



25 January 2019

Dear Parents

How are you new year's resolutions going? Still hanging on in there?

When faced with managing a change, whether it's a personal challenge or something more institutional, I am always reminded of three nuggets of wisdom. The first two are well-known.

To Henry Ford, the great American captain of industry, are attributed the following words: "If you always do what you've always done, you'll always get what you've always got." He probably said "gotten" but never mind. The notion is simple enough. In similar vein, Albert Einstein said: "Insanity is doing the same thing over again and expecting different results."

I am impressed with the teachers at Channing who are constantly seeking ways to review and change the way **they** teach in order to help **your** daughters learn most effectively. This week, for example, in our fifteenth Teaching and Learning bulletin (yes! fifteenth!), it was interesting to see how members of the English department had worked with their students to guide them in peer review... looking for inspiration for/from each other, establishing success criteria and giving feedback. Did you know that students learn more effectively when engaged in this sort of activity? I am very proud of the way Channing teachers model what it means to be open to change, and adapt their teaching following peer collaboration.

We aim to keep up to date with all the latest pedagogical research and encourage your daughters to follow the advice of their teachers! I know it's tempting to insist that what worked "in the good old days" is the key to success, but I suspect that half of us succeeded at school **DESPITE** what teachers many moons ago forced us to do!

At the same time, we all learn in different ways, and we aim to help our pupils identify what works best for them. If that means post-it notes and recording oneself speaking, so be it...but if something has not worked for you in the past, try something different. (and remember Albert Einstein).

The third nugget of wisdom that I enjoyed was this: if you want to change, there are two ways to ensure success. Either "Stop It", or "Do It". I know life is rarely that simple, but if you want to get fitter, spend more time with your family, read more, or eat healthier food, I guess that's all you need to know.

Thank you to Talia Midgen, Emily Sinclair and Miriam Hammell, led by Mr Underwood, for a moving Holocaust Memorial Day assembly at the Senior School this morning. Talia, Emily and Mimi told us about their visit to concentration camps and the profound impact the experience had on them.

I tweeted yesterday about rejecting any suggestion that I should follow in the footsteps of a fellow headteacher in China and several of you have asked for a link to the video clip. No more requests, please. Just no.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K3CC6Y-dleA>

Have a good weekend.

Best wishes

Mrs B M Elliott

Headmistress

Girls Enjoying Success

Chemistry News

On Tuesday 22nd January eleven pupils from Years 12 and 13 chose to take part in Round One of the 51st RSC International Chemistry Olympiad. The Olympiad is an opportunity for students to test their understanding of chemistry, helping them to develop problem-solving skills and apply familiar knowledge in new and interesting contexts. The competition is aimed at Year 13 students, but many pupils in Year 12 decided to take on the challenge. Beany Ashley-Norman, Charlotte Marshall, Hannah Fernando, Afzaa Altaf, Shehnaz Cuerdo, Sophia Apkarian, Talia Midgen, Tiana Parti, Amy Eden, Anna Biro and Isabella Atkinson all tackled the paper, which included questions on nerve agent poisoning, biodegradable plastics and bees and Brexit. The results will be released in March; Congratulations and good luck to all Channing students competing at this high level.

Geography News

On Monday Year 9 and the Geography Department braved the cold wintery weather and went to Kings Cross to examine the success of the regeneration project. We explored all parts of the area including Granary Square, the newly opened Coal Drops Yard and the area by the Skip Garden. Students conducted questionnaires and an individual perception survey recording their data using the Geographic Information Systems (GIS) app Survey123. Back at school we are now using this geolocated data to analyse, conclude and evaluate our investigation. Well done to all the Year 9 geographers for their endless enthusiasm throughout the afternoon.



Young Enterprise

A huge well done to last year's Young Enterprise Team **Evolve** (Rosie Ziff, Miriam Simler, Talia Engel, Maya Fetterman, Talia Lever, Audrey Assouly, Marni Granek & Hannah Whiterow) who following their success from the Young Enterprise programme, decided to donate 70% of their profits to charity.

They chose Spread A Smile and Save The Children as the two charities they wanted to donate to and donated £625 to each (£1,250 in total)!

Careers Talk: Employment Rights & Responsibilities

Last week, Year 11 learnt about what is expected in the workplace from Catrina Smith, a partner specialising in Employment Law at Norton Rose Fulbright, a global law firm.

