

CORNERS

NEWSLETTER SEPT/OCT 2017



Exam Results, Upper Sixth Leavers' Evening, Knapp House, Goodnight Mister Tom, Google HQ, Summer Camp, Valencia, Oxbridge, Concerts, Sports Day and much more...



From the Headmaster

Pupils who are reading this will have no idea how to complete the blanks in the following slogan, but all the parents will. That is to say, all of us who were living in Great Britain at any time from the 1950s to the 1990s. Here goes: "A Mars a day helps you _____, _____ and _____."

It has been twenty years since Mars last advertised its chocolate bars using the words 'work', 'rest' and 'play'. Has enough time elapsed for Francis Holland School, Regent's Park to repurpose them? I will let you be the judge of that, because it gives me great pleasure to announce that Miss Mahieu, the Pastoral Deputy Head, is launching 'Work, Rest and Play Fortnight' this November (6th – 17th).

We are using 'Work, Rest and Play Fortnight' as a catchy, light-hearted title for some serious events and a serious message. We are using the fortnight to encourage girls to understand that a balanced life is essential. To this end the first assembly of the two weeks will be 'Everyday matters and everyday

choices', focusing on what nourishes and what depletes our lives. It will be the introduction to the fortnight.

Miss MacDonnell has also arranged for all of the paid-for clubs to be open to everyone at no charge during 'Work, Rest and Play Fortnight'. This means that your daughter can try kick-boxing, ceramics, fencing, street dance or yoga. Indeed, we will encourage every girl to attend a new club or society over the two weeks. She has in mind especially the Fifth Form, who sometimes feel too well established at school to want to try new things – let them be bold enough to throw themselves into school life.

Next, Mrs Packer has arranged a speaker, Hana Manthorpe, to speak to the Upper Fifts about mindset.

What is more, Miss Mahieu has booked Anna Kessel, the author of *Eat Sweat Play* and sports journalist for *the Guardian* and *Observer* to deliver the final 'Work, Rest and Play' assembly to the whole school.

Finally, our Head of Careers, Mr Bossé, has arranged for a symposium to take place after school on Thursday 16th November. In front of an audience, a panel of experts will debate and discuss 'The Workplace of the Future' with reference to a changing jobs market and the impact of technology. I warmly encourage parents to attend this event with your daughter – tickets will be available online later in the term.

So, in conclusion, may I commend 'Work, Rest and Play Fortnight' to you. It takes place during the second and third weeks after half-term. No Mars Bars!

Yours sincerely,

MR CHARLES FILLINGHAM



We would like to congratulate our Upper Sixth leavers on achieving excellent A level results, nearly 60% of which were graded A* or A. Almost a third of our leavers gained at least three A grades, with eight students gaining at least two A* grades. We are very proud of the achievements of all the Upper Sixth, which reflect their hard work and dedication to their studies. We wish them all the very best for the future as they go on to study at a range of top universities, both here and abroad.

Congratulations also go to last year's Upper Fifth students, who achieved our best ever results at GCSE, with 80% of all grades at A* or A. We are looking forward to their continuing success in the Sixth Form. Well done!

Miss Jacqueline Zugg
ACADEMIC DEPUTY HEAD

Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) Results

Last year's Upper Sixth girls are to be congratulated for their fantastic results in the Extended Project Qualification. They showed real enthusiasm and commitment in all aspects of their work. Carrying out extensive independent research allowed them

to develop excellent organisational and evaluation skills, and produce impressively detailed investigations.

In taking on the creation of a computer game as an EPQ project, Willow Hellier Watts displayed exceptional resourcefulness and was pioneering a product of this type for the school! All the candidates produced fascinating investigations: Nadia Muccio 'Is it possible to know when someone is lying', Georgina Miller 'To what extent do the environmental impacts

of the desiccation of the Aral Sea outweigh the resulting socio-economic issues?' and Alice Haine 'To what extent have women been consistently underrepresented within the pop music industry since the millennium?' We wish them well and hope that the higher analysis skills they gained in the process will benefit all their future studies.

Mrs Anna Phillips
HEAD OF THE EXTENDED PROJECT QUALIFICATION



Upper Sixth Leavers' Evening

The annual Sixth Form Leavers' Evening was held on Thursday 29th June. This is an evening event for the girls and their parents, which offers a wonderful celebration of the girls' achievements during their time in the Sixth Form.

To begin the evening, every Sixth Form tutor gave a short speech about each girl in their form group and every girl was invited to come up to the stage and shake Mr Fillingham's hand. Next, our departing Head Girl, Lucy Morris, gave a heartfelt valedictory speech. After this, the major school subject and achievement prizes were awarded as well as the Head Girl's Team prizes, but the evening's most coveted prize is the 'Polished Corner' cup, which this year was awarded to Eleanor Bogle.

