



CORNERS

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Olympic Swimmer Mark Foster opens the new swimming pool. Plus British Science Week, Concerts, Drama, Trips to Italy and Spain, Recycling, Sport and much more...

From the Headmaster



Earlier this term I hosted a company of Headmasters and Headmistresses from London Prep Schools for breakfast in the Gloucester Room. The Heads spoke animatedly on a range of topics, but in particular they were keen to discuss admissions and pupil well-being.

The process of applying to multiple secondary schools is potentially highly stressful for ten and eleven year old girls in London. Here at Francis Holland, Regent's Park, we work hard to make admissions as smooth as possible. Firstly, of course, we are in a consortium of schools which coordinate exams to reduce the number of tests for girls. Secondly, we interview every applicant which can, in itself, be a self-esteem boost to some candidates. Moreover, we structure the interviews to enable girls to be natural and to show their abilities and aptitudes.

I am mentioning these processes now because Francis Holland is a school which is known to be both academic and kind. What is more, the system works because, as one of the Prep

School Heads said to me, we end up with the all-rounders here – the sparky, bright girls who have gumption, charm and tenacity. The pages of this newsletter contain dozens of examples of the successes of the girls at this school and I suggest that one of the reasons that they succeed here is because Francis Holland is a school where we care about pupil well-being alongside achievement. The pastoral system is strong and pupils are both nurtured and challenged.

Interestingly, one of my colleagues went to an evening lecture the other day about an academic research project in the small Himalayan country of Bhutan. Seemingly, the secondary school curriculum in Bhutan is geared towards "Gross National Happiness" and the government sets as much store by GNH as it does GDP. In short, the report finds that the pupils who are taught to be better able to cope with emotions, to think creatively and critically, to be both self-aware and mindful, are also likely to succeed academically.

Mountainous Bhutan is not the same as modern London, but the study encourages us to educate our girls in soft skills alongside traditional disciplines. This is classic Francis Holland territory and it is something that we do well. Additionally, there is a rich PSHE curriculum to support all pupils. I am confident that, by the time they leave this school, we have a cohort of young women who are ready to take on important roles and responsibilities in the academic world of universities and then in society at large.

The school is in good heart as we move into the summer and I am inclined to concur with the Prep School Heads, the typical Francis Holland girl is an all-rounder and she is impressive.

Yours sincerely,



MR CHARLES FILLINGHAM



Staff News

Welcome Back!

We are delighted to welcome back from maternity leave

Mrs Alex Francisco
HEAD OF SIXTH FORM

and

Mrs Claire Wood
ACTING HEAD OF CLASSICS



Congratulations to **Mrs Hana Packford** and her husband Matt on the birth of their baby boy Zachariah who was born on Friday 1st April.



Congratulations to **Mr Josh Peters** and his wife Nicole on the birth of their baby girl Jamie who was born on Saturday 9th April.

FORM CAPTAINS

IIIJ	Jesz Marland
IIIM	Violet Reed
IIIS	Yasmeen Siddiqui
LIVJ	Eleni Papanayotou
LIVM	Jasmin Morris
LIVS	Isabella Atfield
UIVJ	Amy Roberts
UIVM	Hannah Unwin
UIVS	Mathilda Drukier
LVAL	Saga Kjallgren
LVL	Nula Kenzie
LVT	Antonia Burgess

GAMES CAPTAINS

IIIJ	Catrin Jones
IIIM	Sitara Vaswani
IIIS	Jasmina Charap
LIVJ	Naomi Barrett
LIVM	Iona Geidt
LIVS	Annie Harrison
UIVJ	Kalliopi Hadjapateras
UIVM	Abigail Howard-Yam
UIVS	Eliza Kay
LVAL	Florentia Flury-Miller
LVL	Sophia Reina
LVT	Hannah Barlay

Parents' Association News



“How many people filed their Self Assessment tax returns on Christmas Day 2015?”

A question that will never be forgotten, as one parent put it, as it cost their table the victory in an epic tie breaker...

The Spring Quiz and Silent Auction was a fun filled and highly competitive evening. The night started with Jon Culshaw, from BBC Dead Ringers, who acted as our MC for the evening. He came as a representative of the Swiss Cottage School. FHS Sixth Formers Alice Haine and Lulu Renney spoke about their trip to the Rainbow Centre in Sri Lanka, highlighting how our donations are being put to use. Simon O’Hagan, the Quizmaster, once again tested us



with questions that ranged from photo rounds with tough-to-identify figures to challenging literary topics. Most people left having had a great evening but somewhat humbled. However, two tables fared much better than the rest and were left answering the tie break! Huge thanks go to all who helped organise the evening making it such a success. Huge thanks also to those who donated fantastic auction prizes and who came to support our nominated charities: Swiss Cottage School; Rainbow Centre; Sayers Croft Summer Camp and Wish List.

