

26 April 2019

Dear parents

I hope that this finds you rejuvenated after the recent break and that you and your families were able to enjoy some of the unseasonably warm weather. I am conscious that a number of our students were studying hard during the holiday and some are now in the midst of public and internal examinations, which seem to start earlier each academic year. We wish them well over the examination cycle.

During the recent holiday, some colleagues accompanied visits abroad. The Classics Department led a trip to Naples and even managed to meet up with Mr Coram and Mr Boxall! A Home Stay visit to Montpellier was also co-ordinated by the MFL Department. We are grateful to Mrs Elliot, Ms Evernden, Miss Taylor, Miss Melvin, Miss Romero-Wiltshire, Miss Rozières and Ms Kyle for leading these key educational visits.

We are all looking forward to a busy, exciting and productive term ahead and we welcome two new members of staff to the Channing team: Kate Kavanagh who will join the English Department as a teacher in the Senior School and Jenny Jarman who leads the PE Department in the Junior School. We wish them success in their new roles. I am also delighted that Ms Newman and Mrs Bhamra-Burgess are supporting me this term in their roles of Acting Deputy Head and Acting Assistant Head (Pastoral).

I would like to reiterate Mrs Elliott's previous point that if you have something of a confidential, sensitive or general nature (pertaining to your child) that you need to discuss, you are welcome to make an appointment to speak to me or a member of the pastoral team.

I sent out an email earlier this week to all Senior School parents regarding pupil iPad restrictions that are operational from this week. The pupils have all been informed of these changes in assemblies and I am indebted to Mr Grossman, Assistant Head (STEM) for the work he has done on this. The link is here if you haven't already read this important communication:

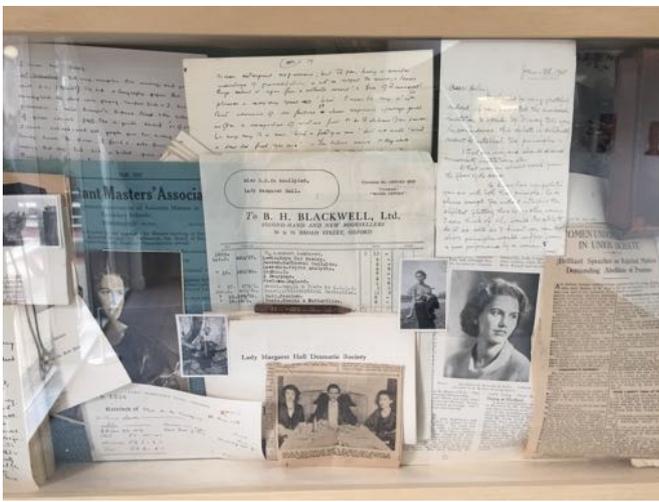
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1kQeKr7kKkOjbZ20Wwj1eDdiGHON7Q6Bz/view?usp=sharing>

As a word of warning, I am sure that you are aware of the reports of assaults carried out by a moped driver in the vicinity recently. Despite the fact that Islington police have made an arrest in connection with this, please continue to talk to your children about personal safety and be mindful of the advice of Det. Insp. Pete Dyche:

"I would advise that anyone walking alone in the evening in these areas to be mindful of their surroundings and to report any suspicious activity to police immediately."

On a more pleasant note, I would like to wish the Jewish members of our community 'Pesach Sameach' during this festival time. I am also looking forward to representing the school at the 160th anniversary service at Highgate United Reform Church on Sunday. Bon courage to Miss Zanardo and the Year 10 DoE pupils who are heading off to the North Downs - let's hope that the sun will shine.

We are also very grateful to Adam Forman in lending us some impressive art collages which are based on the life of his mother, Lady Helen de Mouilpied, who was a Channing alumna. They chart her experiences through her school days and at Oxford University. The artwork is currently being exhibited in the Ark Gallery and if you are interested in viewing these pieces, please contact Jade Francis (alumnae@channing.co.uk) who will be able to arrange a visit.



I hope that you have an enjoyable weekend.

With all best wishes,

Mr A J Underwood
Acting Head

Girls Enjoying Success

Sports News

AP Saints qualified for Netball U14 Nationals on 7 April 2019 with Sienna Thompson, Annabelle Lucas and Edie Cartmell. It was a great day as girls coached from Sparks also got through, which included another Year 9 Channing pupil Renee Shields. This was a proud day for North London Schools and Haringey Sport.

Well done everyone!

Music News

Following her success gaining a distinction for her ABRSM Trombone diploma last term, **Abigail Ornel** performed with the National Youth Brass Band of Great Britain over the holiday. It is a very impressive organisation that has a long tradition, with many of the best British brass players of our time having been members during their teens.

Abigail won the prestigious Katie Ogden soloist award, which is not often won by a newcomer. She will now represent the trombone section in the final for the Harry Mortimer solo prize in the Summer, where she will have to play a concerto or long piece. Other finalists include the BBC Radio 2 Young Brass Musician Of The Year.

Many congratulations, Abigail!

Congratulations to **Maeve Gallagher** (Year 11) who, following a successful audition, has been selected to perform with the British Youth Music Theatre this summer.

Music at Lunchtime

The girls may have only been back in school 3 days but the musicians are already working at full speed. Today's Music at Lunchtime had a distinctly Spring Summer feel about it!

Branwen Bainbridge (Harp) delighted us with *Sea Saw* by Grandjany, Anastasia Pendlebury (Voice) echoed the wonderful sounds outside with her lovely performance of *The Birds* by Britten, Isabel Lesser (Violin) sparkled with the stunning 1st movement of Beethoven's Spring Sonata and Yasmin Byng (voice) haunted us with treats to come of hazy summer days with her delectable performance of *Summertime* by Gershwin. What a lovely start to this term's series of recitals!



