



7 December 2018

Dear Parents

Channing parents are special. The Channing Association is their/your association, and parents become members as soon as their daughters start at the school. Some parents only ever appear at Parents' Evenings - and that is absolutely fine. Others come to every concert and fixture to support their talented offspring. Others give us all so much time and energy, I am only sorry not to be able to put them on the payroll! Only today, I have seen bags of Christmas puddings awaiting collection, and at the Senior School, several members of the CA came in especially to trim the tree. Thank you - it really does feel as if Christmas is just around the corner. Over at the Junior School, the Christmas Bazaar is in full swing, again, courtesy of Channing parents, and over the past two weeks, Channing parents have been hosting prospective parents as the I I+ interviews have got underway. Thank you!

You have probably heard the news that our beloved cedar tree, the symbolic heart of our Junior School, has been "condemned." I'm not sure that is quite the right word, but when we were informed that this giant had succumbed to brown fungus, and that it was "terminal", I actually felt I'd taken a body blow. Apparently, similar trees that were planted at the same time as ours died long ago, or were felled by the great storm of 1987, but that doesn't offer much solace. So at some point over the coming weeks, the mighty tree will be taken down, and we will return in the new year to an empty space in our garden, and, I confess, a pretty empty feeling inside, too. We have asked former pupils and staff if they have any stories, memories or photos to compile a record to preserve the memory of this giant of a tree for years to come. Please do contact us if you would like to contribute.

As with all deaths, the lesson we learn is that life goes on. I'm sure we will plant another tree in its place, and that in the not too distant future, Fairseat girls will, once again, be swinging on the branches of another lovely tree.

Testing times this week for our Year I I pupils as they sit their mock GCSEs, and serious challenge for our Oxbridge candidates as they are grilled at interview. We wish them all the best of luck.

I started by saying that Channing parents are special. Of course, the greatest gifts you bring to us are your daughters, and reading through the Year 9 end-of-term reports, I think you can be proud of everything they are achieving. I'm not sure I've ever read such fabulous reports! Well done to them, and to their parents! Well, it's all in the genes, isn't it?!

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Mrs B M Elliott

Headmistress

## **Girls Enjoying Success**

## **Sports News**

**Alice Metcalf** won a silver medal in a South and East England regional duathlon over the weekend at the Olympic Velopark. Well done Alice!

## **Netball Results**

Year 9A beat Francis Holland NWI 17-7

Year 8A beat Francis Holland NWI 6-3

Year 8B lost to Francis Holland NWI 8-2

Year 9A beat Highgate 16-9

Year 9B drew with Highgate 6-6

## Cadiz Trip

Oh to be a Year 8 at Channing School  
November lingers in all grey and cool  
Windscreen wipers and London traffic  
What better escape than a trip to Cádiz?  
A week of palaces and beaches and tapas and towers  
A week of castles and bullrings and 6am showers  
Learning flamenco provides roof terrace fun  
Cooking paella for 30....a job well done  
Singing on the coach, singing in the street  
The 'Despacito' chorus on endless repeat  
Oh to be a Year 8 at Channing School  
Where Adelante makes Spanish the golden rule

The photos of the trip for 8SP and 8SH can all be found here:

<https://fotos.sparklanguages.com/channing18-1>  
password to download them:Channing@Spark2018

The photos of the trip for 8G and 8W are here:

<https://fotos.sparklanguages.com/channing18-2/slideshow#hbadc8001>

Enjoy!

## Christmas Market, Aachen

Last weekend 49 Channing girls enjoyed their cultural visit to the Christmas Market in Aachen and were able to practise their German at the many stalls on the market.



