We made it to half term! You will know from these weekly “Words” just how much we pack in to each day, and the reports below are just a selection of the highlights. There are many, many more...so much to report, but so little time and space! More highlights of 2017 -18 are now available in the annual Channing magazine: your family’s copy should be making its way home today. I hope you will enjoy the many words and images, skillfully compiled and edited by Ms Wendy Devine. The magazine is stunning, and I hope it will be a treasured souvenir for you and your daughters for many years to come.

I often claim that Channing specialises in bringing the best out of its pupils, and that we aim to celebrate individual success, however it may be defined. Two pupils this week have exemplified the true spirit and ethos of this school, both in unexpected ways. Interestingly, in the week where the Chief Inspector of Schools announced that state schools were going to be judged on more than academic outcomes, I’d like to suggest she comes and sees what success can look like at Channing.

I hope Constance Froment won’t mind me saying that when she arrived as a very small person in Year 7, little did we know what lay ahead. Yes, I could see she had potential, but who knew how much?

Constance is now in Year 12, but did she spend the long summer after GCSEs on a sun lounger? She did not. First of all, she completed the Outward Bound Trust’s three-week Skills for Life Award in the West Highlands of Scotland; she then did the Engineering Inspire Girls Residential Course at Sheffield University, swiftly followed by a week playing the flute with the National Scout and Guide Symphony Orchestra. Next, along with Isabella Atkinson, also Y12, came two weeks doing a Sailing Training Voyage with the Rona Sailing Project, with an all-female crew of ten 16 year old girls, during which time she sailed across the channel and climbed the mast. Constance was given an Amory Award which gives her the opportunity to go through the selection process for the Tall Ships Race next summer.

This award also meant she could sail as part of the crew of Rona II in the ASTO Small Ships Race last weekend: she and her team won their class, won line honours and won the entire race by 36 seconds. Not bad for a beginner, eh? She leaves tomorrow for the Duke of Edinburgh Gold practice expedition with a large team of our Year 12 students. With Constance on your side, all will be well.

The other notable success I had the privilege of witnessing this week was a remarkable assembly given by Ella Begley, in Year 10. You will have seen that Wednesday was World Mental Health Day. No community is immune from mental illness but we can and must work together to raise awareness of where to get help. Ella

spoke to the whole Year 8 cohort, with confidence, clarity and candour, about where Channing pupils can seek advice. This was so impressive, Ella. Well done, and thank you.

We said farewell to our 2018-19 Transylvanian Scholar, Dalma Grancea today. She spoke with affection and emotion in assembly about her memorable experience as a Channing student. Thanks to Amanda Davidson, alumna and former Governor who is the sponsor of this scholarship, and to the Barta family for being such a generous and supportive host family.

Good luck to all our trip leaders accompanying Channing pupils on adventures across the world over half term: the netball tour of Sri Lanka, the Geography trip to Morocco, the Historians to Berlin, linguists to Oviedo in northern Spain, and the aforementioned Duke of Edinburgh team to Wales.

Congratulations to Head of History Mr Martini Phillips and his wife Lora who are proud parents to baby Esme, and our very best wishes to Miss Collins, one of our Reception teachers, who is getting married in Ireland, and to Ms Marmar, from the Senior School Science Department, whose wedding takes place in London over the holiday.

I wish you and your families all a happy and relaxing break.

Best wishes

Mrs B M Elliott

Headmistress

## Girls Enjoying Success



Well done to **Constance Froment Y12** who crewed the Rona II with 16 other 16-19 year olds (all Amory Award holders from the Rona Sailing Project) in the Small Ships Race this past weekend and won in its class; line honours (crossing the line first) and the whole race!

## Girls Do Tech

Last weekend **Catrin Papanastassiou-Jenkins 9SP** and **Ines Oulevay 8SH** attended the Girls Do Tech Competition in Westminster. There were many girls aged 10-16 competing in teams for the chance to tour the Google Offices London.

To win the competition they had to create an innovative wearable tech product while using a small piece of technology called a micro:bit. They created an amazing product which lights up pyjamas called 'Jamups' designed to light the way in the dark if you need to get up in the middle of the night. It was made with a special LED light which does not emit signals that keep you awake. Their innovative idea won the competition and gave them the chance to go to Google Offices in London. They enjoyed the day and it enabled them to expand their knowledge of product marketing and technology.