Chemistry News

On Thursday 4th April, four Year 8 pupils accompanied Mrs Mahmood and Mrs Shah to the Department of Chemistry at UCL for one of the Salters' Festivals of Chemistry. Sophia Bremen, Imani Mokal-Russell, Maria Privalova and Sophia Sutliff worked very effectively together as a team to solve two challenges! The first involved completing a set of forensic tests

and puzzles in order to solve the mystery of the missing Salters' centenary cup. In the second task, the students had to find the appropriate volumes of hydrochloric acid and sodium thiosulfate solutions to mix together in order to produce a colour change after exactly one minute. Despite managing to achieve this in their preliminary work, they were a few seconds out in the final test and so did not achieve a prize. However, Mrs Mahmood and Mrs Shah were very impressed with their hard work, determination and collaboration - well done, girls!



Careers News

G(irls)20 event at Norton Rose Fulbright LLP

G(irls)20 is an initiative with aim of 'advancing the full participation of girls and women globally through their economic and educational empowerment'. Every year, G20 holds a summit in one of the 20 countries involved with a female delegate, aged 18-22, to represent each of those countries. G20 cultivates and develops these leaders to support the advancement of others.

At the G20 event that Hannah Davis, Hannah Whiterow and I attended earlier this month, we got the opportunity to watch a panel and participate in a Q&A with three previous delegates. Hosted by Carolann Edwards (Global Director of Learning and Organisational Development at Norton Rose), issues of gender in the workplace, the concept of feminism and the initiatives in their communities were explored. We were particularly struck by the project of the UK delegate, Dunola, and her initiative '[Luton Lights](#)'. Dunola explained that her hometown, Luton, is one of the most economically deprived boroughs in the UK. Her project aims to directly address the deficit of women in STEM industries in the UK and to equip young women locally for the jobs of the future. We were all inspired and impressed by Dunola's efforts to empower young women as it is very similar to Channing's ethos of 'girls enjoying success' and our drive to inspire girls in the field of STEM.

Thank you to Ms Smith (Channing parent) who passed this opportunity on to the Careers Department and also to Ms Keefe who shared her insights into the work of solicitors at Norton Rose Fulbright. The evening was very rewarding.

Tilly Sumners (Head Girl)



History News

Nearly 40 Year 11 History students 'enjoyed' a guided tour around Spitalfields and Whitechapel yesterday evening to learn more about the Jack the Ripper murders, as part of their GCSE Crime and Punishment component. Although most of the sites of the murders have long disappeared, their guides ably brought to life the febrile atmosphere of the East End of London in 1888.

Drama News

Year 11 Drama students completed their final performance examination this week. The students impressed the visiting examiner with their range of duologues. They performed everything from Greek tragedies, Shakespearean comedies to naturalistic period dramas. Our acting students and set designer created a memorable final celebration of all their hard work. Many thanks to the parents and teachers who attended and congratulations to Year 11 for a stimulating and entertaining morning of theatre!



Montpellier Trip

Over the Easter holidays the French department took twenty one Year 10 pupils and two Year 12 pupils to sunny Montpellier for five days. In pairs or threes they stayed with host families where they had breakfast and supper with them. This was a fantastic way of using their French outside of the classroom in a real life situation, giving them greater confidence and fluency in the language. In the mornings they had lessons at LSF, a French language school in the heart of the city: [LSF](#). In the afternoon the group enjoyed various activities such as a visit to the beach at Palavas les Flots, a guided tour of the city, a cookery lesson and a treasure hunt. The pupils were able to gain an insight into French culture and make the most of beautiful Montpellier which is a vibrant city with a friendly atmosphere. Thank you to Mme Rozières and Mme Kyle for accompanying the trip.

-Mme Romero



Alumnae

Helen de Moulpied (1914-1987) attended Channing from 1927-32 and went on to graduate from Oxford University with a First Class degree in Modern History in 1935.

After joining the Films Division in June 1940 to work on the reorganisation and expansion of the 16mm mobile film units, she moved to the non-theatrical distribution organisation of the Documentary Movement at the Imperial Institute. From there she transferred to the Ministry of Information, rising quickly to be a Specialist, and second in charge of the non-theatrical distribution section of the Films Division.

From 1943 she worked in the production of documentary films becoming Chief Film Production Officer in 1945 and later contributed a great deal to the development of the British Film Institute as Governor.

She continued to enjoy a successful career as well as have 2 children, one of whom is the artist, Adam Forman, who has kindly lent Channing some of the pieces from his exhibition entitled 'How Do We Remember'. These pieces showcase some of the wonderful memories kept by Lady Forman (nee Helen Moulpied) herself and are presented through his own memories.

Week Ahead

Monday 29 April

14.35 - 16.35 SS Year 13 A Level Music Exam

16.30 - 17.15 SS Book signing by Mishal Husain

17.30 - 19.30 SS Careers' Speaker Mishal Husain from BBC News, AC

Tuesday 30 April

15.30 - 17.00 SS Year 13 OCR A Level Geography Webinar: Revising Core Topics

16.30 - 17.30 Year 7 & 8 Tennis @ Highgate

Wednesday 1 May

11.00 Year 13 Leavers Assembly

18.00 - 18.30 Channing Association Senior School Meeting

Thursday 2 May

Year 9 Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Trips Information Evening

Friday 3 May

Rosie Day

13.00 Music at Lunchtime

