



Dear Parents,

Welcome to the new academic year at Channing! I hope you had great breaks over the summer and that your children have returned to school rested and ready to enjoy the year ahead.

It has been lovely to see many of you already at the Welcome Evenings for Years 7 and 12, which took place this week. Mrs Hughes is hoping to be back on Monday and is looking forward to seeing Years 9 and 10 next week and Year 8 the week after. It's really important to us to invite you all into school as often as we can: there will be at least two events this year which are for each year group's parents to attend, in addition to the usual slew of Music, Drama, Art and sporting activities which you are always welcome to come and see.

Let me start by introducing - and in some cases, welcoming back - our new staff. In the Junior School, we warmly welcome our new Form Teachers: Miss Humphreys (Reception), Miss McHard (Year 1), Ms Merritt (Year 2), Mr Janes (Year 3) and Mr Westerman (Year 6), and our new Teaching Assistants, Miss Crossdale (Year 1) and Miss Marshall (Year 2). Additionally, we are delighted to welcome Ms Jackson as our Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO). In the Senior School we are excited to welcome back Mr Matjilla as our returning Head of Economics and Ms William-Gauntlett, who will return to the Maths department she supported previously. We also welcome Ms Becker, our new Head of French and Spanish, Ms Adebayo (PE), Ms Collins (Sciences) who takes the additional role of KS3 Science Coordinator, Mr Hamilton (Psychology), Ms Harmer (Art) and Ms Loolsi (MFL).

Internally, there have also been a few changes with Ms Wilberforce, who joined us last year as our new Head of Careers, looking after Higher Education and UCAS and Ms Vince taking on the role of Assistant Head of PSHE.

We have started the year with 1016 girls in 14 year groups, 167 teachers and 91 non-teaching support staff, which includes Teaching Assistants, catering staff, office staff, caretakers, cleaners (and Governors!). Of course, the Channing community reaches far further, with parents, alumnae, neighbours and many more being involved. A humbling thought at the beginning of term.

One of the key outcomes for our community are the public examination results and I am pleased to share with you this year's A level and GCSE results. We were delighted that the overall headline figures are comparable to and in many cases higher than in 2023 and 2019 (pre-Covid). The most pleasing headline is the huge jump to 68.8% of results awarded A*-A, up from 53.8% last year (and only 2.3% off our 2019 high of 71.1%). 24.4% of results were awarded A* and our total A*-B grades are 88.8%.

We are very proud of our girls and their hard work. Highlights include 5 students achieving straight A* grades, one of whom achieved 4 A*s. A further 27 students achieved all A and A* grades. The seventeen girls in the year group who have been with us since the Junior School achieved an A*-A percentage success rate of 83.3%.

There are some very pleasing departmental successes, too, including a fantastic set of results for the English department (9 A*, 5 As) and Latin (3 A*, 2As). Art, French, Further Maths, Geography, German, History of Art, Politics and Spanish all achieved 100% A*-B.

Arguably more important than their results are the chosen destinations of our students. The majority of the year group will be heading to their preferred universities next year. Our six Oxbridge applicants have had their places confirmed, including Head Girl Imani, who has been at Channing from Reception and will be reading English at Trinity College, Cambridge. Her fellow Head Girl, Flora, will be joining Kingston University for an Art Foundation course, having been singled out as one of the UK's top performers in OCR's A Level Art and Design: Fine Art exam. Both medical applicants' offers were confirmed (one is deferring to complete an Art foundation course). In addition, 6 students used the UCAS 'Decline my place' tool with 3 'trading up' and 3 intending to re-apply after gap years. 5 students plan to take gap years and an additional 4 students are planning to take up Art foundation courses. My congratulations to the year group on what they have achieved and my huge thanks to all of our staff who have worked tirelessly to help them do so.

This year's GCSE results are also extremely pleasing as they are broadly in line with the results gained by the Channing cohort of 2019 and include some excellent individual and departmental achievements. Our headline figures are strong with the total percentage of results at grade 9 standing at 38%. Likewise 65% of all grades were 8-9. The total percentage of 7-9 grades is 84.6%.

