

3 May 2019

Dear Parents

We have had a very busy week at Channing with a number of students either involved in or preparing for internal and public examinations. Two very special visitors also came to Channing this week and we were delighted to welcome them:

On Monday, Mishal Husain, the BBC presenter and author (*The Skills: From First Job to Dream Job - What Every Woman Needs to Know*) talked to a rapt audience in the Arundel Centre on her insights into the skills required to succeed in any career. It was an excellent evening, full of productive advice and many parents and students I have spoken to were struck by Mishal's humanity and intelligence. I am grateful to the Yr 12 Careers Leaders who interviewed Mishal live on stage and to Mrs Pavlopoulos (Head of Careers) who with Channing parents Zena Watt, Claudia Eusebio and Catherine Toole, co-ordinated the evening. I am looking forward to reading and reflecting upon my own copy of *The Skills* during the May Bank Holiday.

On Tuesday, I was fortunate enough to be able to attend part of Lady Kohn's talk to Year 9 on her experiences of surviving the Holocaust. Lady Kohn has visited Channing a number of occasions and it is always a pleasure to welcome her and her daughter to the school. It is fair to say that the subject content was appalling and moving in equal measure and it certainly affected all of those people who were lucky enough to hear this story of hope and survival. I am grateful to Mr Martini-Phillips and the History Department for arranging this.

On Wednesday, I led the annual assembly to bid an early farewell to our Year 13 students. I was ably assisted by Ms Newman (Acting Deputy Head), Ms Kung (Director of Sixth Form), Mrs Williams (Assistant Director of Sixth Form) and all the 6th Form Tutors and Co-Tutors. It was a joyous occasion, the highlights of which were the Leavers' video (brilliant!) and a raucous skipping out from the New Sports Hall. During this assembly, I presented awards to all Year 13 prize winners (see below) and I look forward to seeing Year 13 again at the Leavers' Ball on 26 June 2019.

I hope Year 10 manage to find at least some rest and relaxation this week-end even though their internal examinations begin next week. It was impressive that so many Year 10 students successfully completed their DoE training last week and this will stand them in good stead for the actual expedition in September. *Bon voyage* to Miss Hunter and her intrepid team of teachers who are accompanying Year 9 to the French and Belgian Battlefields this week-end. I hope that the weather will be kind and that the group will return with productive experiences.

Today, the school marked Rosie Day, an annual day celebrating the life of Rosie Peto, one of our community who died almost 4 years ago. An assembly was led by the Head Girls who were assisted by the Charity Officers and Jaya Ayyalaraju (the recipient of this year's Rosie Peto Award) and comprised of music, readings, reflections and the whole Senior School singing karaoke. All monies collected today will be donated to the Rosie Peto Memorial Fund which provides support to young cancer sufferers and their families. We will never forget this charming, funny and exceedingly brave young woman who is an example to us all.



With all best wishes for an enjoyable Bank Holiday.

Happy Rosie Day!

Mr A J Underwood
Acting Head

Girls Enjoying Success

Sports News

A huge congratulations to Gayatri Sabharwal (Yr 9) who came 3rd on Thursday 2 May at the British Show Jumping Competition! She had the fastest time out of all 60+ competitors in her category by a whole 5 seconds, finishing the course in a total of 32 seconds. Gayatri was the youngest competitor in the senior (adult) category. Well done, Gayatri!

History News

This Tuesday, Channing was again visited by Lady Zahava Kohn and her daughter Hephzibah Rudofsky to give a talk to Year 9 about Zahava's experiences during World War Two under Nazi occupation and then internment in concentration camps. Zahava's story of survival is incredible and one we have been privileged to hear over the past few years at Channing. Year 9 found it a deeply moving and inspiring talk and went away with a much greater understanding of the impact of the holocaust on ordinary people.



GCHQ CyberFirst Defenders

Katherine Sarfaty in 8G recently attended the GCHQ CyberFirst Defenders residential course following her successful entry in the 2019 GCHQ-run CyberFirst Girls' Competition earlier this year.

The four day residential course included lectures on computing, talks from guest speakers on their careers in cyber security, and practical 'hacking' sessions looking at how to attack and protect computers.

At the end of the course, over 100 participants competed in a Kahoot Quiz to test their knowledge and understanding of everything they had been taught - and Katherine (code name: KitKat) placed first!



We are incredibly proud of Katherine for her enthusiasm and determination, and look forward to more of our girls following in her very successful footsteps in next year's CyberFirst Girls' Competition.

