



# CORNERS

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An Evening with Mark Carney, Joint FHS Concert, Commonwealth Day Service, Beijing visit, 139th Birthday, Inter-Form Drama Competition... and much more



## From the Headmaster

At the beginning of March, Francis Holland School, Regent's Park was pleased and proud to welcome Governor Mark Carney, from the Bank of England, and also Mr Loren Griffith, from Oxford University's International Development Office. As you may have heard, the event was a sell-out and the hall was packed with 250 parents, teachers and Sixth Formers. I was delighted that both of our guests spoke about the value of an international perspective and of the benefits of international experience. One of the most compelling statistics from a recent Oxford research paper is that university students who spend part of their time studying abroad have been found not only to earn higher starting salaries, but also, on average, to make more rapid career progress than students who do not leave their home country. How can we prepare girls here at school to become part of the 6% of students who choose to study internationally?

Ms Slocombe, who becomes the school's Senior Deputy Headmistress this September, has been leading plans for developing a new spirit of internationalism at Francis Holland, Regent's Park this academic year and she has written a full report of the recent evening featured on page 3 of this edition of *Corners*.

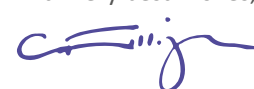
Our school has a well-deserved reputation for excellent pastoral care and outstanding teaching along with a love of learning. Indeed, I often describe the school as academic and kind. To retain our good renown in these areas is at the very heart of my

long-term vision for the school. At the evening earlier this month, I spent five minutes outlining some proposals for ways in which your daughter's education could be further enriched by developing a new spirit of internationalism at the school.

We propose new exchange visits for girls, new language-for-business courses in the Sixth Form, international work experience, and links to China, the USA and New Zealand, as well as teacher exchanges. The aim is to bring the best practices in teaching and learning from around the world into the classrooms here at Francis Holland, Regent's Park. Most eye-catchingly of all, it is proposed that the school purchases a study centre which could allow for residential creative writing courses, outward-bound experiences, art retreats, music and sports tours, and revision camps as well as form-bonding and team-building activities. Many large, well-established schools have a field centre and are quite evangelical about both the direct and indirect benefits to pupils. It is worth noting that boys' schools tend to offer such facilities and that girls' schools do not – this does not sit comfortably with me. I want the very best opportunities for the pupils at Francis Holland, Regent's Park and I am proposing the purchase of a property in the French village of La Charité-sur-Loire. It is easier to reach than the Lake District or Snowdonia might be; we have already established a good relationship with the town hall and the village school. A property has been identified and we could be making use of it this time next year.

At this stage, I invite parents to get in touch with me with their thoughts or suggestions. For the time being this is only a possibility and if there is insufficient interest amongst the parents, the idea will not be pursued. I want to be ambitious for our school. Indeed, if the Headmaster does not think big for the school, who will? The plans laid out are likely to cost between £500,000 and £600,000 and, in due course, I will be asking parents whether they feel able to support these projects. I will also invite interested parties to come into school to hear more about the study centre property which we have in mind and to see architects' plans. In the meantime, please feel free to make an appointment with me if you already know that you would like to support the proposal. Please also know that there is absolutely no obligation to donate financially; I understand that your school fees are already expensive.

With very best wishes,



CHARLES FILLINGHAM



# An Evening with Mark Carney

On Wednesday 1st March, the school hosted 'An Evening with Mark Carney', an event for parents, Sixth Form pupils and staff focused around the school's vision of developing a new spirit of internationalism. The evening opened with drinks and canapés at 7pm and there was much excitement in the air at the prospect of hearing our illustrious speaker. Over 200 people flocked in early to get the best seats!

Mr Carney, Governor of The Bank of England, spoke about the importance of the global economy and said that part of the solution to our current problems was to build local to global connections. He also offered an insight into the highly international nature of his own role, letting us know he had been in Washington DC, Cape Town and Helsinki in five days!

Parents had the opportunity to ask Mr Carney questions afterwards. These varied from potential post-Brexit changes to passporting rights to how the global workplace is likely to present itself for FHS students who will be the young women in the workplace of the future.

