

7 June 2019

Dear Parents

The Half Term holiday seems a million miles away and this week has been truly momentous, with a State Visit, the 75th Commemoration of D Day and for Year 7, their first ever experience of secondary examinations! They, together with Years 8 and 9 have fared well with their internal examinations and now await the results - I find that the waiting is far worse than the doing! 'Momentous' is an adjective that could also describe a number of other Channing related events this week:

Monday evening was hugely exciting for the *Young Enterprise* company, Team Novus, who with their company 'Doodle Bloom' **WON** the YE London Final at HSBC Canary Wharf! This successful team has now won Overall Best Company and Best Presentation at both the North London Final and the regional London Final. Such success has never been achieved by a *Young Enterprise* company at Channing before and we are exceedingly proud of their achievements.

The Channing team were incredible and hugely enthusiastic with a lively presentation by Alice, Shehnaz, Tabby and Petra. I am informed that it really was a team effort with Chloe making a very professional Powerpoint and every team member holding a Director position. The judges loved the sustainability element of the product, the fact it was live, appealing and selling like hot cakes. The panel included the CEO of MetLife UK and the Head of Small Business at HSBC UK. This team are now taking part in the UK Final competing against all the UK regional winners in London on Tuesday 18th June. You may even catch a glimpse of them on *BBC Breakfast* that morning as finalists will be interviewed! We wish them the very best of luck and I (and the YE participants) would like to thank Mrs Blake who has been a constant support and inspiration.

Kate Anderson - Sales Director

Hannah Barta - Sales Director

Tabitha Cartmell - Social Media/Marketing Director

Riana Chandaria - CEO

Laura Cipolotti-Ranieri - Company Secretary

Shehnaz Cuerdo - CEO

Amy Eden - Marketing Director

Maddie Leviton - Finance Director

Tiana Parti - Finance Director

Chloe Phillips - Marketing Director

Anouska Reeback - Human Resources Director

Natasha Rubins - Finance Director

Alice Ryb - Sustainability Director

Nikita Steinberg - Social Media/ Marketing Director

Petra Underwood - Operations Director



The business theme continued this week as on Wednesday evening, I (together with Mrs Pavlopoulos, Miss Zanardo, Miss Moor and Ms Kung) accompanied 60 Channing girls on the London Underground to visit Rothschild & Co for an Insight Evening into Banking. In the spectacular Sky Pavilion, the pupils heard about the pathways into investment banking, what a career at Rothschild & Co involves and how to network. They were given the opportunity to practise their networking skills immediately, meeting professionals from across Rothschild & Co's Global Advisory Team who shared their experiences and answered questions. I was proud of the confident way in which Channing pupils posed questions and listened intently to responses. I would like to thank Rothschild & Co for a thoroughly inspiring evening, and also Mr Midgen, a Channing parent, who was instrumental in making this evening possible.



On Thursday 6 June, we were fortunate enough to welcome to Channing educationalist, author and motivational speaker, Dr Jill Berry who led a 'leadership conversation' with the Officer Team. The team considered what constitutes leadership, the attributes of great leaders, whilst also looking at how to build their own leadership skills and develop an even more successful team. Dr Berry was described by one of the participants as being "inspirational" and we hope that she returns to Channing in the future.



I am very happy to promote this year's *Fair in the Square* in Highgate Village - see below for a poster with more details. Traditionally, some colleagues and pupils help with the stewarding of this event which is always an enjoyable day. Do consider attending.

I hope that the weather is better than the predicted forecast this weekend and Miss Hamalis, Head of the Junior School, looks forward to seeing as many of you as possible tomorrow at the Junior School Summer Fair to be held at Stanhope Road Fields from 12.30pm.

