

CORNERS

NEWSLETTER JAN/FEB 2018



French House, Debut Novels, GCSE Art, Poetry, Hadrian's Wall, Royal Courts of Justice, Autumn Concert, Carol Service, Twelfth Night, Christmas Fair, Duke of Edinburgh and much more...



From the Headmaster

On Tuesday 1st October 1878, a small group of girls gathered outside No. 6 Upper Baker Street in London. Together, they formed the original cohort of pupils for the Church of England High School for Girls, the first of two schools founded by The Reverend Canon Francis James Holland. Now known as Francis Holland School, Regent's Park, the spirit of the school that opened that day has survived two world wars, financial crises and periods of profound social and economic development: in some ways, our school has changed out of all recognition, but it remains true to the principles established by Canon Holland 140 years ago.

Much will be told and retold of the history of Francis Holland over the coming twelve months as we celebrate, together, our 140th birthday. The school has planned a series of events which straddle both the current academic year and the next. The purpose is to mark this notable anniversary both enjoyably and appropriately.

Our usual birthday celebration, beginning across the road at St Cyprian's Church, will kick start this year of jubilee on Thursday 8th February 2018. We will hear from the Head Girl as she delivers her keynote address for the year, "In praise of Rev Canon Francis Holland". Back here at school, lessons are suspended for most pupils as we enjoy the annual drama competition.

There will be a 140th birthday cake baked especially for the day, and in the evening a joint parents, students and staff choral concert will be held in the School Hall.

Just after Easter, and before the Upper Fifth go on study leave, we have a whole school photograph in Regent's Park and we also have a fundraising drinks party for parents planned for early May. Later next term, there will be a special event at our annual Sports Day. A birthday picnic lunch will be laid on for pupils, parents and friends of the school; there will be another birthday cake and some aerial photography as we try to spell out the letters FHS and the number 140.

On the exact date of our 140th birthday, 1st October 2018, we plan a balloon release of five hundred balloons in the school colours. Each one will have an individual Instagram reply card attached so that we can track their progress in a thoroughly modern way. The girl whose balloon makes it the furthest from London will be celebrated in assembly and will win a prize (perhaps cake?).

In that same month, we plan a 140-mile cycle ride from Ivor Place to the picturesque village of Groffliers, near Le Touquet where we can celebrate the grand opening of our new French study centre. This, of course, is the school's birthday present. Many boys' schools

have outward-bound and activity centres around the UK and abroad, but we will be the first school for girls to own a property which can be used for activities ranging from study weekends to watercolour painting workshops and from induction courses to horse riding camps. Active parents and senior girls will be welcome to join me on the 140-mile cycle ride. All others are welcome to drive over for the opening ceremony. Details will be sent out nearer the time. Please rest assured that there will be another birthday cake!

Finally, in February 2019, as we approach the end of the year of celebrations, the Francis Holland School choir has been invited to lead the sung worship at evensong at St Paul's Cathedral. All parents and girls will be invited to join in with this event.

It is an exciting year for Francis Holland School. I hope that all parents will make the time to engage with the celebrations in one way or another and, as I have already mentioned to the pupils, I welcome other suggestions of how to mark this occasion via the School Council.

With best wishes,



CHARLES FILLINGHAM



Plans for a FHS study centre in France are now moving along at quite a pace. We have had an offer accepted on a beautiful property near the town of Le Touquet in Northern France which is situated in over 11 acres of private gardens and woodland. Mr Fillingham has already met the local Mayor and

we hope to exchange contracts on the house in the next few months. We will forward parents more details of the house, floorplans and details of how to support the fundraising for the French House project in due course. In the meantime, if you would like to find out more or are interested in supporting

the project in any way, please do not hesitate to contact Louise Richmond in the Development office who can be contacted at development@fhst.org.uk.

Ms Louise Richmond
DEVELOPMENT MANAGER



French cultural attaché's visit to Francis Holland School

On Wednesday 10th September Francis Holland School welcomed Benoît Le Dévédec, the French Cultural Attaché in London. After an initial meeting with Mr Fillingham, Mrs Slocombe and Miss Gustave, during which the launch of the Section Française at the school since September 2017 and the links available with the French institute in Kensington were discussed, M. Le Dévédec had a reception with the French parents in our school community. He then had a tour of the school before observing Miss Gustave's Lower Fourth bilingual lesson where he took the opportunity to talk to the girls who praised this initiative.

Miss Marjorie Gustave
MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES DEPARTMENT





Staff News



Births

Congratulations to Ms Rose Iksilara and her husband on the birth of their son Liam, born Friday 15th December and weighing 3.6 kg.

