

17 May 2019

Dear Parents

I hope you have had a productive week. It has certainly been a busy one here at Channing as Year 11 pupils sat the first tranche of their public examinations. The school community have been “exemplary”, according to Miss Newman (Acting Deputy Head), in ensuring that the environment is quiet, calm and focussed during the examination season.

Channing pupils are continuing to make waves and leading on from the fantastic Young Enterprise successes of last week, I was thrilled to be informed by Ms Marmar that 11 students from Years 9 and 10 have been selected to go through to the Teen Tech national finals on June 24th. This is a significant achievement and many congratulations to all those involved and special thanks to Ms Marmar who has been the driving force behind this initiative. One of the things we do very well at Channing is to offer opportunities and to develop leadership skills and capacity among the student body and it is always wonderful to hear of successes like this which illustrates the sheer talent of Channing pupils.

Similarly, I have always been struck by the quality of drama performances here at school and the experience for pupils is obviously enhanced by the magnificent Arundel Centre. This week, over 70 pupils involved in the LAMDA programme performed 2 evening Showcases and I was lucky enough to attend a range of these performances. It was a real treat and it is abundantly clear that so many pupils have developed public speaking and presentational skills as well as their confidence. My thanks go to the LAMDA team (Ms Owens, Ms Leighton, Ms Penglase and Ms Hill) who have inspired our pupils to produce such broad and thought-provoking work. We wish them all the best of luck for their formal LAMDA examinations next week.

That amazing Channing community spirit was so predominant when I popped down to a sunny Parliament Hill Sports Ground yesterday to attend the annual Sports Day. I observed some serious competitive sport events, which involved a few painful tumbles as well as old favourites such as the Egg and Spoon Race, Sack Race and the hotly anticipated Student/Teacher Relay. Unfortunately for the teachers the students were the victors but my colleagues took their defeat with good grace and humour. I am grateful to the PE Department and especially to Miss Della Porta (Director of PE and Sport) for coordinating this annual school event. It was also so lovely to see so many parents enjoying the warm weather and supporting their children and respective year groups. We look forward to the final results being disseminated next week.

I was also present at the annual ‘cake cutting’ for Year 13 today as they depart on Study Leave; we wish them (and all of those sitting public examinations) a resounding *Bon Courage!* for the weeks ahead. I would also like to

thank Mrs Kung (Director of Sixth Form), Mrs Williams (Deputy Director of Sixth Form) and the committed team of teachers, tutors, co-tutors and support staff who have always been a constant for the students throughout their Channing education.



Could I please remind parents and those who pick up children from school to adhere to and be especially mindful of the safety signs and parking restrictions that are clearly displayed around the school perimeters? They are clear and are there for a reason - our community's safety. As next week is National Walk to School Week, one hopes that as many of our community as possible who live within reasonable walking distance of Channing, will take up the challenge of walking to and from school - good for the mind and body as well as the environment!

I would like to wish all the Muslim members of our community '*Ramadan Kareem*' during the month of fasting.

Lastly, a huge 'Thank you' to the Butler family who have volunteered to host our Transylvanian scholar, Dalma Kiss, in the Autumn Term. Without such generosity, programmes such as this would not be able to run and we are deeply grateful to them for their kindness and support.

I hope everyone has an enjoyable weekend.

With all best wishes,

Mr A J Underwood

Acting Head

Girls Enjoying Success

Sienna Goldsmith (Yr8 Waterlow), completed a debating course over February half term with Sir Anthony Seldon as a guest speaker. There were about 200 people competing from the ages of 10-17. The competition consisted of many rounds of debates, the winning two going into the following round. Sienna and her debating partner won the British-Parliamentary style Debating Competition. A fantastic achievement. Well done, Sienna.



MFL News

Congratulations to Yidi Wang. Yidi's commitment to the current Adelante Reading Challenge has been remarkable. Even though she does not study Spanish for GCSE, she has taken it upon herself to read lots of books in the language in a bid to support her House.

Please do encourage your daughter to do the same.

Prizes include a £50 voucher for Ibérica restaurants, a £55 voucher for a cookery lesson at the London Paella School and a £25 book token. Pupils also win House Points.