Questions were also raised about which were the important business languages for the future. Mr Carney, himself father of four daughters, one of whom attends FHS, gave interesting and witty responses in all areas, and he focussed particularly on the importance of learning the culture behind a language rather than just the words it contains, citing the learning of Mandarin as a specific example. We are most grateful to Mr Carney for giving up his valuable time to support this event.

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We were also delighted to welcome Mr Loren Griffith, Director of International Strategy at Oxford University, who opened the evening expressing current views on the importance of young people developing an international outlook during their education. He mentioned that Oxford has six strands to developing an international outlook and that the first overseas student, Emo of Friesland, came to Oxford in 1190 and set in motion the University's tradition of international scholarly links.

Proceeds from the evening go towards the school's Bursary Fund.

**Ms Amelia Slocombe**  
JOINT HEAD OF SIXTH FORM







## Students and Teachers from Beijing visit FHS

On 6th and 7th February, we were delighted to welcome 70 students and teachers from Beijing Bayi High School to Francis Holland.

Beijing Bayi High School is one of the most prestigious schools in China, and was attended by the current President. After a tour of the school, the visiting students, who ranged from 13 to 18

years old, were each partnered with a Francis Holland girl, who took them to break and then lessons. The lessons attended included History, IT, Science, English, MFL, Greek, Classical Civilisation and Music, and provided a great insight into the bustling everyday life of FHS. There was much excitement as the visitors learnt more about school life in the UK and got to know their FHS partner, and vice versa as our students learnt more about Chinese education and culture. The visiting teachers enjoyed a reception with Mr Fillingham and attended some lessons in their specialist subject areas.

As a result of this visit, the FHS Choir was invited to sing at the Chinese Embassy on Monday 13th February at a reception attended by the Chinese Ambassador to the United Kingdom. The Director of Music, Mr Robert Patterson, took 'The Fifteen', one of our elite choral groups, who performed 'The water is wide', a traditional English



folk song to the delight of the audience. Mr Fillingham and his wife were in attendance.

We are looking forward to a long-term partnership with Beijing Bayi High School, including possible trips and exchanges in the future. We have much to learn from a mutual partnership.

**Ms Amelia Slocombe**  
JOINT HEAD OF SIXTH FORM







## First Ever Joint Concert with FHS Sloane Square at the Church of the Annunciation, Marble Arch

What a remarkable evening! For the first time in FHS history, there was a joint concert with FHS Regent's Park and FHS Sloane Square held at the Church of the Annunciation, Marble Arch. Featuring the combined string

ensemble performing a Mozart Divertimento, each of the schools then presented a variety of solos, duets and trios featuring a series of Fauré songs, a jazz band and some numbers from various musicals. The combined choir

of a hundred voices raised the roof with a performance of Chilcott's *Little Jazz Mass*. A tradition has just been established!

**Robert Patterson**  
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC



## String Concert

Violinists, violists, cellists, guitarists and even a harpist and a pianist gathered to present the annual string concert in the school Hall. Consistently high standards, demonstrating fine practice and preparation, ensured that the concert was very impressive. Featuring girls from the Thirds to the Upper Sixth, there were solos, duets, trios, quintets as well as the perennially fine string ensemble. A much enjoyed evening!

**Robert Patterson**  
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC



## Commonwealth Day Service

Francis Holland were invited to greet members of the Royal Family after the Commonwealth Service on Monday 13th March, and were lucky enough to speak with Princes Harry, Andrew and Edward. They were interested to hear all about our school, and the girls made a lasting impression!

We were invited due to the links the RS department have with the Education department at Westminster Abbey.

**Ms Jodie Farthing**  
HEAD OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES



## National Classics Conference

On Friday 3rd February, we were delighted to host once again the Francis Holland School National Classics Conference, the ninth time we have run this event.

Professor Matthew Leigh (St Anne's, Oxford), spoke on one of the A Level set texts, Virgil's *Aeneid* VIII, particularly focusing on 'Time and Place' and 'The Importance of Hercules' in this text.