Farewells

At the end of last term we bid farewell to several staff – Ms Lynn Bosch, Mrs Penny Freely and Miss Amy Christian. They will all be dearly missed and we wish them all the best for the future.



We would like to warmly welcome a number of staff who have joined our team here at FHS Regent’s Park this January. From left to right they are Mrs Emma Warner (German Teacher), Dr Natalia Lemanska-Kazemzadeh (Psychology Teacher), Miss Isabel Wood

(Geography Teacher), Ms Jas Bhachu (School Secretary), Miss Gabrielle Clydesdale-Huch (PE Teacher) and Miss Hanna Creamer (Gap Year Intern). We would also like to welcome Mr Bright Yeboah who has joined our IT Department.

Miss Hollender’s Debut Novel



Here’s a familiar newsflash; ‘Francis Holland is the finest school in London’.

Now, having been here for a full year, fortunate to teach Science to many of your daughters, I agree wholeheartedly with this well-known quote.

However, girls and indeed parents, alike. Do you ever wonder what school life is like at other schools? What if the eleven-plus had determined your fate somewhere other than Regents Park? Now, there’s a scary thought.

I have taught at a variety of schools and as with life, the experiences were: good, bad and ugly. Of course, in school, you learn quite a few lessons and the same goes for us teachers too. So, surprise, surprise, during the long holidays,

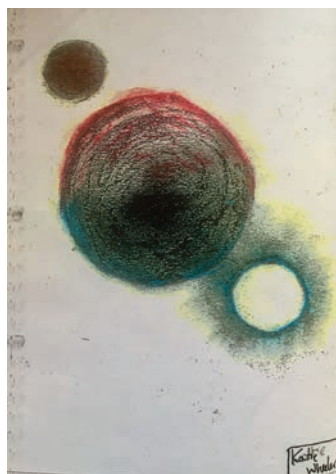
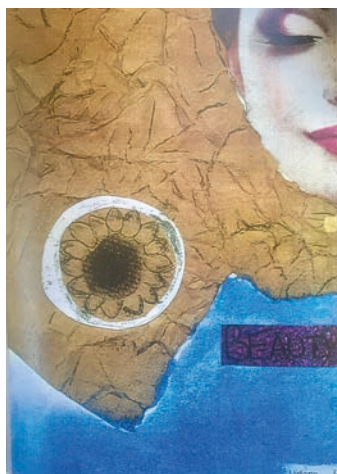
which we are so lucky to have, I decided to write a book, about the very subject.

School 3D is a modern-day fable about three ten-year old triplets. To the sisters’ surprise, each gets into a different secondary school: a local academy with sports specialism; a fiercely competitive grammar school; and a prestigious private school.

It is a story about change and adaptation to the new world of Year 7. A suitable story for those little sisters of already lucky FHS pupils contemplating the move to ‘big school’.

P.S. Spoiler alert, it has a happy ending!

Miss Emma Hollender
SCIENCE DEPARTMENT



As part of their Cross-Curricular Fortnight, Upper Fourth Art students have developed their ideas of beauty in art and created a Zine featuring a collaboration of drawings displaying each student's personal view of 'Beauty.'

Students began by writing a short summary that considered their own opinions around this broad topic. The complexities of beauty arose in these written responses, with some girls finding their ideas easier to communicate through imagery than words. Over the next two weeks students worked to create designs for the Zine. Each page of the final product shows a design by each individual student, chosen by the collective group, some of which can be seen above.

Miss Louise Evans
ART DEPARTMENT

Poetry Competition

The theme of FHS's 2017 Poetry Competition was 'Beauty'. Students in the lower school were provided with a collection of images, poetry and quotes to inspire them as they wrote their own poems on the half-term's cross-curricular theme. Many thoughtful and beautiful pieces were produced, and after much deliberation the best poems from each year group, as well as an overall winner, were selected by the English Department. In assembly on Friday 17th November we were treated to a reading of these four poems by Vivienne Acton (Thirds), Cora Boller Smith (Lower Fourth), Ruby Reed (Upper Fourth) and Ellie Shoebridge (Upper Fourth). Topics explored included animal hunting, mechanics, glass and the philosophy of beauty. Of the four candidates it was Ruby who received the overall prize with her moving poem 'Fragile', reproduced here for your reading pleasure.

Miss Sarah Lawrence
SCHOOL LIBRARIAN

'Fragile' by Ruby Reed

I came wrapped inside newspaper
Dumped in a cardboard box.
They fixed me together,
Piece by piece.

By the time it was my first birthday,
My structure was loosening,
They ignored me.

