



Dear Parents,

“Gosh”, said a colleague on Wednesday when I was back in school for the first time, “it has been a really busy half term, hasn’t it?”. Well yes, I thought, it certainly has: I’m just sorry that I have missed so much of it! While I have been recuperating from my operation it has been a real joy to keep up to date with events and trips on our [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [X](#) feeds. While these capture only a fraction of the classroom excitement, trips and events which take place every week at Channing, they reflect the range of experiences which make our school so special. Do follow them if you’re interested to keep up to date with everything that is going on.

Sadly I missed Tuesday’s assembly marking Black History Month, at which Rev Kate Dean of Rosslyn Hill Unitarian Chapel reflected movingly on the Black Lives Matter movement. As she pointed out, Unitarianism is one of the most inclusive belief systems. Its founding principles are based on the fact that we are open minded and liberal. As you know from Channing’s own ethos, Unitarians welcome and accept people from all backgrounds and orientations with a commitment to respecting diverse perspectives: Unitarians want everyone to feel a sense of belonging. As Rev Kate put it, “We can think of the Chalice - the symbol of Unitarian faith - like a container for our community. It holds us gently together but there is always room for us to explore our personal spiritual beliefs.”

She went on, “Like so many people, I felt personally affected by the death of George Floyd in 2020, as yet another depressing example of violent racism. At the time, my son was a baby and I was thinking about the kind of world I wanted him to grow up in. I organised an online meeting of Unitarians and people from other backgrounds, called Let’s Talk About Race. I was surprised when nearly 100 people attended. It showed their strength of feeling and how many others had been affected as I had.

A few months later I started to think about ways we could also celebrate the positive contributions of black and brown people like me to our society over the centuries. I was aware of the historical imbalance, that so many of the statues and paintings in public places recognised white role models - mostly men. But I didn’t see people like me so much in the history books. So in our own small way at the Chapel, we started to lift up some of those important people of colour with a project called ‘Celebrating Black Lives’ where we have regularly - almost monthly - highlighted a significant person of colour. We do this by displaying a profile of their life on our noticeboard on Rosslyn Hill and on our website.”



This links to the work the Inclusion Society has been leading in school this month. A particular focus is a project called 'Celebrating Black Lives' - a collaboration between the Channing Art department and the Rosslyn Hill Chapel. Students have been creating portraits while researching and working in the style of artists of colour in a variety of vibrant materials. Please make a note in your diaries now that there will be a multi-platform exhibition of the 'Celebrating Black Lives' project at Rosslyn Hill Chapel which will be open all afternoon on Sunday 17 November. We will also be mounting a virtual exhibition on our social media channels. I am really looking forward to seeing the work displayed.

And the busy-ness doesn't stop just because it's half term! On the contrary, there are some fantastic trips taking place over the next two weeks and I would like to thank my intrepid and wonderful staff for organising and accompanying these groups in the UK and abroad.

Ms Yun, Mr Hill and Ms Hurford are off today with the 20-strong contingent of Year 12 Gold DofE walkers on their expedition - we wish them the best of luck in what is likely to prove some challenging weather! On Sunday the Year 11 Geographers are off to Iceland under the auspices of Mrs Blake, with Mr Pelton, Ms Newman and Mrs Bhamra-Burgess, and the following week I am grateful to Ms Rozieres for leading the Year 10-13 study trip to France with Ms Pavlopoulos. A new and exciting addition this year is the Year 10 & 11 Netball and Year 9 & 10 Football trip to Spain. Ms Nelson, Mr Garnett, Miss McCallum and Miss Adebayo are looking forward to intensive training, followed by participation in a tournament - we wish them all the best of luck too.

