



Dear Parents,

What a week! It has been great to be back in school full time at last. I have returned with the energy levels I would usually have in late August at the start of the year and it has been lovely to throw myself back into busy school life once again. I hope that you are all feeling refreshed after your half term break too. I must mention the fantastic array of trips which went out to far-flung parts of the UK and beyond over the two weeks. Our Year 12 Gold DofE teams did their practice expedition over the first weekend and returned cheerful despite extensive rain and a 4 hour delay on the return journey. My thanks to Ms Yun, Mr Hill and Ms Hurford for their hard work and support. Ms Nelson, Mr Garnett, Ms Adebayo and Ms MacCallum led an eventful Netball and Football trip to Barcelona, while Mrs Blake led a fantastic trip to Iceland with Mr Pelton, Ms Newman and Mrs Bhamra-Burgess accompanying the Year 11 Geography students on this memorable trip. Mrs Romero-Wiltshire and Ms Pavlopoulos took the Year 11 linguists to Nice for our first homestay visit since the pandemic. My heartfelt thanks to all the staff for their expert organisation and for spending their half terms with our students on these exciting and worthwhile trips.

Returning to school, a particular highlight of the week for me was the Channing Association Quiz Night. It was a real pleasure to write and compère this with Ms Bennington, Co-Chair of the CA, and my huge thanks to her and Mrs Menendez for organising a fantastic evening. My thanks also to Ms Newman, Mrs Bhamra-Burgess and Mr Grossman for giving up their time to mark and score the rounds. And, of course, my thanks to all of you who came along for a most enjoyable time! It was lovely to see you and meet some strongly competitive teams. Next year we will have the Fireworks Evening once again and the quiz will move back to its usual slot - I shall look forward to doing it all again then.

As I said to the school in assembly on Tuesday, you would have to have been living under a rock not to notice that the US Presidential election took place this week. I used the opportunity of having everyone together on Tuesday morning to talk about the way the American election system works and, in particular, how the polling which is used to track people's voting intentions is often extremely inaccurate. So it proved in the event, with a race which had been predicted to be too close to call falling decisively in favour of Donald Trump. We take our responsibility to educate our students about politics very seriously and I have enjoyed being back in the classroom with Year 10 this week, leading my Enrichment session on Politics and the Media. Encouraging the girls to take an interest in the wider world and actively seek to engage with the news, not just skim past that which is pushed to them by the algorithm on their social media feeds, is important. On Monday I introduced my Year 10 class to The Day, an online news website for 11-18 year olds. We have a school subscription and this special [token link](#) must be used to access it. We also have a subscription to [PressReader](#). PressReader gives access to over 7,000 newspapers and magazines from over 120 countries in more than 60 languages. Do pass these on to your children too.

There have been lots of events going on in school this week too: our first ever U18 football fixture (a loss but a memorable experience for the Year 11 and Sixth Form team, ably coached by Mr Garnett) and the Year 11 GCSE Drama exam to name just two. Congratulations to Ms Hill and the

students on their excellent pieces, which were much enjoyed by the staff, parents and fellow students who were there to watch. I hope to see many of you next week at the Autumn Concert at St Joseph's (details in the section below) and at the school play, *We Happy Few*, the week after.

Next week sees Channing's third Sustainability Week and there are details about the two big events of the week in the section below. Since we declared a Climate Emergency at Channing a year ago it has been great to see the concerted efforts of our Sustainability Officers and Eco reps throughout the Junior and Senior School to help us achieve our goal of becoming a carbon neutral school. However, there is one aspect of school life which does not seem to be improving as fast as we would like: transport.

Miss Hamalis and I ask you regularly to consider your travel plans and, when you drop off or collect your child by car, to think about your parking. The photos below were all taken on the same day this week, within minutes of each other, and demonstrate some of the illegal, unsafe and inconsiderate parking by Channing parents which we deal with every week.



With that in mind, Monday and Friday next week are our designated Clean Air Days. We urge all students and staff to try not to travel by car on that day but rather to use other modes of transport, whether on foot, cycling or taking public transport. As an incentive there is an inter-House competition to see which House creates the least air pollution on those days. However I hope that this might also encourage some new habits in your school commute and I would be grateful for your support in improving Highgate's air quality and traffic congestion.