In the afternoon, Professor Gregory Hutchinson (Christ Church, Oxford) spoke on Cicero's speech *On Behalf of Milo*, looking at its status as both literature and a legal speech.

All four lectures were excellent, and allowed both Francis Holland School Sixth Formers and the 55 guests coming from nine different schools around the country to explore their chosen

set texts in more detail, as well as experiencing a taste of university life. We were impressed by the quality and range of questions asked by the Lower Sixth students, and an excellent time was had by all.

**Mrs Claire Wood**  
ACTING HEAD OF CLASSICS







## A Midsummer Night's Dream Workshop

On Friday 27th January, The Young Shakespeare Company enthralled the Thirds with their workshop on *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. With a simple set which consisted of nothing more than a drape to represent a wall, the actors brought the play to life from the moment they asked for volunteers and all hands went up. The production educated and entertained. Bottom was wonderfully exuberant, sulking, strutting and roaring as he attempted to upstage the rest of the Mechanicals. The gymnastic Puck's first entrance

saw him perform 'the worm' move backwards across the hall before he performed an impressive standing jump on to the stage. The girls were actively involved in the performance as audience, sound effects and players. They divided into groups to create the sounds of the wood outside Athens as wolves, owls, rain, wind and magic, and shared the opening lines of Titania and Oberon's fiery dispute over the changeling boy. Amber Hill gained an early taste of power playing the part of Theseus, and was treated to the

whole year group saluting her, "Happy be Theseus, Duke of Athens." Poppy Jacobs played Helena, Chiara Abidini, Lysander, Zainab Ahmed, Hermia and Maya Haruni, Demetrius - all responded clearly to direction to bring out the plot's many confusions and mishaps. The Young Shakespeare Company gave us an exciting afternoon and enhanced the girls' knowledge and enjoyment of this favourite Shakespeare comedy.

**Mrs Anna Phillips**

ENGLISH AND DRAMA DEPARTMENT

## "Here's Much To Do With Hate, but More With Love"

Here's a riddle – what have The Proclaimers, Elvis, and *Grease* to do with Shakespeare? Answer: "*Romeo and Juliet*"! Within ten minutes The Young Shakespeare Company had every FHS Upper Fourth girl enthusiastically promising to walk a thousand miles alongside Count Paris in an attempt to woo Capulet's fair daughter.

The scene: FHS hall. The time: 2.15pm on Tuesday 21st February. A day like any other, except that it wasn't. These young actors really know how to engage adolescent girls' minds. They kicked off their show with a mickey-take – black leotards and nasal humming, frolicking around in a parody of contemporary dance. Faces fell and the afternoon looked like it might drag on a bit. But what's this? The whole company burst out laughing and assured us they weren't going to stage the greatest love story ever told in this ridiculous fashion. Instead, they were going to set their rendition of *Romeo and Juliet* in a school, a bit like this one.



With just the right amount of interaction – star turns from five of our girls in minor roles – three young men and two young women brought *Romeo and Juliet* dynamically to life, delivering a pacy and edgy tragedy, laced with hilarious black humour, challenging expectations and pre-conceptions throughout. By the end of the afternoon the girls were convinced of the relevance of this timeless play and how the line between love and hate has never been harder to negotiate.

**Dr Francesca de Bono**

ENGLISH AND DRAMA DEPARTMENT



## German Work Experience Trip to Berlin

On the 11th February Ms Isilara accompanied two Sixth Form students to experience life in Berlin while being on work experience. I was keen to go on this trip as, although I did not continue to study German beyond GCSE, I wanted to have a better understanding of the language and was interested to explore the art and culture of the city. The other student with me, Milly Lee, is currently doing her German A-level and this trip was extremely useful for improving her German language skills.

