

CORNERS

NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2016



A Midwinter Dream, Carol Service, Scholarship Awards, Poetry winners, Trips, EPQs, Duke of Edinburgh awards, Parents' Association News, Professor John Mullan, Sporting achievements and much more...

From the Headmaster

It gives me great pleasure to be able to write to you as the new Headmaster at Francis Holland School, Regent's Park. May I start by saying what a warm welcome I have received? The pupils, parents and staff at Francis Holland have more than lived up to their reputation as caring and kind and I have been made to feel very much at home very quickly.

There is a brisk pace of life here at School and we are now well into our stride as regards 11+ interviews and examinations for the new intake in September 2016. You will be pleased to know that applications are up again this year and that we have seen some fantastic candidates who seem eager to take up places. I have, myself, met the majority of the girls and I can see how they could settle into life here comfortably.

On a related matter, many of you will know Mrs Bailey, the Admissions Registrar, who has served the School with such distinction for many years. She has signalled her intention to step back from the role and we are now looking to recruit her successor. The post may suit a parent with experience of the independent schools' admissions processes, either from inside school or from having had children through the system. *For more info see back page.*

The pupils at Francis Holland benefit from teachers who plan engaging and



challenging lessons. Already this term, I have had the opportunity to drop into numerous lessons. I am universally met with confident staff who are secure in their subject knowledge, as well as pupils who are working hard in a happy and supportive environment. I am pleased to report that I have also seen girls asking questions, scratching their heads and looking puzzled – these are all good signs that they are being given challenging work and that academic expectations are high.

Meanwhile, beyond the classroom there are countless opportunities for our pupils to shine. I have already enjoyed several musical performances and seen the girls in action on the sports fields. Moreover, we often have guest speakers here. So far this term we have hosted academics from King's College, London and University College, London with more expected. I am in the process of putting together a lunchtime speaker programme for the second half of this term. The working

title is "Women of Influence" and, so far, I have managed to schedule in one cabinet minister, one circuit court judge, one actress, one celebrated novelist and one director of an international charity. It is important that our girls have high aspirations and high expectations of themselves. We already have an enviable Careers Department. There are countless superb female role models amongst the teaching staff here and I hope that our pupils see themselves as the next generation of influential women both in Great Britain and further afield.

If I have not yet had an opportunity to meet you in person, please do make every effort to attend one of the upcoming school functions – I shall be at them all. I look forward to welcoming you to Francis Holland School, Regent's Park in the near future.


MR CHARLES FILLINGHAM



We are delighted to welcome **Mr Jason Bosse** to the School. Mr Bosse has joined the Science Department and will be teaching Biology.



Many congratulations to **Ms Jodie Farthing** and her husband Kingsley on the birth of their baby son Wilbur who was born on Wednesday 9th December 2015.

New School Website 'Live'

After much anticipation the brand new school website went live on Friday 8th January, coinciding with Mr Fillingham's first week as Headmaster. The new site is completely responsive, adapting instantly to mobile, iPad/tablet and PC, so you can use it easily wherever you are. Besides looking considerably more contemporary the site is incredibly easy to navigate, with useful quick links to all of the key information about the school. In addition, the home page incorporates a media grid which pulls together our news and social media channels (Twitter, Facebook, Flickr and YouTube) into one area so that you can see the latest news at a glance.

I would like to thank my colleagues in the Francis Holland Schools Trust, Lucy Ellwood (Marketing Executive) and Toks Oladuti (Director of Information Systems), for working tirelessly with



me to bring about the transition over the Christmas holiday. From a collective Francis Holland Schools' perspective, we now have our three websites unified under one house style and brand (Francis Holland Schools Trust site, Francis Holland School, Regent's Park site and Francis Holland School, Sloane Square site).

If you haven't already done so, please go to www.fhs-nw1.org.uk to view the new website and Mr Fillingham's tweets which will appear on the home page (or you can follow him at @FHSheadmaster), as well as the school Twitter feed @FHSRegentsPark.