## Politics News

On Monday, the Year 12 and 13 Politics students attended a conference in central London entitled 'Britain at the Crossroads'. In a packed hall, they listened to speakers including Nigel Farage, Jacob Rees-Mogg, Jess Phillips and Emily Thornberry hold forth on a range of issues that included Brexit, reform of the House of Commons and the perceived demise of the Lib Dems. Inevitably, Brexit dominated the day and the students were enthralled to hear the views of such a varied range of speakers. Well done to **Petra Turville** in Year 12 and **Symran Saggat** in Year 13, who queued for a long time to ensure that they could question Jacob Rees-Mogg on his view of a second referendum and the issue of detention centres.

## Music News

This week we have had three days of ABRSM practical examinations at both the Senior School and the Junior School. Our students have acquitted themselves superbly and we await the results with anticipation.

Our Theory candidates, however, need wait no longer as their results were announced this week. All of our students passed their examination but of particular note is **Sophie Sutliff** who gained 100% in her grade II examination. Congratulations additionally to: **Katherine Bettis, Olivia Seddon-Deane, Otilie Whiteman and Alia Khalouf** who all took grade V Theory.

One of our candidates this week was the first pupil ever at Channing to enter two diplomas. Last term **Kate Pennington** (Year 13) passed her ARSM Diploma in Singing and this week took her ARSM Diploma in Violoncello! A real feat to take two diplomas before leaving school and in successive terms!

Also in our music news this week is **Constance Froment** and **Emily Brown** who both successfully auditioned for the London Youth Wind Band. Well done, Constance and Emily!

Congratulations also goes to **Ellen McDonald** for being awarded a coveted soprano place in the National Youth Choir of Great Britain and to **Sophie Dain** who auditioned and has been awarded a place in the National Youth Girls Choir of Great Britain. An excellent achievement!

## Year 10 RSC Chemistry Challenge

The Chemistry Challenge is a competition run by the Royal Society of Chemistry's South East Region for schools and science clubs. It is open to teams consisting of four Year 10 pupils. The Chemistry Department were delighted that two teams of Year 10 pupils chose to take part in the preliminary stage of the competition during lunchtime on Wednesday 5th December. Beanz Meanz Heinz (**Anisha Perera, Stella Hastings, Chiara Knorr and Alia Khalouf**) battled it out against Big Maac (**Maddi Hjelt, Asya Pendlebury, Annabel Gotto and Charlotte Parrott**) to complete odd-one-out questions, connection-based questions, anagram puzzles and calculations. The pupils worked well within their teams to solve the puzzles and showed excellent problem-solving skills and a strong understanding of Chemistry. Their papers will be submitted to the RSC South East Region for marking and we will have to wait and see whether either of our teams make it through to the next round. Dr Spinks would like to thank all of the competitors for their excellent company, good humour and interest in Chemistry.

## News from the Junior School

### Christmas Lunch

The girls in the Junior School really enjoyed their Christmas Lunch. They all looked very festive, colourful and sparkly in their Christmas jumpers as they pulled the crackers and sang along to Christmas carols and songs.



### 2M

2M went to Highgate Care Home on Wednesday as part of our community outreach programme. The girls performed some of their upcoming Christmas play songs for the residents and distributed Christmas cards that they had made during their Form buddy time, all whilst wearing such wonderful Christmas jumpers! Both girls and residents had a lovely and very meaningful afternoon.



## England Roses

On Friday the 30th November we went to watch England Roses play the Uganda She Cranes at netball. We had a blast and we all were able to buy snacks and souvenirs. England won 64-53. It was great fun getting to watch them play and it is exciting to think it could be us playing for England one day. On the way back to Fairseat we got to have a sing-along to Christmas songs.

Natasha Hough 6M



## The Lost and Happy Endings

On Thursday, Year 3S performed their class assembly, The Lost Happy Endings, to the parents and the girls. With a wonderfully, wicked witches dance, they enchanted their audience with this unusual award-winning story. The girls narrated and acted out their parts with such skill and confidence, particularly for 7 and 8 year olds. Special thanks to all those staff that supported the assembly, kindly made props, created the dance and helped with the presentation.