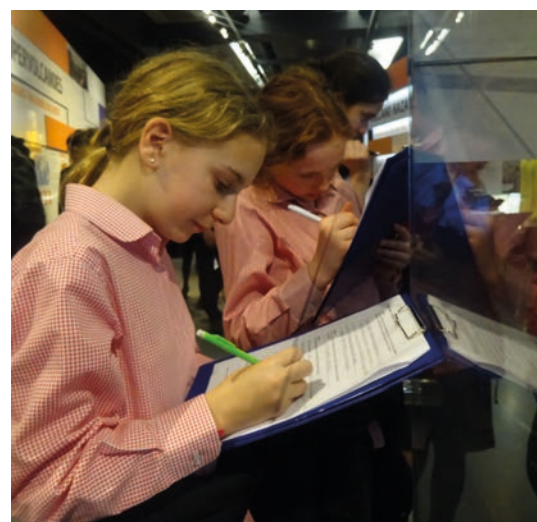
We both happened to have the same placement. We spent a week at the Hamburger Bahnhof Museum, a gallery in central Berlin, which counts as one of the most successful exhibition spaces for contemporary art in the world! We worked in the restoration department, and I had the incredible opportunity to restore a painting myself! I experienced the 'behind the scenes' of an art gallery, which was a really interesting side of the art world for me to witness. Being



an art student myself, it was amazing for me to work so closely with works from some of my inspirations, including Rauschenberg, Cy Twombly and Joseph Beuys. While I was there, we also managed to get tickets to a film in the Berlinale, an annual big international film festival in Berlin, which is already on its 67th year. The film was titled *Joseph Beuys*, and it was great for me to see one of my favourite artists, in the film, creating the work with which I was working in the gallery every day. I also enjoyed creating reports for works that would be sent to the Tate Modern in London and I am very grateful for all the meaningful work with which our mentor, Frau Dr Bohlmann, trusted us.

At first, I was scared that my German level would hold me back, but I learned so much in only one week! My speaking and understanding of German have improved immensely in my time there. I seriously recommend this trip to anyone who wants to improve their language or just to explore a new city; Berlin is a beautiful place and being able to visit it with such independence is an opportunity you mustn't pass up. This has definitely been one of the highlights of my time at Francis Holland!

**Andie MacArthur**  
LVI



## Natural History Museum Trip

On Monday 20th February all the Thirds travelled to the Natural History Museum to visit the Earth Gallery. Here

they learnt about the structure of the earth, how and why volcanoes and earthquakes occur and their spatial distribution around the planet. They looked at earthquake-proof buildings and a suit that can protect you from volcanoes. The work will form the basis of their geographical studies this half

term. The girls behaved really well, especially considering the large number of people who were also enjoying the exhibition in their half term! My thanks to my colleagues for accompanying us.

**Ms Sarah Hack**  
HEAD OF GEOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT



## Ski Trip to Nassfeld

This year's ski trip was to Nassfeld, Austria. The group consisted of 36 students of varying ages and abilities, accompanied by five staff. The week started off with very poor visibility, but thankfully this was short-lived and from day two onwards it was beautifully sunny, giving us all some much needed Vitamin D! All girls made great progress and really enjoyed the week. We were also lucky to come back with no injuries – just firmer thighs!

**Mrs Rona Grant**  
SKI TRIP COORDINATOR





## Inter-Form Drama Competition

The school's 139th birthday on Thursday 9th February was marked, in traditional style, by the Inter-Form Drama Competition. Having eaten cake and sung our congratulations, the Thirds, Lower and Upper Fourths and Lower Fifts gathered in the Hall to watch five devised pieces ranging from a fairy tale through a dystopian parable to a classic whodunit. After lunch three more plays were performed, culminating in LVB's ambitious rendition of an original script called "Guiltless", which won Best Play and the coveted silver plate for Amy Cash and Izzie Jackson. Our judge this year was the distinguished and charismatic actor Michael Simkins, who professed himself overwhelmed with the professionalism and energy of the FHS approach to drama. Many thanks to all involved, especially Ms Williams and Mr Smith of the English department. Special mention must go to sixth formers Minnie Kilgour, Helen McBurney and Alice Ward who entertained the troops with a hilarious rendition of "The Importance of being Earnest" during the judges' deliberations.