This year's leavers have departed for a wide array of university destinations, such as Cambridge, Exeter, Oxford, the Royal Drawing School and the Royal Veterinary College, as well as to Amsterdam, the University of British Columbia and the University of Notre Dame in the United States. We wish them all the very best for a successful future.

Ms Emma Williams
HEAD OF SIXTH FORM



EFFORT, ACHIEVEMENT & CONTRIBUTION TO SCHOOL

SUMMER TERM 2017

FORM	EFFORT	ACHIEVEMENT	CONTRIBUTION
IIIJ	ROSE SLINN	AOIFE REDMOND	HARRIET WELLOCK
IIIM	MATILDA WINDER	SOFIA HELMY	MARTA MONTICELLI
IIIS	CORA BOLLER-SMITH	LILY NASH	PHOEBE CARRERAS
LIVJ	SCARLETT FRANKEL	ANA PHILIPPA-GRADILLAS	ALEXANDRA EDGE
LIVM	ROBERTA TAN	ISABELLA COCHRANE	SITARA VASWANI
LIVS	EMILIA CRAWLEY	ISABEL CRIPPS	YASMEEN SIDDIQUI
UIVJ	FRANCESCA HALL	GRACE GLINSMAN	ELLA VON HAMMERSTEIN
UIVM	LUCIANA ROUSE	IONA GEIDT	MYA ANDREWS
UIVS	CHARLOTTE ZEYSSOLFF	DEIA LEYKIND	MERON UNWIN
LVB	SWATHY SURESAN	CECILIA RAFTER	ELIZA KAY
LVL	THEA GAVANSKI	MAIA VON MALAISE	MANRICA DODGSON
LVM	LYDIA JONES	ALIA AZMAN	CHARLOTTE MCBURNEY
LVI	MATHILDE BARDONNET	NAOMI LEUNG	DANIELLE DUNKLEY
LVI	GEORGIA MICHAELS	AMBER MCDONNELL	PHILOMINA KILGOUR
LVI	ELLEN PALLANT	CARIN SARSFIELD	YASMEEN LOUIS
LVI	ALEXANDRA STEPHENSON	DANIELLA TAVROVSKY	AISLING SHEEHAN

Staff News

We would like to warmly welcome several new colleagues who have joined FHS this September. They were joined by the Headmaster for this year's commemorative photograph.



Pictured in the back row (left to right): Mrs Kathryn Healy, Mathematics Teacher; Ms Eloise Samuelson, Head of Outdoor Education; Mrs Nesrine El Akel, Spanish and French Teacher; Miss Laura Quick, History and Politics Teacher; Miss Laura Burroughs, Director of Sport; Mrs Jo Dawes, Acting Head of Geography; Mrs Joanna Lewey, Learning Support Teacher.

Front row: Ms Nikki Thompson, Learning Support Teacher; Miss Olivia Dobell, History of Art Teacher (maternity cover); Mrs Nikki Christie, History and Politics Teacher; Miss Julie Soyer, French and Spanish Teacher; Mr Charles Fillingham, Headmaster; Mrs Laura Parkes, Head of English; Miss Sarah Lawrence, School Librarian (maternity cover); Mrs Fran Whitehead, School Secretary.

Births and Marriages



Many congratulations to Mrs Packer and her husband Sam who married on Saturday 15th July.



Congratulations also to Mrs Maund and her husband Daniel who married on Friday 4th August.



Congratulations to Mrs Francisco and husband Vincent on the birth of their son Emmett Atlas who was born on Sunday 16th July.



Congratulations also to Mrs Aves and husband Ed on the birth of their son Elias who was born on Wednesday 16th August.



And many congratulations to Mr Ingham and his wife Amy on the birth of their son Samuel who was born on Wednesday 20th September.

Internal Appointments

We are delighted to announce the following internal appointments...