Mrs Vanessa McKinley
DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS

Effort, Achievement & Contribution to School

Autumn Term 2015

IIIJ

E Sophie Brown
A Ruby Reynolds
C Jessica Hales

IIIM

E Ruth Kirby
A Violet Reed
C Roberta Tan

IIIS

E Hina Kodama
A Amber Mided
C Isabel Cripps

LIVJ

E Alice Mullins
A Eleni Papanayotou
C Larissa Isaacs

LIVM

E Marina Jacobson
A Iona Geidt
C Ellie Valentine

LIVS

E Charlotte Zeyssloff
A Lorna Sibson
C Scarlett Heyes

UIVJ

E Isabella Maguire
A Devina Loomba
C Stephanie Sheehan

UIVM

E Melissa Hirsch
A Ambre Brabant
C Clementine Mitford

UIVS

E Thea Gavanski
A Emilia Upton
C Mathilda Drukier

LVH

E Emma Monnickendam
A Mina Guessous
C Antonia Burgess

LVAL

E Alice Emlyn Jones
A Ella Roeser
C Antonia Woolf

LVL

E Caroline Coyne
A Sophia Chitty
C Cassia Thakkar

UVC

E Emma Caro
A Sara Mahmud
C Julia Casanova

UVP

E Yasmeen Louis
A Sadie Levi
C Emily Jerjian

UVT

E Lara Evans
A Ellen Pallant
C Matilda Acton

LVI

E Nicole Chretien
E Jessica Clayton
E Nadia Muccio
E Christina Nakhla
A Aditi Bhandari
A Lucy Morris
A Savannah Sandford
A Zinnia Silver
C Dania Al-Saffar
C Martha Barron
C Claudia French
C Georgina Miller

UVI

E Nicola Doll-Steinberg
E Natalia Fishman
E Mia Green
E Katey Jackson
A Ambre de Tourniel
A Arisa Loomba
A Caroline Turner
A Alfie Watt
C Sawyer Eaton
C Serena Khemaney
C Isabelle Shirley
C Jessica Tuli

LEGEND

E – EFFORT
A – ACHIEVEMENT
C – CONTRIBUTION



Sixth Form Scholarships 2016-18



Congratulations to Helena McBurney and Eva Gimpel-Oxinalde, who have been awarded the Sixth Form Academic Scholarships. In addition, an Academic Exhibition has been granted to Yasmeen Louis. These students sat a challenging examination in October 2015 and were interviewed by Mrs Marie Winckler (Chair of Governors) and Ms Jacqueline Zugg (Academic Deputy Head).

Congratulations to Ellen Pallant and Alexandra Stephenson who have been granted Sixth Form Music Exhibitions.

Well done!

Ms Jacqui Zugg
ACADEMIC DEPUTY HEAD

Extending learning beyond A level through the Extended Project Qualification

Our congratulations go to Seran Aksoy, Vida Fatemi, Arisa Loomba, Eliza Scott, Alfie Watt and Amalia White in the Upper Sixth who completed their Extended Projects in December 2015. This involved researching and writing a 5,000 word dissertation on a topic of their choice and presenting their findings to an audience of students, staff and parents in early December.

the girls the skills required to complete their projects. I would like to thank Ms Lewis and her team of supervisors (Mrs Lockwood, Ms Barton, Mrs Cohen, Miss Langley and Dr de Bono) for the support and guidance they have given these students over the past year.

Ms Jacqui Zugg
ACADEMIC DEPUTY HEAD

The Extended Project, an optional qualification offered to all students in the Sixth Form and worth half an A2 level grade, is taken in addition to A levels and is designed to challenge the most able students. The projects are wide-ranging in their subject matter and reflect the students' interests. The qualification tests their organisational skills, their capability for independent research and their ability to analyse sources and solve problems, all extremely valuable skills for university study.

Ms Kristina Lewis, Extended Project Coordinator, has overseen the whole process with dedication and has taught

“The qualification tests their organisational skills, their capability for independent research and their ability to analyse sources and solve problems, all extremely valuable skills for university study.”