By my second birthday
I was blind and limbless,
I was a shadow.

By my third birthday,
I was deaf.
They broke me together
Piece by piece.

By my fourth birthday,
I was wrapped inside newspaper,
Dumped in a cardboard box,
Broken.

By my fifth birthday
I was a statistic of
Mortality.

That is the beauty of glass.

GCSE Art Mock Exams



Cleopatra Coleman

Thea Gavanski



Charlotte McBurney

Natasha Khursheed



Clementine Mitford

Rosey Baring



It has been a busy term in the Art Department as our GCSE classes geared up for their mock exams. We are so proud of the standard of work that they produced, which has received much admiration from staff and pupils around the school. The Art Department would like to celebrate the success of

the fantastic work achieved by Francis Holland's Upper Fifth young artists, who worked around the topic of 'positive and negative', by sharing some images of their work.

Heather Maund
ART DEPARTMENT

Thirds' Geography Projects

In their Geography lessons this half term, the Thirds have been creating independent country projects. The girls have been conducting their own research about the human and physical geography of an African country. They have then been presenting their findings in lessons to the rest of the class. The Geography Department have been impressed by the standard of work this year. Congratulations Thirds!

Mrs Jo Dawes
HEAD OF GEOGRAPHY



Onatti Theatre Company Visit



On Wednesday 22nd November, we were delighted to once again host the Onatti Theatre Company. They performed the play *Mes Chers Voisins* to all the Upper Fourth, Lower Fifth, Upper Fifth and Sixth Form students of French. The girls enjoyed an original and entertaining performance acted entirely in French. Girls were invited to take part by getting on stage and interacting with the two protagonists. The play was fast-paced, the plot intriguing, and there was plenty of music our girls recognised. This was an excellent opportunity for the girls to practise their language skills. We all had a fantastic time.

Miss Alessandra Spera
ACTING HEAD OF MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Upper Fifth presents Lip Sync Battle

On Friday 8th December the Upper Fifth took over the School Hall as they hosted the first ever Lip Sync Battle at FHS in aid of The Rainbow Centre, Sri Lanka. Representatives for each year group took on the role of iconic pop stars from across the decades as they fought for the title of Lip Sync Champion. They were judged by an illustrious panel consisting of Dr De Bono, Lynn Bosch and Miss Soyer, who had a hard task selecting a winner as all the performances were vibrant and entertaining, but it was the Sixth Form led by Alice Ward who emerged victorious with their hip-shaking performance of 'Jailhouse Rock'.



The Workplace of the Future Symposium

On the evening of Thursday 16th November, FHS hosted 'The Workplace of the Future Symposium'. Our panel consisted of eight renowned individuals with wide ranging business experience – Jonathan Pfitzner, The Baroness Morgan of Huyton, Carl Gombrich, Amanda Dickins, Gaenor Bagley, Ed Dorrell, Dr Craig Holmes and Jane Wiest. The chair, Jonathan Pfitzner, posed many challenging and

thought-provoking questions. "Will artificial intelligence ever fully replace human roles in professional services firms?" "Regarding education, is the UK curriculum still fit for purpose?" "What essential competencies are required for future jobs?" "How will Brexit influence employment going forward?" A lively discussion concluded that continuous innovation in the workplace requires an agile workforce, whose elite roles cannot solely be replaced by machines.

Many thanks to all our speakers who came in to take part in the debate.

Jason Bossé
HEAD OF CAREERS



Maths in Action

On Wednesday 22nd November, the Lower Sixth visited the Emmanuel Centre for a series of Mathematics lectures. They ranged in content from the more abstract topics of the platonic universe to proving Fermat's last theorem, and perhaps most interestingly, included a performance of 'Bohemian Rhapsody' on the electric guitar by Dr Mark Lewney about trigonometry and its link to binary.

There were five lectures in total, and also a brief talk about exam technique and common mistakes made at A level, which provided helpful suggestions for ways to avoid simple errors in examinations and to gain practice for the harder questions at the end of



the paper. The first lecture involved algebraic number theory and discussed how abstract mathematics sometimes don't fit in our universe – as well as featuring a particularly bright pair of trousers, worn by the speaker, Dr Buzzard. The following two lectures were less conceptual, focusing on how Fermat's last theorem was proved, and misinterpretations of statistics in the news. These were followed by a talk, and various guitar solos, from Dr Lewney on 'string theory' and

trigonometry, and then from a data scientist, who explained the role of Mathematics in cybersecurity and detecting viruses.

Overall, the lectures were thoroughly engaging and insightful and demonstrated different areas of research in Mathematics, as well as the relevance of Mathematics in current affairs.