Ms Amelia Slocombe

SENIOR DEPUTY HEAD

Mrs Alex Francisco

ASSISTANT HEAD

Ms Emma Williams

HEAD OF SIXTH FORM

Mr Nicola Gridelli

DEPUTY HEAD OF SIXTH FORM

Dr Francesca de Bono

DIRECTOR OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Ms Sarah Hack

ACTING DIRECTOR OF STAFF DEVELOPMENT

Mrs Danielle Hesketh

ADMISSIONS REGISTRAR

Miss Jane Tucker

SCHOOL TIMETABLER AND EDUCATIONAL VISITS CO-ORDINATOR

Mr Duncan Bryson

OXBRIDGE CO-ORDINATOR

Mrs Kate Oakley

HEAD OF DRAMA

Miss Emma Hollender

DEPUTY EXAMINATIONS OFFICER

Miss Maria Merrigan

HEAD OF PSHE

Miss Clare MacDonnell

ACTING HEAD OF HISTORY OF ART

Mr Patrick Glavin

ACTING HEAD OF HISTORY AND POLITICS

Ms Rose Iksilara

ACTING HEAD OF LOWER FIFTH

Miss Natalia Lama

HEAD OF SPANISH

Mrs Margot Wynne

HEAD OF LEARNING ENHANCEMENT

Miss Emily O'Neil

TEACHER IN CHARGE OF LIV VISITS

Mr Josh Peters

TEACHER IN CHARGE OF LOST PROPERTY AND SECOND HAND UNIFORM



Upper Fourth Trip to Knapp House

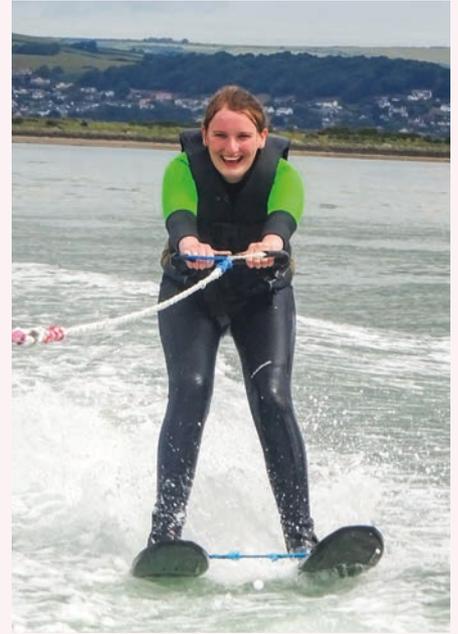
The Upper Fourth had another fantastic week at the end of June, exploring the North Devon coastline, surfing, water-skiing and rock-climbing. It was a great opportunity for the students to get out of London and experience the outdoors. Mr Fillingham, of course, paid a visit and joined some students on their coastal walk in the rain!

Despite the more 'typical' British weather, the Upper Fourth remained happy and encouraging of one another—in true FHS style! As usual, the end of week disco proved to be a fun evening of dancing and singing. Bring on Knapp House 2018!

Miss Victoria Greenhalgh
HEAD OF UPPER FOURTH



TRIPS





The title of this year's Royal Geographical Society competition 'What is the geography of your favourite place?' proved to be very thought provoking to Lower Fourth and Lower Fifth students. They investigated the human and physical geography of their chosen area, as well as how it is changing. We were really impressed

with the number of voluntary entries and the girls produced some fantastic independent work. The winners of the internal competition were Zainab Ahmed (Lower Fourth) and Jessica Flood (Lower Fifth). The following girls were runners up: Clara Von Baeyer, Simoné Yanez, Alana Garcia, Mihika Joshi (Lower Fourth), and Clara Stirling,

Ellie Valentine, Charlotte-Rose Allen, Francesca Hall, and Annelise Maynard (Lower Fifth). These entries have now been sent to the Royal Geographical Society to take part in the national competition. Congratulations to all girls who took part.

Mrs Jo Dawes
ACTING HEAD OF GEOGRAPHY



ReadingZone Picture Book Competition 2017

Congratulations to Isabel Dagtoglou in Lower Fourth who won the Secondary Award for the ReadingZone Picture Book Competition 2017 this summer with her creation *Hot-Pot & Co.* Judge Neal Layton described the book as follows:

"A real page turner which didn't lose pace, and with a nice twist at the end with a celebrity cameo! All the illustrations had a nice quality of line and a joyous bounce to them, with at times reminiscent of picture books classics by the Ahlbergs, and Nick Butterworth. Well done Isabel!"

A copy of Isabel's book is available to see in the school library or can be downloaded from the ReadingZone website.

Miss Sarah Lawrence
SCHOOL LIBRARIAN

Lower Fifth students visit Google HQ

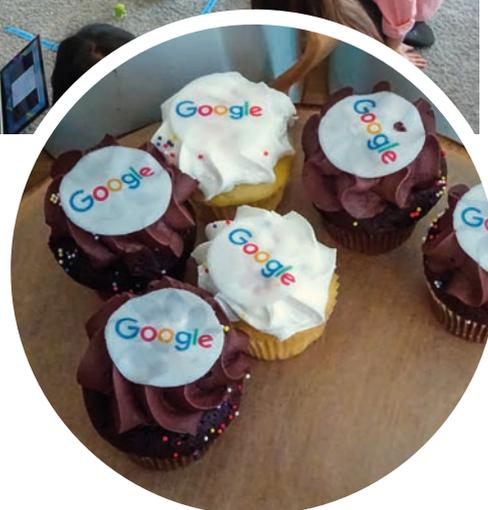
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On Tuesday 4th July, the Lower Fifth GCSE Computer Science girls were given an incredible opportunity to spend the morning at Google Headquarters in London. The morning began with an introductory talk from members of the Google team that discussed Computer Science and various technologies coming out and being trialled. Following this conversation, the girls had a hands-on coding session, where

they learnt how to program Spheros (spherical robots). Afterwards the girls were given a tour of the office, which they were very impressed by! The morning ended with a maze coding challenge and a Q&A session. The girls had an amazing morning and were able to see how coding is used in the real world.