With all best wishes for an enjoyable weekend,

Mr A J Underwood  
Acting Head

## Girls Enjoying Success

### MFL News

As part of the Adelante Strategy, Channing has been keen to connect with other organisations across London and the world. We have recently been collaborating with ABColombia, a project defending and promoting humanitarian issues and particularly women's rights in Colombia. This week Year 12 Hispanists had the opportunity to ask questions in Spanish about such issues during a Skype call to a conference of 150 girls in Bogotá. In spite of some technical difficulties maintaining the connection, we were able to gain some insight into what it is like to be a woman in Latin American society and into the great work being done by these very brave young women. Genuinely inspiring!



### Sports News

Congratulations to the Year 7 & 8 team, consisting of Siya Narayan, Arissa Raja-Hussain, Kitty Gayer and Elsa Keaveny, who won a closely fought match against North London Collegiate School. Both Siya Narayan and Arissa Raja-Hussain won their singles matches 6-4 and 7-5 respectively. Siya and Arissa also won their doubles match which took the match into a deciding tie break which Siya and Kitty won 10-4. Well done, a toughly fought victory!

## TeenTech News

Channing School has been awarded the Teen Tech 'Silver Badge' for being a centre of Creativity and Innovation for the second year running. This is to recognise the STEM access, opportunity and environment our students have been provided with to explore their own ideas to make life better, simpler, safer or more fun through extra-curricular project based learning.

The final preparations were taking place this week from the TeenTech Awards finalists. We had Alex Haslehurst, who has a degree in Mechanical and Biomedical Engineering from the University of Cambridge, visit us to talk to the finalists. Alex has recently co-founded her own company developing computer vision technology for the assessment of motor function in physiotherapy and she leads on product and business development. She has mentored the teams with their projects throughout the academic year and we are grateful for her input and support. Collaborating with STEM businesses is one of the many necessary components of the competition. We wish the teams all the very best.



## LAMDA

The Films of the LAMDA Showcases are NOW available to see on Firefly: Drama

- LAMDA - Photographs & Films <https://channing.fireflycloud.net/drama/lamda/photographs-and-films>.



## Summer Concert in St Joseph's Church

You are warmly invited to the Summer Concert in St Joseph's Church next **Thursday, 13th June**. The programme will be given by musicians from Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 and the Spears String Ensemble from the Junior School will also be joining us. Tickets are can be bought from the link below:

<https://www.channing.co.uk/events/channing-summer-concert/>

We look forward to seeing you there.

## News from the Junior School

### Sports News

Congratulations to the Year 6 cricket team who played in an all day tournament on Wednesday. They played some outstanding cricket, displaying huge improvement in their skills and knowledge of the game. The girls won their group stage and progressed smoothly into the semi-finals, where they faced Tetherdown Primary School. The girls were consistent, choosing to bat first each time. Catherine Stobart smashed the first ball for 6 runs allowing everyone's nerves to settle, she hit a total of 16 sixes throughout the tournament. The girls put in a good shift, losing two wickets in the first innings, they finished on 284 runs. It was time to bowl, excellent fielding in the second innings meant Channing were through to the final, their opponents could only reach 249 runs. The team met Rhodes Avenue Primary School in



the final, re-enacting 2018. As before, we batted first and Catherine hit a 6 to start us off. It was tense but the girls were up for the fight, they finished on 242 runs. Confidently, they took to the pitch for the last time. Keeping the bowling narrow, the occasional ball would get hit for four. It was looking hopeful for Channing. Lucy Gold took an excellent wicket, taking Rhodes Avenue down to 214 runs with 4 overs left. It was all to play for: Rhodes Avenue took advantage of the missed run out opportunities. They were ahead. The last pair came into bat. Tanvee Sharma and Francesca Poulton, both seeking wickets, bowled maiden overs to finish the game. This meant Rhodes Avenue won by 4 runs. The girls should all be hugely proud of their silver medals. Well done to all the girls involved; Millie Leviton, Jemima Midgen, Libby Mirchandani-Whiteside, Amelia Cohen, Thea Foster, Tanvee Sharma, Lucy Gold, Francesca Poulton, Tallis Guy and Catherine Stobart.