Emily Lamont
LOWER SIXTH MATHS STUDENT

UK Senior Maths Challenge 2017

The results for the UK Senior Maths Challenge are as follows:

In the Upper Sixth, the following girls received a **Bronze Certificate**: Andie Macarthur, Amy Hobson, Carin Sarsfield, Marie-Liesse Gouilliard, Emily Jerjian, Polina Pronina, Eva Gimpel-Oxinalde, and Saffron Taylor.

Holly Anness-Bradshaw was awarded a **Silver Certificate**, as did Karina Ishikawa, who also received the certificate for **Best in Year**.

In the Lower Sixth, Laura Phasouliotis, Ana-Maria Chiriac and Sian Khan receive **Bronze Certificates**.

Peisu Wang was awarded a **Gold Certificate**, consequently receiving the certificate for **Best in Year** and



the certificate for **Best in School**. Peisu Wang also qualified for the Kangaroo Senior Maths Challenge, which is an excellent achievement.

Very well done girls!

Miss Neermala Murugan
MATHS DEPARTMENT

Upper Fourth trip to Hadrian's Wall



On Friday 10th November Lower Fourth, accompanied by Miss Merrigan, Miss Williams and Miss Greenhalgh, set off for a weekend visit to Hadrian's Wall.

On Saturday, we went to the Roman Army Museum and three Roman Forts that would have been stationed along the wall. At the museum we listened to a talk from a British auxiliary soldier hologram, and were given free time to roam and learn about the Roman soldiers ranks and uniforms. Next, we went to the Roman Fort Vindolanda, where the Vindolanda tablets came from, followed by the larger Chesters Roman Fort and afterwards the Housesteads Fort, where we were shown how the Roman plumbing would have worked. My favourite was

Chesters Roman Fort because of how big it is and the fact that you could see typical village houses (*aedificium vicarum formae solitae*) and shops/inns (*taberna*). That night, we went to a local pub which had very nice food, before going back to the hostel to watch *Eagle* a film based on Hadrian's Wall and set in the Roman times.

On Sunday, we all hurried to pack our bags so that we could go on a walk, along where Hadrian's Wall would have been two thousand years ago, before returning to London. On the walk we were able to see the beautiful countryside, though because of the wall's old age it was mostly all knocked down. Near the end of our walk we found a place where you had to go

downhill by stepping on rocks. Most of us went down for fun, but soon had to come back up because it was freezing. I definitely recommend this trip to anyone who would like to visit Hadrian's Wall and learn more Latin. *Valere!*

Julie Perrier

UPPER FOURTH CLASSICS STUDENT

Upper Fifth visit to Royal Courts of Justice

During November the Upper Fifth went in their form groups on an educational visit to the Royal Courts of Justice in Westminster. The girls were given the opportunity to participate in a mock trial taking on roles such as the judge, jury, barristers, witnesses and defendant, before coming together to reach a verdict and debate a sentence. The cases dealt with social media, drugs and cyberbullying. It was an enjoyable and informative afternoon, which provided a new insight into the workings of our judicial system.

Miss Marjorie Gustave

HEAD OF UPPER FIFTH



Twelfth Night

Twenty-two girls wowed audiences with three terrific performances of *Twelfth Night* which ran from Wednesday 29th November to Friday 1st December. To begin the stage was covered completely with an enormous sea-curtain, made of patchworked fabrics in blues and greens and lit in mysterious turquoises and lavenders.

Gently rocking music, specially composed by Jonathan Ingham, hushed the audience before crescendoing to a storm as the sea-curtain began to heave whilst members of the cast struggled out from under it, crying for help. From this imagined shipwreck emerged the Messina twins, Viola and Sebastian, forcibly separated. Thus the scene was set for a tale of love, lovelessness and mistaken identity.

One of the great strengths of the girls' beautiful performance was the quality of verse speaking: they really understood what they were saying, connecting it to feelings, thoughts and movements that all made sense. Shakespeare's words were lifted from page to stage in a way that wove the mad imagined fabric of Illyria, a world of cruelty and beauty where anything could happen. Their audiences were entranced. Bravo girls!

Mrs Kate Oakley
HEAD OF DRAMA



DRAMA



String Concert

Pupils from the Thirds to the Upper Sixth gathered to present the annual String concert on Tuesday 5th December. Although a very busy time of the school year, there were still an impressive number of ensembles and solos. The evening finished with a particularly impressive performance from Karina Ishikawa, who has recently achieved Grade 8 Distinction.