Oxford Olympiad for German

Irina Nigam's entry to this year's Oxford Olympiad for German has been awarded a winning prize. Irina painted an animal in the style of the artist Franz Marc and wrote in German about the work of art that inspired it. Irina is invited to the Olympiad Prize giving Ceremony which will be held on 25th June in the Bodleian Library in Oxford. We would like to congratulate Irina on this fantastic achievement.



Latin News

On Wednesday Year 7 spent the day exploring Roman Britain on a Latin trip to Verulamium (St Albans). They enjoyed performing Latin plays in a real Roman theatre, handling a range of artefacts (including the famous 'sponge stick') and researching life in a Romano-British town. They'll now complete illustrated journals which will be on display on Founders' Day. The museum staff were very impressed by the students' knowledge and questions as were the staff who accompanied them. Many thanks to Ms Taylor who organised the trip.



Sports News

On Tuesday we had our first ever competitive Cricket fixture against SHHS. The Year 7 team displayed accurate bowling and some dynamic fielding skills. Their batting was also of an impressive standard with quite a few boundaries scored and one super six hit by Emily Ang. In a tight finish, Channing were victorious 233-232.

The combined Year 8/9 team started brilliantly with a flurry of boundaries. The girls batted with accuracy throughout the innings only losing one wicket. They also bowled brilliantly taking 7 wickets. The team went on to win the match 270 runs to 229. Congratulations to all students involved.

LAMDA

Congratulations to the all the Year 8 and 9 pupils who performed in the LAMDA Showcases on Monday and Wednesday this week. They performed with professionalism, energy and skill. The audience clearly enjoyed it, laughing at the right places and sitting spellbound in the more poignant scenes. Good luck to all LAMDA pupils for their exams next week.



TeenTech

I am extremely pleased to inform you that five teams from Channing School have made it through to the TeenTech Awards finals:

Category: Fashion and Retail

Project title: ECO App

Team members: Chiara Knorr 10K and Irina Nigam 10M

Category: Future of Food

Project title: MLN

Team members: Meaghan Lawrence 9RW and Linda Doanova 9RW

Category: Music, Media and Entertainment

Project title: Facetitles

Team members: Catrin Papanastassiou Jenkins 9SP and Isabel Lesser 9S

Category: Tech for All

Project title: UNTYPED

Team members: Frankie Wire Davies 9S and Beatrice De Leval 9RW

Category: Wearable Technology

Project title: The Insu-Band

Team members: Florence Coleman 9RW, Louisa Tait 9RW and Alice Metcalf 9RW

The TeenTech Awards were established in 2012/3 by Maggie Philbin. The TeenTech Awards are a powerful tool in helping students to see how they might apply science and technology to real world problems. They encourage students to develop their own ideas for making life better, simpler, safer or more fun. As a participating school, we have collaborated with Channing Junior School and a British International School in Dubai as well as professionals from the industry and universities.

There are 20 categories ranging from Education to Design and Construction. All submitted projects receive feedback and a bronze, silver or gold award. The girls who have reached the final will go forward to the Institute of Engineering and Technology for judging by scientists such Prof. Brian Cox and Dr. Christian Jessen on June 24th 2019. There will be a prize of £1000 to the winning school in each category and the overall winners will be presented with their awards by HRH the Duke of York at Buckingham Palace.

I would also like to take this opportunity to recognise the amazing efforts of the teams that did not make it through to the finals:

Category: Health

Project title: Sun Safe

Team members: Amelia Marriott 10A and Lidia Lonergan 10A

Category: Health

Project title: Delfin App

Team members: Amy Warren 9SP, Miranda Gomez-Velasco 9SP and Branwen Bainbridge 9SP

Category: Environment and Energy

Project title: Basket Bin

Team member: Anouska Ornstein 9SP and Aliya Jami 9W

Their work has not gone unnoticed and they will be receiving certificates for participation. The judges will be providing them with very useful feedback.

I would like to thank all the Y12 mentors and Mr Jacobs for their contributions, help and support.

Ms Marmar

Music Success

Clio Harwood (Yr 9 Spears) recently took part in the North London Music Festival and won a Bronze Medal in the Intermediate Composition category. Well done, Clio, on your success!