We hope to see many of you at the Third Tennis Bash and BBQ at Regent’s Park Tennis Centre on Friday 17th June from 4:00-8:00pm.

Mrs Laurel Rafter
CHAIR OF THE PARENTS’ ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE



The Blossom is Back!

On Thursday 14th April, we were invited to a wonderful event in Regent's Park to thank the school for donating seven cherry trees to the park, one for each year group.

The restoration project, by the Royal Parks' Foundation, has reinstated 100 new cherry trees on Chester Road, which is one of the main gateways to the park. After visiting the park roughly six months ago to see the trees being planted, it was with great pleasure that we returned to Chester Road to see the trees in full bloom.

We all enjoyed a glorious afternoon in the sunshine, where there was an impressive display of cakes and pastries and a surprise display by the Grenadier Guards Band.

Francis Holland School has had an incredibly strong link with the park throughout its 138-year history so we are extremely proud to be part of this project and we hope the trees will keep the park looking beautiful for many years to come.

Ms Clare MacDonnell
DIRECTOR OF EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES



Team Green at FHS

- ✓ Plastic bottles, glass bottles, tin cans, paper, card **CAN** be recycled.
- ✗ Banana skins, apple cores, crisp packets, sweetie wrappers, thin plastic **CANNOT** be recycled.

The above is my mantra and last year we introduced a school-wide policy to encourage recycling. In all the classrooms there are posters to remind everyone what can and can't be recycled and special recycling bins with a large part for the recyclables and a small add-on bin for things that are not recyclable.

I am passionate about recycling and I am trying to encourage every member of FHS to share my passion, too, because by recycling we are enabling resources to be used again. If, for example, we do not recycle paper,

more trees are cut down to make new paper, but if we recycle the paper we use it can be pulped and remade into paper again, thus saving trees. The same is true of plastic, card, glass and aluminium – all can be recycled to make other products thus saving natural resources – a hugely important thing to do in our ever expanding world. Please encourage everyone in your household to be aware of what they are doing when they put something in a bin. Can it be reused? Can it be recycled? If so, which bin should it go in?

BE WASTE AWARE! Let's save our planet by being green at FHS and at home!

Ms Nicky Foy
GREEN QUEEN



See what can be done with plastic bags from the supermarket if you don't need them.



History of Art Trip to Rome and Florence

During the Easter holidays, the Lower Sixth art historians—accompanied by Miss Lindsay and Miss MacDonnell—headed to Italy for their History of Art revision trip. They spent five days exploring Rome and Florence, learning on-site about many of their A-Level case studies as well as seeing some of the greatest masterpieces of western civilisation!

We arrived to glorious sunshine in Rome and immediately set out for the

Pantheon, where the girls were finally able to stand under the great dome and admire the extraordinary engineering. Next stop—the Colosseum and the Forum! After a day of classical treasures we headed to St Peter’s Basilica via the Tempietto for some High Renaissance focus. In Florence the girls were so excited to see both the Michelangelo and Donatello’s David, as well as the much anticipated Adoration of the Magi. A select few were adventurous enough

to climb Brunelleschi’s dome, inspired by the Pantheon.

As in all great trips to Italy, the art and architecture was of course interspersed with numerous ice creams and pizzas. We have all returned with a spring in our step and hoping to get back to Italy soon!

Miss Alice Lindsay
HISTORY OF ART DEPARTMENT





Trip to the Big Bang Science Fair in Birmingham

All students in the Lower Fifth attended the Big Bang Science Fair in Birmingham on Wednesday 16th March. From talks on space travel to a mock operating theatre, there was something for everyone. Some tried their hand at making their own cosmetics and some learned about different processes in forensic science. In the afternoon, the Hollywood Special Effects show gave insight into pyrotechnics and fight scenes in the movies.

Ms Kay Hotchkiss
HEAD OF CHEMISTRY DEPARTMENT



Science quizzes

All students in the Thirds and Lower Fourth took part in the British Science Week quiz, which included questions from categories from 'Science and the performing arts' to 'Science and History'. Each winning team received a prize, and there were some excellent scores from both year groups.

The cryptic elements competition

CAN YOU MATCH THE ELEMENT TO THE PICTURE?