This weekend I know many of you will attend services to commemorate Remembrance Day. My thanks to Mr Raine for organising a thought-provoking Remembrance Assembly this morning. I will be representing the school at the Rosslyn Hill Unitarian Chapel's service this year and look forward to participating in what is always such a poignant and meaningful occasion. However you are spending your weekend, I hope it is a good one.

With warmest wishes

Mrs Lindsey Hughes
Headmistress

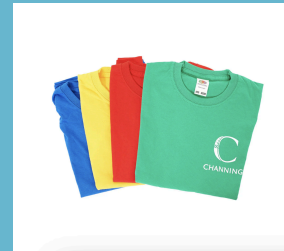
Notices

Pupil Photograph Orders

Gillman & Soame took Year 7 - 13 portrait photographs earlier in the Autumn Term. If you haven't already, please order these photographs as soon as possible (especially if you would like them for Christmas). If details have been mislaid, please contact Gillman & Soame directly at action@gillmanandsoame.co.uk or on 01869 328200 with your child's name and quoting the security password channing288fxp2024 and they can assist.

House Tops

Just a reminder that Channing Senior House tops are available to purchase on the Uniform for Kids website and in-store. These will be perfect for house events such as House Singing next term and especially for bringing that extra team spirit to Sports Day in the summer!



Channing Association News

Senior School Parents' Quiz Night - Thank You!

Many thanks to everyone who came along to the quiz night on Wednesday night. Thanks also to Mrs Hughes and members from her leadership team for writing quiz rounds and co-hosting the evening as well as marking and keeping track of the team scores. It was a fun evening and great to see parents from so many year groups taking part. The final scores were incredibly close with the Year 7 team of "Les Quizerables" just being pipped to the post by the triumphant Year 11 team "Remember Sammy Jankis". Congratulations to everyone who took part, we look forward to seeing you again next year!

Channing Puddings - Last chance to buy!

The pudding shop must close this Sunday 10th November to ensure delivery before the festive break. All proceeds going to support the Crisis at Christmas charity appeal helping the homeless community over the festive period. There are delicious 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 pudding shop is open now at <https://bit.ly/chanpud24>

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

Sustainability Week

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)

Autumn Concert, Thursday 14 November 2024

7.30pm St Joseph's Church, Highgate Hill

The Autumn Concert is an amazing showcase of the students' talents and is the first opportunity this year to hear our larger ensembles perform with this being the first live concert for many! The exciting programme includes a selection from 'Phantom of the Opera', Smetana's famous 'Vltava', the finale from Haydn's 104th Symphony, a little sacred corner with some gorgeous arrangements for mixed ensembles. Our choirs will drive you 'Crazy' with 'Flying Broomsticks' which will have you in 'Stitches'. The ensembles performing are: The Symphony and Concert Orchestras, Brunner Show Choir, Conabor Choir, Cantemus Chorus, Chacapella, Senior Strings and the Brass Ensemble.

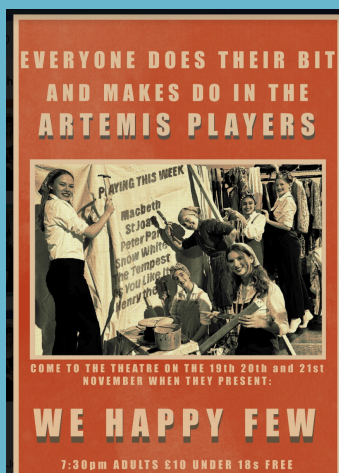
FINAL REHEARSAL

There is a final full rehearsal for ALL performers on the afternoon of the concert, which should finish by 4.45pm. It is vital that all students attend this rehearsal. A rehearsal schedule will be published after half term; once students have rehearsed all the items they are involved in, they will be free to go home from the church. The following ensembles are likely to be required beyond 4pm - Symphony Orchestra, Senior Strings, Cantemus Chorus.