One of my important jobs this half term is writing some rounds for the Channing Association Quiz Night, which takes place immediately after half term on Wednesday 6 November. Given that we are unable to hold the Fireworks Night this year, we are looking forward to a sparkling evening with some absolute bangers. Ms Bennington and I love compiling the questions and there are some fantastic themed rounds coming your way! If you have not yet got your tickets, please scroll down to the Notices section immediately below and get them now. You can book as a whole table, or just for yourself and the lovely CA parents will find you a table to join. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Whether you are going away or staying at home this half term, I wish you rest, relaxation and happiness. I also wish Chag Sameach to those families celebrating Sukkot this week, followed by Simchat Torah next week. May your Sukkot celebration be filled with joy, togetherness and abundant blessings as you gather in gratitude. In addition many families will be celebrating Diwali in the second week of half term and I wish you a joyous and radiant festival of lights. May this special time bring prosperity, happiness, and the warmth of togetherness with your loved ones.

With warmest wishes as the nights draw in (and don't forget that the clocks change next weekend!)

Mrs Lindsey Hughes
Headmistress

Notices

Channing Association News

Senior School Parents' Quiz Night - Wednesday 6 November, 7pm

Fancy yourself a pub quiz expert? Know other parents who are too? Think you could pass your daughter's end of year exams?! Please join us for a fun evening of quizzing, food and drinks (and maybe the odd GCSE question) on Wednesday 6 November.

Arrival drinks and food from 7pm, quiz starts 7:45pm. Tickets £35 including complimentary arrival drink, a delicious dinner and quizzing. BYO alcoholic drinks (glasses and ice buckets will be provided) - Soft drinks available to buy throughout the night. Teams of 6 to 10 accepted. Haven't got a team yet? Let us know when you buy your tickets and we will add you on to one. Tickets on sale now at <https://bit.ly/ssquiz2024> - places are limited so please buy early to avoid disappointment!

Class Reps

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered as a class rep for the new school year. We are still seeking reps for the following classes 9EH, 9KN, 10GH, 10MG, 10SFr, 11GR and Year 12 (seeking a second general rep across the year). If your daughter is in one of these classes and you are interested please contact Alex Bennington or Lucy Menendez via Classlist or email sschanningassociation@gmail.com

Channing Puddings

Channing Puddings are back for the festive season with all proceeds going to support the Crisis at Christmas charity appeal helping the homeless community over the festive period. There are Chocolate, Lemon and Sticky Toffee sponge puddings too alongside all your traditional favourites with each pudding featuring a beautiful label designed by a Channing pupil. The online pudding shop is open for orders until 10th of November with puddings delivered to your daughter at school in early December. Buy yours now at <https://bit.ly/channingpud24>. The pudding label design competition (open to pupils in Reception to Year 7 - details on Classlist) closes today. Label winners will be announced straight after half term.

Careers Department request!

Volunteers needed for Sixth Form interview and assessment skills event

This year our Sixth Form interview and assessment skills event will take place on **Monday 25 November** from **1.15 - 3.15pm**. We hope to have at least 30 parent volunteers from all year groups carrying out short practice interviews with sixth formers, giving them opportunities for networking and helping develop their employability skills. If you could spare some time to help, we would be very grateful. Please indicate your availability here: [Interview skills event](#).

Ms Wilberforce

Forthcoming Events

Channing's third Sustainability Week is 11-15 November. Here is how your child can be ready for two of the special events that week:

- Clean Air Days (Monday 11 and Friday 15 November). We request that all students and staff try not to travel by car on that day but use other modes of public transport. The eco reps will also be outside collecting air pollution data along the road in Highgate. There is an inter-house competition to see which house creates the least air pollution on those days.

"Air pollution is a very large public health issue in London. It shortens the lives of Londoners leading to up to 9,400 extra deaths per year." Imperial college London

- Second hand clothes fair. For this to work we are asking all students to have a half term clear out of previously loved clothes, bags and accessories to donate. There will be pink bins in the sixth form centre to collect the clothes. Our Sustainability Officers Olivia and Bella will be handing out prizes to all those who donate. All proceeds will go to the charity Just One Tree, where £1 plants 1 tree.