'Jamups' in action!



## **Sporting News**

### **Netball**

Netball is going from strength to strength at Channing!

### **U19 Independent Schools Netball Cup**

Congratulations to Chiara Ispani, Ella Blendis, Freya Thompson, Jessica Berlin, Niamh Walter, Eve Edwards, Anna Mitchell, Sefia Merali, Tori Akinrinlola and Mali Akinrinlola who won their second round match, 39 -25, against Prior's Field School in the Smile U19 Independent Schools Netball Cup. Well done, everyone!

Well done to all the girls, many from the squad mentioned above, who competed against Highgate School on Tuesday.

Senior A - Channing beat Highgate 23-18

Senior B - Highgate beat Channing 28-17

Senior C - Channing beat Highgate 21-12

Year 8 A beat City of London School for Girls 21-5

Year 8 B lost to City of London School for Girls 5-10

Year 8 C (Year 7's playing up!) beat City of London School for Girls 8-7

Year 8 A beat City of London School for Girls 15-3

Congratulations to the following girls who were voted players of the match - Lola Majurey, Megan Kanter, Kiki Berman and Kitty Sayer.

### **Football**

The Year 8 and 9 Channing football teams played their first match of the year against South Hampstead High School.

Both teams were made up of a mix of talented Year 7, 8 and 9 students. The Year 8 team drew their match 0 - 0 and the Year 9 team won their match 5-1, with stunning goals from Tabitha Jackson (Year 7), Saskia Ransford (Year 7), Ruby Saville (Year 9) and two goals from team captain Ester Eckersley (Year 9). Tabitha Jackson and Tacita Twaddle were voted player of the match for the Year 9 and 8 match respectively. Well done to both teams!

## Classics Symposium

On Tuesday 70 Classicists from Channing, Fortismere, LaSWAP and Henrietta Barnett came together in the third annual Classics Symposium. They heard two fascinating lectures given by Dr Rosie Harman (on Xenophon and Greek travel writing) and our own Miss Melvin (on women, literacy and writing materials in ancient Rome), before heading down to the Dining Hall for a Greek feast. It was great for our students to meet A Level Latin, Greek and Classical Civilisation students from other schools and to debate with them the many thought-provoking questions which arose from the two lectures. Thanks particularly to Miss Melvin who stepped up at very short notice to replace our original speaker!



## Music at Lunchtime

To round off this half term's lunchtime recitals today we had 'Unplugged'. A number of pupils performed covers of their favourite songs and one group of Year 7 girls created their own song '100 Thoughts' especially for the event - Scarlett Durling, Georgie Grossman, Kiki Berman, and Emily Silver. The widely acclaimed finale was given by the 16 students of the Year 11 GCSE Music group who reprised the fabulous medley they created for their concert two weeks ago.



Very well done to all our soloists and duettists: Beatrix Davis, Elsie Isaac, Bluebell Horner, Sophia Bremen, Ariella Garth, Arissa Raja-Hussain, Katherine Sarfaty, Grace Nash, Zalie Wise, Antonia Hannon-Thresh, Abigail Orndel and Marlana Jackaman. Do listen to the audio via this Soundcloud link.

<https://soundcloud.com/channing-school/lunchtime-concert-121018>

## MFL News

### Linguist of the Month



**Maria Privalova** has been awarded the Linguist of the Month certificate for her interest in foreign languages and the cultures of the respective countries and her enthusiasm and commitment to learning. Well done, Maria.

## Charity News

A huge thank you to everyone from both the Senior School and Fairseat who helped to raise **£920.96** towards relief aid for Indonesia after the tsunami and earthquake that occurred a few weeks ago.

## Sharpe Charity Week

Thank you to everyone for donating / buying / baking and making food hampers for Sharpe Charity Week. We will announce our final total after half term but it looks like it will be over £1000. A big thank you to our House Officers Beany Ashley-Norman, Maya Fetterman, Georgia Fernando and Hannah Schuller, and Deputy House Officers Inara Merali and Nora Jovine for organising the successful charity week.

