



1 March 2019

Dear Parents

I was observing a lesson this morning where pupils were asked a True or False question: do people lose brain power as they get older? I was relieved that nobody turned and looked at me in an accusatory/pitying sort of way, but it is, indeed, an interesting question. Apparently, the correct answer is True. Our brains really do start to fade and the old “use it or lose it” adage is sage advice. Here’s the thing, though: whilst my brain is perhaps closer to its sell-by date than that of some younger members of our community, according to the latest research, what doesn’t fade is one’s ability to learn. I was reflecting on this as I marvelled at this week’s submissions for Word from the Head. Scroll down in wonder!

I know that young people do not like being reminded of how lucky they are, especially those who may feel either stressed or down about many aspects of life in 2019, but in one major aspect, Channing pupils have never had it so good. (Scroll down in wonder)

I tried to explain in Monday’s assembly the reason why pupils between the ages of 4 and 14 do so much across so many subjects. Having listened to a lesson on brain plasticity, I think I found even more justification for encouraging our younger pupils to engage in as many learning experiences as they can manage. And this is where Channing girls really are so lucky. (You know what to do)

My own Careers education, for example, was practically non-existent. There were a few tatty copies of “So you want to be a nurse” or “A career in teaching”, but that was about it. Our pupils, on the other hand, are the beneficiaries of an ever-expanding programme of Careers Education, devised and supported by our Head of Careers, Ms Pavlopoulos. I managed to spend some time listening to speakers from Google this week ((including Mr Malbon, a Channing parent - thank you!) who explained the sort of qualities and skills sought by marketing firms. I really enjoyed hearing that curiosity and teamwork are key success factors, and am delighted with the opportunities we provide for your daughters to develop these. (Keep scrolling)

Year 9 pupils in particular have an extremely varied curriculum, with the usual suite of core subjects plus all the others, not to mention a huge extra curricular programme, too. I know that some nations are rather critical of the UK system that encourages early specialisation, but I know that many Year 9s will heave a sigh of relief when they finally start to choose what they want to study and our A level students become real experts during their

two years of focussed study. Next year, I am delighted to say that we will be adding A level Psychology to the options at 16+, which is why I was learning all about brain plasticity today.

My brain now hurts and needs a lie down. Enjoy reading the news and have a good weekend.

Best wishes

Mrs B M Elliott

Headmistress

Girls Enjoying Success

MFL News

During the Half Term holidays, a group of Year 9 girls spent six sunny days in the beautiful city of Aachen, Germany. Apart from visiting many interesting sites nearby, they enjoyed meeting their friends from our partner school St. Leonhard Gymnasium and together they engaged in a variety of activities.



Art News

Young Art

Well done to Charlotte Woolley, Chiara Knorr, Katherine Bettis, Biba Al-Tayyar, Elowen Woad, Eliana Samonas, Charlie Pearce, Alice Metcalf, Khadeejah Huda, Edie Cartmell and Natasha van der Zyl who have been successful in the Young Art Competition.

Young Art is an exhibition at the Royal College of Art for school students aged 4-18 raising funds for Cancer Research UK.

Young Art is a wonderful opportunity for children who enjoy art to help other children who are suffering from cancer and whose futures are not quite so assured.

Now in its 29th year, Young Art has raised over £1,000,000 for research into the genetic causes of cancer in children.

This year's theme was "THE MOMENT" as suggested by one of the Patrons and judge of the Printmaking Competition Prof. Chris Orr RA.



Maths News

The UKMT Intermediate Mathematical Challenge results are just in! Congratulations to Constance Papadopoulos (Year 10) who gained a gold certificate and Marlana Jackaman, Annika Woodward, Katya Butler and Moselle Solomon, (Year 11) who all gained a gold certificates and qualified for the follow on round. There were 8 pupils from Year 9 who were awarded Silver certificates, 4 of whom have qualified for their follow on round. Overall there were 5 gold, 38 silver and 55 bronze certificates gained by students from Years 9-11. A very pleasing result! Well done to everyone who took part.

TeenTech

Congratulations to TeenTech winners of 2018 Katya Butler, Sefia Merali and Hannah Schlenker who received their certificates from HRH the Duke of York Prince Andrew, on Tuesday 26 February at Buckingham Palace.



Y9 and 10 TeenTech students enjoyed some hands on activities on Wednesday at the Innovation Day at GlaxoSmithKline.



Sports News

Year 7 Haringey Netball Championships

It was a beautiful day with lots of promise as the Year 7 Channing A and B Teams set off to Highgate for an afternoon of competitive netball.