Barium Nickel Rhodium Francium Californium Nobelium



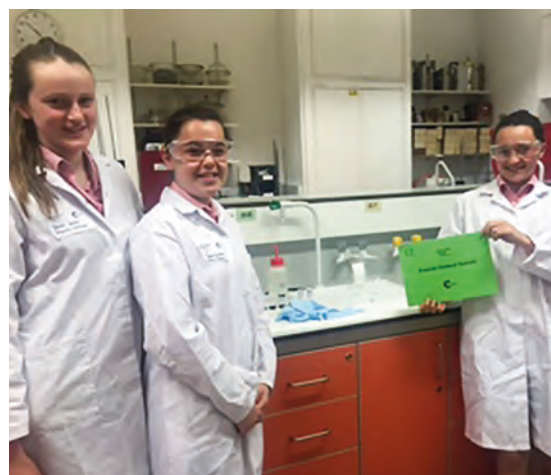
All students in the Upper Fourth took part in the cryptic elements challenge – they had to use their periodic tables to identify in just five minutes as many elements as they could which had been represented by pictures. Congratulations go to Helen Illing who identified the most – well done!

Salters Chemistry Festival

Four enthusiastic Lower Fourth chemists represented the school at the Salter's Festival of Chemistry at the University of London on Thursday 21st April. On arrival, the girls were given a timetable of the day before they were taken to the undergraduate laboratory. The first task, called the 'Salter's Challenge' was based on a forensic investigation. They had to carry out a range of analytical experiments and discuss their findings in order to find the killer from a range of

suspects. The girls also participated in the University Challenge, where they had to come up with the concentrations of chemicals to get a solution to change colour in exactly one minute. To finish the day, the girls watched a chemical magic demonstration before being presented with certificates for their participation and for working safely and methodically in the laboratory.

Miss Binny Shah
CHEMISTRY DEPARTMENT





SCIENCE

DEMO DAY 2016
17 MARCH

National Demo Day

This year, 655 schools across the county pledged to run a Demo Day as part of British Science Week. It is an opportunity to turn theory into practice and to share something spectacular! Ms Hotchkiss put on a Chemistry show demonstrating different types of energy changes; Mr Peters ran hovercraft racing in the hall whilst Mr Bossé held a dissection demo for the Sixth Form. Many thanks to the Sixth Formers who helped out and to all those students who took part! (No students were harmed during the hovercraft races.)

A huge thanks to Caitlin Isaacs, Chiara Argenti and Ruby MacGregor (LVI) for their help on the day, and for their ongoing enthusiasm for Science in running the Junior Science Club.

Ms Kay Hotchkiss
HEAD OF CHEMISTRY DEPARTMENT



Chloe Tartan discusses Science from a Woman's Perspective



Chloe completed her degree in Physics at Imperial, her MSc at UCL and her MRes at Cambridge, and she is currently completing her PhD on photonic devices at Oxford. Her talk at lunchtime in front of over 100 students covered her life at each institution, experiences studying science and the vast array of opportunities now open to her. Chloe spoke from the heart and explained why she decided to study Physics, having first enrolled at Camberwell School of Art. The girls were intrigued with the comparisons she drew between the four different universities, and her

love of science and intellect shone through. After completing her Doctorate later this year Chloe has decided to complete a placement at NASA that is being funded by a scholarship from the Institute of Education and Technology. Her life at the forefront of scientific research and travelling the world speaking at seminars brought a host of questions from the audience. It was an inspirational talk that will hopefully inspire a number of girls to consider a career in science or engineering.

Mr Derek Ward
HEAD OF SCIENCE DEPARTMENT



Geography Field Trip to Castle Head, Lake District

The Lower Fifth geographers went on their IGCE Geography field trip to the Lake District from 12th - 18th April.

Although the weather was not kind to us whilst the girls were collecting river and slope measurements, spirits were not dampened! The girls enjoyed practising fieldwork techniques that are necessary for their IGCE examination next summer. On Thursday, they completed two urban studies, one in a small village of Lindale, and the other in the attractive town of Bowness-on-Windermere. They conducted questionnaires with the public and created sound maps. After lunch and a spot of shopping, they enjoyed a walk up to Orrest Head, where a fantastic view of Windermere can be seen.



Miss Jo Hallett
GEOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT





Art and Spanish Trip to Barcelona

During the Easter break sixteen Lower Fifth Art and Spanish students enjoyed an enchanting trip to Barcelona accompanied by Miss Thomson and Mr Gridelli.