Would you please note that if your child is a member of any of the ensembles mentioned above they will be required for the final rehearsal and concert. Following the rehearsal, students will not be able to return to school.

All performers will be required to return to St Joseph's Church by **7.10pm** on the evening of the concert, which should finish by 9pm. Students will be expected to wear Concert Dress unless they are in Year 7, who should wear smart school uniform.

Tickets are priced at £8 for adults (children under the age of 18 are FREE) and are available now by clicking on the link here: [Autumn Concert Ticket Booking](#). We look forward to welcoming you next Thursday.



We Happy Few Tickets

Tickets are available for this year's KS4/5 play, 'We Happy Few' by Imogen Stubbs. It follows a group of female actors touring Shakespeare plays around the United Kingdom during World War II. It is based on Nancy Hewins' touring group, the Osiris Players. Follow the link [HERE](#) to book yours now! 7:30pm on Tuesday 19, Wednesday 20 and Thursday 21 November in the Arundel Centre.

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](#)



Girls Enjoying Success

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Geography News

Year 12 Geography field trip to East London

On Wednesday 6 November the Year 12 Geography students undertook an extensive study of Brick Lane and Spitalfields using a variety of techniques to measure the impacts of flows of people and gentrification on the area's sense of place and sensory profile before visiting the Broadgate development to assess the success of place making strategies.



Iceland Trip

The geographers had a spectacular time in Iceland over half term. It was incredible to witness the wonders of the land of ice and fire. Highlights were the glacier walk on Solheimajokull, walking around breathtaking waterfalls Skogafoss and Seljalandfoss and learning about the volcanoes that dominate and provide the geothermal heat that we enjoyed swimming in at the Sky Lagoon.



Music News

Piano Exam Success

Congratulations to Nicki S 8AK on gaining a high distinction for her Grade VI ABRSM performance examination!

Reading News

Coram Beanstalks Reading Leaders

Our Year 9 and 10 reading mentors kicked off their first 1:1 sessions with their new Year 7 reading partners this week. The mentors and their partners bonded over conversations about favourite stories, beloved characters, and personal reading goals. By the end of the session, the Year 7s were buzzing with excitement as they borrowed a range of books—from mysteries to romance novels—that they can't wait to explore with their mentors next week.



STEM News

Anatomy Club

In our final meeting of the anatomy club for this term, the students dissected a sheep's brain. Of interest was the anatomical differences to the human brain, namely that the three main structures (spinal cord, cerebellum and cortex) in a sheep's brain are all aligned as sheep walk on four legs. In a human, the spinal cord is positioned at a right angle to the cerebellum due to humans walking on two legs. The first dissection was to remove the meninges membrane, a tough outer covering of the brain, then they carefully inspected the cerebellum and frontal cortex. Large dissections were then made down the centre of the brain to separate it into two halves then the front part of the frontal cortex was removed.



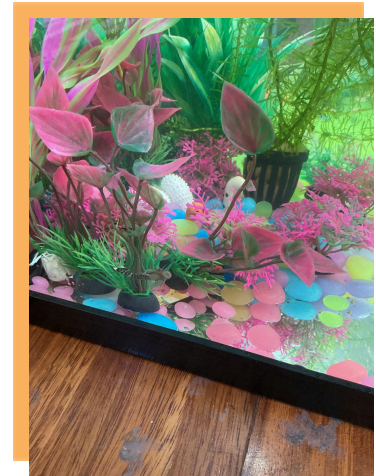
The anatomy club starts again next term in January. If you are in Year 7 or 8 and would like to join, please sign up during the first week of term.

Marine Biology Club

Following the half-term break, Year 10 Marine Biology Club has swung into full gear. The Year students checked that the water levels were suitable before half-term and confirmed it this week just in time for the arrival of the Club's newest members!