"The fashion industry is thought to be responsible for around 10% of global carbon emissions generating 1.2 billion tonnes of CO₂" (UNFCCC)

We Happy Few Tickets

The Channing Drama Department are proud to present the Senior School production of 'We Happy Few' by Imogen Stubbs. The plot is inspired by The Osiris Players, Britain's first all female theatre company, who toured around Great Britain in the late 1930s and early 1940s doing their bit for the war effort, entertaining those left on the home front. They travelled ten thousand miles around the country, performing one thousand performances of thirty-five plays. Shakespearean comedies to Greek tragedies and everything in between. Performances take place on 19th, 20th and 21st November in the Arundel Centre at 7:30pm. Get your tickets at the link below, free for students and £10 for adults. Suitable for 11+.

[Book Tickets for 'We Happy Few' KS4&5 production](#)



Gallery Girls Club Speaker

On Tuesday 5 November, Anne Moorhouse, Channing Class of 2019, is coming to speak at Gallery Girls club. She will be talking about her gallery work experience at Frieze Masters, the Peggy Guggenheim Collection, Ashmolean Museum, among others... Any interested students in Years 10-13 are welcome to come along to T1 at 1pm. If you would like to join the Gallery Girls Google Classroom, please use the following code to see an overview of current exhibitions and the weekly schedule of talks: wnpzvcn.

STEM Christmas Lecture: Simon Singh

We are delighted to be welcoming the celebrated science author and physicist, Simon Singh for this year's STEM Christmas Lecture on Thursday 5 December. If you ever wondered how the writers of The Simpsons have smuggled mathematical jokes into their scripts then wonder no more!

For further details please read the poster here:

[Simon Singh STEM poster.pdf](#)



Chatting with Channing

Empowering Young Athletes: Miss Bolton on Junior Sport at Channing School



The latest episode of our podcast features Miss Bolton, the Head of Junior Sport at Channing School. In this episode, Miss Bolton shares her journey of cultivating a love for sports among young girls, fostering a culture of inclusion, and celebrating sportsmanship and teamwork within the school.

The episode sheds light on the values that guide the Channing sports curriculum, Miss Bolton's insights into the importance of encouraging young athletes, and how the school has become a nurturing ground for our football, netball, and swim squads. Miss Bolton also shares heartwarming stories of last year's highly successful football squad, reflecting on the importance of giving every girl the opportunity to thrive, regardless of skill level.

You'll also hear Miss Bolton discuss the significance of inclusivity in sports, the positive impact of sports on students' personal development, and how the school ensures that every girl feels welcomed, supported, and motivated to achieve her best.

Tune in now to hear how Miss Bolton is shaping the next generation of athletes at Channing School! Listen on [Spotify](#), [Apple Podcasts](#) or the [Channing Website](#).



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Girls Enjoying Success

MFL News

Welcome to our Language Assistants

Students in Year 10 and above will begin their speaking lessons with our new Languages Assistants straight after half-term. Below are interviews conducted by our students with our Language Assistants.



Clémence is our language assistant for French this year and she's originally from a small village in the North of France. She majored in English and Chinese and then business as a minor degree at the University of Amiens. Clémence studied and lived abroad in Lithuania and is so far enjoying living in London, which marks a change from the small village she grew-up in. However, the weather is much the same. In the future, Clémence is thinking about

becoming a French teacher for non-French students (like us) and potentially even working in the UK to teach MFL.

Interviewed by Sereny S, Year 12

Our new German speaking assistant, Carina, comes from Nürnberg, a city in Bavaria famous for its Christmas market (one of the biggest and oldest in the world). There she studies English and History, with her favourite period being Ancient Greece. She hopes to become a teacher in the future. Her other plans include travelling the world - she specifically wants to explore Iceland and the UK. She is enjoying London, as it is in fact her favourite city, because of the variety of museums and the picturesque architecture. One interesting thing about her is that she loves Dungeons and Dragons, the Marvel Cinematic Universe, Indie bands, and Greek and Norse myths!