Ms Viviana Rusu
HEAD OF ICT & COMPUTER SCIENCE



Lower Fifth Oxbridge Visits

Lower Fifth students were once again given the opportunity to visit Oxford and Cambridge Universities during the summer term.

Mrs Phillips and Mrs Thornhill took seventeen girls to an open day at Oxford University on Wednesday 28th June, where they toured a number of the colleges including Worcester, Trinity and Merton, visited the old and new Bodleian Libraries, and the Radcliffe Camera. We were also treated to an organ recital by Organ Scholar Tom Fetherstonhaugh. This was an

extraordinary experience – he played the organ with great skill, the music was stunning and we felt very privileged.

The following week on Thursday 6th July, the Lower Fifth enjoyed an educational visit to Cambridge, being treated to a tour by the Director of Studies of Theology at Corpus Christi College. The students were impressed by the beautiful buildings—especially the libraries!

If our goal was to awaken interest in going to an Oxbridge University, mission accomplished!

Mrs Phillips and Miss Greenhalgh
HEAD OF EPQ HEAD OF UPPER FOURTH



'Take Your Daughter to Work' Day

On 15th June, the Upper Fourth went out for a taster day into the big wide world of work as part of 'Take Your Daughter to Work' Day. Afterwards, the girls produced projects related to various aspects of the experience including a reflection on what they learned. I was delighted by the number of superb projects. Thank you to all the Upper Fourth parents for providing such fantastic opportunities! It was clear your daughters truly benefited from the day!

Mr Jason Bossé
HEAD OF CAREERS

Junior Play, *Goodnight Mister Tom*



Tom Oakley's young artist wife Rachael died in childbirth forty years ago. Since then he has become withdrawn and grumpy, barely acknowledging his neighbours. He makes his living as church caretaker and doing odd jobs. It is now 1939 and war is imminent. Everyone must play their part, and Tom has a spare room in his cottage, an ideal space for an evacuee whose mother insists he must be billeted on someone connected to a church. Enter East End boy William Beech, shy, illiterate, undernourished and abused. Who would expect this to be the saving of them both?



Twenty-eight girls from the Thirds and Lower Fourths did a terrific job of performing this beautiful story, with all of them on stage throughout, changing roles to move the story between different locations. There were so many strong individual performances, but perhaps special mention should go to Clara Read and Ruth Kirby whose interpretation of the two central characters, Tom and William, was both tender and imaginative. Congratulations all of you!



Mrs Kate Oakley
HEAD OF DRAMA

DRAMA



Lower Fourth Science Fair



On Monday 3rd July, parents, staff and members of the Lower Fourth attended the final presentations for the annual Science Fair. All members of the Lower Fourth worked extremely hard to complete a project on a current area of amazing science research. The hall was packed to the rafters and the quality of the girls' presentations were excellent.

The overall winners were Sophie Brown and Lorna Breadin in LIVJ, with a project titled 'Underwater Cities'. The runners-up were Jasmina Charap and Isabel Diment-Vera in LIVS, whose project was 'What is the aftermath of nuclear disasters?'.

Our judges Katia Pagano and Margot Smith are recent Polished Corners who have gone on to study science subjects at two of the country's most prestigious universities. Katia is reading Physics at Imperial College London, and Margot is studying Natural Sciences at the University of Cambridge. Both have fond memories of their time at Francis Holland, including taking part in the Science Fair many years ago!

Well done to all participants; your hard work made it a really successful Science Fair.

Mr Derek Ward
HEAD OF SCIENCE



T. S. Eliot event conference with Bishop Rowan Williams at St Cyprian's Church

Members of the Lower Fifth IGCSE music set formed a choir to sing for Bishop Rowan Williams in an evensong in celebration of T. S. Eliot held at St Cyprian's Church on 1st July. With the music reflecting the

plainsong that embodies the high Anglo-Catholic tradition that T. S. Eliot himself adored, the girls performed very well at a notable public event.

Earlier in the day, Bishop Rowan gave a lecture on T S Eliot's Four Quartets, with poems read by Amber Hill, Anna Claire Breuss-Burgess, Sophia Reznik, Helena McBurney and Alexandra Stephenson.