We are grateful to Catrina for giving up her time to share her insights - the topic is especially relevant as Year 11 students are currently preparing their CVs and planning their work experience for the summer holidays.

Medical Discussion Group

Dr Aneeta Ahluwalia, clinical fellow and Accident and Emergency Doctor came to talk to the Medical Discussion Group on Tuesday lunchtime. Dr Ahluwalia first worked as a pollution scientist before embarking on her graduate entry medicine degree. She talked through a series of A and E case studies that she had treated during her career, giving students the opportunities to apply their knowledge of their biology to help with the diagnosis of each patient. A special thank you to Dr Ahluwalia for giving up her time to travel to Channing to talk to the students after a week of night shifts.



Netball Results

Channing SNR A beat UCS SNR A 44 - 7
Channing UI5A beat Francis Holland NWI 21-10
Channing UI4A beat Francis Holland NWI 12-2
Channing UI4B beat Francis Holland NWI 13-4

Congratulations to the Year 7 Indoor Athletics Team who won bronze in the Haringey Indoor Athletics Competition. The team competed in two rounds of the competition and ran, jumped and threw themselves into third position. Well done!



News from the Junior School

2P Assembly

On Thursday 24 January, 2P presented their assembly *Sleeping Ugly*. The assembly was designed to unite some of the elements that the girls have been learning about in class. They have studied castles in History and the genre of Fairy Tales in English. The girls were very confident and expressive and performed a choreographed fight scene, not to mention beautiful singing. The message of the tale: how you behave and treat people is very important and this of course, reflects our Channing Promise.



Year 5 Netball

Year 5 played their first netball matches of the new term last week. Heathside were our opponents. Outside, Heathside adapted quickly to the cold temperatures and jumped into the lead. After the first quarter Channing settled and scored some excellent goals finishing with a 5 goal defeat. Inside, was the reverse. Channing jumped out to an early lead and were able to maintain the discipline and come away with an 11-1 excellent win.

Channing Community Choir

Thank you to all those of you that have signed up to sing Messiah with the students on March 14th. If you are interested in singing many of the most popular choruses from Messiah in St Joseph's Church with the Symphony Orchestra, Cantemus Chorus and Conabor Choir, then there is still time to volunteer.

Please click on this link and complete the electronic form. (Paste it into your browser if the link does not work).

<https://form.jotformeu.com/90095143327353>

We do have spaces for Basses in particular and we look forward to hearing from you!

Waterlow House Unplugged

This week's Music at Lunchtime was the much anticipated 'Waterlow Unplugged' as part of their charity week in aid of Young Minds. A number of acts delighted the packed Arundel Centre starting with Sophie Dain's passionate performance of 'Burn' from Hamilton, followed by a delightful duet from Kimi Coetzee (Voice) and Ruby Davis (Voice and Piano) singing Pink's 'Just give me a reason'. Bluebell Horner stunned the audience with a soulful rendition of Sam Cooke's 'A change is gonna come' and was followed by Clio Harwood playing a piano solo of her own contemporary style composition, 'Serenade'. Following their acclaimed performance of a Bruno Mars medley, the Y12 A level music group repeated this to the delight of the Arundel Centre's audience.

'Waitress' is the new upcoming musical of the day and Maddy Napier gave a stunning performance of 'She used to be mine' from this show. The finale was given by Riana Chandaria and Tilly Sumners on vocals accompanied by Martha Sayer on piano with Queen's 'Love of my life'. What a show! More vocals next week!



Notices

Reminder: Year 9 Parents / Students, the GCSE Choices 2019 Google Form needs to be returned to Ms Newman by **Tuesday 29th January 2019.**

Week Ahead

Monday 28 January

14.00 - 16.00 ISNC U15 Plate Competition v Bedford Girls School at Channing School NSH

16.00 - 18.00 Rehearsal Music Theatre Evening - The Arundel Centre

18.30 Music Theatre Evening - Arundel Centre

Tuesday 29 January

8.30 - 16.45 Year 12 Masterclass Academy Conference Most Able

16.30 - 19.00 Year 11 Parents Evening

Wednesday 30 January

Year 13 Art Mock

17.00 - 19.00 Visit to Australian High Commission, Careers in Diplomacy

Thursday 31 January

17.30 Year 12 & 13 History Trip to Odeon Cinema (Holloway Road) to watch film: *Mary Queen of Scots*

Friday 1 February

13.00 Music at Lunchtime Arundel Centre

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