Interviewed by Elizabeth S, Year 12

Lucia is our Spanish language assistant for this year and is from a small town near Alicante, Spain. She recently completed her university studies at the University of Alicante, where she earned a degree in English studying literature and linguistics. She is considering pursuing a master's degree in linguistics or education and is aspiring to teach Spanish as a foreign language to non-Spanish speakers. Lucia spent four months living in Southampton, which allowed her to travel to various places across the UK and she is currently also learning French which she could teach in the future!

Interviewed by Pia M, Year 12

Music News

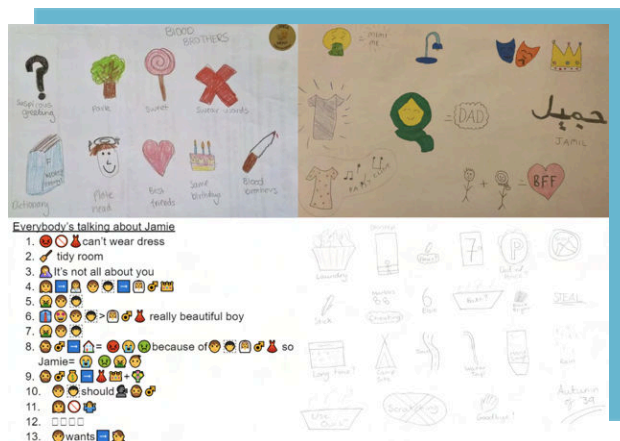
Music at Lunchtime

Today's recital started off with a lovely rendition of 'Think of me' by Andrew Lloyd-Webber, sung beautifully by Becky R-A in 10CS. Next was an exciting version of the Theme from 'James Bond' played thrillingly by Penelope P in 7CW on the cornet. Then Circe S in 7JG graced the stage with 'Logical' by Olivia Rodrigo, with her gorgeous and passionate singing. Iris M in 7JG followed, singing 'How far I'll go' from Moana, an exquisite rendition with such stage presence. The concert was perfectly rounded off with the first movement from Mozart Violin Sonata no.6, K. 306, played by Thea I in 8VS, who showed her incredible technical capability and virtuosic playing. Do listen to the recital [HERE](#).



Reviewed by Kezia C Y12

LAMDA News



The LAMDA students created Pictograms to represent their Duologues this week. Translating material from one medium to another (dual coding) is a type of analysis which supports students' understanding and memory. It is preparation for the next step of Uniting. All of this 'table work', as Stanislavski called it, helps the students to develop their own original and nuanced interpretations. Over half term they will

be reading or watching the whole work that their chosen scene is from.

Here are examples for 'Blood Brothers' by Willy Russell, 'The Apple' by Inez Bensusan, 'Rebecca' by Daphne duMaurier, 'Everybody's Talking About Jamie' and 'Fault' by Ann Cartwright.

STEM News

Anatomy Club

This week the students dissected a mouse, their first mammal. This is a fascinating dissection, as the anatomy of a mouse has many similarities to the anatomy of a human. What is striking is to see how the diaphragm runs across under the lungs, completely sealing them from the thoracic cavity. The students also enjoyed unravelling and seeing the length of the small intestine, easily five times the length of the mouse.



This was the penultimate meeting of the club. The final dissection will be of a sheep's brain.

CREST Awards

Maya S, Mariia S and Scarlett C tested their first bath bomb recipe today with great success! All of the recipes yielded a good amount of effervescence and the colours looked great. They now need to analyse their results and decide which recipe to focus on. Next they want to test different moulds and different sizes and they are thinking about testing different oils as well.



Violet L was alone in her group this week and so she continued to research the history of animation to help her team to think about the best method to focus on and build moving forward.