Last term, the pupils chose the following fish; Albino Glowlight Tetra, Neon Tetra, Albino Platinum Guppies, Purple Eyed Albino Cardinal Tetra, Albino Yellow Tiger Guppy, Bristlenose Catfish, Blue Pearl

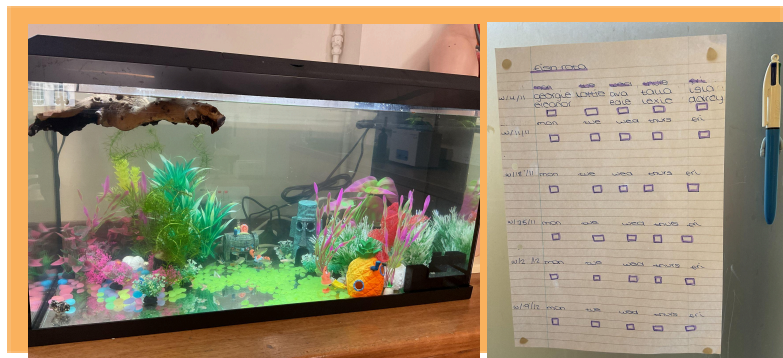
Shrimp, and X-ray Tetra. These arrived (by post!) on Tuesday much to the excitement of the club members.



As part of the process of releasing the fish into their new home, students learnt about the importance of regularly checking the water for nitrates, nitrites, chlorine and pH levels. They also learnt about the importance of acclimatisation and how to safely introduce fish to a new tank by floating the bags in the tank, then adding some of the tank water to the bags, before finally letting the fish swim free to

explore!

As you can see from the photos, the tank is beautifully adorned with a range of decorations, and the fish are all very happy with their new habitat! The students have also agreed on a rota to ensure the fish stay well fed and looked after - a big thank you to Eleanor C, Ava T and Georgie M for drawing it up:



Year 9 Bronze Crest Awards

Violet, Zeruchi and Alizeh focused on making a plan for their project today as they appreciated that they needed to be able to organise their time effectively for the remainder of the sessions. This involved both research and discussion. They enjoyed getting inspiration for their animation project and started to list the materials that they would need. This meant creating an Amazon basket and considering size, thickness and quantities.





Maya and Mariia continued their experiments relating to bath bomb chemistry. Today they were keen to investigate the effect of temperature on the fizzing of their bombs. This meant that they had to make some more bath bombs. This time they were keeping the recipe the same, but were making different sized bombs ready for their next steps. Scarlett was focussed on writing up the work that they did last week ready for their presentation board.

Royal Society of Chemistry Top of the Bench Competition

On Wednesday, the Channing team of Lucy D and Yasmin L from Year 9, Leila A from Year 10 and Erika D from Year 11 took part in the Middlesex heat of the RSC Top of the Bench competition. This involved completing six rounds of questions online and submitting them for marking. It was a nail-biting rush to ensure that all answers were entered by the time deadline! The discussion covered a range of fascinating topics, from analysing luminous flame test results to exploring coal's role in the Great Smog of London, as well as identifying key chemical formulae. Ms Mohabeer was really impressed by the students' incredible collaborative effort; well done!



Sports News

U13 Football News

On Wednesday, 9 October, The U13 team 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!

By 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.

U18 Football News: Independent Schools Cup first round

Wednesday 6 November saw Channing's first ever First XI fixture in the Independent Schools U18 Cup. Having received a walkover in the first round, our next fixture was against a strong St Joseph's School from Ipswich at St Aloysius playing fields. The team of 14 players from Year 13, 12 and 11

had been training over the last few weeks but unfortunately had not had the opportunity to practise on a full size grass pitch.

Our opposition are a partner school of Ipswich Town FC and, as we found out at the conclusion of the match, train every day. Obviously there was a significant difference in ability between the two teams and we did lose the game. Being drawn against one of the favourites for the competition was always going to be a challenging experience. However, the score didn't reflect the ability of our team, who in fixtures against the majority of the other schools in the Independent Schools Football Association would have more than held their own.

Channing held the opposition at bay for the first 15 minutes of the match and it was really pleasing to see them playing with great organisation in restricting the number of chances. However despite the superb effort from everyone on the pitch and some fantastic goalkeeping from Catherine S, including the saving of a penalty, St Joseph's were able to take advantage of their technical superiority and were able to not only break the deadlock but add more goals. Despite the score it was great to see the enthusiasm on display and an appetite to play more matches. We will keep you posted!