9% of the year group achieved at least all 8 and 9 grades and 38% of the year group achieved all 7-9s. Two students achieved 10 straight grade 9s. Particular congratulations go to the following departments for their percentages of 8-9 grades: English Language: 79.4%, French 85.2%, German 88.9% History: 75.8%, Music 85.7% and Religious Studies: 100%. In addition 100% of all results were graded 7-9 in Geography & Latin.

It would be entirely remiss of me not to highlight the work our facilities team has done over the summer. Whilst the building work at the back of Brunner House is of course the headline act, the team has worked tirelessly on a number of smaller projects and it was delightful to see pupils entering their newly renovated classrooms to mention but one of them.

As I already alluded, we are a school that prides itself on its engagement and impact in the wider community. During the summer we hosted the HNCP Summer camp. In its fourth year, this year's camp saw over 35 pupils from several State primary schools across Haringey, Camden and Islington enjoy fun lessons in English, Science and



Humanities, as well as Active Day Camp activities which involved ibrick engineering, sporting competitions, art and a jumping castle to end the week. The feedback from the camp's participants and their parents was

overwhelmingly positive - commenting on the development of social skills, confidence and core skills. Thank you to the Channing

Facilities, Catering and Resources departments, who helped to ensure the success of this much needed Summer camp.



Our Charities Officers have also been busy over the summer getting in touch with a number of international Charities. After supporting SmartWorks last year, we are now looking forward to voting for this year's chosen cause and we are looking forward to announcing the winner in a few weeks time. As you know, we add the donations for non-uniform days to your fee invoice in April (£17 in total to cover all of them). If you have any questions about this or wish to opt out please contact me in the first instance via my PA, Seetle Matharu at skaur@channing.co.uk.

I have listed all the dates further on in this edition of Word from the (Deputy) Head for your information.

I have no doubt that there will be a lot of excitement amongst the highs and lows of the year to come. For now, I wish you all a most enjoyable weekend, which I hope will be a chance to recoup and relax after the rigours of the first week back.

With warmest wishes,

Mr Freddie Meier
Deputy Head

Notices

School Contact List

 [Who should I contact Sept 2024.pdf](#)

Non-Uniform Days

Non-Uniform Day Date	Theme	Amount
Friday 20 September 24	Jeans for Genes - wear blue denim	£2
Friday 18 October 24	Years 10 - 11 Charity Week & One Tree Day	£3 (£1 will be donated to the International JUST One Tree Day to help reforest the planet)
Friday 22 November 24	Ali Wylie Day - wear pink	£2
Friday 6 December 24	Year 9 House Charity Week & Christmas Jumper Day	£2
Friday 31 January 25	Year 8 House Charity Week	£2
Friday 28 March 25	Year 7 House Charity Week	£2
Friday 2 May 25	Rosie Peto Day - wear red	£2
Friday 27 June 25	Pride Month - wear bright/rainbow colours	£2



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Girls Enjoying Success

History of Art News

Art History Link-Up is offering a free '*Why Study Art History at University?*' Zoom panel discussion designed for teenagers eager to explore the fascinating world of Art History. This online event is being held on 16 September, 6 - 7.30pm, as part of the Association for Art History's 2024 Festival. Hosted by two passionate advocates for the subject, Rose Aidin, Founder and Chief Executive of Art History Link-Up, and Ludo Amory, Education and Outreach Officer, this discussion will delve into the many reasons why Art History is a vital and rewarding field of

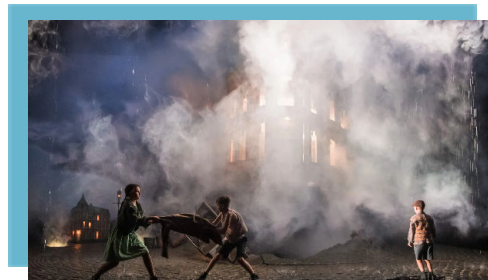
study. Toby Monk from Christie's will also be talking about the possible career pathways in which studying Art History can take you. Whether you're interested in pursuing a career in museums, galleries, education, or even fields like media and cultural heritage, this panel will reveal how Art History can open doors to a multitude of exciting career paths. Don't miss this opportunity to connect with like-minded peers, ask questions, and discover how studying Art History can enrich your academic journey and shape your future!