Carol Service at Marylebone Parish Church

On the last Monday of term, the annual school Carol Service was held at Marylebone Parish Church which effortlessly seated the whole school and hundreds of parents. Glorious solos from Isabelle Roberts and Amelia Mehra were matched with choral singing of a very high standard. It was a poignant evening because it was Mrs Durham's last carol service. She concluded the service by reading the Ninth Lesson, before the service ended with a traditional candlelight processional to Britten's Hodie.

Mr Robert Patterson
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC





A Midwinter Dream

Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream was given a fresh twist in our latest school production, December 2nd-4th 2015. Continuing my infamous obsession with trees – some of you may remember the enormous fibreglass and steel tree that sprouted in our Hall for Much Ado About Nothing two years ago – the Hall was transformed into Narnia. Two giant pines framed a set consisting of reproduction Christmas trees, leaves, ivy and a lot of rather convincing spray-on snow! The idea comes from Titania's speech accusing Oberon of tampering with the seasons by arguing with her over the Indian boy: the seasons have altered, and the old god of winter, Hiems, wears a bizarre chaplet of roses. This is the first modern-dress Shakespeare I have directed: our four lovers came into the snowy forest wearing coats and scarves, and Theseus' May morning hunting party sported barbours, tweed caps

and green wellies. Quince's earnest scarf-clad am-dram society consisted of two builders in hard hats and high-viz jackets, as well as a nattily dressed tailor and a tabloid newspaper-reading carpenter in cosy corduroys.

Aside from the look of the piece, the production was fast-paced, very funny and poignant. Three packed houses enjoyed splendid performances from Elle Bogle, Scarlett Field-Green, Lily Rutterford and Lucy Morris as the four lovers, whose romantic intrigues were entangled and mirrored by a magisterial Oberon, played by Lucy Minderides, and a beautiful and defiant Titania, played by Claudia French. Emma Monnickendam's hilarious interpretation of Bottom was a real crowd-pleaser, bringing an endearing blend of honesty and haplessness to the role.

Special mention should be given to Caitlin Isaacs and Chiara Argenti, who created a set of unique fairy costumes specially for this production; I would also like to thank Mr Tim Millar, uncle to the two McBurney sisters Helena and Charlotte, who played Quince and Flute, for making a fabulous donkey mask and wall, and all the other parent helpers who created the set and looked after the costumes. I should also mention the beautiful incidental music, specially composed by our own Mr Ingham, which caught the mixture of the mysterious and the bizarre in this production just perfectly. Wonderful, just wonderful!

Mrs Kate Oakley
ENGLISH AND DRAMA DEPARTMENT



Academic Enrichment Lecture

A number of students and staff attended the most interesting and informative lecture given by Ms Flora Barton (History Department) on Thursday 8th December. Ms Barton spoke on the subject **'Just a Phase? Mods, rockers and other 20th Century youth cultures.'** Her talk looked at the emergence of these youth cultures in the 1950s and examined the historical and social context in which they developed, as well as the key differences between the groups. The number of questions following Ms Barton's thought-provoking lecture highlighted the relevance of this topic to both students and staff.

Ms Jacqui Zugg
ACADEMIC DEPUTY HEAD




Academic Enrichment Lecture Spring Term 2016

The 2015-2016 Academic Enrichment Lecture series continues this term with Ms Ann-Marie Conway and Mrs Hana Packford giving talks on topics of particular academic interest to them. The schedule for the lectures this term is as follows:

Thursday 4th February 2016

Measuring Happiness

Can we use Economics to quantify happiness?



Ms Ann-Marie Conway
HEAD OF ECONOMICS

Thursday 3rd March 2016

'I would rather stand three times on the front line than bear one Child' Euripides' Medea

Exploring the challenges of everyday life for women in the ancient world.

Mrs Hana Packford
HEAD OF CLASSICS

The Academic Enrichment Lectures are open to all students and are held in the Lecture Theatre at 4:15pm, finishing at approximately 5pm. We strongly encourage girls in the Upper Fifth and the Sixth Form to attend.