Netball News

Thursday 10 October 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. We did an amazing job. 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 Helen's 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 3rd. We played well together and did an excellent job.

by Lily W

Barcelona Netball Trip

During the Half Term two teams of Year 9 to Year 11 pupils went on a netball trip to Barcelona. We stayed at Cambrils Park Resort in the Mediterranean Sports Village in Salou for 5 days and had an amazing time. On the first day, we travelled to Barcelona. We started the second day by making use of the excellent facilities at the resort, such as the gym where we had a weights and cardio circuit and were taught how to use the different machines correctly and learnt new exercises to do. Afterwards, we made our way to a sports hall in Salou where each team played two friendly matches against the other schools on the tour and we finished the day with a masterclass led by International and Netball Superleague netball players, Sasha and Kadeen Corbin and their company Solo Sessions.

On Day 3, we went on a coach tour of Barcelona with a tour guide where we saw all the monuments including the Gaudi Architecture and Buildings, Arc de Triomf in the Ciutadella Park and the Olympic and old FC Barcelona Stadium and later got off the coach to see the Sagrada de Familia and walked around the markets near there and we were lucky enough to go to a shopping centre where we were able to look around the Spanish shops.

On Day 4, we had a busy day of Netball. In the morning we started with another masterclass run by Sasha and Kadeen in which we had a very competitive game of netball noughts and crosses and after, spent some time in the gym. After this we had a skills session led by an England Netball



Umpire and Coach where we learnt many useful skills which we were able to put into practice in the tournament later that day.



We were taken to the Palacio de Deportes Catalunya which was used to host the Mediterranean Games 2018 where we played our final matches against the other teams. The A team played 2 matches and won both of them, and the B team played 4 and won 3. When we got back from the tournament we made use of the amazing facilities and were allowed to use the spa. Then, sadly, it was our last day and we had to return back home but we had such an amazing time. Thank you so much to Ms Nelson and Ms MacCallum for organising this whole trip,

we're so grateful for the opportunity and made lots of memories.

by Eleanor C and Georgie M

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 U19 London Mavericks netball squad
- Eleanor C for being selecting into the U17 London Mavericks netball Squad
- Thomasina R, Iris F, Erica W for being selected into the U13 Middlesex County Satellite Academy (netball)
- Florence LB selected into U15 London Pulse netball
- Indy D for being selected into the U15 Middlesex County Academy for football
- Bea B, Eva B and Poppy L have been selected into the Tottenham Hotspur U12 girls football ETC (Emerging Talent Centre)
- Iyla R for being selected into U14 Middlesex County Cricket



MFL News



Success in Stephen Spender Poetry in Translation Competition

Congratulations to Winnie D, Year 11, who was commended in the 2024 Schools Laureate Prize Award for her sensitive [translation](#) of and [creative response](#) to Victor Hugo's poem *Demain dès l'aube* from French - this is an excellent achievement in what is now a global competition. Please click on the links to enjoy Winnie's work.

Modern Languages Day at the University of Cambridge

Four of our Year 11 Linguists were invited to Girton College on 16 October to find out about studying Modern Languages at Cambridge, where students study two languages. Students can

choose to take a new language from scratch as their second language and the exciting options including Arabic, Hebrew, Italian, Portuguese, Russian or Classical Latin/Greek. A language plus History is also possible. As the number of A Level candidates in Languages nationally continues to decline, studying Languages at Oxbridge presents a wonderful opportunity for our students. Our alumna Sophia has just gone up to Cambridge to read Spanish and Italian *ab initio* and Rosie to Oxford to read French and Russian *ab initio*.



Below are the reports from our students who were inspired by what they learnt.

