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Dear Parents

There's nothing more likely to cause young people to roll their eyes in bored embarrassment than hearing old(er) people say: "When *I* was at school.....", so I try and avoid it. However, when I was at school, one wouldn't have used the words *beautiful, creative, fun, joyful and fascinating* in connection with Mathematics. It was all terror, log tables and not a hint of any practical reason why one really **MUST** engage with Maths. It has been Maths Week at the Senior School and everywhere there has been evidence of "girls enjoying success" in Maths. Scroll down for just a flavour of the many activities this week. Many thanks to our Maths (Dream) Team.

Also this week comes news of a new image!

We have seen many exciting developments at Channing recently; spectacular buildings, brilliant appointments and inspirational events to name a few.

Today I'm delighted to announce that we are launching a new brand identity (and by that, I refer to the logo, fonts and colours), that will effectively reflect and communicate our excellent school.

All strong brand identities need regular updating and Channing is no exception. Our logo has done us proud for the last 10 years but is now beginning to look a little tired and, due to lack of comprehensive guidelines, has become inconsistent, taking on different appearances in a variety of situations. Most importantly it has never been applied to signage which makes it difficult for us to be identified by visitors and passers-by.

So, we have decided that the time has come for some refreshment. Not a total overhaul, just a tweak or two in all the right places to ensure that our identity will be fit for purpose for the next 10 years.

This is what we're doing:

1. We are retaining our iconic 'C', giving it importance in its own right as a symbol and removing the word 'school'. There is only one 'Channing'. That is how we are generally known and this formal change reflects our quiet confidence.
2. We are expanding and modernising our palette of colours. Brown will still be one of these but will mainly be reserved for the uniform. The primary logo colour will now be a strong duck egg blue - a complementary colour to brown. There will be a set of comprehensive guidelines to ensure that wherever the identity is applied it is consistent and is also easy and efficient to implement.

3. Most importantly, we will be the proud owners of our first ever set of branded external signage, planned for the Summer Term. Once installed, everyone will know who and where we are!

We will be applying the new identity to all school marketing materials over the next term as part of our annual update in readiness for the forthcoming admissions programme.

Our new logo is shown below.



I hope you like it!

Have a good weekend.

Best wishes

Mrs B M Elliott

Headmistress

# Girls Enjoying Success

## Music News

On Wednesday 20 March at Hornsey School for Girls, **Georgie Fernando** had her A Level composition performed in concert and became the first female conductor for the Haringey Young Musicians Symphony Orchestra. Well done, Georgie. What a tremendous achievement!

**Clio Harwood** was invited to perform with a new orchestra called The London Young Soloists String Orchestra, selected mainly from students at the Royal College of Music Junior Department, who made their first public performance last Friday at the Russian Maslenitsa Celebration Concert at St John's Smith Square. It has been a busy week for Clio because she also was 'Commended' in a very hard category, the 'Concerto Strings Competition' of the North London Music Festival, playing the first movement of the Bruch violin concerto.

## Music at Lunchtime

The final Music at Lunchtime of the term today featured a diverse range of music. Topping and tailing were Darcey Hasting's (Cello) sparky *Etude Caprice*, and Talia Nabarro's (Violin) lively *Polish Dance* that showed off their superb technical prowess. Yuki Wu (Voice) was obviously inspired from last week's Handel, with her delicate 'Where e'er ye walk' and the dainty *Butterfly* was beautifully sung by Katherine Ruffhead. Charlotte Pearce (Voice) gave a meaningful rendition of the traditional 'Wayfaring Stranger' whilst Ruby Davies' stage presence and communication (Voice) had us crying '...for Argentina' with the Andrew Lloyd-Webber classic. Ella Skordis Worrall (Voice) flew us ...'to the Moon' and back in time for afternoon lessons. Do join us next week for the charity 'Battle of the Choirs' featuring a 'staff' choir.

Click on the link below to listen to today's recital on Soundcloud.

<https://soundcloud.com/channing-school/sets/lunchtime-concert-friday-22nd-march-2019>



## Drama News

Congratulations to **Hannah Schlenker** in Year 11 on the outstanding achievement of being accepted onto the National Youth Theatre's Backstage Course for Set Design and Construction. The Stage Manager commented that Hannah was "the most impressive 16 year old that she had interviewed in long time" and Hannah will be the youngest addition to the Company of 16-25 year olds. The Drama Department are very proud of Hannah's success.