The girls thoroughly enjoyed their language lessons in the morning and they were enthusiastic to put what they had learnt to good use in the afternoon. The group were captivated by some of the most breath-taking architectural masterpieces by Gaudi such as Casa Pedrera, Parc Guell

and La Sagrada Familia and they were enthused by the visit to the Picasso museum. Not only were the girls able to practise their Spanish conversation and develop their drawing techniques, they were also able to appreciate the local culture and gastronomy and became skilful in eating churros con chocolate whilst wondering through the labyrinth-like streets in the Gothic Quarter.

Mr Nick Gridelli
HEAD OF MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES



Visit to Black Ven Farm, Sussex

On the last day of the Easter holidays, twenty girls visited Black Ven Farm in Sussex, a wonderful 200-acre farm owned by the Buchanan family. Elizabeth Buchanan, our guide for the day, is a great friend of the school, as she is herself a 'Polished Corner' and a former governor at FHS! Before lunch, girls learned about the animals, and had the opportunity to hold and feed newborn lambs – a really popular activity and a photo-opportunity for all.

We had lunch outside in the courtyard, and then were taken on a walk around the farm, which is farmed on organic principles. The 'before' and 'after' pictures of a previously exhausted fallow field were stunning. In the woods, bluebells were in full flower, and we enjoyed also the story behind the

naming of the mysterious 'Smugglers' Field'! Coming back from the farm, girls were given the chance to feed the herd of pedigree Sussex cattle, and to collect eggs. It was a brilliant day, and one which many girls would like to repeat. Many thanks to Ms Buchanan for being such a great host.

Mr Adrian Smith
ENGLISH DEPARTMENT





Mark Foster Opens New Swimming Pool

British Olympic Swimmer, Mark Foster, delighted pupils by visiting Francis Holland to open the new swimming pool on Friday 22nd April and taking a coaching session for the 25-strong Swim Team. Swim Team Captain, Cecilia Rafter (Upper Fourth) said, "It was incredible to be coached by an Olympian! Mark Foster was a real inspiration and with the benefit of the new pool, we are motivated to train harder than ever."

The new ultra-modern pool features an adjustable floor, enabling the pool to be deep enough for sports such as diving and water polo and shallow enough for swimming lessons and training. Another benefit of the new pool is the cooling system which will allow the pool space to return to an ambient temperature in just twenty minutes so that the cover on the pool will transform into a floor providing space for our many other extra-curricular activities. The building of the new swimming pool marks one

hundred years since Francis Holland School relocated from Baker Street to its Regent's Park site at Ivor Place in 1915.

Mr Fillingham thanked the School Governors, and the Chair of Governors, Mrs Marie Winckler, introduced Mark Foster who described his very first memories of water, a swimming lesson inspired by his father's fall into a lake! He then declared the pool "officially open" by unveiling the plaque.

Mark Foster said, "I was delighted to come and coach the Francis Holland pupils. I spend a lot of my time encouraging participation in all sports and fitness activities amongst teenage girls with a particular passion for my sport of swimming. This fantastic new pool within the school will definitely motivate them further to improve every aspect of their swimming as well as those who play water polo."

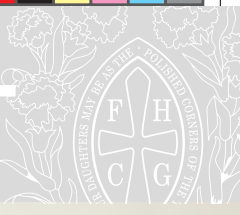
Mark then hosted a Q & A session with all pupils and staff in the school Hall. He spoke about being inspired by Olympic Swimmer, Duncan Goodhew, to follow his dream of going to the Olympics and the importance of facing every training session with a positive mindset (in spite of the 5am starts!)

The girls asked Mark some very engaging questions, ranging from his Personal Best time and the role nutrition plays in the life of an athlete to queries about his time on Strictly Come Dancing! Overall, it was a wonderful morning to mark the opening of such a great facility for the school. Many thanks to the School's Governors, Mr Dempsey, the PE Department and, of course, Mark Foster for helping to make it such a success.

Mrs Vanessa McKinley
DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS



SPORT





The Crucible Performance

*"I have given you my soul:
leave me my name!"*

On Wednesday 4th May the Lower Sixth Theatre Studies performed a four-handed adaptation of Miller's famous play *The Crucible* in front of an enthusiastic audience and a visiting examiner from Edexcel.

The four actors gave a stunning interpretation, doubling roles and moving rapidly through scenes montaged from different parts of the play. The relationship between John and Elizabeth Proctor, caught up in the hysteria of Salem's witchcraft trials of 1692, provided the focus and framing narrative. Gradually we saw the trap closing shut, leading to John's inevitable march to the scaffold, but only once he has regained his self-respect, which dawns on him on seeing his own name

signed on a false confession. He cannot purchase life at the expense of a lie.