## Year 5 trip to Highgate Synagogue

This week, Year 5 were welcomed by Rabbi Liss to Highgate Synagogue, where they were introduced to the main features of the religious building, including their beautiful stained-glass windows. They were lucky enough to observe some special artefacts, a highlight of which was the Rabbi's own 170 year-old Book of Esther, written on a scroll and in his family for five generations. The girls were also shown inside the Ark where the Torah is kept, and everyone was asked to stand as the doors were opened as a mark of respect. It was a wonderful opportunity for the pupils to see, first-hand, the things they have been learning about in class this year.



## Charity Day

The Charity Champions planned a fantastic Charity Day for the final day before our half-term break. This term Fairseat are supporting Crohn's and Colitis UK. The colour of the charity is purple so we fully embraced this by wearing our favourite purple clothes. Throughout the day we made delicious purple smoothies and enjoyed drinking them whilst some classes held lip syncing competitions. Year 3 also kindly made wonderful purple cakes and hosted a bake sale. The girls enjoyed handling money and giving change to their customers. Well done Fairseat for your great fundraising!



## Highgate Care Home

On Wednesday, as part of Channing's community programme, Year 1 CR visited the Highgate Care Home. First the girls entertained the residents with a few songs before reading out loud poems they had written in the style of A A Milne's 'Now We Are Six'. The girls were also very excited to see some recently hatched ducklings that the residents were looking after.



## Euston Food Bank

This week, Miss Gerstein accompanied four Year 1 pupils to Euston's Food Bank to deliver our monthly crop of donations. We had a wonderful selection of food and toiletries to give, so thank you to all the Year 1 families and others who kindly donated. Dorothea, who always welcomes us there, was most impressed and very grateful indeed. She gave the girls a tour of the Food Bank and they saw how the items were weighed, sorted and stored, ready to give to the people who pay them a visit.



## Coding

On Thursday 23 May IG had a visit from Mama Codes, who delivered an exciting workshop all about coding. The girls were using Scratch Jr on the iPads, they wrote a code that made their name and a picture of themselves fly around the screen. They had a great time and were really engaged in the activity.



## Alumnae: Throwback Thursday

Ahead of the GCSE Art Exhibition @ChanningSchool on 13 June, from 5-7pm, we look back at our young artists in an Art Sketching Class from 1991. #ThrowbackThursday #GirlsEnjoyingSuccess @GSAUK



## Curry Ball

### Curry Ball Championship 2018/19!



Curry Ball will return to Channing for one last time this academic year, on **Tuesday 9 July 2019** from **6:45 - 8pm** on the MUGA (Multi Use Games Area).

For those who have not yet had a chance to take part, this event is held once a term at the Senior School for fathers who like to meet up, play football and enjoy a curry at a nearby restaurant.

All fathers are welcome to join, whether newbie or veteran(!). It's a great atmosphere and a fun way for all to get involved in the Channing community.

For those of you who have expressed an interest in attending the meal afterward, this will take place at Kiplings in Highgate, at 8:15/8:30pm. For £25, you can choose any starter\*, any main course dish\*, which will come with rice and naan bread to accommodate all dinners, as well as a bottle of beer or glass of wine (\* excludes king prawns).

We look forward to seeing you all.

Should you wish to join the next match on **9 July**, please complete this short google form

<https://forms.gle/aho6yVsSDevBgM2G8> and the Development Department will contact you with further details nearer the time.

Should you have any queries in the interim, please do not hesitate to contact Jade Francis in the Development Office on the details below.

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## The Fair in the Square



## Week Ahead

### Monday 10 June

### Tuesday 11 June

16.30 - 17.30 Year 7 Tennis & Year 8/9 Cricket, @ Channing v CLSG

### Wednesday 12 June

15.10 - 18.30 Year 7 to New River Sports Centre

### Thursday 13 June

14.25 - 16.45 Rehearsal: Summer Concert, St Joseph's Church

17.00 - 19.00 GCSE Art Exhibition

19.30 - 21.00 Summer Concert, St Joseph's Church

### Friday 14 June