The B Team had a good start beating Heartlands 5-2. Unfortunately they lost to Alexandra Park School 1-2 and suffered another loss in round 3 to Fortismere A. They came back strongly to win their next two matches and played for 5th and 6th place against Fortismere B, unfortunately losing by one goal. They finished in 6th place out of 11 teams.

The A Team also had a good start to the tournament winning 3 out of the 4 matches and drawing one match 1-1. This set them up for a semi final against Alexandra Park School who they beat comfortably. The win secured them a place in the final against St Thomas More School. Channing were 4-0 up at half-time. It was an exciting finish; Channing A stepped up to play the best Netball they have played all season to win the match 8-3 and the tournament.

Congratulations to the pupils listed below! They will now go on to represent Haringey at the London School Games this month. An outstanding performance and a fantastic achievement.



A TEAM	B TEAM
Eloise Johnson	Kitty Gayer
Lotte Crane	Adele Ryan
Poppy Waltasaari	Echo Braden
Kiki Berman	Eliana Shaban
Tabi Jackson	Niamh Carter
Amel Ofili	Eve Johnstone
Maddy Horsell	Julia Higgs
Zoe Quartey	Elsa Keaveny
Lily Waite	Tara Moriarty
	Galya Hynes



UI5 ISNC Plate Quarter Final

The UI5 netball team travelled to Eastbourne College to play in the quarter final of the Independent Schools Netball Cup plate competition.

The match was very even throughout and of an outstanding quality. Channing were down by 3 points coming into the final quarter and they drew even with two minutes to play. In a heart stopping final minute, with the ball travelling up and down the court, the team was unfortunate to lose 44-43.

Congratulations to the team for their brilliant performance and sterling effort.



News from the Junior School

Science News

In Science this week, pupils in Year 6 learnt about the key characteristics of all living things. They confidently chanted the helpful acronym, MRS GREN, to recall these characteristics. Year 6M pupils then conducted an experiment, which aimed to find out if yeast (single-celled microorganisms that are classified as members of the Kingdom Fungi) shows sensitivity to temperature. Table groups of scientists added dried yeast to two test tubes, each containing 25ml of a water and sugar solution. The solvent in one test tube was cold tap water. The solvent in the second test tube was warm water. The girls predicted that over time, yeast would respire and release more carbon dioxide in the warmer water. They expected to measure a greater height of bubbles in the test tube containing the warm water.



From their collated results data, the girls in Year 6M found out that as the time increased, the height of bubbles (caused by the yeast respiring and producing carbon dioxide gas) also increased in both test tubes. Furthermore, the height of bubbles was greater in the test tube containing warm water than in the cold water test tube. Their class prediction was proved correct! Yeast is sensitive to temperature and thrives in warmer temperatures! Well done Year 6M scientists for planning, conducting and evaluating a successful experiment.



Sports News

Congratulations to Francesca Poulton who will be representing The Haringey Borough in the London Youth Games indoor cricket finals at Lords on Sunday. Good luck to her and the team.

Netball

Our Y6 netballers took part in a tournament at South Hampstead High School. They won all their group games putting them into the semi finals against Devonshire House. They won this game 3-0 giving them a place in the finals. This saw them re-playing St Christina's. Knowing how close our group game against them had been we knew we had to step up another level. The girls rose to the challenge and finished with another 3-0 win. They should also be commended for the excellent spirit and sportsmanship they displayed throughout the tournament. The girls involved were Natasha Hough,