Autumn Concert

High musical standards were maintained at the annual Autumn Concert where all the major ensembles and choirs performed. Along with a host of instrumental and vocal solos, it was a particular treat to hear Jasmina Charap in Upper Fourth perform her own composition 'Lies' with Grace Rosser.



Senior Chamber Choir Performance

MUSIC



On Thursday 7th December, Senior Chamber Choir gave a public lunchtime concert in Marylebone Parish Church, performing Britten's *Ceremony of Carols* as well as some carols by Warlock. With no fewer than nine different soloists, the school fully demonstrated its excellent vocal prowess. Special mention to Milly Winterburn in the Thirds for her solo at the start.



Carol Service at St Marylebone Parish Church

The entire school community, together with a few hundred parents, gathered for the annual carol service in St Marylebone Parish Church. Featuring a wonderfully eclectic mix of music from all year groups, together with some

beautifully orated readings the service marked the (almost) end of term in fine fashion. Congratulations to all involved!

Robert Patterson
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Recent Leavers' Christmas Drinks



Geography Conference at the Dominion Theatre

On Friday 1st December, the Sixth Form Geographers enjoyed a trip to the 2017 Tectonics Hazards Conference at the Dominion Theatre. The girls listened to six interesting lectures from renowned tectonic lecturers, which added to their understanding for the synoptic Pre-U Geography course. Many thanks to the girls for their professional behaviour and to Miss O'Neill who accompanied me on the trip.

Mrs Jo Dawes
HEAD OF GEOGRAPHY



Hot Chocolate and the Cinema

A festive group of Upper Fifth and Lower Sixth students went out for a hot chocolate before attending a screening of *Tutto Quello Che Vuoi* at Regent Street Cinema on Wednesday 13th December. The film follows a young man named Alessandro, who grudgingly accepts a job as a companion for Giorgio, an elderly poet with Alzheimer's. As they banter during their daily walks, they slowly piece together Giorgio's long-buried memories, revealing clues to a hidden treasure. An endearing Italian comedy that made us laugh and cry. The film was followed by an interesting Q&A with the director Francesco Bruni. What a Christmas treat!

Nicola Gridelli
ACTING HEAD OF SIXTH FORM



Alumni from the classes of 2013 to 2017 joined current staff at the prestigious Lansdowne Club in Mayfair for this year's Recent Leavers' Christmas Drinks Reception.

With over fifty guests in attendance, it was a wonderful evening for former pupils to catch up with each other's news, share tales of university life and discuss how they have forged emerging careers in their fields of choice. They were also able to chat with current staff to find out how Francis Holland has fared since they left and hear about the school's latest developments.

Drinks and canapés were served as guests enjoyed the slideshow of photos from their time at FHS and everyone had a whale of a time taking group shots in the festive photo booth... even the staff had a go!

Thank you to everyone who joined us for this festive celebration, and we look forward to holding future events for our alumni soon.

Alistair Brown
ALUMNI RELATIONS OFFICER



Christmas Fair 2017

EVENTS



Francis Holland School, Regent's Park's annual Christmas Fair took place on Saturday 18th November. Thousands of pounds (over £4,500) were raised and the proceeds have been split between the Rainbow Centre (helping children in Sri Lanka obtain an education), Swiss Cottage School (for children with special educational needs) and our own charitable cause, the FHS Summer Camp (an activity week for local children run by FHS staff and pupils).

Organised by the FHS Parents' Association, the stalls were run by parents, girls, old girls and members of the local community. The School Hall was bursting with stalls laden with jewellery, cashmere, stocking fillers, Christmas cakes, puddings and wreaths, providing the perfect opportunity for some festive shopping. Francis Holland's chef's beautifully decorated handmade Christmas cakes were on sale and as popular as ever!

Sixth Form Young Enterprise groups also displayed their business skills by selling specially designed t-shirts, water bottles, bags and jewellery.

Mr Fillingham said, "I am very proud of the creativity and the imagination of the pupils at Francis Holland – they have found 101 new ways to raise money for charity and have fun at the same time."

Many thanks to all who attended and everyone to helped make it such a successful day!



Sixth Form Carol Singing

On Monday 4th December 2017, students from the Sixth Form sang Christmas Carols at local underground stations as per tradition at FHS and raised money for Crisis at Christmas for the Homeless. One group went to Swiss Cottage, one to Saint John's

Woods and the third to Marylebone. Despite some initial reticence, the girls sang beautifully and brought smiles to those travelling through the stations, and all of course for a very good cause. This year we chose to donate the money raised to Crisis at Christmas for the Homeless in the hope that this could be a warm and happy Christmas for many.