Mr Patterson and **Mr Smith**
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

Lower School Vocal Concert

A keen and dedicated selection of girls from the Thirds to the Lower Fifth performed an eclectic mix of solos, duets and ensembles in the School Hall on Tuesday 4th July. Even in the very final week of the school year, it was impressive to see girls putting on a concert. Parents and staff alike were very proud to see the newer vocal talent appearing and this bodes very well for future years.

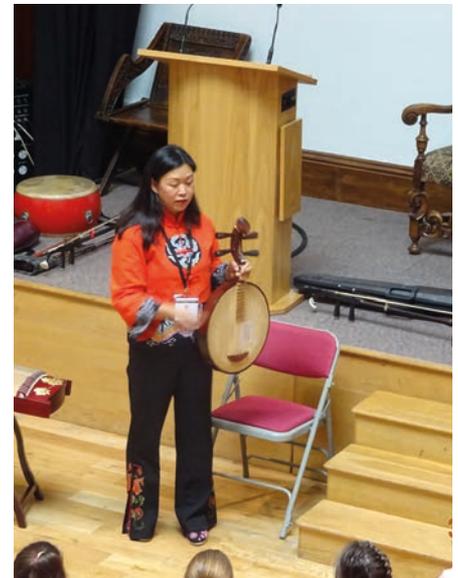
Mr Robert Patterson
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC



Chinese Music Assembly

On Friday 30th June FHS girls had the opportunity to hear from Joanna Qiu when she visited the school to deliver an assembly. A graduate of the Tianjin Opera School and the China National Opera College who went on to play with the National Beijing Opera Company for ten years and the re-established Mei Lanfang Opera Troupe, Joanna Qiu is a distinguished musician and we were privileged to hear her. She showcased a range of Chinese musical instruments during her presentation, including the Yueqin, Erhu and Guzheng, which the girls enjoyed listening to her play.

Mr Robert Patterson
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC



Sloane Square Choral Concert

Lower School Chamber Choir joined with Francis Holland School, Sloane Square, to perform with Sloane Square Choral Society and a professional orchestra in works by Parry and *Mass of the Children* by Rutter on Sunday 2nd July. It is always a pleasure for the two schools to join forces musically and a full audience heard the girls sing very well.

Mr Robert Patterson
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC



Summer Camp

July saw the eleventh Francis Holland Summer Camp at Sayers Croft Activity Centre in Ewhurst, Surrey.

FHS Sixth Formers and staff teamed up with Looked After Children for five days, enabling the children to have a holiday, and to be challenged by many outdoor activities. Everyone enjoyed a wide range of sessions: climbing, rafting, high ropes, and team challenges to develop cooperation and teamwork.

Many thanks to Mrs Hillier, Lynn, and Mr Patterson, and to our eleven wonderful students: Fran, Shreya, Ella, Lucie, Anna, Emilia, Alice, Andie, Mimi, Amy, and Sylvia.

Mr Adrian Smith
SUMMER CAMP LEADER 2017





Volunteering at FHS

Over the summer many of our pupils and staff spent part of their holidays volunteering; many chose to work with young children at our FHS summer camp, others worked with National Citizens Service, The Challenge while others followed their own initiatives such as Selen Demirel (Upper Sixth) who volunteered in Syrian refugee camps around Torbali, Ismir in Turkey. Selen gave a powerful assembly on the work she undertook and launched our annual sponsored walk, which will be held on Friday 6th October in aid of the Rainbow Centre in Sri Lanka and Save the Children Syrian appeal.

Volunteering in the local community at is part of the core principles of the Sixth Form at FHS, and this drive to



help others is also found throughout the school with so many fundraising activities being organized by our pupils and parents. Our first 'bake sale' of the new academic year was led by Anki Stick and Eliza Kay to raise funds for the Nelson Mandela Children's Fund (UK). We look forward to many more fund raising activities in school in the coming year.

We are always seeking opportunities to expand the volunteering experience for our pupils, so please do contact Miss Clare MacDonnell should you be able to offer any.

Miss Clare MacDonnell
DIRECTOR OF EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES



MFL Trip to Valencia

At the beginning of the summer break a group of Lower and Upper Fifth students travelled to Valencia, on the east coast of Spain, on a school trip accompanied by Mr Gridelli and Miss Lamas.

The girls attended language lessons and put what they had learnt to good use at home with their host families. Not only were the girls able to practise their Spanish conversation skills, they were also able to appreciate the local culture, gastronomy and the seaside.

They were taken for a guided tour of the city and they enjoyed some free time in the buzzy narrow streets. They learned about “Las Fallas” – a traditional celebration held in commemoration of Saint Joseph – and went on a visit to the city museum. The group were captivated by the futuristic architecture of the City of Arts and Sciences, they threw themselves into



the interactive activities at the museum, they enjoyed the dolphins show at the Oceanographic and loved paddling around in the pool. They were able to relax on the beach, learn how to make paella and, they even had a BBQ at the language school.