**Dr Francesca de Bono**  
ENGLISH AND DRAMA DEPARTMENT





# DRAMA



## BEST PROGRAMME

Olivia Lomnitzer  
*Cinderella, IIIJ*

## BEST COSTUMES

Annie Harrison  
Aemelia Chivers  
Sophia Macklin  
*The Suffragettes, UIVS*

## BEST LIGHTING/SOUND/EFFECTS

Anthippi Hadjipateras  
Zainab Ahmed  
Saskia Teeger (cello)  
*Peter Pan, IIIM*

## BEST SCRIPT ADAPTATION

Eleni Papanayotou  
Lola Mayo  
*Look Me In The Eyes, UIVJ*

## BEST COMEDY PERFORMANCE

Shannon Batty  
*Peter Pan, IIIM*

## BEST ENSEMBLE

Mya Shah  
Jessica Hales  
*Mary Poppins, LIVJ*

## BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS

Joy Stratton  
*And Then There Were None, LVM*

## RUNNER UP:

Charlotte McBurney  
*And Then There Were None, LVM*

## BEST ACTRESS

Amy Cash  
Izzie Jackson  
*Guiltless, LVB*

## RUNNER UP:

Tilika Patel  
*Mary Poppins, LIVJ*

## BEST DIRECTOR

Jazzy Charap  
*The Woman in Black, LIVS*

## BEST PLAY

Cleopatra Coleman  
Kalliopi Hadjipateras  
*Guiltless, LVB*



## 139<sup>th</sup> School Birthday

On Thursday 9th February, we celebrated the 139th School Birthday. As always, we began the day with a birthday church service, during which Mr Fillingham reflected upon the school's history and, in particular, the way in which the school has always supported and practised the empowerment of girls.

The whole school then crowded into the hall for the birthday cake cutting – the Thirds were lucky enough to get a front row seat, their hands excitedly clutching at the stage as our chef, Mr King, brought out his glorious creation. After a rousing rendition of *Happy Birthday*, the oldest girl in the Upper Sixth and the youngest girl in the Thirds joined with Mr Fillingham and Mr King to blow out the candles and cut the cake. Each year then rushed to the dining room to get their own piece of cake!

After break, the celebrations continued with the much anticipated Inter-Form Drama finals.

All in all, it was a wonderful birthday, and we look forward to the year ahead with much excitement!



## World Book Day Celebrations



"Imagination is the fuel of the nation", a cherished quote from the award-winning novelist Sally Gardner who visited FHS on Thursday 2nd March in celebration of World Book Day and as part of the 'Women of Influence' programme.

Sally treated girls to a lively talk, recalling her school days, which surprisingly were at FHS, Regent's Park, and spoke at length about the importance of failing well. Sally was an inspiring role model, especially for girls with dyslexia. As an avid spokesperson for dyslexia, Sally continues to change the way it is perceived by society and argues that it's not a disability, but a gift.

Sally touched upon the many themes within her novels and recited an extract from the award-winning *Maggot Moon*. She spoke extensively about her methods for creative writing and techniques to absorb and remember information better – such as squeezing a foam stress ball whilst reading!



Thank you to all those who attended the talk and asked such intelligent questions. Sally was hugely impressed and looks forward to returning again in the near future.

An extended thank you to girls in the Thirds for baking an array of superb cakes which were sold during break to raise funds for Book Aid International. We're thrilled to be able to donate £150 to this brilliant charity.

**Mrs Emily Aves**  
LIBRARIAN







## Entrepreneurship

Future entrepreneurs are being encouraged through a number of initiatives including a very active Young Enterprise scheme in LVI - currently there are three groups, *Kyro*, *Exposure* and *Clarity* all with busy sales and an online presence and the introduction of a Junior Apprentice scheme. Competition is mounting, and congratulations to Clarity on their stall at the Portobello Market...