Report by Darcy: What I learnt at Girton's Languages Taster Day

Mercredi dernier, j'ai eu de la chance car j'ai assisté à Girton College, Cambridge, pour écouter à des conférences et parler avec des élèves à l'université. Après avoir voyagé en train avec mes camarades, rencontrer les autres, qui est passionnant aux environs des langues, était très amusant et intéressant! Pour commencer le jour, on a essayé de traduire des poèmes écrits en anglais du 13ème siècle dans différentes langues, comme français, espagnol et allemand. Je suis allée dans une classe à propos du cinéma français et j'ai discuté du système d'école en France avec d'autres élèves. Bien sûr, on a visité l'incontournable Lawrence Gallery musée dans l'université où on a trouvé une momie égyptienne! Je pense qu'aller au Girton était très utile pour moi, particulièrement parler avec des élèves qui ont déjà étudié à Girton, parce que je pensais à propos de ce que je vais étudier à l'université et maintenant, étudier MML ou peut-être le français avec une autre matière comme l'histoire est une option que j'aimerais! J'ai l'intention d'y postuler à Cambridge.

Translation:

Last Wednesday, I was lucky because I attended Girton College, Cambridge, to listen to lectures and talk with students at the university. After having travelled by train with my classmates, meeting others who are passionate about languages was very fun and interesting! To start the day, we tried to translate poems written in 13th century English into different languages, such as French, Spanish and German. I went to a class about French cinema and I discussed the French school system with the other students. Of course, we visited the unmissable Lawrence Gallery museum in the university where we found an Egyptian mummy! I think that going to Girton was very useful for me, especially talking with students who already study there, because I have been thinking about what I want to study at university, and now, studying MML or maybe French with another subject like history is an option I would love! I plan to apply there at Cambridge.

Report by Siana

Τον Οκτώβριο, το Girton College διοργάνωσε μια ημέρα γλωσσικής γευσίγνωσας για μαθητές λυκείου από όλη τη χώρα, ώστε να ζήσουν μια μέρα από τη ζωή ενός φοιτητή που σπουδάζει γλώσσες ή γλωσσολογία.

Το πρωί, ξεκινήσαμε ακούγοντας από τους καθηγητές εισαγωγής για την τεράστια ποικιλία μαθημάτων και επιλογών για χρόνια στο εξωτερικό που προσφέρει το Cambridge. Στη συνέχεια, λάβαμε μέρος σε ένα εργαστήριο μετάφρασης όπου εξερευνήσαμε την ελευθερία της διερμηνείας για να μεταφέρουμε διαφορετικές αισθήσεις και συναισθήματα.

Επικεντρωθήκαμε ιδιαίτερα σε ένα ποίημα γραμμένο σε παλαιότερα αγγλικά, μεταφρασμένο σε γλώσσες όπως τα ισπανικά, τα γαλλικά και τα γερμανικά. Στη συνέχεια, ο καθένας μας επέλεξε εργαστήρια πολιτισμού: στο μάθημα των γαλλικών, συζητήσαμε την ταινία *Divines*, και την απεικόνιση της ταυτότητας και της ανισότητας στο σημερινό Παρίσι. Μετά το

μεσημεριανό γεύμα, είχαμε την ευκαιρία να δούμε το Lawrence Room, το οποίο στεγάζει μια συλλογή αρχαίων αντικειμένων, κυρίως μια ρωμαϊκή μούμια του πρώτου αιώνα. Τέλος, συμμετείχαμε σε ένα γλωσσικό εργαστήριο, όπου έμαθα ιταλικές λέξεις και φράσεις για καθημερινή συζήτηση. Χάρηκα πολύ που μίλησα με τους σημερινούς φοιτητές και το προσωπικό, οι οποίοι ήταν πραγματικά φιλόξενοι.

Translation:

In October, Girton College organised a language taster day for high school students from across the country to experience a day in the life of a student pursuing a degree in languages or linguistic-related fields.

In the morning, we started by hearing from admissions tutors about the huge range of courses and options for years abroad offered at Cambridge. Next, we took part in a translation workshop where we explored the freedom of interpretation to convey different sensations and emotions. We focused in particular on a poem written in older English, translated into languages such as Spanish, French and German. Then we each chose culture workshops: in French class, we discussed the film *Divines*, and its depiction of identity and inequality in today's Paris. After lunch we had the opportunity to see the Lawrence Room, which houses a collection of ancient artefacts, most notably a first century Roman mummy. Finally, we participated in a language workshop, where I learned Italian words and phrases for everyday conversation. I really enjoyed talking to the current students and staff, who were really welcoming.