What a great start to our well-deserved summer holiday!!

Mr Nick Gridelli
HEAD OF MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES



Duke of Edinburgh's Award

During the Summer Holidays, girls from the Upper Fifth and Lower Sixth went to the hills of the Peak District and Snowdonia to complete their Gold Expedition. They battled the elements and must be congratulated for doing so in challenging conditions. The girls remained enthusiastic and demonstrated excellent navigational skills and team work! Well done to all involved!

Bronze expeditions take place this September and October and we wish all girls in the current Lower Fifth the very best for these.

Miss Natalia Lamas
DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD CO-ORDINATOR



Lower Fifth Art trip to Tate Britain

On Friday September 25th, the Lower Fifth GCSE art students visited Tate Britain to view the newly opened exhibition of works by the renowned British sculptor Rachael Whiteread. This was a genuinely awesome spectacle, featuring huge structures cast in plaster, concrete and resin, juxtaposed with small studies and intriguing drawings. The girls made the very most of their time there, making drawings and notes which will support their coursework. This was indeed an inspiring start to the girls' Art course!

Miss Jane Orr
HEAD OF ART

Autumn FHS production of William Shakespeare's Twelfth Night

An enthusiastic cast of 22 girls has already begun rehearsing our next main school play. This bittersweet comedy follows the story of a pair of twins, brother and sister, who are separated in a shipwreck at the start of the play. As Viola and Sebastian enter the strange world of Illyria, each believes the other has drowned, and with Viola disguised as a man, in order to get herself a job at the court of Duke Orsino, the opportunities for mistaken identity and confusion are rife. To begin with everybody seems to be in love with the wrong person, secretly or otherwise! It seems things will never sort themselves out...

Our cast invite you to enter this chaotic world of the imagination, and join in the fun on November 29th, 30th and December 1st. Tickets will be £6 each and go on sale after half term, via Eventbrite or the school office.

Would you like to help? We desperately need help creating and looking after costumes, with hair and make-up and with the creation of a set in November. If you would like to be involved, and especially if you can sew, do please get in touch via the office or by email to kate.oakley@fhs-nw1.org.uk

Mrs Kate Oakley
HEAD OF DRAMA

FORM AND GAMES CAPTAINS AUTUMN TERM 2017

FORM CAPTAINS

Joanna Obomanu
Ondine Coleman
Amber Hill
Sofia Franco
Ruth Kirby
Charlotte Marks
Stella Jones
Amaara Bahanda
Izzie Fisher Turner
Amalie Atfield
Mathilda Drukier
Parastoo Irani-Kermani
Amelia Carney

LIVJ
LIVM
LIVS
UIVJ
UIVM
UIVS
LVC
LVE
LVH
LVP
UVB
UVL
UVM

GAMES CAPTAINS

Poppy Jacobs
Charlotte Gishen
Clara Von Baeyer
Lorna Breading
Camille Brown
Isabel Diment-Vera
Jessica Flood
Julia Murphy
Ellie Valentine
Marina Jacobson
Honor Greig
Georgia Glick
Phoebe Bor

Inter-form Swimming Gala



The Inter-form Swimming Gala was held on July 5th. Some very impressive times were swum in the open races and it was great to see so many girls involved either in the water or on poolside supporting their forms. Inter-form water polo and volleyball matches

followed for girls in the Upper Fourth and Lower Fifth. Fierce competition and enjoyment were had by all!

Mrs Kirsty Lombard
PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Autumn Term Sports Report

Francis Holland sport has made a fantastic start to the new school year with sports trials, fixtures and enthusiasm from the girls. The PE team have been overwhelmed with the number of students attending the huge variety of sports trials, which has made it increasingly difficult to select a squad. As ever, this is a fantastic sign of the level of commitment and can do attitude of the girls at Francis Holland. Congratulations to all those who made it and to those who did not, make sure to participate in lap it up club, fun netball club, gym training squad and be sure to sign up for Thirds hockey trials this week. Plus, over the summer the fitness suite was updated with some great equipment, so please make sure to use it when you can.

Fixtures began this term with the Thirds playing Harrodian in a great Netball game. A fantastic level of participation was seen, with over half of the Thirds' year group playing across five teams. The girls played exceptionally well showing great sportsmanship and Francis Holland

won 3 out of the 5 matches. On the Hockey front we had a great start to Senior Hockey with the girls taking a 5-1 win against American School of London. A fantastic result!

Information about all further fixtures can be found on the school website, so be sure to check when your daughter is playing and come along to watch, supporters are always welcome.

Good luck also to all our girls playing in the Middlesex Netball and Hockey tournaments coming up.