Ms Jacqui Zugg
ACADEMIC DEPUTY HEAD

Poetry Competition

'Water, Water, Everywhere' was the theme of this year's Poetry Competition run by the English Department. The pupils responded to a series of images, diagrams and words in any way they chose. The English Department was astounded with the quality and variety of almost 250 poems.

Congratulations to **Courtney McNeil** in the Lower Fifth who for the second year running won Overall Winner. Her winning poem in 2015 was titled *The Blue Danube* and features below.

Mr Adrian Smith

ENGLISH AND DRAMA DEPARTMENT



POETRY
OVERALL
WINNER

**Courtney
McNeil**

The Blue Danube

*The day dawned gold like molten glass
Gilding every strand of grass
With white light thrown across the grey,
The blue Danube, like filigree
Coursing through the moss and sand
And sunny-silver water spray.*

*We marched into the Eastern land
Till barely could we speak or stand.
Our socks wore thin, our boots soaked through,
And down the road our hometown grew
A mere speck to meet our bleary eyes
Of hazel, grey and blue.*

*From early morning's nebular skies
Came the first rain, paired with wintry sighs
As the clouds ripped down the silver seams
Of starlight, space and pale moonbeams,
Streaming down our solemn faces
As the clouds parted with golden gleams.*

*Windswept from late Summer's graces
We fell in line, orderly spaces;
Not an inch of one's nose was out of line.
Quarter to six, half past nine,
The hours flew by as we walked the straits
Of the silver Danube's shine.*

*Before us shimmered deathly fates
Of heaven's domes and hellish gates,
Of black boots, mud and trampled spines
Trodden into their watery shrines,
Bohemian skies to light the pyre
Behind water-sodden lines.*

*The Prussian men did not retire,
Our nostrils stung with powder and fire;
The recoil of the cannons, the carbine's rusted lock
And back in old Vienna the church announced it
six o'clock
Where the Danube's waves wind and play
Like ribbons round the dock.*

*Next morning came all soft and grey
With hazy fog and shimmering day.
Soft drab hills rolled past field and stile,
Dark trees and fires for mile upon mile
Shimmered on the Elbe's face
A friendly, gold-flecked, moon-graced smile.*

*Sunlight gleamed like silver lace,
Spun glass, gilding time and space.
Some golden hours before the cry
Of a myriad men rose loud and high
The dark woods trembled, the earth then quaked,
And the waves began to sigh.*

*The Elbe heaved and sleepily snaked
Round the hills, which with cannon fire ached.
We had settled far beyond the reach
Of the Danube's cradling, frothing beach.
They'd now our shuddering forces found,
Bibles open to Psalms which the churchmen preach.*

*Like lynxes they prowled, fierce, abound,
A blue-cloaked parade towards us bound.
The clouds parted and the rain poured down
From heaven's gilded, lofty crown,
And pooled beneath our helpless feet
Where the helpless dead would drown.*

*I can tell you that their very stare,
Their steely eyes, their near-blond hair
Was piercing, raw, but without the grace
The Danube has; its golden sand
That girdles the red-roofed fairyland
Waves peaceful and blue as a summer sea,
Just as it should forever be.*

WINNERS

THIRDS:

Lola Edsberg

LOWER FOURTH:

Mollie Chapman

UPPER FOURTH:

Eva Perez

LOWER/UPPER FIFTH:

Amber Khan

OVERALL WINNER:

Courtney McNeil



Prof. John Mullan on 'Sense and Sensibility'

We had an intellectual and literary treat on Thursday 7th January when Professor John Mullan, who is Professor of English and Head of the English department at University College, London visited the school to speak to the girls about the A Level set text, Jane Austen's 'Sense and Sensibility'. Professor Mullan is also a broadcaster,

writer and journalist who writes weekly for The Guardian and he is a leading expert on Jane Austen, having published 'What Matters in Jane Austen?' in 2012, a text which our Lower Sixth English Literature students have been dipping in to in order to broaden their understanding of the social

and historical contexts of the Georgian era. All of the Lower Sixth English students attended this lively, witty and entertaining talk, as well as members of the Senior Literary Society and invited guests from St. Marylebone School and South Hampstead School.

