



4 April 2019

Dear Parents

The following new Senior School Officers were appointed this afternoon.

Congratulations and good luck to:

Head Girls: Riana Chandaria & Tilly Sumners

Charities Officers: Kate Anderson & Tiana Parti

Sustainability Officers: Sophie Lewis & Anna Western

Sixth Form Officers: Clemmie Butler-Brown & Shehnaz Cuerdo

Year 7 Officers: Bridie Milsom & Emily Poncia

Goodwin (& Year 8) Officers: Emily Sinclair, Miriam Hammell, Alice Ryb & Emily Rea

Spears (& Year 9) Officers: Abi Summerfield, Afzaa Altaf, Anouska Reeback & Eliane Carter

Waterlow (& Year 10) Officers: Megan Khan, Anna Tefoglou, Emily Gray & Ella Shindler

Sharpe (& Year 11) Officers: Hannah Fernando, Laura Cipolotti-Ranieri, Ellen McDonald & Tabitha Cartmell

Our retiring team have done a fantastic job running events and supporting the school and staff.

I would like to thank them for all of their hard work throughout this past year and wish them well as they focus now on their A level preparation

Head Girls: Lucy Faber & Isobel Mills

Charities Officers: Amelia Little & Isobel Horton

Sixth Form Officers: Izobel Clarke & Feeza Patel

Year 7 Officers: Isabel Gold & Daisy Grostern

Goodwin (& Year 8) Officers: Gabrielle Dowsey, Marni Granek, Maya Katz & Zoe Mackinnon

Spears (& Year 9) Officers: Audrey Assouly, Maddie Damberg-Ott, Talia Engel & Symran Saggarr

Waterlow (& Year 10) Officers: Ella Blendis, Naomi Rosenfeld, Megan Williams & Rosie Ziff

Sharpe (& Year 11) Officers: Beany Ashley Norman, Georgie Fernando, Maya Fetterman & Hannah Schuller

I have an app called Vamoos which is counting down the days, hours and minutes until my flight to Mexico City tomorrow: when you receive this, it will be probably around 22 hours to go. On Saturday I shall be having lunch

with the mother of the bride celebrating her daughter joining my family and my son joining hers at their wedding on 19 April.

Congratulations to Miss Gerstein, one of our Year 1 teachers at the Junior School, who is also getting married over the Easter holidays: have a wonderful wedding day, Gina! And our love and best wishes go to Junior School Head of PE, Ms Rona Corkindale, as she re-locates back to her native Scotland. Rona: you have been a truly wonderful colleague and we are all so sorry to lose you. Your impact on Sport at Channing will be felt for years to come.

I hope you all have a restful break with your families. I know that for the parents of students in Years 11 and 13, it will be a period of revision as A levels and GCSEs approach. Year 10s should make a start on their revision too, and for Year 12 students, exams start straight after the holidays. I wish them all the very best of luck.

As you know, the Governors have granted me a term's sabbatical leave and I shall be spending some of it in Spain and the USA, networking and attending a conference in California called Dream, Dare, Do: Girls as Makers, Inventors, Engineers and Entrepreneurs. I am sure I will start the next academic year full of ideas and initiatives for Channing pupils to explore these areas still further.

I have very mixed feelings about retiring in August 2020. I love this school and it has been my world since 2005. In the Officers' Assembly this morning, I showed a series of slides of one or two key events from each of the intervening years and it was astonishing to think how much has happened and changed since the current Year 13s arrived as Reception pupils, or even since 2012 if they joined at Year 7.

I shall relish every moment of my final year and look forward to welcoming a new Head: let's hope they love skipping out. Do you know, I think I'm the only teacher who has never skipped out? There's something else to look forward to at Mark Reading in July 2020!

For the term I am away, I am delighted that Mr Underwood is going to be captain of the ship. Ms Newman and Mrs Bhamra-Burgess will be there in support, with the rest of the leadership team and all our colleagues. I know you will offer him your support, too.

Best wishes  
Mrs B M Elliott  
Headmistress

## Girls Enjoying Success

### Young Enterprise at Brent Cross

On Sunday 31st March, Channing Teams Paragon and Novus set up stalls at Brent Cross Shopping Centre to make the most of their final trade fair selling opportunity. Selling alongside teams from other schools and persuading members of the public to part with their cash was a new and valuable experience for our Young Entrepreneurs from Year 12.

Next stop: North London Final in May!



## Geography News

### Geographical Board Games in Globetrotters Club

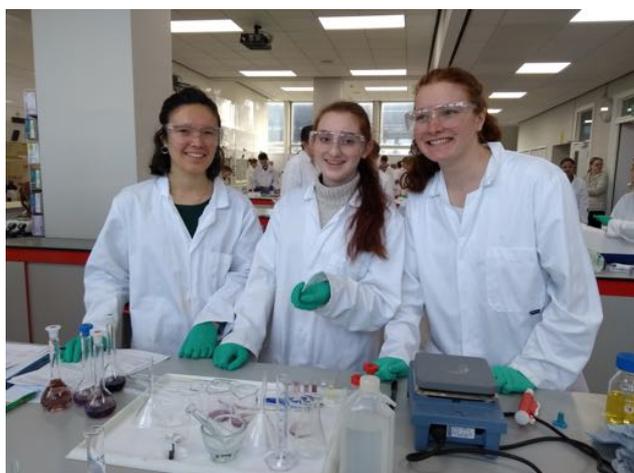
This week in Globetrotters, Year 7 have finished their project designing, resourcing and making geographical board games. These included a tropical rainforest Cluedo, Japanese Monopoly and animal adaptations Top Trumps. The students have put a lot of work and effort into these over the last term, well done to all the girls involved!