## Clarity stall at Portobello Market

In the early hours of Saturday 4th March, four members of our Young Enterprise team, Clarity, travelled to Portobello Market to showcase our

product, crystal necklaces, to the public. Upon arrival, we promptly set up our market stall, ready to sell, with a carefully thought-out arrangement and enticing signs to intrigue the public to look and purchase our items. We all enjoyed talking to a wide variety of shoppers and interacting with the other teams that were there too, even practising our language skills when we were able to communicate with people from Spain, Italy, Russia, for example. This opportunity was an eye-opening experience for us all, as we gained insight into entrepreneurship. Overall, it was a successful and enjoyable day, providing us with useful skills that we can continue to use in the future.

**Maria, Sunneva and Daniella**  
LVI

## Junior Apprentice

At the beginning of term, a small group of Lower Fourth and Upper Fourth entrepreneurs met at the new extracurricular club, Junior Apprentice.

The young business women signed up to the Tenner Challenge. Their mission was simple; create a successful business idea and then with only £10 (per team member), turn that idea into a reality.

Now they need you! For one month only, they will sell their products at break-time and after school events. Hungry Backpacks are selling noteworthy note books. Zalii's Candy are selling edible treats. The girls are entering the national Tenner Challenge competition, so with your help, they can achieve their business potential.

**Miss Emma Hollender**  
JUNIOR APPRENTICE CLUB LEADER



## Quondam Travel Scholarship 2017

We would like to remind all Sixth Form girls that the deadline for this year's Quondam Travel Scholarship is fast approaching!

Each year, Quondam (the alumni association) generously provide a scholarship of £1,000 to a Sixth Former or a former pupil aged 25 and under. The scholarship helps the awardee achieve a once-in-a-lifetime travel opportunity, with preference given to projects that support education or provide service to others abroad.

Recent scholarship awardees have travelled to Bolivia, Sri Lanka, Switzerland, Canada, Tanzania and India. Their incredible trips have included supporting wildlife projects, providing education in local schools, participating in cultural exchanges and developing women's rights.

**The closing date for applications is 21st April 2017.**

To apply, and for full details, visit the website [fhs-nw1.org.uk/support-us/quondam/travel-scholarship](http://fhs-nw1.org.uk/support-us/quondam/travel-scholarship) or email [quondam@fhs-nw1.org.uk](mailto:quondam@fhs-nw1.org.uk) with any questions. I'm very happy to discuss any aspect of your application and give you any guidance you may need.



We look forward to hearing about all your amazing adventures!

**Alistair Brown**  
ALUMNI RELATIONS OFFICER



## Upper Sixth meet Penny Cherno, Director of the MA Programme at LAMDA

Penny Cherno, Senior Director of the MA Programme at the LAMDA, came to speak to the Upper Sixth English students about Shakespeare's *Measure for Measure* after school on Tuesday 24th January. As a very experienced theatre practitioner, Penny was able to share with the girls her wide-ranging interpretations of both characters and themes. As critical perspective across time is a major assessment objective in the A level examination, this talk proved highly popular and very useful.

**Dr Francesca de Bono**  
ENGLISH AND DRAMA DEPARTMENT



## Onatti Theatre Company Present 'Le Café'



On Friday 24th February, we were delighted to host the Onatti Company performing the French play *Le Café* to all the Upper Fourth, Lower Fifth and Upper Fifth students of French. During the lunch break, the girls enjoyed a funny and fast-paced performance. This was a fantastic opportunity to practise the language, and we all had an amazing time.

**Ms Alessandra Spera**  
MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES DEPARTMENT







## Philosophy Conference

Just before half term, the Lower Sixth RS students, accompanied by Mrs Bexon, attended an informative conference day at the Bloomsbury Baptist Church by key philosopher, Dr. Peter Vardy, and two additional speakers, Dr. David Webster and Dr. Bernard Hoose. The day consisted of detailed lectures tackling topics that coincide with our A Level syllabus for Philosophy and Ethics including:

Arguments for the Existence of God; Religious Experience; the Problem of Evil and Natural Law. Apart from the lectures, we were also able to participate in an interactive debate, open for everyone so that each person could express their views and arguments to support or disagree with the given motion. As Dr. Peter Vardy is a philosopher whose views we often study in our lessons, it was a brilliant

opportunity to be able to hear him speak live and take notes whilst also being able to receive a booklet with all the information from the conference. This day has undoubtedly furthered our knowledge and understanding of our RS A Level course and has proven to be very helpful with topics we are currently learning.

