

7 September 2018

Dear Parents

Welcome to the new academic year! I hope you have all enjoyed this remarkable summer and are ready for the excitement of Channing 2018-19.

A particularly warm welcome to all our new families. I know that you and your daughters are going to enjoy being members of this warm, supportive community.

A new chapter, too, for staff starting this term. Our very best wishes go to:

Ms Hamalis Head of Junior School

Ms Kung Director of Sixth Form

Mrs Pavlopoulos Head of Careers

Ms Hill Head of Drama and Theatre Studies

Mr Waring Head of Spanish

Miss Donington Second in English Department

Ms Lindsay History

Miss Moor Geography

Miss Melvin Classics

Ms Adewale Science

Miss Evans Year 6

Mrs Rattenbury Music

Ms Owens joins us to teach on our LAMDA programme, Ms Cronk, Teaching Assistant, Mr Subramaniam, Marketing and Communications Manager, with Maria Alves and and Ishfaq Hussain joining the catering team.

This morning in assembly I congratulated pupils and teachers on some truly impressive achievements this summer, from the Gold Duke of Edinburgh and World Challenge expedition teams, to the proud owners of some spectacular GCSE and A level results, to sporting success and some wonderful work placements. Thank **YOU** if you enabled Channing pupils to enjoy the real advantages of being part of this community.

I was reflecting recently on my years as Head of this school and the changes I have seen....I'm really not THAT ancient, but I arrived before the invention of iPads and iPhones, before we ever dreamed of new buildings, before Corbyn, Trump and Brexit, and I was shocked at the pace and scale of change.

Looking at the bright, eager faces of our new Year 7 pupils in assembly this morning, however, I was struck again at the potential of these young people, and my mood turned quickly to optimism. I know that together, we can prepare these young people for whatever life throws at them.

How can I be sure?

I **can** be sure because of the enduring values of Channing school. This morning, I chose 'respect' as this term's focus, partly inspired by the late, great Aretha Franklin, but mainly because I believe this is one of the reasons this community works so well together. If we continue to respect each other, and the school's aims and ethos, we can be confident that Channing pupils will be well prepared for the future.

Thank you:

- for respecting our rules about uniform. Respecting an organisation's codes of conduct teaches some extremely important lessons in life, and I am grateful for your support with this.
- for showing respect if you drive in Highgate. Our insistence on respectful behaviour will be worthless if it is not echoed by everyone.

It's all change at the Junior School as we look to upgrade our facilities on the Camden side of the road! In addition to all the maintenance required for our magnificent buildings, we are aiming to ensure that our youngest pupils have the very best spaces for learning. We have some very swish new classrooms for Reception and Year 6, and we are all waiting anxiously for the requisite planning approval so that we can make a start.

Please could you ensure that the school has the most up-to-date contact details and medical information about your daughter. It is vital that the medical bay has current medication for pupils. **Pupils' health and safety is always our priority.**

Good luck to our Duke of Edinburgh Bronze assessed expedition, heading for the hills this weekend, and if you are celebrating new year next week, Shanah Tovah!

With every good wish for a happy, successful, respectful year ahead.

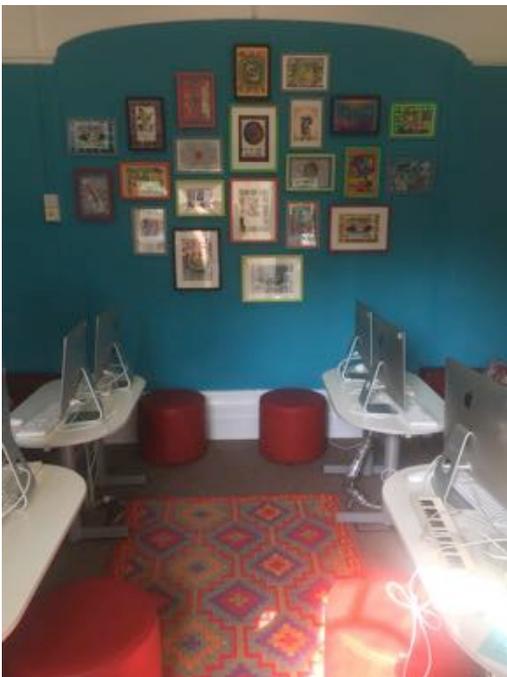
Best wishes

Mrs B M Elliott

Headmistress

MFL News

In homage to Channing's unique Adelante programme, Summer 2018 has seen the American Diner in Haigh House transformed into the Latin American Diner. The room has been decorated with the artistic creations of last year's Year 7 pupils based on the work of iconic Mexican artist, Frida Kahlo. Mil gracias to the Art Department for all its support for the project.



Girls Enjoying Success

Congratulations to:

- Francesca Poulton in 6E who has been selected for the Middlesex Regional Girls Squad cricket squad. She will be playing matches in September before the final squad selection.
- Abi Summerfield in Year 12, who took part in the inline figure skating World Open in July, and came FIRST in the junior section
- Our recent candidates in ABRSM (music) and LAMDA (drama) examinations who achieved the best results in the school's history!
- All our 2018 GCSE and A level candidates ...outstanding achievements, well deserved.

Week Ahead

Monday 10 September

Rosh Hashanah

Tuesday 11 September

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Wednesday 12 September

Junior School Curriculum Evening 18:00 - 20:00

Senior School Channing Association meeting 18:00 - 19:00 Sixth Form Centre

Thursday 13 September

Senior School Open Evening 17:00 - 19:00 (assisting pupils in school)

Friday 14 September

Year 7 to Stubbers 07:20

Year 7 Coffee Morning Senior School Dining Room from 07:45 All Y7 parents and new parents welcome

Senior School Concert: Music at Lunchtime 13:00 Performing Arts Building

Senior School GSA 'Girls Go Gold' Sports Conference Tudor Hall Oxford

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