Lucy Minderides' compelling performance as John brilliantly conveyed his inner turmoil and the stages in his progress towards his momentous decision. Playing opposite Lucy was Lily Rutterford, who provided a hugely intelligent and sensitive performance as Elizabeth Proctor, implicated as a witch by her rival in love, Abigail Williams, compellingly played as gorgeous, spiteful and manipulative by Angelica Maxwell. Meanwhile Willow Hellier Watts demonstrated her range and flexibility, skilfully doubling the role of Mary Warren, the Proctors' serving girl, with an imperious inquisitorial Danforth, striding the courtroom floor with his inflexible but flawed logic.

The second part of the programme contained four beautifully performed

monologues. Willow Hellier Watts played a perky Liverbird Rita in her first Open University tutorial in "Educating Rita"; Angelica Maxwell gave a devastating, moving performance as Jackie from "My Mother Said I Never Should" as she reveals to her daughter Rosie that she is her mother, not her sister; Lucy Minderides played Win from "Top Girls" a successful businesswoman whose personal life does not match her glittering career; finally Lily Rutterford played a tormented Miss Julie, furious after the murder of her pet bird by her lover in Strindberg's play of that name.

Congratulations girls on some truly stunning work.

Mrs Kate Oakley

ENGLISH AND DRAMA DEPARTMENT



Trio of Music Concerts

FHS musicians have been incredibly busy over the last couple of months. Here's a roundup of some of the concerts the girls have been involved with...



Harrow Concert

Around 80 members of the school community performed J. S Bach's monumental St Matthew Passion on Tuesday 22nd March at Harrow School with Harrow School Choral Society. Singing alongside professional soloists and orchestra, the choir maintained excellent standards of singing throughout this three-hour work. Many parents and staff came to listen and were astounded by the quality of the music making. Plans for next year's repertoire are already being made!

Vocal Concert

More recently, pupils in the Lower Fifth to the Upper Fifth gathered to give a very impressive vocal concert on Thursday 14th April in the school Hall. With repertoire ranging from Mozart and Fauré to Jerome Kern and Cole Porter, the audience were enthralled with the quality of the singing. Particular highlights were Delibes' *Flower Duet*, performed by Kate Gabriel and Lulu Renney, and Amelia Mehra singing *Don't Rain on my Parade*.

Summer Concert

A wonderful evening of music making occurred on Wednesday 27th April in St Cyprian's Church for the Summer Concert. A truly eclectic mix of Purcell, Lady Gaga, Mozart and traditional Burundian chant delighted the audience, particularly those in the Upper Sixth for whom it was their last concert. The final item, sung by a quorum of Upper Sixth leavers, was deeply moving and poignant.

Mr Robert Patterson
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC



Upper Fourth student cast in *The Royal College of Music Opera of Hansel and Gretel*

Charlotte McBurney in the Upper Fourth has been cast in the opera *Hansel and Gretel* which is being produced by The Royal College of Music with music composed by Humperdink. She has been cast to

play a gingerbread child who comes to life after the witch has been killed and an angel who watches over Hansel and Gretel. Charlotte has an intensive rehearsal schedule leading up to the performance at the Britten Theatre which will be in early July. We wish her the very best of luck!

Miss Julie Laytham
HEAD OF UPPER FOURTH

Inter-form Debating Competition



The final of the Inter-form Debating Competition took place on the last day of the spring term. There had been some excellent debates in the rounds, with motions on topics ranging from banning cosmetic surgery, to whether nationality harms humanity.

In the final, Milly Lee and Lucy Morris from the Lower Sixth took on Jessye Clarke and Rae Farrow from the Upper Fifth, debating the motion 'This house would never have kids.' All four girls spoke with confidence and passion, which is no mean feat in front of the whole school! It was close, but on account of their greater range of arguments and examples, the debate was given to Milly and Lucy, who

had proposed the motion. Lucy was named as best speaker. Many members of the school from the Thirds upwards also enjoyed taking part in the floor debate.

We were very grateful to Michael Epstein, a criminal barrister, who came to judge the debate. Thanks also go to Ruby MacGregor and Georgie Miller who chaired the debate, and Emily Maguire and Ella Nickerson who have helped me to run the whole competition. Congratulations to all girls who took part; and Milly and Lucy in particular!

Ms Flora Barton
HEAD OF DEBATING AND
PUBLIC SPEAKING

UK Intermediate Mathematical Challenge

The UK Intermediate Mathematical Challenge took place in February and we have received the results which are as follows.