Professor Mullan has a personal connection to our school as his wife is a former pupil! He spoke with great enthusiasm about the novel's heroines, Elinor and Marianne Dashwood, and gave the girls plenty of food for thought with regard to Austen's mixture of comedy and pain in the novel, and her complex narrative style and characterisation. He enjoyed engaging with the audience and putting the teachers on the spot by testing their knowledge too! This was an excellent enrichment opportunity and we are very grateful to Professor Mullan for his time.

Ms Emma Williams

HEAD OF ENGLISH, DEPUTY HEAD OF SIXTH FORM



Upper Sixth Trip to Philosophy of Religion conference at Bloomsbury Church

On Friday 20th November 2015, the A2 RS group attended the annual Philosophy of Religion conference titled 'Being and Nothingness' at Bloomsbury Baptist Church.

The girls enjoyed lectures by Dr Peter Vardy on the Probability and Nature of God and the Cosmological and Design arguments.

Dr Stephen Law's lecture entitled 'Atheism and the Evil God challenge' raised some interesting dilemmas.



The afternoon debate considered the motion 'this house believes that God is the most probable explanation of the universe as we find it' and Emily Maguire made a strong contribution on behalf of the FHS Religious Studies group.

It was a very intense but stimulating day and provided an excellent opportunity for the girls to engage in the study of these issues at this level. The very detailed study notes will also be an

invaluable source of revision as the mock examinations approach.

On Monday 8th February the Lower Sixth Religious Studies group will be attending the equivalent Ethics Conference titled 'All you need is love' exploring sexual and medical ethics and the ideas of Immanuel Kant. I am sure it will be equally stimulating.

Mrs Sharon Bexon
ACTING HEAD OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES DEPT.



Sixth Form Psychology Trip to Bethlem Museum of the Mind

On Friday 8th January 2016, the Psychology students, together with Ms Langley and Ms Oloumi, visited Bethlem Museum of the Mind. On the same site, Bethlem hospital continues to provide in-patient care as part of the South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust, and students commented on the calm environment and admitted it was not as they had imagined.

After considering the history of Bethlem, the students were presented with a thought-provoking painting, titled 'The Maze' (above right). The task was to look at the imagery and think of what the patient might have been feeling at the time: what was going on in his psyche? The students then had time to look around the museum, where they could read and learn about a variety of mental health problems as well as consider treatments – both old and new. The last activity required the students to decide whether weekend home leave should be granted to a patient who had recently been admitted to the hospital. This was a hypothetical task but it provoked lots of discussion –



were the risks to the patient too high? What about the patient's rights? There were many arguments for and against and we were told that the mental health clinicians would have similar discussions and also find the decision challenging.

This was a hugely enjoyable and valuable day, not least to promote a shift in the way people with mental health problems are viewed.

Ms Angharad Langley
HEAD OF PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT

'Displacement' Art Installation by Eden Gundle

A student who makes things happen, artist Eden Gundle from the Upper Sixth, invited visitors to interact with her installation, constructed from bricks and rubble, drawing attention to the massive impact of the earthquake which occurred in Nepal last year. The participants' responses and visual imagery contributed to the development of Eden's current project.

Ms Jane Orr

HEAD OF ART DEPARTMENT



International Horse Show Trip to Olympia

The Equestrian Club, accompanied by Mrs Packford and Ms Williams, went to see the International Horse Show at Olympia on Thursday 17th December 2015.

The whole day was a dreamy experience for any horse fan: the girls were hugely excited at the prospect of exploring the various stalls in the Equestrian Village, where they bought all sorts of horsey paraphernalia, from highlighter-coloured lead ropes to tasty treats for their horses.

The displays put on for the show were varied and impressive. The programme began with the Santa Show Jumping Stakes, in which world class show jumping champions, including three members of the famous Whitaker family, were competing; seeing such excellence on an international level was inspirational. The Household Cavalry

Mounted Regiment put on an amazing stunt display to music, and it was so warming to see children and little Shetland ponies racing their hearts out in the Osbourne Shetland Pony Grand National.