Nicola Gridelli
ACTING HEAD OF SIXTH FORM



Lower School Carol Singing

Not to be outdone, members of the Lower School Choir also went carolling to raise funds for our Christmas charities. On the afternoon of Friday 8th December they could be found outside the nearby Regent's Place entertaining passers-by with their renditions of Christmas classics. They too sang beautifully and were the cause of many smiles.

Jonathan Ingham
MUSIC DEPARTMENT



FHS Says No to Plastic!

This year at FHS we are trying very hard to recycle more and reduce our use of plastic bottles. To this end we have dedicated green monitors in each class and these “eco-warriors” monitor the bins to ensure correct recycling.

Some students have been doing this really well, so this year we introduced a new termly award - the Best-kept Bins Award. Runners-up were Emma Nygren (LVH) and Rania Khemany (IIIJ) and the winner for the Autumn Term was Molly Campbell Butcher (LIVS). Congratulations to them all for proactively taking responsibility for their classrooms and making a difference.

On the plastic front we have reduced bottled water use in lunch time clubs and we are encouraging all students to bring in their own water bottle to refill at the newly installed water fountains in the basement area.

If everyone participating in sports clubs had their own water bottle, we could further reduce the number sent out to sports practice. Please help us do this by buying your daughter a refillable water bottle and a reusable coffee cup (if they frequent coffee shops). We must reduce our use of plastic to help save the planet!

Thank you for your support.

Ms Nicky Foy
AND THE ECO-COMMITTEE

Young Enterprise



Our Young Enterprise group is called RAIN and we have been selling re-usable water bottles in three colours: pink, green and blue. We are now producing a limited edition Valentine's Day bottle. We decided on re-usable water bottles for our project as we are passionate about saving the environment. Our project is in support of the Rain Forest Foundation whose goal is to help indigenous peoples and forest communities around the world gain the land and resource rights they deserve, while in the process, reducing deforestation activities such as illegal logging and palm oil production. If



you would like to purchase a limited edition Valentine's Day bottle then please contact us by email at anna.bn1@fhs-nw1.org.uk or message us on our instagram - [rain_yenterprise](https://www.instagram.com/rain_yenterprise). We will also be visiting form rooms during lunch and break to take pre-orders and payments.

Anna Brown
YOUNG ENTERPRISE STUDENT

FHS Debating Update

The Senior Debating pair of Eleni Papanayotou and Izzie Klug, Lower Fifth, won their 1st Round in the English-Speaking Union's Schools' Mace, the oldest and largest debating competition in England. FHS defeated North Bridge House Senior School, while opposing the motion, "This House would add e-sports to the Olympic Games". Melissa Benn, journalist, writer and guest judge for the evening, commended our girls on the strength of their preparation, but also their succinct and probing Points of Information in response to their opposition's arguments. The next round will take place this term as the girls compete for a place in the Regional Finals.

The Junior Debating team competed in their 1st Round of the London Junior Debating League, hosted by fellow group members Latymer Upper School (2017's competition winners). In the first debate, Molly Campbell Butcher, Alice Mitcheson and Amelia Rayner-Cook proposed that "This house would make all schools co-educational". The

FHS trio took the win, defeating the boys from John Lyon School. In the second debate, Amelia remained on board, joined this time by Amber Hill and Mihika Joshi. Opposing the surprise, unprepared motion: "This house would ban animal testing", our girls particularly impressed the judges by addressing exactly his feedback from the first debates: signposting ("My first argument is... my second argument is..."), and keeping the argument exactly relevant to the motion. This time, however, the girls were narrowly beaten by Sacred Heart High School.

On a very positive note, the points accrued in this round stand us in good stead ahead for the next round in February. On the night, Lara Taberham was an integral member of the squad as a member of the Floor, asking the difficult questions of our opposition. Particular thanks go to Courtney McNeil, Lower Sixth, who came in support and to act as a judge in other, impartial debates.