## Year 6 Present Donations

Emily, Amelia and Jemima from Y6 accompanied Miss Corkindale to Kentish Town Police Station today. However, it was not because the girls were in trouble. They were delivering the presents they had chosen in lieu of their Christmas gift from their teacher. The staff had topped this up further replacing their Secret Santa with donating a toy instead. This meant there were 44 gifts delivered in total. The Police Constables who received the gifts were very appreciative. They explained to the girls just what a difference it will make to many children at Christmas who may only receive this one present.



## Non-Fiction Books by ICR

ICR have been learning about non-fiction books. The girls were divided into groups and wrote some information about the countries that they have been learning about in their topic lesson. These countries included Ghana, India, England and Japan.

In new groups of 4, the girls compiled their non-fiction book together so that it included information about each country. Lastly, they made a Front Cover, a Contents Page, an Index and a Glossary for their shared book.

The girls are delighted with them and hope you come and read them at Founders' Day!



## Saint Nicolas

On Thursday 6th December, Fairseat celebrated Saint Nicolas! Anaaya and Scarlett from 6M put on their Saint Nicolas and Père Fouettard outfits and delivered a hilarious French role-play to the girls in Junior School. They also distributed sweets to the good ones (all the girls) and coal to the naughty ones (their teachers!). Thank you very much Anaaya, Scarlett and all Fairseat teachers for taking part in this festive and fun moment. Bonne Saint Nicolas!



## Music at Lunchtime

Today was the final lunchtime recital of 2018, and it began with a festive performance of 'Carol of the Bells' played by Intermediate Flute Ensemble. We were then treated to delightful performances on clarinet, flute, trumpet, flute and clarinet from **Sasha Butler, Salma Ansari, Harriet Sumners, Emily Brown and Martha Sayer**. Senior Flute Ensemble brought our recital to a close with a rousing performance of 'Sweet Child of Mine'. You can click on the link below to hear the recital on SoundCloud.

Congratulations and thank you to all our performers this term. We will be back for an exciting programme of recitals in the New Year.

<https://soundcloud.com/channing-school/lunchtime-concert-071218>



## Notice: Food Collection

A food collection for those in need this winter will take place next week. This collection is held by the AWTF, a charity set up in the name of Alexandra Wylie, a Channing girl who passed away, aged 17, in 2010. Please look through your cupboards at home and donate any dried or tinned foods that you are willing to spare. Any donations would be much appreciated. Please remember that only non-perishable food items can be donated. This is a House competition so please bring in as much food as possible to help your child's House have a chance at winning!

## Channing Puddings 2018

This year we had some fantastic entries from girls in Year 7 and KS2 for our "Design a Pudding Label Competition". It was extremely hard to choose from amongst so many wonderful designs. However, we finally selected the following winners:

Catrin Cox (Y7) - Sticky Toffee Pudding

Emily Ang (Y7) - Gluten Free Pudding

Tacita Twaddle (Y7) - White Chocolate and Cranberry Pudding

Shahar Lekach (Y3) - Traditional Christmas Pudding

Daisy Lucas (Y4) - Apple Strudel Pudding

Ella Forman (Y5) - Double Chocolate and Cherry Pudding

Thank you to all of the girls who entered the competition and to all parents who bought the puddings this year. They are all delicious and we hope you enjoy them and order again in 2019!

The puddings have now all been bagged up and delivered to your daughters at school so expect them home any day now!

As with all Channing Association events and initiatives, all profits will go directly towards projects benefitting 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



## **Week Ahead**

### **Monday 10 December**

Year 11 GCSE Mocks (all week)

Sixth Form Charity Week (all week)

### **Tuesday 11 December**

Year 12 Chemistry in Action

16.30 - 19.30 Year 10 Parents Evening (NSH)

### **Wednesday 12 December**

Year 12 Chemistry in Action

### **Thursday 13 December**

### **Friday 14 December**

Senior School Christmas Jumper MUFTI Day

Senior School Christmas Lunch

14.00 - 15.15 Year 7 -11 House Christmas Quiz (NSH)

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