Report by Alexa

El 16 de octubre, cuatro lingüistas fuimos invitados al Girton College de Cambridge para participar en unos cursos para aprender nuevas lenguas. Hice un curso de cultura rusa y alemana, ambos muy interesantes. Me gustó especialmente la introducción al ruso porque fue una experiencia completamente nueva para mí. También tuvimos conferencias sobre el estudio de un idioma en la universidad, y la posibilidad de pasar un año en el extranjero. En general, fue una experiencia muy útil que disfrutamos mucho. Gracias, Sra. Pavlopoulos: ¡lo pasamos muy bien!

Translation:

On October 16, four linguists were invited to Girton College in Cambridge to participate in courses to learn new languages. I took a course in Russian and German culture, both of which were very interesting. I especially liked the introduction to Russian because it was a completely new experience for me. In German, we were introduced to a poem and we analysed it and what it meant. I hadn't studied German before, so I was a bit nervous, but in the end I really enjoyed it! Also, during lunch, we had the opportunity to visit the Girton museum, and we saw the Girton mummy, which is called Hermione! We also had lectures about studying a language at university, and the possibility of spending a year abroad. Overall, it was a very useful experience that we enjoyed very much. Thank you, Ms Pavlopoulos: we had a great time!

Report by Carlotta: Una giornata bellissima

La giornata è iniziata con un'introduzione al Girton College, parlando con i professori dei diversi corsi di lingua che si possono seguire a Cambridge e conoscendo altri studenti. In seguito, siamo passati al seminario culturale, dove ho appreso della rivoluzione messicana e ho intrapreso un'interessante discussione su come l'arte e la cultura possano essere rivoluzionarie. Poi è arrivata l'ora di pranzo! Innanzitutto, abbiamo esplorato gli splendidi giardini che il college ha da offrire, poi chiacchierato con molti studenti e infine, visitato il museo del college, che comprende molti rari manufatti romani e anglosassoni. Più tardi, ho intrapreso il corso di russo iniziale, dove abbiamo acquisito familiarità con l'alfabeto russo e scoperto tutti i fantastici viaggi che Cambridge ha da offrire. La giornata si è conclusa con una sessione di domande e risposte, e un'introduzione alla

vita a Oxbridge, particolarmente sulle differenze tra questo sistema e le altre università inglesi. Nel complesso, è stata una giornata impegnativa ma davvero divertente; ho imparato molto di più sulla vita universitaria e su come le lingue possono influenzare la carriera. Vorrei tanto ringraziare Ms. Pavlopoulos per aver organizzato questa fantastica opportunità!

Translation:

The day started with an introduction to Girton College, talking to professors about the different language courses you can take at Cambridge and meeting other like-minded students. Following this, we moved on to the culture workshop, where I learned about the Mexican Revolution, engaging in an interesting discussion about how art and culture can be revolutionary. Then it was time for lunch! First, we explored the beautiful gardens that the college has to offer, then chatted with many students and finally, visited the college museum, which includes many rare Roman and Anglo-Saxon artefacts. Later that day, I undertook the Russian ab initio course, where we became familiar with the Russian alphabet and discovered all the amazing trips Cambridge has to offer. The day concluded with a Q&A session, and an introduction to life at Oxbridge, particularly the differences between this system and other English universities. Overall, it was a busy but really exciting day; I learned a lot more about university life and how languages can influence your career. I would like to thank Ms Pavlopoulos for organising this amazing opportunity!

Year 7 & 8 News

This Wednesday, Years 7 and 8 enjoyed their first 'big and little' sibling meeting where they caught up on how they had found the first term back at school. The event was an opportunity for the eager Year 7s to gain further insight on what school life may look like next year and some top tips for staying 10% braver! We are excited to hold another morning later this academic year and hope all participating students enjoyed themselves.



by KS3 officers Tabi and Eliza, Year 12

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A spot of rounders before tea, anyone?