The girls all went home in festive spirits following the jointly Christmas

and horse themed pantomime in the Christmas Finale, but were also excited about their riding lessons in the holidays.

Mrs Hana Packford

HEAD OF CLASSICS DEPARTMENT





Parents' Association News

A very happy New Year to all from the Parents' Association. We are busy planning two fundraising events for next term and have dates for your diary.

The Spring Quiz Night and Silent Auction will be held on Wednesday 20th April from 6.30pm. Simon O'Hagan of the Independent is back once again as our Quizmaster, challenging all we think we know! Start organising your table now for this highly anticipated and spirited evening. We are looking for donations for the silent auction and the raffle. The committee can be contacted by email at PA@fhs-nw1.org.uk, if you would like to make a donation or have any questions.

The third annual BBQ and Tennis Hit and Giggle is set for Friday 17th June from 5.30pm at the Regent's Park tennis courts. It is a fun evening for the entire family, with fabulous food catered by Steve and tennis for all abilities. A lovely way to start a summer weekend and absolutely no competition required!

Invitations and details for both events will arrive by clarion call later this term. We all hope you can join us for these two fun-filled evenings to raise money in aid of our chosen charities: The Swiss Cottage Special School; FHS Summer Camp at Sayers Croft; the Rainbow Centre and Teacher Wish Lists.

Mrs Laurel Rafter

CHAIR, PARENTS' ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE



Parents' Association Committee 2015-2016

PRESIDENT

Mr Charles Fillingham

CHAIR

Mrs Laurel Rafter

SECRETARY

Mrs Andy Haine

TREASURER

Mr Rob Haine

TEACHER LIAISON

Ms Angharad Langley

Ms Clare MacDonnell

MEMBERS

Mrs Erin Boeckman

Mrs Maggie Brown

Ms Rose Campbell

Mrs Louise Cable-Alexander

Ms Hope Davies

Mrs Annie Gregson

Mrs Barbara Grillmaier-Stick

Mrs Dawn Hobson

Mrs Marie Louise Flood

Mrs Varney Polydor

Mr Robert Saunders

Ms Eilis Tobin

Mr Paul Turner



The Duke of Edinburgh's Award

AWARD



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

BRONZE AWARD

Danielle Dunkley
Emily Evangelou
Lucy Morris
Giada Pipicelli
Alexandra Stephenson

SILVER AWARD

Zinnia Silver
Kathryn Waters



IMPORTANT DATES 2016:

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

GOLD

Training

Saturday 6 February (10:00–16:00 in school)

Practice Expedition

11–15 July, Peak District

Assessment Expedition

22–26 August, North Wales

SILVER

Training

Saturday 6 February (10:00–16:00 in school)

Practice Expedition

30 April–2 May, Chelmsford

Assessment Expedition

28–30 May, Chesham

BRONZE

Training

Saturday 10 September (10:00–16:00 in school)

Practice Expedition

24–25 September, Harlow

Assessment Expedition

18–19 October, Chelmsford



Plenty of girls are making great progress with their awards, and some are nearing completion, which is fantastic! If anyone would like online help with an area of their award or need the last section signed off, please attend the D of E clinic on a Thursday at short break in the ICT room.

Thank you!

Ms Natalia Lamas

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD CO-ORDINATOR

South Hampstead Gymnastics Competition & Milano Competition

On Friday 4th December, Georgia Glick, Savannah Roeser, Issy Jackson, Inês Cocco and Eliza Harding travelled to South London to take part in the London Region Milano Gymnastics competition. They did extremely well against very experienced opposition, with Georgia Glick finishing highest on the floor and Eliza Harding finishing highest in the vault.

On Wednesday 9th December, our Gymnasts took part in the South Hampstead Gymnastics competition. They performed brilliantly in every age group and produced some outstanding results:

U12

- » **Roberta Tan** finished first on the floor with her solo routine.
- » **Catrin Jones & Poppy Epstein** finished first on the floor in the pairs.
- » **Sienna Hunt** finished first in the vault.



U13

- » **Rose McGowan** finished second on the floor and in the vault.