MAT Club

Our amazing Year 13 students have been preparing for their Oxford Maths Entrance exam (and TMUA for Maths for Economics test) every Monday after school with Mrs Wootton. Natalia B, Alisa K and Sophie D have been working very hard, pushing their mathematical boundaries in order to be prepared for the 2.5 hour test in the next two weeks. We wish them all the best, impressing me with their logic skills. Thank you to Mr Bowman who has been helping Sophie specifically with the TMUA. Good luck!



Maths Puzzle of the Week

Puzzle of the Week in Years 7-9 classes has been going strong all half-term! Typically over one third of all students submit an answer to this weekly competition. It is great for their problem solving skills and being 10% braver in lessons! Here is a photo of the leading class so far, which is Mrs

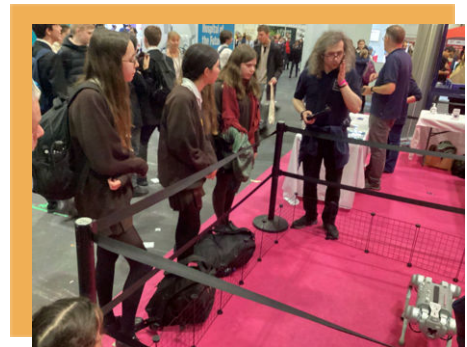
Williams and Mr Daurat's Year 9 class. This is closely followed by Miss Williams and Ms Hadley's Year 7 and Mr Daurat and Mrs Wootton's Year 8. **Well done 9RWi/PD**



The leaders in the individual competition so far are Anya A, Amelia A, Rafaella C, Lara G, Matilda H in Year 8 and Nell H in Year 9 - they have got all puzzles correct so far. There are lots who have just got one less than these leaders, so all could change after October half-term holidays!

Computer Science: New Scientist Live Festival

Year 10 Computer Science pupils attended the New Scientist Live Festival where the pupils had the opportunity to speak with scientists, attend lectures and experience the wonders of science. From learning about the sea-creatures, nuclear fusion, hospitals of the future, Quantum computers, learning CPR, controlling robots to using VR headsets to fly a plane, there was so much to do...Here's what the pupils had to say after the event:



"Every stall, workshop and stage was full of interesting people who loved sharing their science and engaging activities like Virtual Reality Roller Coasters and a real RAF plane. There was even a life-sized dinosaur roaming around the stalls."

"I tried an experiment where we played a card game to try to eliminate the bad variants of mosquitoes. Overall, I had lots of fun and learnt that all sciences are related in some way and have correlations with each other."

"We learnt about how ultrasounds work and how it is used across the body. It was fun to use an ultrasound machine ourselves on the demonstration. We listened to the talk about dog behaviours and learnt a lot there. We watched the robot displays which were really interesting and I particularly liked the robot that you could control the arms of. We also saw a solar display and used a telescope for the first time."

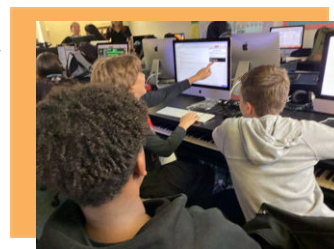


"We were lucky enough to be taken to the New Scientist Live Festival, where we had the whole day to walk around, going to lectures and learning new things about the world we live in. My friends and I attended several different talks, which were all very interesting and entertaining. There was a large range of things to learn about, from mosquitos to nebulae to medicine. There were many fun activities to do, the most

popular being a virtual reality roller coaster ride. It was so inspiring to see so many successful people, using science to do incredible things and help us progress as a society (while having lots of fun doing their dream jobs). It made me realise just how much I can do thanks to science."

Computing Club

Year 10 pupils from Acland Burghley have been taking part in the Computing Club at Channing. They have been learning a lot about Python coding and last week started the first steps towards creating their own graphical computer game.



Physics Journal

The below journal entry was written by 4 Year 11 students Anna, Anya, Beatrice and Natasha.