Music at Lunchtime

There was nothing remotely 'highly strung' about today's lunchtime concert. Isabel Lesser (Viola) warmed us with the delightful First movement of Glinka's Sonata in D minor, Chloe Hommel (Violin) entertained with a rhythmic *Scottish Brawl*, Yasmin Byng (Violin) enthralled with the *Fantasia on Greensleeves* by Vaughan Williams - no doubt Henry VIII would have also approved! - Isabella Atkinson and Natasha Gough (Violins) provided a sneak preview of Bach's *First movement of Concerto in D minor* which will be performed with the Senior Strings in the Summer Concert; what a treat is in store. Maria Privalova (Cello) danced along with a Lully *Gavotte* and Clio Harwood (Violin) positively sizzled with fireworks with *Introduction and Tarantella* by Sarasate. I'm not sure who should be extending this invitation but do join us next week 'By invitation of Year 10' for what promises to be a marvellous start to half term!

Do click do the link below and listen to the audio on Soundcloud: (If it does not open, please paste it into your browser.)

<https://soundcloud.com/channing-school/sets/lunchtime-concert-17th-may-2019>



News from the Junior School

As it is Maths Week this week, we got together with our buddies and worked in small groups to come up with a riddle for a shape. Some of us sang a song, some of us created a rap and some of us made the shape with our bodies! Take a look on the Houses *Firefly* page, where you will find lots of photos and videos.



Sports News

On Friday, three Year 6 classes visited Highgate to play cricket in the glorious sunshine. All teams played outstandingly, with one team proving too strong for Highgate. They scored 253 runs for only 2 wickets. Highgate couldn't chase the high total, scoring 209 runs for 7 wickets. Special mentions to Libby Mirchandani-Whiteside for taking 2 wickets, Lucy Gold who took 3 fantastic catches, and Catherine Stobart for hitting several enormous sixes. Well done to all of the girls who took part.



On Tuesday, two Year 5 teams and one Year 4 team travelled to Belmont to get their first taste of competitive cricket. Belmont were a hard opponent but we learnt a lot from the experience. Well done to all of the girls involved.



Geography News

A huge celebration of the girls' projects have been displayed on a giant map of the British Isles today. Each class used their Geography topics as the basis of their learning objectives and had time in the hall with their year group. Projects ranged from seascides to plants, important landmarks, rivers and mountains to food and sports. Music was learnt and played, sports from each region explored and the map was used as a base for seaside fun. Recipes were created from locally sourced food from the past, as well as the baking of sausage rolls. Overall, a fantastic learning experience was had by all and the girls enjoyed seeing the map complete during an assembly. A special thanks to all the parents for their support and efforts in creating such incredible projects and to the staff, particularly Miss Holmes and Miss Lawrence for their support.

Miss Snowdowne



Year 4 Trip

On Monday, Year 4 visited The Living Rainforest to learn about these special habitats and how the animals and plants that live in them are specially adapted. Girls were lucky enough to meet various exotic animals including turtles, poison dart frogs, a sloth and even an armadillo named Harry!



Music Assembly

Over at the Junior School, their half termly Music Assembly took place around the British Isles; you will read more about that elsewhere! Eliana Papadopoulos, Astrid Jenkins, Sophia Yan, Mimi Gerwitz, Luna Takagi, Stevie Briggs, Amelie Rosen, Paloma Lewis and Flora Gillis entertained an appreciative and excited audience, some of whom were sitting in the English Channel, the South Coast or the Scottish Highlands. The girls displayed their expertise on a variety of instruments that ranged from Flute to Double Bass to Cornet to Cello. Well Done - a lovely way to start the day!

Alumnae: Throwback Thursdays

[@ChanningSchool](#) is commemorating today's Senior School Sports Day on [#ThrowbackThursday](#) with some photos - from 1926 showing a hockey match and a fencing display from 1964. [#GirlsEnjoyingSuccess](#) [@GSAUK](#)



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Week Ahead

Monday 20 May

SS LAMDA Examinations

Year 10 Art Trip to the Barbican & Whitechapel Gallery

Tuesday 21 May

SS LAMDA Examinations

Year 8 HPV 2 Vaccinations

Wednesday 22 May

SS LAMDA Examinations

Year 10 Spanish Orals

Thursday 23 May

SS LAMDA Examinations

Year 10 German Orals

Friday 24 May

Year 10 Spanish Orals

13.00 Music at Lunchtime