LOWER FIFTH

BRONZE



Bronze certificates are awarded to:

Nula Kenzie **Zoe Hamilton**
Antonia Burgess **Sophia Reina**
Suzanna Meynell

SILVER



Silver certificates are awarded to:

Sophie Yau **Ana-Maria Chiriac**
Amanda Martins **Lily Clarke**
Rosie Holt **Maya Simmonds**
Riana Modi **Sophia Chitty**

GOLD



Hannah Kaufmann Wolfe obtains a Gold certificate, as well as **Ella Roeser** who also obtains the certificate for Best in Year.

UPPER FOURTH

BRONZE



Bronze certificates are awarded to:

Allegra Handelsman **Cecilia Rafter**
Claudia Prettejohn **Lily Allen**
Charlotte McBurney **Minnie Moss**
Ruby May Frederikse **Ines Cocco**
Maia Von Malaise **Ria Rawla**

SILVER



Silver certificates are awarded to:

Alia Azman **Rosey Baring**
Arianna Meader-Zand

GOLD

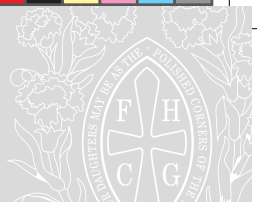


Gold certificates are awarded to **Yuxin Wu** and **Bella Knox**, who also wins the certificate for Best in Year as well as the certificate for Best in School.

Many congratulations to all the girls!

Miss Neermala Murugan
MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT

Confirmation Service in St Cyprian's Church



On Wednesday 4th May summer arrived and we were very pleased to welcome the Right Rev'd Robert Ladds, Associate Bishop of London and ex Bishop of Whitby to preside at our service. Father Gerald Beauchamp, Parish Priest of St Cyprian's Church, also assisted in the preparations and service.

Six candidates were presented including Romane Gouilliard, Amelia Mitford and Katie Wheeler, all from the Thirds, and Stella Jones from the Lower Fourth. They were joined by Stella's sister Ava and an adult member of the Parish.

The Bishop's sermon soon gained everyone's attention with a deluxe box

of Jelly Beans and a tasting session of some drinks. The flavoured waters were easy to identify but everyone was as surprised as Stella to discover that her drink was not orange juice but rather orange coloured water! The Bishop reminded us of the call to all Christians to love your neighbour and that we need to look beyond the surface to the real person beneath and love them, no matter what the outward appearance.

The moment of Confirmation was a solemn and deeply spiritual time which I am sure the girls will always remember and the service concluded with each girl proceeding behind the Bishop carrying a lighted candle.

The service was followed by a reception in the Gloucester room with family and friends. The Bishop kindly presented confirmation certificates and the gift of a Bible from the school, to each girl. Mr Fillingham thanked the Bishop and spoke of the importance of the school's historical traditions and firm spiritual foundations which we continue to cherish and uphold 138 years after its foundation.

Mrs Sharon Bexon
ACTING HEAD OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES DEPT.



Sixth Form Young Enterprise Finalists



Congratulations to team Blip who gave a fantastic business pitch at the Young Enterprise Company of the Year awards at Disney's regional HQ in Hammersmith.

They survived some particularly difficult questioning from the judges and beat several other teams to win the award for the best business report.

Well done, girls!

Miss Ann-Marie Conway
HEAD OF ECONOMICS

TEAM BLIP

Maya Emberton

Natalia Ruhe

Tatiana Green

Esme Peretti-O'Brien

Ella Barker

Charlotte Hogarth

Lara Sheils

Zoe Lowdermilk-Oppenheim

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Gideons Assembly

Once again we were able to welcome Mr Neil Bourne from the Gideons to a Lower School assembly on Wednesday 10th March. He spoke to the girls in the Thirds and Lower Fourth, sharing some valuable insights into Diamonds before highlighting the role of the Bible in British history and society. The girls were then invited to accept a small red

copy of the New Testament with Psalms. Many accepted and this will be of particular value to Lower Fourth girls in their RS lessons this term. Some spare copies will also be available for use in class.

Mrs Sharon Bexon
ACTING HEAD OF RELIGIOUS
STUDIES DEPT



History Trip to Ypres

The History Department took the entire Upper Fourth to visit the First World War battlefields in Belgium and France for three days at the end of term.

We visited a range of fascinating sites including the superb 'In Flanders Fields' museum, a number of Commonwealth and Germany cemeteries, and several battlefields around both Ypres and the Somme. We also attended the Last Past ceremony at the Menin Gate, where

three pupils laid a wreath on behalf of the school.

The trip was a great success and special thanks should be given to the Upper Fourth for their enthusiasm, interest, and good behaviour throughout. They were a pleasure to be with!