## News from the Junior School

Fairseat certainly has talent - especially when it comes to poetry! We had many wonderful entries to our competition celebrating National Poetry Day on October 4th. The poems by our winners and runners-up are now on display opposite the Fairseat dining hall, so please do come and have a look at the high standard of poetry produced by our Junior girls.



## Music Assembly

The Junior School was treated to a feast on Thursday with their first Music Assembly of the year featuring some girls who had only started lessons this term: amongst the All Star newcomers were Hero Klass and Eliana Papadopoulos on the Cornet; Rosie Birney, Bassoon and Imogen Hicks, Oboe. Other accomplished performers were Yasmin Lee, Violin and Darcy Duffield, Yutao Wang and Flora Gillis, all on the Cello.



## Netball

Last night four Y6 teams ventured to South Hampstead for our last netball fixture of the half term. We played some excellent netball, putting to use the skills we have learnt in lessons. Channing won two games 5-0 and 3-0, creating some brilliant scoring opportunities. Although we lost the other two games 6-0 and 1-0, the scores are not a true representative of the effort and progression this half term.



## Bread Making in Year 5

As if bread making isn't exciting enough, the Year 5 girls were delighted when Jamie Oliver popped in on Thursday to show them how it's really done!

The girls listened enthralled as he talked about the science behind bread making, as well as the importance of bread in our diets historically. Jamie then showed us how to make the most delicious Indian Paratha bread - an unleavened bread which he cooked on a hob. Of course we all had to have a taste of the hot, buttery, flakey bread which is traditionally served with curries or stew.

The girls were so inspired they took away recipes to make their own versions over the half term - we look forward to seeing the photographs and hearing about their delicious creations! Thank you very much to Mr Oliver for taking the time in his busy schedule to give the girls such a wonderful experience.



## Channing Association Comedy Evening

On Saturday evening the first ever Channing Association Comedy Evening went off with a huge bang. It was a fantastic evening, 125 attended, there was lots of laughter, corks popping and plenty of curry for all. The three comedians and compere were superb, especially our very own Sindhu Vee, an ex Channing parent. We have had some fabulous feedback with many saying it was the best CA event ever and calls for it to become an annual event! Thank you to everyone who bought tickets, who knows, maybe we will see you again next year. We raised an astonishing £2,500, all of which will go directly



towards projects benefiting the girls including 3D printing technology, guest speakers and further development of the Channing Work Experience Directory, an amazing facility which all of our girls will make use of in due course.

Zena Watt & Karen Mullis

Channing Association



## Channing Fireworks

Don't forget your tickets for the Channing Fireworks on Saturday 3 November 2018. It will take place at Channing Playing Fields, Stanhope Road, London N6 5NG.

If you get your tickets before Monday 15 October you will qualify for our Early Bird offer: £42 for a family ticket (instead of £45)

Tickets available at <https://bit.ly/2wwwGra>

## Alumnae News

Calling all Channing Alumnae:

As the Autumn Term sets in we have been inundated with memories from alumnae of their Channiversaries. Do you remember when you started at Channing and forged lasting friendships?

If you would like a night to catch up with old friends, the new and reinvigorated Channing Alumnae Committee are hosting a special Alumnae event at Channing Senior School on Thursday 1 November 2018 from 7-9pm, to which you and your partner/spouse are invited.

There will be entertainment, a delicious buffet with refreshments and a selection of Channing inspired cocktails - to take you back to when it all began!

The venue is the new Sixth Form Centre Studio, which boasts breathtaking views across North and East London.

Our only request is that you send a photo of yourself from your schooldays/on a trip/at a party /as part of a production etc., save the date and most importantly, have fun!

Please send confirmation of your attendance and said photo(s) to Jade Francis in the Alumnae Office at [alumnae@channing.co.uk](mailto:alumnae@channing.co.uk).

## **Week Ahead**

**Monday 15 October - Friday 26 October**

Half Term

**Monday 29 October**

School Returns

**Tuesday 30 October**

8.50 Year 10 Study Skills Morning, NSH

**Wednesday 31 October**

**Thursday 1 November**

Year 12 Trip to Brick Lane

19.00 SS Alumnae Committee Event

**Friday 2 November**

**Saturday 3 November**

17.30 Channing Association Fireworks: School Playing Fields - Stanhope Road

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