It will not be long before the Inter-form Hockey competition week is upon us – the penultimate week in December at the Paddington Recreational Ground. Details are on the school website and spectators are most welcome!

PE Quote of the term:
"Everyone's dream can come true if you just stick to it and work hard"
– Serena Williams.

Miss Laura Burroughs
DIRECTOR OF SPORT

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

JUNIOR GALA

- » **50m Freestyle:** Zoe Haering
- » **50m Breaststroke:** Marta Monticelli
- » **50m Butterfly:** Amelia Nahal
- » **50m Backstroke:** Olivia Baird

SENIOR GALA

- » **50m Freestyle:** Manrica Dodgson
- » **50m Breaststroke:** Rita Broberg
- » **50m Butterfly:** Charlotte Hassenforder
- » **50m Backstroke:** Jessie Perkins

OPEN CUPS

- » **Palariet Cup:** Julia Murphy
- » **Speed Cup:** Julia Murphy
- » **Rosamund Leach Cup:** Julia Murphy
- » **Individual Medley Cup:** Julia Murphy

VOLLEYBALL CUP

- » **Winner:** LV L
- » **Best & Fairest:** Hannah Unwin

WATER POLO CUP

- » **Winner:** UIV J
- » **Best & Fairest:** Charlotte Hassenforder

OVERALL RESULTS

JUNIOR GALA

- » **2nd Place:** LIV S & III J
- » **1st Place:** LIV M

SENIOR GALA

- » **3rd Place:** LV B
- » **2nd Place:** UIV S
- » **1st Place :** UIV J

OVERALL POINTS WINNERS

- » **6th place:** LV B (27pts)
- » **Joint 3rd place:** UIV S, III J & LIV S (28pts)
- » **2nd place:** UIV J (35pts)
- » **1st place:** LIV M (36pts)

Sports Day 2017

SPORT



In almost idyllic conditions, our 2017 Sports Day lived up to the hype and a fantastic day was had by all! The day was all about the girls and there were a number of superb team efforts on show in the Rounders Competition, along with some stellar performances in the

individual events. The excitement could certainly be heard in every corner of the Regent's Park!

For some reason though, the Staff vs Sixth Form Rounders match always draws the largest crowds and the

loudest screams. The Staff quite often pull something special out of the bag for this match and steal the show—but this year, Sixth Form duly deserved their winning trophy and rightly showed the Staff 'how it's done'! It's safe to say that there will be trials for the Staff team next year ...

Special thanks to the PE staff; Mrs Lombard, Miss Merrigan, Miss Evans, Miss Mahieu and Miss Christian, plus the entirety of the school teaching, catering, office and caretaking staff – it's a massive team effort!

Parents—make sure you don't miss out on Sports Day 2018!

Ms Jane Tucker
PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Sports Day Results 2017

1ST PLACE - 60M SPRINT

- » III Eve Datnow (M)
- » **LIV** Camille Brown (M)
- » UIV Charlotte Hassenforder (J)
- » LV Maia von Malaise (L)
- » VI Minnie Kilgour (PG/JO)

1ST PLACE - 800M

- » III Harriet Wellock (J)
- » LIV Romane Gouilliard (M)
- » **UIV** Ella von Hammerstein (J)
- » LV Amelia Carney (M)
- » VI Alice Ward (PG/JO)

1ST PLACE - JAVELIN

- » III Sophera Whiu (J)
- » LIV Sitara Vaswani (M)
- » UIV Charlotte Hassenforder (J)
- » LV Cecilia Rafter (B)
- » VI Alice Ward (PG/JO)
Jade Hudson (NG/CT)

1ST PLACE - SHOT PUT

- » **III** Sophera Whiu (J)
- » LIV Miranda Saunders (M)
- » UIV Charlotte Hassenforder (J)
- » **LV** Letizia Filippi (M)
- » VI Alexandra Stephenson (PG/JO)

1ST PLACE - EGG AND SPOON

- » III S's
- » LIV J's
- » UIV M's
- » LV M's
- » VI NG/CT

1ST PLACE - 3 LEGGED RACE

- » III Darcey & Chloe (J)
- » LIV Tilly & Amina (S)
- » UIV Issy FT & Lauren (J)
- » LV Lily & Emilia (B)
- » VI Lily & Eliza (PG/JO)

GOLD

1ST PLACE - 60M RELAY

- » III S's
- » LIV M's
- » UIV M's
- » LV M's
- » VI PT/RLR's

1ST PLACE - ROUNDERS

- » III J's
- » LIV M's
- » UIV J's
- » LV L's
- » VI NG/CT

ROUNDERS - BEST & FAIREST

- » III Mihika Joshi
- » LIV Amina Lahham
- » UIV Charlotte Hassenforder
- » LV Lydia Jones
- » VI Dani Dunkley

OVERALL WINNERS

- » **13th:** NG/CT (81)
only 16 pts between all four 6th form groups
- » **6th:** LV B (109)
- » **5th:** LV L (117)
- » **4th:** LV M (118)
- » **3rd:** UIV J (139)
- » **2nd:** LIV M (146)

1ST PLACE

- » **1st:** **III J** (163 points)
only 6 pts away from the Whole School Record

Legend

- New Year Group Record
- Best in School this Year

MONDAY LECTURES

09/10/2017

Venice – Marine City

CHARLIE HALL

Director of the John Hall Venice Course and Tour leader for Kirker Holidays.