U14

- » **Issy Jackson & Inês Cocco** finished third with their pairs routine.
- » **Georgia Glick & Abigail Howard-Yam** finished second with their pairs routine.
- » **Georgia Glick** finished third in the vault.

U17

- » **Tilly Holt & Rosie Holt** finished first in the pairs.
- » **Savannah Roeser & Anna Clayton** finished second in the pairs.
- » **Ambre De Tourniel** finished second on the floor with her solo routine.
- » **Rosie Holt** finished first in the vault.

Congratulations to all and thanks to their fantastic coach, Annie Ahmagjoka!

Ms Maria Merrigan
PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT



Many congratulations to **Alice Ward** in the Upper Fifth, on being selected for the Middlesex JAC Hockey squad (equivalent to County Hockey). This is a great achievement and one step away from the Junior Regional Performance Centre!

Athletics success at FHS

On Sunday 10th January, the South of England Under 15 Athletics Championships were held at Lee Valley Sports Centre, and **Alicia Regis** in the Upper Fourth ran in the 200m event. She broke the record twice in her semi-finals and in the final finished in first place with an outstanding time of 25.04 seconds. The previous record was held by Desiree Henry, one of the UK's top sprinters. Alicia is currently ranked number one in the country for her age group. We are hugely proud of Alicia and look forward to FHS Sports Day 2016 to be able to see her in action!



Spring Term Sports Report

January blues? Not at FHS – there's too much happening! Our Gymnasts have been busy representing the school at the Middlesex Competition this month – well done girls on those excellent performances. The Thirds and Lower Fourth's were a bundle of energy for their Dance workshops. African and Indian dance styles were performed to the respective thumping beats – a great time was had by all. Training has also started for our next Sports Tour, to South Africa, in the coming October holiday. Lessons have also been busy, as too has the after-school fixtures schedule. But wait, there's more – our next swimming tour to Malta has also just been launched, to depart in the May half term!

February is nearly here, which brings with it the annual February Fitness Fortnight – time to test your mettle, girls! The Gym and Dance Display is looking to be another triumph for the PE Department; do keep Friday 4th March free. The FHS 'Olympics' Mini Marathon is upon us, just a week later.

We also have summer sports trials starting in the following week and the term is rounded off nicely with the Inter-form Netball tournament – which is another FHS 'Olympics' event, so look out for the Italian Pizzas and American starlets taking to the courts. Intertwined amongst all these events, we also have the FHS 'Olympics' Football tournament taking place on Thursday lunchtimes – mayhem: enter stage left!

Well done to all of the girls who received a Sports commendation at the end of the autumn term – your commitment and enthusiasm are shining through.

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

Ms Jane Tucker

HEAD OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

SPORT

Spring PE dates to note:

Friday 4 March

Gym and Dance Display
5pm, FHS Hall

Friday 11 March

FHS 'Olympics' Mini Marathon
Regent's Park

Tuesday 15 March

U12 & U13 Middlesex
Netball Tournament
LEH School

Mon 14 – Tues 22 March

Summer Sports Trials begin
Regent's Park
(continue in the Summer term)

Monday 21 March

FHS 'Olympics' Inter-form
Netball Competition
Regent's Park

Thursdays (25 Feb – 28 April)

FHS 'Olympics'
Inter-form Football Competition
Playground

Results from the FHS 'Olympic' Inter-form Hockey Tournament, December 2015

The first FHS 'Olympics' event of the year was an absolute cracker! Each form took on the colours and national 'garb' of their Olympic country in a spectacular array of multiculturalism.

Maximum participation was the order of the tournament, and nearly every girl in the school took part – well done to everyone for a fantastic tournament!