All 4 students conducted experiments on what soundwaves actually look like. You can read their entry below and see the outcomes of their incredible experiments;

■ Soundwaves: The Symphony of Physics by Anna, Anya, Beatrice and Natasha in Year 11.pdf

I am here to explain why astronauts wear space suits.

To start off space suits prevent astronauts from either getting too cold or getting too hot whilst they are in space. They also help astronauts breathe while they are working in space. The space suits also hold water in them so they can drink during space walks. As well as holding water and all, quite surprisingly it also prevents astronauts from getting hurt in space. You may be thinking what could possibly hurt you in space. Well there are a couple of things that can do this but the main thing space suits shield you from is space dust.



Now I am going to talk about what would happen if astronauts didn't where space suits. So, as we all know there is no air to breathe and no air pressure at all and the in space is extremely cold and filled with super dangerous radiation. So without astronauts wearing space suits they would die pretty quickly in space. Space suits are designed to protect you from all of these things.

KS3 Science question of the week

This week for Science question of the week, pupils were asked why astronauts wear space suits, and what would happen if they didn't. We had some brilliant answers and 3 merits were awarded this week for pupil participation. A commendation was awarded to Evie D for her excellent explanation and pictures she submitted - well done all!

English News

Last week, a selection of Channing pupils were given a creative writing workshop by the poet, Harry Baker. We wrote about things which bring us joy. Here is a selection of the wonderful work from some of the pupils who attended the session.

Reactions

On the train, on the sofa, at the theatre.

I watch.

The raw reaction of someone reading a book,

A gasp: the plot twists just got them hooked.

A tear, when someone dies.

Watching.

Showing someone your favourite show.

You know each and every turn ,

so just watch them see it for themselves.

Pure laughter, giggles , screams , shouts :

they're real, unchanged, and without any doubts.

I see their feelings, that they've barely felt,

whether on purpose or without provoking.

Accidental expulsions of anger or fear

No faking, raw and unrestrained.

At the cinema.

The light reflects off their faces, joy, grief, confusion.
I get to see what they don't ,
The effect of the art,
A reaction is everything, what people strive for,
Without realising, it's the thing for which you are always searching to score .
Whether it be a good comment from a teacher, or a 'no way' when gossiping with friends,
Reactions are the thing that completes a story's end.

-Anonymous

Keys

It fits one lock. It fits one home. It fits one heart.
The only boundary that humanity cannot unlock,
So it dangles around my neck with one string attached. Literally.
My only way home. A key

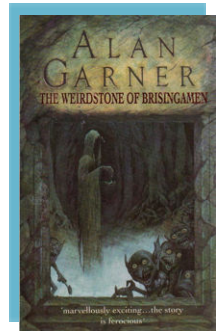
Aureate patterns embroidered around a circular surface as they intertwine to spell مفتاح الحرية و السلام
(Muftah el-hurria wa el-salam),
As intricate as can be with a tall, silver cane, my walking cane, coming out,
So it dangles around my neck with one string attached. Literally.
My only way home. A key.

Leila A-H Y10

Reading News

Our brand-new teacher audiobook program launched this week. Staff from across the School have come together to share their passion for reading by recording themselves narrating the openings of their favourite books.

Every two weeks, we'll post a fresh recording that showcases a diverse range of genres and styles—there's something for everyone! Please encourage your child to dive in and listen; they might just stumble upon a new favourite author or genre that sparks their imagination.



First up is Ms Wilkinson reading from the popular fantasy novel [*The Weirdstone of Brisingamen: A Tale of Alderleyhe* by Alan Garner](#). Happy listening!

Charity Week News

'Spears house hosted a cookie decorating event at lunchtime, as part of the Y10-11 charity week. The students were treated to homemade cookies and a variety of toppings, including halloween themed icing and sprinkles. Thank you to the house officers and deputies for running a wonderful event.'



The 2024 Big Channing Sleep Out

The 2024 Big Channing Sleep Out took place on Saturday 5th October to raise awareness and sponsorship for homelessness. It was a cold night with freezing winds, however, that did not deter our brave and determined students who slept out on the Junior School MUGA.