Mr Harry Clayton
HEAD OF HISTORY DEPARTMENT



Lower Sixth Ethics Conference

The Lower Sixth Religious Studies students attended an Ethics Conference, entitled 'All you need is Love?' by Dr Peter Vardy at Bloomsbury Baptist Church.

The students had the opportunity to listen to the charismatic and entertaining philosopher Dr Peter Vardy talking about his favourite topics: philosophy, ethics and Christianity. They were also in the presence of many other students of RS from around London, about 350 in total. The morning session was particularly well received by our girls as he elucidated in a clear but erudite fashion the science behind fertility treatments and the ethics of rights and choice concerning the latest medical treatments.

Visiting speaker Dr David Webster from the University of Gloucester then gave a lecture on the strengths and relevance of the philosopher Kant and the girls even got to play a part in a live debate: not just in the hall; but on Twitter too; about whether having a child is a right or not. The afternoon session returned to the theme of love and the liberal Anglican moral arguments for Situation Ethics: the idea that 'doing the most loving thing' will bring about the best outcome in an ethical dilemma. By love, however, he meant the sacrificial, other-centred love of God. All in all, it was a fantastic opportunity for our students.

Ms Julie Ann Hilton
RELIGIOUS STUDIES DEPARTMENT



Trampoline Success

On Saturday 5th March Roberta Tan competed on the Trampoline at the London National Development Plan Finals and Qualifier for the NDP Regional Team Finals. She competed at NDP Level 4, in the 11-12 year-old category and achieved first place. Roberta is now ranked first in the London Region for her level and age group and has qualified for a place in Team London. She now has the chance to represent the London Region at the Regional NDP Team Final / National NDP Semi Final, which will take place in Birmingham on the 27th, 28th and 29th of May. The gymnasts who will achieve the top eight positions in the May qualifier will then be competing at the National NDP Final, scheduled at the Telford International Centre, in July.

Good luck, Roberta!



Middlesex Netball Success



Congratulations to Maia Von Malaise in the Upper Fourth and Rosie Holt in the Lower Fifth who have been selected to train with the Under 17 Middlesex Development Squad. The girls attended the trial on Sunday 17th April and were selected in this squad after trialling with girls from all over the Middlesex County. From September they will attend intensive training sessions with a variety of coaches and we look forward to seeing their skills in use at FHS matches next season. Well done girls!

Miss Maria Merrigan
PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Inter-Form Netball Tournament

There was a feeling of spring in the air, as well as a spring in everyone's step as the school made their way to Regent's Park for the annual Inter-Form Netball Tournament. On Monday 21st March girls from the Thirds to the Sixth Form played in a series of matches throughout the afternoon and some excellent skills were displayed by all. Congratulations to everyone for making it a successful tournament and also to the winning forms. A fitting end to the 2015-16 netball season.

As always, the most anticipated game of the day is the Staff v Sixth Form match. A gallant effort was made by both teams and after a strong start from the staff team the sixth form fought back to close the gap in the score. When the final whistle went the staff had narrowly taken out the victory thirteen goals to ten. Congratulations to everyone who participated.

The 2016 Inter-Form Netball Tournaments winners were:

- » IIIrds – IIIM
- » LIVths – LIVJ
- » UIVth – UIVM
- » LVth – LVT
- » UVth – UVC & UVT
- » VIth – VIAM

Best and Fairest players of the tournament were awarded to the following girls:

- » IIIrds – Zoe Haering
- » LIVth – Iona Geidt
- » UIVth – Eva Perez
- » LVth – Rosie Holt
- » UVth – Jade Hudson
- » VIth – Serena Ashdown
- » Staff – Miss Hallett

Miss Julie Laytham
PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT



Summer Term Sport Report

Summer is here and what a fantastic splash the new pool has made – pun intended! Lessons are going extremely well and we are making the most of the new pool with double the lessons in the Lower School. Good luck to our FHS Swim Squad who are going to Malta this half term for a Swimming tour. Fixtures are well underway and we've already had surplus of wins to boot. The summer sports are definitely FHS's thing!

A reminder that Sports Day this year is on the last Friday of term (1st July) – all welcome – picnic blankets and hats will

be a must! Rounders Club is open to all on Friday lunchtime. Please sign up on the noticeboard in advance as the club is proving very popular.