## Chemistry News

### Schools' Analyst Competition at Reading University

This week three Year 12 students took part in the regional finals of the RSC Young Analysts Competition. Sophia Apkarian, Charlotte Marshall and Isabella Atkinson completed a practical activity analysing the amount of paracetamol in painkiller tablets narrowly missing third place, in the overall competition. The girls got to experience analytical chemistry and university labs as well as listening to comprehensive chemistry talks. It was overall a rewarding and insightful experience.



## Music News

Congratulations to Maya Matsu (7SH) who passed the ABRSM Violin Grade 6 exam with Distinction. Well done Maya!

## Sports News

Congratulations to Mali & Tori Akinrinlola on passing their C Umpire awards. They are the youngest Middlesex qualified umpires at just 14 years old. A fantastic achievement!

## Economics News

The Economics Department would like to thank Channing dad Richard Boardman for coming in to talk to Year 12 economists on Monday. His industry-knowledge and expertise of the vital role that the Financial Sector plays in the real economy was hugely appreciated. Year 13 economists were treated to a detailed discussion about the necessity and challenges of regulating both domestic and global financial markets. He also managed to inspire some of them to consider careers in the City. Thank you, once again, for supporting the Economics Department.

## Alexandra Palace Children's Book Awards

On Tuesday pupils in Years 5-8 attended the award ceremony for the Alexandra Palace Children's Book Awards. After reading the six shortlisted books and voting for their favourite, they found out the winner (Jane Elson for *Will you catch me?*) at a ceremony hosted by Michael Rosen and attended by five out of the six authors. They also did a workshop with author Steve Tasane, who went on to win the Library award for *Child I*. The Alexandra Palace Children's Book Awards is organised by a local group of school librarians, including Channing mum Kate Ereira. This year it was hosted in Alexandra Palace's newly renovated theatre for the first time. It was a great day and very inspiring for our readers to meet and hear from top authors and poets!



## News from the Junior School

### Year 5 Residential Trip

Last week, our Year 5 pupils embarked on a trip to Sayers Croft: a large outdoor learning camp located in the village of Ewhurst, Surrey. They enjoyed a range of activities, from caving to a campfire, and enjoyed spending time outdoors in the glorious sunshine, learning all about rivers and the creatures that live in a woodland habitat. The meals were tasty and the beds comfortable. All-in-all, it was a wonderful success!



## Be Our Guest

Year 3 and 4 girls sang, danced and acted their hearts out yesterday in their dazzling Spring production, Be Our Guest. Featuring scenes from Annie, Mary Poppins, Peter Pan and The Jungle Book, with original sketches by Miss Conway, they took us on a whistle-stop tour of the West End theatre. Well done girls, you were absolutely fantastic.



## Sports News

Congratulations to Kira (4I), who came second in the Skate Southern Ice Skating Competition in Level 2 Ladies 10 under, where girls from all over the UK participated. This is a fantastic achievement, well done Kira!



## Charity News

A personal appeal from Head of History, Mr Peter Martini Phillips:

I want to share the story of my friends Michael and Lauren, as featured in this week's Grazia:

<https://graziadaily.co.uk/life/real-life/team-monk-cancer-treatment-fundraiser/>

Michael is an amazing dad and to find out he had cancer on the day his wife went on maternity leave ahead of the birth of their daughter was truly heartbreaking for them. I will be running the Hackney Half-Marathon on behalf of Michael's fundraising appeal on May 19th and if you would be kind enough to sponsor me I would be very grateful. Please follow this link if you'd like to donate and for more information do get in touch.

<https://uk.gofundme.com/team-monk>

## Alumnae: Throwback Thursday

This week's ThrowbackThursday #TBT @ChanningSchool celebrates National Pet Month and the forthcoming Easter break. Here is a photograph from 1949 of Junior School pupils with their pet rabbits.

[#GirlsEnjoyingSuccess @GSAUK](#)



## Reminder:

Could I remind all parents that your daughters should not be contacting you if they are unwell during the school day. They should go to the school nurse who will then inform parents appropriately. Please can you support this procedure and liaise with the nurses if you have any concerns about your child's health?

## Week Ahead

### Friday 5 April - Tuesday 23 April

Holiday

### Wednesday 24 April

#### Term Begins

SS A Level Art Exam

16.10 - 17.10 SS Year 13 A Level Music Exam

### Thursday 25 April

SS A Level Art Exam

SS Year 11 Drama GCSE Unit 2 Examination

16.10 Year 11 History Trip: Jack the Ripper Walk

16.10 - 18.10 SS Year 13 A Level Music Exam

### Friday 26 April

SS A Level Art Exam

15.20 - 16.20 SS Year 13 A Level Music Exam

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