Some Year 9 students share their experience below:

Last weekend, I had the amazing opportunity to participate in the Big Channing Sleep out with a group of 40 girls from years 9 and 10. The Sleep out's aim was to raise awareness for homelessness and rough sleepers and to help people empathise with them. We arrived at Fairseat at 8 pm on Saturday, organised into groups, and set up our sleeping arrangements using tarps, sleeping bags, sleeping mats, and football goals. Despite the lack of resources, we all worked together and we managed to make cosy little tents. As the night progressed, we had the



opportunity to purchase soup for £1, which was a welcome relief as the weather continued to get colder. Throughout the night, we attempted to get some sleep, but the freezing winds made it extremely difficult. The following Sunday morning, after enduring a cold and windy night, I went home feeling that I had gained a deeper understanding of the struggles faced by homeless individuals. This experience showed how used to our privileged lives we are and that even living a small fraction of a homeless person's life in controlled and safe conditions was extremely hard, highlighting just how hard their lives are.

Arya B

On Saturday 5 October, we slept in the junior school MUGA in sleeping bags to raise awareness for homelessness. We tried to gain a perspective of what sleeping outside without a home would feel, but we know that this wasn't at all what it would be like. We slept rough with little things, but we managed to bring a tarp to drape over a football goal to make a shelter. We were only allowed £3 for some food and soup provided by the school. We had no access to our phones, except for Miss Lindsay's emergency phone, and no access to any of the buildings at the junior school, except the bathrooms. Even though we could not bring any card games or other forms of entertainment, we managed to make a cosy shelter in which we chatted and stayed in for the night. Luckily, it was not a freezing cold night with a lot of rain, however early in the morning there was a cold wind that blew into our shelter. We fortunately prepared ourselves with lots of warm layers. Overall, it was a great learning experience where we felt empathy for those who aren't as fortunate as us but also enjoyed ourselves as we were all together.

Sofia ND, Juliet K, Jolie Q and Sloane R

The sleep out of course is nothing like the reality of being homeless, but it's a simple act of solidarity and a great tangible way for our students to get involved and raise awareness of such an important issue.

The students are also fundraising both individually and as a group. They would greatly appreciate your support! Every pound counts, and all funds raised will be donated to organisations dedicated to making a meaningful difference to the lives of those in need.

If you would like to support the students please visit their gofundme page to donate-
<https://gofund.me/8b0aca0a>

Year 8 News

Pupil Success

Congratulations to Aayu M for delivering a beautiful piano performance during our Year 8 assembly this week.



Form Board Competition

Congratulations to 8VS for winning the form board competition! A big thank you to Annie, Opal, and Saskia from Year 12 for their positive feedback and judging the competition.

Form Time

Year 8 also took time this week to reflect on what good mental health means to them, fully engaging in our form time activity focused on well-being.



Footprints on the Moon

Beneath the quiet, boundless night,
We touched the moon, bathed in its light.
The ageless stars, both cold and far,
Watched as we reached for what they are.

The rockets roared with flames so bright,
Through space we soared, hearts filled with flight.
With fiery strength, we carved our way,
Through silent realms where shadows lay.

The Earth, a fading, distant glow,
Grew smaller as we chose to go.
Its blue skies left, far out of view,
In search of worlds where dreams come true.

The moon, once distant, now so near,
Beneath our feet, a shining sphere.
One step, one leap, a mark we cast,
A footprint in the dust to last.

No wind, no sound, no voice to hear,
Just silence on the empty sphere.
Yet there we stood, with flag held high,
In a new world beneath the sky.

The universe, so vast, so wide,
Felt human touch for the first time.
We shattered bounds once thought so tight,
And claimed the stars within our sight.

Our footprints in the lunar sand,
Spoke of the dreams we dared and planned.
A step beyond, to touch the skies,
To chase the dreams that never die.