A more detailed report of Katherine's time on the course can be found on the school website

<https://www.channing.co.uk/news/cyberfirst-defenders-course/>

Music at Lunchtime

Today's Music at Lunchtime proved to be a veritable feast with delectable delights provided by *Catherine Golding* (Voice) singing 'My House,' which was charming in its simplicity, *Erica Mullen* (Guitar) calmed with 'Carnival', *Sofia Sutcliffe* and *Oriya Tietjen* gave our lovely piano a chance to shine with their sparkly offerings of a Diabelli 'Lesson in C' and 'Happy Days' respectively. Maddy Napier (cello) soothed us with an exquisite performance of 'Prayer' and Martha Sayer positively fizzed with a 'Sarabande' by Grovlez. *Senior Flute Ensemble* bought the concert to a close with a 'purring' performance of Persian Bleu and Puma from 'Chats'. It was almost as if the long weekend had started early. Wonderful! Next week, 'Vocals Only'.

Year 13 Prizes

The Mrs Sydney Martineau & Alice Lucas Prize for Service to the School: Lucy Faber and Isobel Mills

The Emma Ann Harwood Prize for Charity: Amelia Little and Isobel Horton

The Channing Prize for Contribution to the School: Georgie Fernando

The Atkinson Prize for Classics/Latin: Izobel Clarke

The Bailey Prize for Physics: Daisy Grostern

The Bell Prize for Mathematics: Daisy Grostern and Daria Hall

The Bennett Cup for German: Anne Moorhouse

The Mary Boyle Prize for Chemistry: Rosie Ziff

The Channing Prize for French: Zoë Mackinnon

The Channing Prize for Geography: Meg Demeritt and Hannah Schuller

The Channing Prize for History: Gabby Dowsey and Molly Roylance

The Channing Prize for Politics: Naomi Rosenfeld and Symran Saggarr

The Draper Prize for Art: Sadie Gayer

The Fraser & Russell Prize for Economics: Sarah Woodburn

The Hayball Prize for Biology: Maya Katz

The Hurst Cup for Drama: Athena Anastassopoulos

The Linguists' Cup: Audrey Assouly

The Channing Prize for Spanish: Gabby Dowsey

The Frances Macrae Prize for English: Sarah Woodburn

The Hines Trophy for Physical Education: Ella Blendis

The Anne Mendoza Prize for Music: Georgie Fernando

The Strong Prize for Music Performance: Kate Pennington

The McNulty Prize for Music Composition: Olivia Whelehan

The Spears Travel Award: Zoe Mackinnon and Justine Gilbert

The CBM Sixth Form Award: Alex Dell Niella and Vera Kamysheva

The Alexandra Wylie Cup for all-round Amazingness: Amelia Little

News from the Junior School

Year 4 Assembly

Good morrow! Y4F took us on an entertaining journey to explore the vibrant streets of Tudor London, examining the differences between rich and poor members of society. With baldness cures: urine and wax, some highly unsuitable suitors for Queen Elizabeth I, a trip to the local beautician, a hundred ways to prepare a turnip and a saw-wielding doctor on hand to 'cure' any ailments, they produced a highly entertaining spectacle for their audience.



Alumnae: Throwback Thursdays

[#ThrowbackThursday @ChanningSchool](#) celebrates May Day with a photograph of our students from the 1980s dancing around a maypole.



Harington Spring Sale & Open Day

Saturday 4th May 2019, 10am

Rear of Furnival House

50 Cholmeley Park

London

N6 5EW

Enquiries tel: 020 3457 7997



Week Ahead

Monday 6 May

Bank Holiday

Battlefields Trip

Tuesday 7 May

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Year 10 Exams

15.15 - 18.00 Year 10 Drama Unit 2 GCSE Technical Rehearsal

Wednesday 8 May

Year 10 Exams

16.00 - 17.00 Year 12/13 MFL & Geography Speaker

16.30 - 17.30 Year 7 & 8 Tennis: LTA Competition @ Channing vs NLCS

18.30 Year 10 Drama GCSE Practice, AC

Thursday 9 May

Year 10 Exams

10.30 - 12.00pm Year 11 Celebration Day

Year 11 Study Leave

16.00 - 18.00 Rehearsal Jazz Evening, AC

18.30 - 19.30 Jazz Evening, AC

Friday 10 May

Year 10 Exams

13.00 Music at Lunchtime