30/10/2017

Careers and Performance Poetry

HARRY BAKER

World Champion slam poet, occasional rap battler and recent TED talker.

06/11/2017

From Polished Corners to running Snap Inc.

CLAIRE VALOTI

Former FHS pupil and General Manager of Snapchat Inc. in the UK

13/11/2017

Charity in the Community

CANINE PARTNERS

A registered charity that partners specially trained assistance dogs with people who have physical disabilities.

20/11/2017

When falling is not an option: Adventures of an extreme skier

RACHEL FINDLER

The McLellan Practice

27/11/2017

Peer Presentation

FHS STUDENTS

Extended Project Qualification Presentations

11/12/2017

A successful career in the performing arts and setting up your own business

JODIE LEIGH

Former FHS pupil, professional dancer and Director of Blink Models

Confirmation Lessons

Once again we would like to run a confirmation course this year starting just before half term, Classes will run one evening a week after school 4.15-5pm for approximately 10 weeks, with a view to a confirmation service early in May. These classes are open to girls from any year group. Letters were sent out with the summer reports but if you would like to discuss this further please contact Mrs Bexon at Sharon.Bexon@fhs-nw1.org.uk

UPCOMING EVENTS

Careers Evening

On Thursday 12th October a Careers Evening will be held at Francis Holland, Sloane Square for all Lower Fifth, Upper Fifth and Sixth Form students and their Parents. The event will start at 6.30pm and finish at 8.30pm. It is a great opportunity to explore the range of careers available. Please book in advance, tickets are free via fhs-careers-fair.eventbrite.co.uk

School Development Plan Presentation for Parents

Mr Fillingham will be sharing his plans for the future on Monday 30th October in the Gloucester Room at 8.30am, 12.30pm, 5.30pm and 7pm.

Parents' Association General Meeting

This year's AGM will be held on Thursday 2nd November in the school hall at 6.30pm. We would like to invite you to join us and guest speaker Natasha Devon to think about 'Three key skills for promoting good mental health and high self-esteem'. Tickets are £10. RSVP to PA@fhs-nw1.org.uk

Annual Christmas Fair

Please join us on Saturday 18th November, 1.30pm-3.30pm at the Christmas Fair which will include The Magic Christmas Tree, Chocolate, Tombola, Gift Vendors, Christmas cakes, puddings and more.

Parents' Prayer Group Breakfast

Friday 1st December in the Gloucester Room, 9-10am.

OCTOBER

SATURDAY 7 OCTOBER

» **Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Assessed expedition departs**

FRIDAY 13 OCTOBER

» **Trip to Sri Lanka departs**

SATURDAY 14 OCTOBER

» **Trip to Russia departs**

SUNDAY 15 OCTOBER

» **Trip to Bay of Naples (Pompeii) departs**

NOVEMBER

THURSDAY 2 NOVEMBER

8.00pm The Fifteen sing Fauré's Requiem with Harrow School in St Mary's Church, Harrow on the Hill

SATURDAY 4 NOVEMBER

12.30pm Quondam Birthday Lunch

MONDAY 6 NOVEMBER

» **'Work, Rest and Play' Fortnight begins**

WEDNESDAY 8 NOVEMBER

5:30pm Sports Tour Launch evening

FRIDAY 10 NOVEMBER

» **Trip to Vindolanda departs**

THURSDAY 23 NOVEMBER

7:00pm Autumn Concert in St Cyprian's Church

WEDS 29, THURS 30 NOVEMBER & FRIDAY 1 DECEMBER

7.00pm Twelfth Night (Pre-performance drinks in the Library from 6.30pm)

DECEMBER

TUESDAY 5 DECEMBER

6:30pm String Concert: 6.30pm (Pre-concert drinks in the Library from 6pm)

WEDNESDAY 6 DECEMBER

5:30pm Swimming Tour Launch evening

THURSDAY 7 DECEMBER

1.05pm Senior Chamber Choir perform Ceremony of Carols in St Marylebone Church

THURSDAY 14 DECEMBER

3.00pm Carol Service in St Marylebone Church

FRIDAY 15 DECEMBER

12.30pm End of Term



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