## Maths Week

It's the end of an era. For the last seven years, Daria Hall and Izzy Mills, both now in Year 13, have collected prizes for solving every Maths Week problem during every Maths Week since they were in Year 7. Daria clearly can't get enough of it as she has chosen to read Mathematics at University. Fortunately Channing has plenty of aspiring mathematical problem solvers hoping to emulate these two. Thank you again to Ms MacCarthy who is responsible for the problems, quotations and, of course, the jokes.

Every Channing pupil will have sat at least the Junior and Intermediate Maths Challenge during their time here and many the Senior Challenge also. This week, selected pupils in Year 10 had the privilege of a masterclass with two of the creators of the problems for the Challenges. Dr Tony Gardiner, founder of the UKMT, and Mrs Rosemary Emanuel, a former Channing Head of Mathematics.

What's your favourite number? Mr Riggs-Long and his Year 11 class led a whole school assembly on Alex Bellos' research into favourite numbers and our emotional attachment to them. An array of flamboyant numbers were presented including a PPDI number which is one of only two numbers that have a unique property.

In preparation for the Year 9 visit to Bletchley Park, Mr Daurat gave an exhilarating presentation on the problems and challenges faced by British code breakers during the Second World War. Pupils were given strategies to crack certain codes themselves in preparation for Monday's trip.

## Sports News

Well done to **Alice Metcalf** who did very well in her national rowing competition on Monday 18 March. Alice finished 8th out of 47 which is no mean feat! Well done, Alice!

Last weekend at the British Schools Championships for Judo in Sheffield, **Maddie Rymer** competed in 4 tough fight categories and ended up with a bronze medal on behalf of Channing School. Congratulations, Maddie, on all your hard work!



## **Under 12 and under 13 Middlesex Tournament at Highgate School**

Both teams had a slow start losing their first round matches. Channing took a while to warm up, but once we did it was inspiring to see some outstanding Netball and glimpses of what both squads are capable of.

The Under 12s won 1 match, drew 4, and lost 2 to finish 4th place in their group. Player of the tournament was Maddie Horsell for her outstanding intercepts and consistency throughout all 7 matches.

The Under 13s won 3 matches, drew 1, and lost 4 to finish 6th in their group. Player of the tournament for Channing was Grace Penn-Lawrence for her athleticism and versatility.

We are very excited to see the Year 7's represent Haringey next Tuesday at the London School Games.

Watch this space....

## **Senior School Assembly**

Monday mornings assembly was led by PC Ahmed from the Met Police. He was accompanied by 2 colleagues and the focus of the assembly was Stay Safe. PC Ahmed referred to the advice on the Met website that is useful ([www.met.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/violence/stay-safe](http://www.met.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/violence/stay-safe)) and gave some useful pointers on staying safe on London's streets. He also gave some timely reminders about Cyber Safety and the importance of having a questioning mind in relation to social media interactions.

## **News from the Junior School**

### **Sports News**

Last Thursday the Y5 netball team travelled to South Hampstead High School to compete in a netball tournament. They played 4 group games back to back, although finishing with 1 win (2-0) and 3 losses, losing by only 1 goal in each game. Considering they played the teams who finished 1st and 2nd and only lost to both by a goal is testament to their abilities. They rounded off the tournament with a 6-2 victory.

Well done to Arabella Done on being awarded player of the tournament. The girls in the team were Daisy Leon, Maya Coetzee, Leila Levinson, Clara Ewing, Imogen Hicks, Flora Gillis, Saara Thukral and Arabella Done.

## The Dance Party

Year 3 and Year 4 had a great time during their inter-house event: The Dance Party. The girls danced away to a selection of songs and enjoyed a game of “Musical Bumps”. The winners were:

3rd...Serrana Bliss (4F) Goodwin - 20 house points

2nd...Daisy Lucas (4F) Spears - 50 house points

1st...Matilda Faber (3M) - Waterlow - 100 house points

A huge thank you to the wonderful Year 6 House Captains for organising such a fun event.



## Music News

Tuesday evening saw a packed audience in the Arundel Centre enjoy the flourishing talents of the Junior School girls as they presented their Spring Concert. Besides the outstanding musicianship evident, the energy and verve on display, not to mention their capacity for memorising words and melodies was astounding.