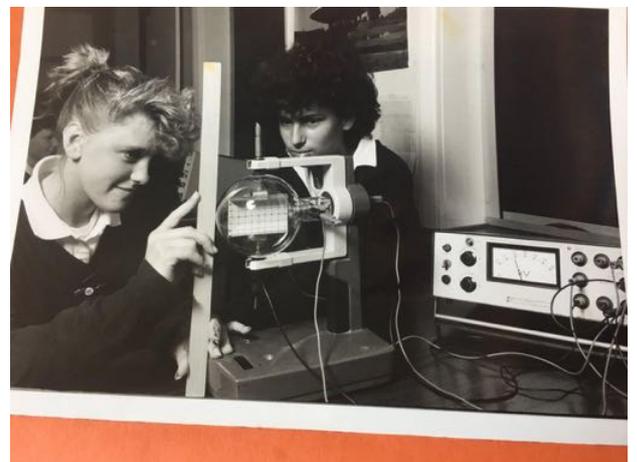
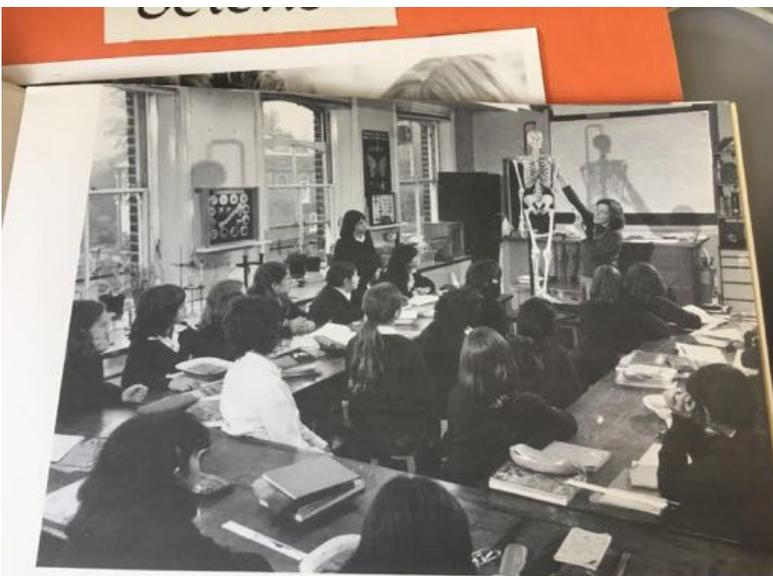


Thea Foster, Francesca Poulton, Millie Leviton,

Amelia Cohen, Lauren Warshaw, Lucy Gold, Tallis Guy and Libby Mirchandani Whiteside.

Alumnae: Throwback Thursdays

In anticipation of the very exciting Futures Technology event, [@ChanningSchool](#), this week's [#ThrowbackThursday](#) item features two photographs from school Science lessons in 1985. [#GirlsEnjoyingSuccess](#) [@GSAUK](#)



Music News

Music Theatre Exam Results

Well done to all those who took part in the recent Music Theatre Exams. We received some excellent results, including 9 distinctions and 10 merits.

Well done, everyone!

Music at Lunchtime

Today's Music at Lunchtime was a real blast from the past for those of us of a certain vintage! Organised by Tilly Sumners and Riana Chandaria with their Y12 musician friends they put together a Beatles- themed concert.

Featured were iconic numbers such as *All my Loving*, (from the sister act of Anna and Bridie Milsom accompanied by Eliza Goldstone on guitar), *Here Comes The Sun* (Edie Cartmell and Renee Shields), *Hey Jude* (Martha Sayer, Emily Poncia and Hannah Fernando), *Let it Be* (Hannah Fernando and Ellen McDonald) *In my Life* (Harriet Sumners, Ria Menon, Yasmin Byng & Eliza Goldstone) and *Imagine* (Riana Chandaria, Tilly Sumners and Martha Sayer). There were certainly a few glances from the younger members of the audience as the elder members, whilst not quite dancing in the isles, murmured along! Oh my, what a treat and trip down memory lane..... do they make them like this anymore?

You can listen to the whole concert by clicking on this SoundCloud link.

<https://soundcloud.com/channing-school/sets/lunchtime-concert-1st-ma>



Reminder: Keeping Safe

Please do continue to talk to your daughters about keeping safe on their journeys to and from school. Pupils should be particularly mindful of using smartphones or having iPads on show outside of the school grounds. We have been informed that the police have stepped up local patrols in and around the village and Officers are visiting Channing on Monday March 18th to take a whole school assembly on personal safety.

Week Ahead

Monday 4 March

Year 13 Mocks

SS Year 8/9 Author Lauren James talk

16.00 - 18.30 SS Maths Hans Woyda Northern Plate Final; Sixth Form Centre

16.00 - 18.00 Year 12 Drama Performance Component 3 Dress Rehearsal, AC

16.00 Netball Year 7A, Year 8AB v SHHS @ Channing School

Tuesday 5 March

Year 13 Mocks

9.00 - 10.30 Year 7 Music attending Highgate School Chamber Music Festival

18.00 - 19.30 Mums Curry Ball, NSH

18.30 Year 12 Drama Practice Exam, AC

Wednesday 6 March

Year 13 Mocks

GSA Artificial Intelligence: Transformative Technologies Event

17.00 - 19.00 SS ABRSM Theory Exam, MSI

18.15 - 19.30 Channing Community Choir Messiah Rehearsal, AC

Thursday 7 March

World Book Day

Year 7/10/12 Science: TeenTech

13.40 - 14.30 SS Year 8 English Forbidden Planet Workshop, AC

18.00 - 19.15 SS Year 12 parents and students University preparation presentation, FH

Friday 8 March

International Women's Day

SS Year 9/10 University of East London Volleyball

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