Tom Carew Hunt
HEAD OF DEBATING



EFFORT, ACHIEVEMENT & CONTRIBUTION TO SCHOOL

AUTUMN TERM 2017

FORM	EFFORT	ACHIEVEMENT	CONTRIBUTION
IIIJ	ISABELLA METTA	IMOGEN CESTAR	MILLY WINTERBURN
IIIM	JASMINE SPARROW	AMELIA RAYNER-COOK	MONA DJOUDI
IIIS	VIVIENNE ACTON	CLARA MAYO	EKATERINA ELDRIDGE
LIVJ	EVE RABIN	ISHA SHIVALINGAM	HARRIET WELLOCK
LIVM	ALICE MITCHESON	ZAINAB AHMED	ELLA NEWELL
LIVS	MOLLY CAMPBELL BUTCHER	CHLOE MARTINEZ	CARA BOSSOM
UIVJ	ZAINA ODUBEKO	RUBY REED	LORNA BREADIN
UIVM	MARIA KNIGHT	GEORGIE DE WYNTER	RUTH KIRBY
UIVS	ISABEL DIMENT-VERA	YASMEEN SIDDIQUI	CHARLOTTE MARKS
LVC	ANNIE HARRISON	GRACE GLINSMAN	TALINE COLLIER-WRIGHT
LVE	NAOMI BARRETT	CHARLOTTE ZEYSSOLFF	LARA ISAACS
L VH	LUISE SCHOTTELIUS	ROSE MCGOWAN	CHLOË YAFFES
LVP	MARINA JACOBSON	JASMIN MORRIS	MOLLY KING
UVB	ROSEY BARING	TILLY SYKES	EMILIA UPTON
UVL	ISABELLA MAGUIRE	ROSIE BOWYER	OLIVIA LIVINGSTONE
UVM	ALICIA REGIS	HELENA ILLING	NATASHA KHURSHEED
LVI	EMILIA FRANCO	ALICE BARTHOLOMEW	NULA KENZIE
LVI	RIANA MODI	ANA-MARIA CHIRIAC	EMMA MONNICKENDAM
LVI	ROSIE MORRIS	EMILY LAMONT	LAURA STEWART-HARRIS
LVI	ANNIE PAN	PEISU WANG	CAROLINE SCHOTTELIUS
UVI	ISABELLA CHU	AMAN BAINS	SHREYA CHAKRABORTY
UVI	EVA GIMPEL-OXINALDE	TABITHA DICKSON	FRANCESCA HERSEY
UVI	NAOMI LEUNG	MARIA LEMOS	HELENA MCBURNEY
UVI	AMBER MCDONNELL	SAFFRON TAYLOR	ALEXANDRA STEPHENSON



The Duke of Edinburgh's Award

Congratulations to the following girls for completion of their Duke of Edinburgh's Award which they received in December:

BRONZE AWARDS

Natasha Matanovic, Ana-Maria Chiriac, Sian Khan, Caelo Dineen Vanstone, Mathilda Drukier, Amy Hobson, Helena McBurney, Amy Roberts, Mattie Owencroft.

SILVER AWARD

Jessica Phillips

Congratulations and well done to all participants for your efforts and dedication to the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme.

Important Dates 2018

If your daughter has recently enrolled in any level of the award, please note the training and expedition dates and venues below:

SILVER

- » **Training:** Saturday 3rd March (10-4pm in school)
- » **Practice Expedition:** 5th-7th May (Bank Holiday), Chelmsford
- » **Assessment Expedition:** 26th-28th May (Bank Holiday), Chesham

GOLD

- » **Training:** Saturday 3rd March (10-4pm approximately in school)
- » **Practice Expedition:** 9th-13th July, Peak District
- » **Assessment Expedition:** 20th-24th August, North Wales

Plenty of girls are making great progress with their awards, and some are nearing completion, which is fantastic; however, there is a considerable amount of girls who have not! If you would like any online help with an area of your award or you just need the last section signed off, please come to DofE clinic on a Thursday during second lunch in the ICT room or contact Miss Lamas. Thank you!

Miss Natalia Lamas

DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD CO-ORDINATOR



Inter-form Hockey Tournament 2017

SPORT



In December we held the annual Inter-form Hockey competition, where each year group battled to try and claim the 2017 title. As well as being fiercely competitive, it was played with great sportsmanship and over 350 girls took part! The standard seems to rise with each year and the Thirds competition was a fantastic testament to the progress they have made since September. The Lower Fourth competition was very close with plenty of goals being scored. Penalty corners proved to be vital, with some form groups having success with well-rehearsed routines. The Upper Fourth were as competitive as ever and produced some fast-flowing hockey throughout. The Lower Fifth competition was notable for its brilliant goal keeping performances, high participation levels and great support on the side-lines!

Despite some of the Upper Fifth having not played hockey for a while, there were some fabulous performances from both squad and non-squad players alike. Defences were tough to break down so goals were in short supply – making it an incredibly tight tournament. On the final day we saw the show piece event – the Upper Sixth versus the Lower Sixth. The match was incredibly tight with both teams dominating for periods. However, at full-time the end-to-end hockey had still not produced any goals; and so for the first time ever they contested a penalty shootout. It could not have been any closer, but in the end the Lower Sixth were the victors. Well done to all of those involved and helped make it such a fantastic week!