**Maria Lemos**  
LVI

## Lower Fourth Disco

The anticipation was great – the only topic of conversation on Friday 3rd February was THE DISCO! Invites had been sent to prep schools and the girls had added many names to the guest list. Thanks to the boys who supported us, who included amongst others pupils from Notting Hill Prep, The Hall, Westminster and Wetherby Prep. So it was hardly surprising that the evening was once again a great success and in addition we raised a record-breaking £750 for the British Heart Foundation. The Sixth Form prefects and friends helped to decorate the hall and Alice Haine, our resident DJ, kept the music pounding out. Sadly it was over too quickly for the girls but the Lower Fourth disco is always remembered!

Quotes from Lower Fourth girls...

*"We instantly felt the vibe as we walked into the Hall to see the cool lights and decorations although it was odd to see the teachers dancing too."*

*"I lost my voice with so much singing!"*

*"The Sixth Formers were so encouraging and helped to make the whole evening such fun."*

*"An amazing night jam packed with music & dancing & new friends. We went home exhausted and fell into bed!"*

**Mrs Sharon Bexon**  
HEAD OF LOWER FOURTH





## Gym and Dance Display 2017



In one evening, the Gym and Dance Display never fails to captivate the audience and showcase the wonderful talents that the FHS students hold – the 2017 display was once again a delightfully entertaining night of physical mastery and superb control.

As always, our FHS Cheerleading Squad set the tone with a lively routine of leaps, jumps, tumblers and fun. Olivia Gearson took to the stage with a sensitive and descriptive ballet piece and the FHS Dance Crew commanded our attention with their suave street dance moves.

Our Gym Training Squad has come on in leaps and bounds this year and their performance really showed off their talents to perfection. Their routine demonstrated great control, timing and teamwork. The Gym Squad took over the mats and enchanted the crowd with an unrelenting continuum of

spectacular individual, duo and group routines. Undeniably the crescendo ending with the full squad routine to the 'Lion King'. The energy created by the clapping could have powered two African villages!

Alas we say goodbye to two of our most enduring and talented seniors – Nadia Muccio and Maddy Harding. These two girls have been wonderful leaders and wise sages within the team for the last seven years. They will be missed enormously!

Congratulations and thank you to all girls and staff involved in a superb 2017 FHS Gym and Dance Display – especially to the tireless efforts of Miss Evans, Miss Merrigan, Miss Low and Miss Anjeza Ahmagjoka, who put together the whole production.

**Ms Jane Tucker**

HEAD OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT









## MCC London Girls' Schools Tournament

In February, FHS entered two age groups into the London round of the Lady Taverners Indoor Cricket Competition. This is the second time FHS has entered and judging by the growing popularity of women's cricket, it will not be the last! For the U13 team this was their first taste of the competition and they were especially excited to get the opportunity of playing at Lords, the home of English Cricket. Despite lacking in experience, they demonstrated sharp fielding skills, accurate bowling and consistency with the bat. Furthermore, they were lucky enough to meet Alastair Cook who had announced his retirement from captaining England only the day before! Alastair was more than happy to offer



advice and pose for photographs with the team – an experience they will not forget! For the U15 team this was their second experience of playing at lords and they rose to the challenge exceptionally well. After some very tight contests they managed to finish joint third overall, narrowly missing out on qualifying for the next round. We would like to congratulate all the girls who took part and thank their coach Mark who has helped them improve so much over the last few seasons.

The Lady Taverners actually owe their formation to Margaret Thatcher in

1980. It was tradition for the Prime Minister to be made a member of the Lord Taverners, but the first female Prime Minister set the all-male club a problem! Being ever inventive they decided to form the Honorary Lady Taverners and Margaret Thatcher was the first member. Since then women's cricket has gone from strength to strength and it can now proudly boast being the fastest growing female sport in the country.