Year group winners:

IIIS	South Africa
LIVM	Greece
UIVM	Japan
LVL	Jamaica
UVT	Turkey
VIHP/RP	Italy

Best and fairest players:

III	Anika Patel (South Africa)
LIV	Scarlet Heyes (Germany)
UIV	Kalliopi Hadjipateras (Spain)
LV	Alice Emlyn Jones (Australia)
UV	Saffron Taylor (Turkey)
VI	Alice Haine (China)

FEBRUARY 2016

MONDAY 1 FEBRUARY

5.30pm Upper Fifth Parents' Evening for UVC and UVP
(Boateng-Louka)

TUESDAY 2 FEBRUARY

5.30pm Upper Fifth Parents' Evening for UVT and UVP
(Lowsley-Williams – Weller)

THURSDAY 4 FEBRUARY

7.30pm Upper Fifth Theatre trip to *Mamma Mia*

FRIDAY 5 FEBRUARY

8.45am 138th School Birthday Service in St Cyprian's Church

9.30am-4.00pm Inter-form Drama Competition Finals

7.30pm-10.00pm Lower Fourth School Disco in the Hall

TUESDAY 9 FEBRUARY

6.00pm Pre-concert drinks in the Library

6.30pm String Concert in the School Hall

SATURDAY 13 FEBRUARY

8.15am Ski Trip to Tonale, Italy, departs (returns Fri 19 Feb, approx 3.30pm)

11.00am Lower Sixth German Work Experience in Berlin departs (returns Sat 20 Feb, approx 1.20pm)

3.00pm History and Politics Trip to Berlin departs (returns Tue 16 Feb, approx. 7pm)

MONDAY 22 FEBRUARY

Sixth Form Mock Examinations begin

WEDNESDAY 24 FEBRUARY

5.30pm Parents' meeting for Ypres Trip in the Hall

MARCH 2016

TUESDAY 1 MARCH

5.30pm Parents' meeting for History of Art Trip to Florence and Rome in the Lecture Theatre

WEDNESDAY 2 MARCH

5.30pm Parents' meeting for Barcelona Trip in the Lecture Theatre

WEDNESDAY 9 MARCH

5.30pm Lower Fifth Parents' Evening for LVAL and LVH
(Abel – Kauffmann-Wolfe)

THURSDAY 10 MARCH

5.30pm Lower Fifth Parents' Evening for LVL and LVH
(Macchi di Cellere – Yau)

FRIDAY 18 MARCH

Whole School Mufti Day in aid of Swiss Cottage School

TUESDAY 22 MARCH

7.00pm Joint Choral Concert at Harrow School



FHS Gym and Dance Display

5pm–6pm on Friday 4th March 2016

Pre-performance drinks in the Library at 4.30pm. *All parents welcome.*

– CAREERS NEWS –

Upcoming Careers Talks (For the Upper Fifth)

Gareth Jones
on Careers in Property

Friday 22 January, 3.25pm

Yasmin McDonnell
on her Career as a Humanitarian Policy Adviser

Friday 29 January, 3.25pm

Work Experience Week for the Upper Fifth:
July 4th– 8th 2016

- » *Girls should be looking for placements as soon as possible.*
- » *Most of these are organised via friends and family connections.*
- » *Girls needing help should email Mrs Oakley as soon as possible, and must be prepared to be flexible.*
- » *If any parent can offer a placement to a girl in the Upper Fifth, Mrs Oakley would be delighted to hear from you.*

FHS/RP IS RECRUITING!

DEPUTY REGISTRAR AND SCHOOL SECRETARY

(TO BECOME REGISTRAR BY JUNE 2017)

REQUIRED MARCH 2016

We are looking for someone to undertake a one-year phased takeover from Mrs Sandy Bailey, the current School Registrar. The successful applicant will begin as Deputy Registrar and School Secretary (Administration, Reception, First Aid and Admissions). Subject to satisfactory progress, s/he will move on to manage the school's admissions after one year. The Registrar has a significant role within the school and its community, being responsible for the recruitment of pupils at all entry points and ensuring that all enquiries and applicants receive a positive impression of the School. Candidates will preferably be familiar with independent schools' admissions processes, either from inside a school or from having had children through the system.

A job description, full person specification and application form can be downloaded via the Vacancies section on the website www.fhs-nw1.org.uk.



FRANCIS HOLLAND SCHOOL
REGENT'S PARK

Ivor Place, London NW1 6XR

020 7723 0176 | admin@fhs-nw1.org.uk | www.fhs-nw1.org.uk