The school Second Hand Uniform Sale is on again this term. Come along on the 21st June for any additional uniform requirements. You can order your PE kit by visiting www.schoolblazer.com. All new orders should be placed by mid-July, to allow time for returns, if necessary

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SPORT

Important Summer PE dates:

Monday 30 May – Friday 3 June
Swimming Tour to Malta

Tuesday 21 June (3pm)
Second Hand Uniform Sale (Gym)

Friday 1 July (11am start)
Sports Day (Regent's Park Hub)

Tuesday 5 July
Inter-form Swimming Gala
(School Pool)



Mini Marathon

Well done to all the girls that participated in the FHS Mini Marathon 2016 – by my calculations there were 134 runners in Regent's Park and about 100 Sixth Form helpers too. So about half the school were outside and enjoying the park, and over a quarter of the school ran the race. The times were very quick this year – not surprising as it was a beautiful day for a run.

4TH FASTEST

Hero Coles LIVM – 12.48

3RD FASTEST

Amelia Carney UIVJ – 12.47

2ND FASTEST

Ella Roeser LVAL – 12.24

FASTEST GIRL OVER 3KM AT FHS

Olivia Boeckman LIVJ – 11.51

Olivia's sub 12 minute run is very quick indeed and very nearly topped the school record of 11.43 – which is held by Ella Roeser and Jessie Weller.

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	Gold Medals
IIIIs	Catrin Jones 12.56
LIVs	Olivia Boeckman 11.51
UIVs	Amelia Carney 12.47
LVs	Ella Roeser 12.24
UVs	Ruby Lowsley-Williams 13.29
VIs	Lucy Morris 13.52



DIARY

JUNE 2016

WEDNESDAY 8 JUNE

5:30pm Parents' Meeting for Italian trip to Palermo in the Lecture Theatre

THURSDAY 9 JUNE

6pm Pre-concert drinks in the library
6:30pm Lower Fifth IGCSE performance concert in the Hall

FRIDAY 10 JUNE

9am-4pm Oxbridge Preparation Day

FRIDAY 17 JUNE

4-7pm Parents' Association barbeque and tennis

SUNDAY 19 JUNE

12 noon Upper Fourth Knapp House trips departs (returns on 24 June at 5pm)

SATURDAY 25 JUNE

11:30 – 2.30pm 10 Years of FHS Summer Camp Lunch Party

WEDNESDAY 29 JUNE

6pm for 6:30pm Upper Sixth Prize Giving and Leavers' evening in the Hall

JULY 2016

FRIDAY 1 JULY

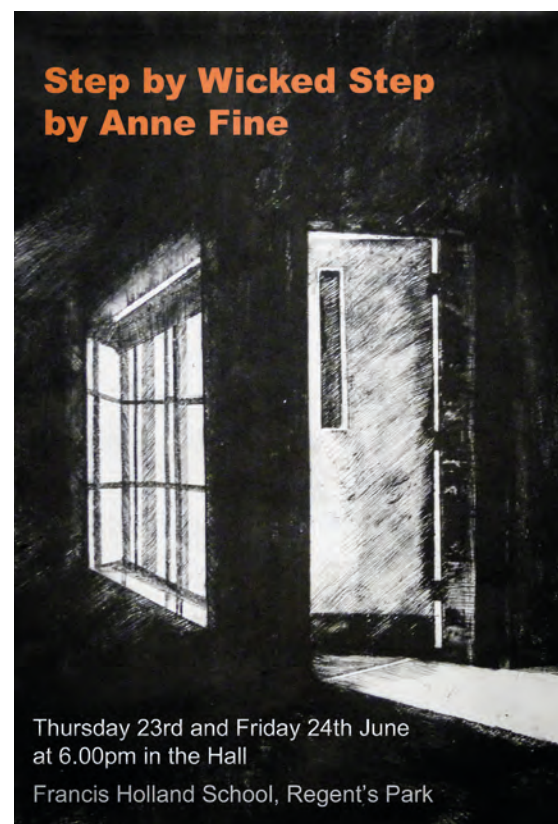
Sports Day in Regent's Park

MONDAY 4 JULY

5:30pm Lower Fourth Science Fair in the Hall (parents welcome to attend)

THURSDAY 7 JULY

1pm (approx.) End of term



Lower Sixth Art Talks & Workshops

As part of their new linear Art A level course, the Lower Sixth will enjoy some inspiring talks and workshops when they return from study leave this summer, given by a range of artists. The speakers include Mimma Viglezio, creative consultant in film and fashion, Tom Edwards who works in film

animation with Double Negative, and Gabriella Sonabend, a former FHS pupil who runs an art gallery near the school. All Sixth Formers are welcome to attend and should look out for flyers after half term.

Ms Jane Orr
HEAD OF ART DEPARTMENT

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE

Tuesday 21st June

3pm in the School Gymnasium

Donations are greatly appreciated

PARENTS' PRAYER GROUP MEETING

Wednesday 15th June

in the Lecture Theatre from 9–10am

All very welcome to attend.

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