**Ms Maria Merrigan**  
PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

U13s		
Beatrice Barbé	Tiya Thornton	Maria Knight
Olivia Gearson	Clara von Baeyer	Ruth Kirby
Olivia Lomnitzer	Sophera Whiu	Charlotte Leadsom
Laila Naini	Georgina Harrison	Janna Yoong
Jo Obamanu	Chiamaka George-Amadi	

U15s
Jessica Flood
Marina Jacobson
Iona Geidt
Molly Chapman
Sarah Bithell







## Spring PE dates to note:

- » **Tuesday 14 – 30 March**  
Summer Sports Trials begin  
*Regent's Park*
- » **Friday 17 March**  
FHS Mini Marathon  
*Regent's Park*
- » **Tuesday 28 March**  
Inter-form Netball Competition  
*Regent's Park*
- » **Thursdays (ongoing)**  
Inter-form Football  
Competition  
*Playground*

You certainly need a 'spring' in your step to survive the Easter term at FHS – there is so much going on! February Fitness Fortnight finished with a flurry of sprints and the girls have really impressed me with their determination to beat last year's scores. Our Gymnasts represented the school well at the LSGA Floor and Vault competition with solid 5th in both the senior and junior competitions. The annual Gym and Dance Display really was a fabulous evening – more in the full report on pages 16&17. Good luck to the u12 and u13 Netball teams that are competing

at the Middlesex Netball Competition at the time of printing. And we still have our FHS Mini Marathon and Inter-form Netball tournament to look forward to!

Lessons have taken an interesting and exciting turn this term. With the Netball courts out of action, we have been using the park to introduce the girls to Touch Rugby and a little bit of Soccer. I'm not sure whether it's the new games or the mud, but the girls have really thrown themselves into it – sorry about the mess!

Summer sports trials are also starting: watch out for the times and dates. Girls will need to sign their names up on the boards.

As always, everyone is invited along to watch their daughter's fixtures after school. Do download a copy of the fixtures list from the new school website.

**Ms Jane Tucker**  
HEAD OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION



## Athletics News

Congratulations to Alicia Regis in the Lower Fifth who became the U17 200-metre indoor Champion at the English Athletics Championships in half term. The event was hosted in Sheffield and this result should prove a fantastic boost for her outdoor season which is just around the corner. We wish her every success for the coming season!





## MARCH 2017

### SATURDAY 25TH MARCH

**10:00am** German Network Event  
**-1:00pm**

### WEDNESDAY 29TH MARCH

**7:00pm** Spring Concert  
St Cyprian's Church

### FRIDAY 31ST MARCH

**12:30pm** End of Spring term

## APRIL 2017

### THURSDAY 20TH APRIL

**8:25am** Summer term begins

## FRANCIS HOLLAND SCHOOL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

*Please join us on April 26th for the annual*

# FHS Spring Quiz & Silent Auction

*Hosted by*

**Simon O' Hagan**



*Tickets include dinner and complimentary glass of wine*

Always a sell-out so don't delay... to purchase tickets or to donate an auction/raffle prize contact [PA@fhs-nw1.org.uk](mailto:PA@fhs-nw1.org.uk)

Bid for these fantastic Silent Auction prizes in aid of FHS' chosen charities...

- » Training session with Olympian Jennifer Stoute!
- » Philip Lim bag
- » Kohatu & Petros Jewellery
- » Weekend breaks...  
Ski chalet in Verbier, Tuscan villa,
- » Tickets to Chelsea FC
- » Afternoon tea at Sketch
- » A Private Box at the RAH for 10

*...and lots, lots more!*

# QUONDAM TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIP 2017



**£1,000**

All Sixth Form girls and former pupils aged 25 and under are eligible to apply for up to £1,000 to help them achieve a once-in-a-lifetime travel project

Preference will be given to projects that support education and the service to others

Closing date: 21<sup>st</sup> April 2017

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