Historical Poetry Competition

A huge congratulations to all the pupils who submitted entries for the Historical Poetry competition. Special recognition goes to our runners-up, Lara and Holly (8VS), and our winner, Rafaella (8VS). Well done to all! A special thank you to Ms. Ramsden for helping judge the entries and for her efforts in arranging a display of all the submissions, which will be showcased soon!

Winning poem - Rafaella 8VS

Sports News

Football

On Wednesday 9 October, we played against Highlands in the Middlesex Cup Second Round and won 4-0. Dahlia (Year 8) scored the first goal early in the first half, followed by Bea, Eva, and Poppy (Year 7). From the start, the midfield and strikers applied a lot of pressure, and the defence stayed solid throughout, especially with Amaya (Year 7), who quickly controlled and passed the overhead lobbs from the opposition's goalkeeper. Highlands had a few chances to score, but thanks to some brilliant saves by Erin (Year 7), no goals were conceded. Dominating the match from start to finish, we've now advanced to the quarter-finals!

Lili B, U13 Captain

Tuesday 8 October saw an U13 team play in the annual South Hampstead 7-a-side football tournament. The event involved five matches against Highgate, South Hampstead, City of London Girls, North London Collegiate and Francis Holland. The afternoon was very wet and the pitches soon churned into mud making playing conditions difficult for every team.

The team of Mathilde, Meera, Holly, Edi, Octavia, Charlotte, Skye and captain Ava battled bravely against some very good sides and had some incredibly close games. However at the end of the tournament one win against North London Collegiate and four defeats the team finished fifth out of the six teams. Special mention should go to Edi and Holly for some outstanding play and also Octavia in goal who was the only Year 7 in the team.

Mr Garnett

Netball

Last Thursday the U15 team played in the U15 Middlesex Schools Preliminary Tournament. As a team we did really well with 2 wins, 2 draws and 1 loss. Our defence was fierce and worked together efficiently, the mid court was fast and agile while our shooters had beautiful movement and got most the shots in. SHHS was the hardest game as we lost 12 - 2 while we won 22 - 3 against St Helens and 15 - 1 against St Augustine's. We drew against Mill Hill and NLCS. These games were very close and intense to play and watch. Overall we came third. We played well together and did an excellent job.

by Lily W, Year 10

Sporting Success

As a department, we always like to acknowledge and celebrate students who are excelling in their respective sports outside of school. Whether it's on the court, track, or field, their achievements inspire others and set a great example for our school community!

With that being said congratulations to the following students:

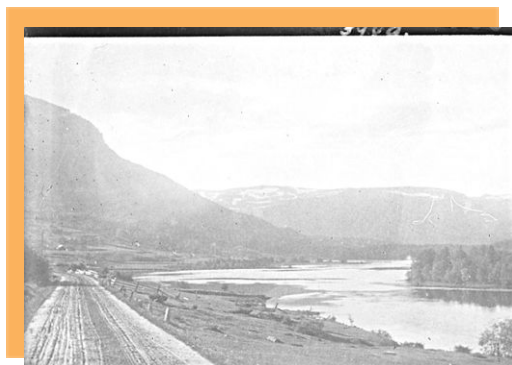
- Natasha H for being selected into the netball U19 London Mavericks squad
- Eleanor C for being selecting into the netball U17 London Mavericks Squad
- Thomasina R, Iris F, Erica W for being selected into the netball U13 Middlesex County Satellite Academy
- Florence LB selected into netball U15 London Pulse
- Indy D for being selected into the netball U15 Middlesex County Academy



- Iyla R for being selected into the U14 Middlesex County Cricket team
- In football, Bea B, Eva B and Poppy L have been selected into the Tottenham Hotspur U12 girls ETC (Emerging Talent Centre)

Channing Archives

A little scenic view from a glass plate collection from the Channing archive. Perhaps some inspiration for a destination over the half term break...?



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