Follow the link to read more information and sign up:

<https://arthistorylinkup.org/events/why-study-art-history-at-university/>

English News

Year 11 started the new academic year with a trip to see Stephen Daldry's multi-award winning National Theatre production of J.B. Priestley's *An Inspector Calls* at Alexandra Palace. Students were impressed by the dynamic and creative set design and agreed that Daldry's unique interpretation brought to the fore Priestley's powerful examination of conscience and class.

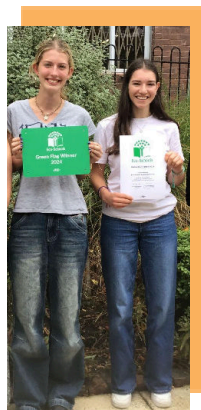


LAMDA News

We are excited to share how proud we are of all the LAMDA students and their excellent results. 62 Grade 4 and Grade 5 Acting examinations were taken this summer in front of 4 external visiting examiners; the pass rate was 100% with all candidates awarded honours: 79% achieved a Distinction and 21% a Merit. Year 9 students were especially impressive with a stupendous 91% getting Distinctions.

With wonderful support from parents, tutors and staff, the students worked exceptionally hard to achieve these tremendous results. We applaud all of them for putting in such consistent efforts to develop their talents, which they shared so wonderfully in the showcase performances. Viewable here [Channing Performance GSite - LAMDA 2024](#)

One Examiner commented on 'how well prepared' the students were for the examination. While this is pleasing to hear, what we are most proud of is the students' reflections in their Course Evaluation Survey which showed how they feel LAMDA has helped them become more confident socially and academically, as well as having a lot of fun and enjoying the space to be creative and experiment. Congratulations all round for their imagination, resilience and bravery.



Sustainability News

Channing has been awarded the Green Flag Award with Distinction for the 2nd year in a row. A big well done to all the Eco Reps, members of staff and our Sustainability Officers, Bella and Olivia. The feedback from the awarding body could not have been more positive: "The motto 'Channing growing greener, braver and more aware.' has been kept from last year, and why change a good thing? It's probably been clear throughout this feedback, but your application has been an absolute joy to assess...there are so many highlights throughout and we will definitely share some of your ideas as examples of best practice. Thank you so much for all your hard work and congratulations on achieving a Green Flag with Distinction, you have more than earned it."

As the sustainability group we celebrate this success while also being aware that it is part of an ongoing process and that there is much more we can do together at Channing.

STEM News

Year 10 Marine Biology Club

Marine Biology Club is back for Year 10 students who are either considering a career in veterinary science, marine biology or the biological sciences, or who are interested in finding out more about these fields. Mrs Hillier and Mr Grossman will be running a marine biology club in school on Mondays at 1:00pm. Your child will learn about how to care for tropical fish, the set up and maintenance of tropical fish tanks, how vets perform surgery on fish, and what it takes to have a career in marine biology, as well as related topics such as budgeting, planning, and the biology of aquariums. This will be a practical opportunity, with students taking responsibility for setting up a 30L fish tank, choosing the fish to introduce, and then feeding and caring for the fish throughout the year. We will also have visiting speakers and possible opportunities to visit sites of interest, depending on demand. If your child is interested in being a part of Year 10 Marine Biology Club, please ask them to email or see Mrs Hillier or Mr Grossman. Marine Biology Club will meet for the first time on Monday 16 September, and membership will be on a first-come-first-served basis as there are limited spaces.

Years 7 & 8 Anatomy Club

The anatomy club starts on Tuesday 17 September. Over the course of 6 weeks the students will dissect a starfish, then a heart, eye, frog, mouse and, in the final week, a sheep's brain. Where possible they will also use microscopes to examine specimen tissue. This is an amazing opportunity to examine the anatomy of small animals and animal organs. Students wishing to join should sign up via Schoolbase. The club is limited to 12 students for each 6 week session and membership will be on a first-come-first-served basis. However, students who are unsuccessful in joining will be placed on a waiting list, and, as the club runs each term (it will be repeated in the Spring term, then again in the Summer term), all interested students should get an opportunity to take part at some point in the school year. The club is run by Ms Rao, supported by sixth formers.



Channing Archives

From Fairy Trails 🧚 (Junior School) to welcome events for new parents and pupils it's safe to say that the academic year has started with a twinkle of excitement. Hopefully, this picture from a Y11 leavers book (Class of 2015) will bring back fond memories of *your* time at school and some of your favourite teachers!



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