## Music Assembly

Hot on the heels of Tuesday night's success, and with ABRSM exams following, Amina Alam, Annabelle Davis, Primrose Dean, Iris Moss, Isabel Millican, Amandine Cotton-Yu, Maheen Hasan & Jingnong Ma (Violin group) Hero Klass (Cornet) Daisy Lucas (Violin) Isha Clarke (Violin) Edie Clement (Violin) Eliza Mistry (Cello) Natasha Freedman (Piano) Zainab Alam (Violin) and Eva Jones, Amelie Cedar & Anouska O'Neill (Cornet Trio) delighted an early Thursday morning audience in the Junior School Music Assembly. With performers ranging in age from Year 1-6 this was a truly impressive and lovely start to the day. The audience were left with the idea that it really was 'A Whole New World' out there. Well done, girls!



## Year 6M: Cheverton Lodge Care Home

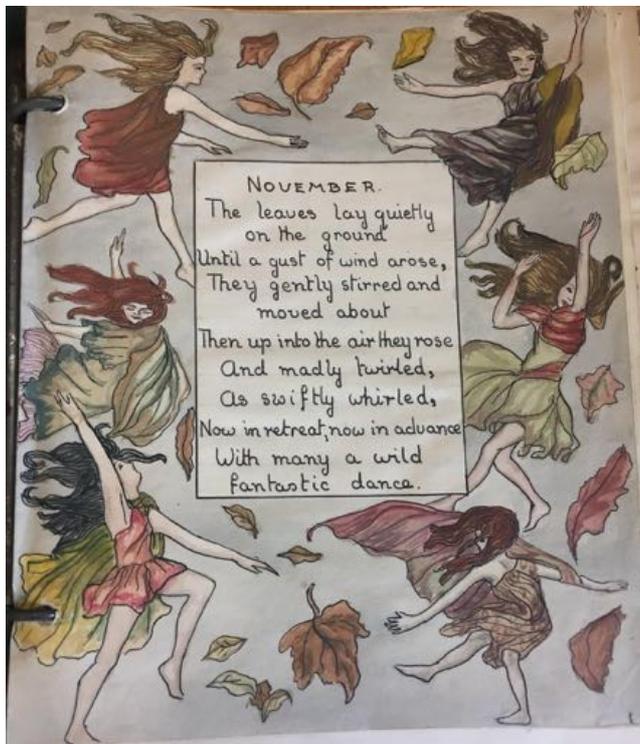
Continuing our community visits at Fairseat, Y6M walked to Cheverton Lodge Care Home on Wednesday morning to delight residents with well-known hymns, a fantastic WWII song-medley and even one song from the recent KS2 Spring Concert, performed entirely unprompted and without any accompaniment. The elderly residents smiled, clapped and joined in with the songs and truly relished the girls' entertainment. Y6M pupils left the care home feeling fulfilled; they are helping to make a real difference to the lives of older people in our local community.



## Alumnae

### Throwback Thursday

To commemorate [#WorldPoetryDay](#), this week's [#ThrowbackThursday @ChanningSchool](#) is highlighting 'Channing Verse'. This book was made by Channing pupils, with most poems and etchings completed between 1934 and 1935. [#GirlsEnjoyingSuccess @GSAUK](#)



### Questionnaire



Channing is committed to re-engaging with its alumnae community, and as such we would be most grateful if you would complete this short [questionnaire](#) to tell us what type of services and events you, as alumnae, would like us to provide.

Please feel free to pass this on to any Channing Alumnae you know who would like to take part.

Many thanks,

Channing Alumnae Department

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## Charity

Andrew Boardman, one of our Assistant Heads, is running the London Landmarks Half Marathon this Sunday for 'Tommys'. Tommy's is a charity that funds research into miscarriage, stillbirth and premature births, and provides pregnancy health information to parents. If you want to donate to this worthwhile charity the link is here:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/andrew-boardman69>

## Reminders:

Please can we remind all parents to email [info@channing.co.uk](mailto:info@channing.co.uk) if your child has any appointments that will take them out of school.

Also please let the school office know of any contact detail changes for yourselves or any of your emergency contacts. This helps the school to stay up to date and contact those necessary during an emergency. You can also update your own records on the parent portal.

## Week Ahead

Spears House Charity Week

### Monday 25 March

Year 9 Visit to Bletchley Park

16.00 - 18.00 Year 13 A Level Performance Component 2 Rehearsal, AC

### Tuesday 26 March

4 Year 9 Pupils to attend Salters' Festival of Chemistry at University of Cambridge

18.30 Year 13 A Level Practice, AC

### Wednesday 27 March

Year 8 & 9 Maths UKMT Challenge at West London Free School

16.00 - 17.00 SS Music A Level Recital Rehearsal

### Thursday 28 March

19.30 - 22.30 Year 12 & 13 Coliseum - Opera Trip

### Friday 29 March

13.00 Charity Event

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