Miss Maria Merrigan
PE DEPARTMENT



Results

WINNERS (BY YEAR GROUP)

III	M
LIV	M
UIV	M
LVH & P	UV B
VI	Lower Sixth

PLAYERS OF THE TOURNAMENT

III	Saffron Jones
LIV	Olivia Baird
UIV	Sitara Vaswani
LV	Marina Jacobson
UV	Hannah Unwin
VI	Dani Dunkley & Alice Ward

Sports Report

It has been a great sporting start to the spring term and we are all looking forward to the term ahead. Well done to all the girls who received a Sports Commendation at the end of the autumn term; your commitment and enthusiasm have been incredible to see. We have a couple of new clubs this term; please look at the extra-curricular timetable and come along. The more the merrier.

As always, everyone is invited along to watch their daughter's fixtures after school. Do download a copy of the fixtures list from the school website. If you would like to get up-to-date results and pictures, please follow our PE twitter account at twitter.com/FHS_NW1_Sport.

Miss Laura Burroughs
DIRECTOR OF SPORT

COMMENDATION CERTIFICATES FOR SPORT AUTUMN TERM 2017

III S	Claudia Sutton Dasha Zackharova	UVI M	Juliette Hassenforder Ellie Shoebridge
III J	Saffron Jones Maya Pilkington	LV H	Belle Brown Trudie Bradie
III M	Lola Shingles Freya Gaynor	LV C	Grace Glinsman Annie Harrison
LVI S	Amelia Nahal Saskia Shah	LV E	Naomi Barrett Sarah Bithell
LVI J	Beatrice Barbe Eve Rabin	LV P	Ella Von Hammerstein Eleni Papanayotou
LVI M	Olivia Baird Zainab Ahmed	UV B	Ella Carew Eliza Kay
UIV S	Charlotte Marks Nicole Thomaz	UV L	Anki Stick Rachel Winters
UIV J	Sofia Franco Poppy Epstein	UV M	Isobel Ford Eva Perez
		6TH FORM	Sophia Chitty



JANUARY 2018

FRIDAY 26TH JANUARY

9am Parents' Prayer Group
Breakfast Meeting in the
Gloucester Room: 9am

SATURDAY 27TH JANUARY

7-10pm Parent Ceilidh at
St Cyprian's Church

MONDAY 29TH JANUARY

5.30pm Upper Fifth Parents' Evening
for UVB and half UVL
(Baring – Knox)

WEDNESDAY 31ST JANUARY

5.30pm Upper Fifth Parents' Evening
for UVM and half UVL
(Livingstone – Yazji)



Inter-Form Drama Competition Heats

Parents are welcome to attend the heats of this year's Inter-Form Drama Competition, which will be held in the School Hall at 4.30pm on the following evenings:

- » **Thirds**
Thursday 1st February
- » **Lower Fourth**
Tuesday 30th January
- » **Upper Fourth**
Friday 26th January
- » **Lower Fifth**
Tuesday 23rd January
- » **Upper Fifth**
Thursday 1st February

FEBRUARY 2018

TUESDAY 6TH FEBRUARY

9am Deadline for GCSE and
A Level options

THURSDAY 8TH FEBRUARY

» **140th birthday celebrations begin**

7pm Choral concert with parents,
staff and students in the Hall

MONDAY 12TH FEBRUARY

» **Half Term begins**

MONDAY 19TH FEBRUARY

» **Upper Sixth mock
examinations begin**

TUESDAY 20TH FEBRUARY

6.30pm Upper Fifth musicians'
performance concert in
the Hall (pre-concert drinks
in the library from 6pm)

THURSDAY 22ND FEBRUARY

5.30pm Ypres trip parents' meeting
in the Hall

MARCH 2018

FRIDAY 2ND MARCH

9am Parents' Prayer Group
Breakfast Meeting in the
Gloucester Room

MONDAY 5TH MARCH

5.30pm Lower Fifth Parents' Evening
for LVC and LVE

WEDNESDAY 7TH MARCH

5.30pm Lower Fifth Parents' Evening
for LVH and LVP

THURSDAY 8TH MARCH

6.30pm Wind, Brass and Percussion
concert in the Hall
(Pre-concert drinks in the
library from 6pm)



Sports Dates to Note

- » **February Fitness Fortnight**
starts 29th January
- » **Gym and Dance Display**
Friday 2nd March (5pm)
- » **FHS Mini Marathon**
Friday 9th March (12.30pm)
- » **U12 & U13 Netball
Tournament**
Tuesday 13th March
- » **Inter-form Netball Competition**
Tuesday 13th March (1-4pm)

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