

# YEAR 9 NEWSLETTER

## HEAD OF YEAR'S COMMENTS

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The end of another academic year is now upon us after a busy summer term.

The girls have been involved in lots of different activities. Ranging from a trip to Ypres to a work shadowing day (and lots in-between).

Uniform is generally looking quite good, but there are a couple of aspects with which we need your support:: skirts and shoes.

### Forthcoming Dates

**Monday 6th September**

**Term Starts for Year 10**

Some girls have been turning up in their old school skirts (which are now too short for them). Also, some girls have started to wear plymsolls to school, which is not acceptable as part of the school uniform. Nail varnish and make up are creeping back in too. I know that these problems are usually solved by the start of a new academic year.

From September, Mrs Balderson will be returning to school after her maternity leave and will resume her role as Head of Year as the girls move into Year 10. I will be taking a permanent Head of Year Position with the current Year 7s.



Coach 2 at Tyne Cot

The girls have been a joy to work with this year and I will miss being their Head of Year (although I hope that they will keep me updated with their activities and achievements).

I hope that you all have a good summer holiday and I look forward to seeing some of the girls in my GCSE Geog-raphy classes in September.

Jordana Barnett  
ACTING HEAD OF YEAR 9

## DRAMA COMPETITION

On the 15<sup>th</sup> of July 2010, the whole of Year 9 participated in the annual drama competition. There was a range of plays including Romeo and Juliet, Garlic and Lavender, I Didn't Think, Midsummer Nights Dream, and The Crucible. The plays required a variation of skills including excellent choreography, outstanding drama, and a great range of technical knowledge. Every year, the drama competition is a show of incredible talent on and off the stage. It consumes a lot of the girls' free time including after school and lunch-time rehearsals. The girls are com-

pletely responsible and their English teachers have nothing to do with their productions, directors are elected and casts are set and from the very beginning the girls are fully independent. The quality of the plays are outstanding and each year the staff are astounded by the development of the plays and the actresses. The drama rehearsal to the rest of Year 9 went off incredibly well and the girls simply couldn't wait for show night to arrive. As the night drew nearer, small adjustments

were made to perfect their performances while the costume and make up team were finalising the aesthetics. The night went off without a hitch, and the girls had a fantastic time performing. The parents were blown away by the standard of performance. Right from the first performance to the last, there was an incredible atmosphere as the parents were captivated in their seats, so it came as no surprise that the judges had great difficulty choosing who was to win. However, it had to be decided, so

at the end of a fantastic evening of drama, the winner was announced. So a huge congratulations to 9.4 who performed 'A Midsummer's Night Dream' incredibly. We would just like to thank everyone who took part and came to watch the year 9 drama competition. We hope you enjoyed it just as much as Year 9 did!

Jenna Howes and Amee Sachdev-Wood

## HUMANITIES TRIP TO YPRES

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> of July 2010 the whole of year 9 travelled to Belgium on the Eurotunnel. It took around five hours to get from England to Belgium. On the way to Ypres we visited a cemetery just outside Poperinghe (a town which was used for rest and recuperation for those soldiers behind the front line trenches); it was shocking first taste to see how many people had lost their lives to the war. In Poperinghe we visited Talbot house, known as the 'Everyman's Club' because it was the only place in the area where soldiers and officers could mix freely. In the centre of Poperinghe we visited the cells where soldiers charged with desertion were kept before being shot. It introduced us to the issues surrounding the morality of war.

At Talbot house we watched a video of a re-enacted First World War entertainment evening. We then had a look around Talbot house and the gardens, some of the girls even played the piano there. In the roof of Talbot House was the original chapel run by Tubby Clayton; it's amazing what you can find in the attic!

Our two hotels in the centre of Ypres were comfortable and welcoming. There were many facilities at both hotels, such as a games room with arcade games and a computer room so that we could contact our families and friends in England. We had dinner in a restaurant in the centre of Ypres, where we had our own private room

to enjoy our meal. After dinner Coach 1 went to Menin gate remembrance ceremony, while Coaches 2 and 3 had an hour in Ypres before returning back to the hotel.

The next day (Saturday), the three coaches rotated between the same activities; the dug-out museum, Tyne cot cemetery (which is the largest Commonwealth Cemetery in the world) and Langemarck (a German cemetery). Tyne cot was absolutely fascinating; it was beautiful yet so sad: 12,000 people are buried there and it was quite a lot to take in. After these activities all the groups made their way back to Ypres to visit Flanders Field Museum. It was very interesting and we all learnt a lot of new things about, especially as we all had a ticket with a different person on it, so we could chart their experience of the First World War. After the museum we were let out into Ypres to do a survey on tourism; we had to ask people why they were visiting Ypres and where they had come from. We had some free time after doing the survey, before going to the same restaurant for dinner.

On Sunday, we visited Hill 60 and Hill 62, the Railway Dugout cemetery (where there were Indian troops buried) and the Hooge Chateau where there was a reconstruction of trenches which we could go in and see what it was like. After we had all done our

morning activities all the groups went to Ballewaerde theme park for the afternoon, this was so much fun and we all really enjoyed it. Our favourite ride was Boomerang. We stayed at the theme park for about 3 hours before returning back to Ypres. For dinner, we went to a different restaurant which had very good food.

On Monday the groups did a variety of different things, ranging from visiting the Menin Gate again to going to Cassell in the Mont de Flandres. We then travelled to the Eurotunnel and headed back to England.

Overall we think the trip was very informative and it was so much fun, but at the same time it was very moving to see how many people had died. We would definitely like to go again and will never forget this trip. Thank you to all the teachers and the tour guides who helped us learn a lot. It was the best trip that we have ever been on!

By: Ellen Hannacher and Lucy Barr

## MISS WRIGHT'S DEBATING COLUMN

The Debate Squad have had a great term with 6 members attending their first external competition; the UCL Union Schools Junior Cup. Teams made up of Aparna Wagner & Izzy Kendrick-Jones, Lydia Richmond & Izzy Garratt and Issy Maguire & Akila Shakir all spoke tremendously well, doing themselves and DCHS proud. Izzy and Lydia made the final debate (This House Would implement unilateral nuclear disarmament) and after a split decision from the judges were narrowly beaten to first place by a team from St Paul's (the winners of last year's competition!). A hearty hurrah to all who took part! Many thanks to Eleanor Langdale and Gretel Scott of the Head Girl Team, who have coached the Year 9 squad throughout the year.

### Celebration of Achievement Awards

Friday 16th July 2010, the Year 9 Celebration of Achievement took place in the Hall. It was pleasing to see so many pupils chosen for awards. Not only were academic awards presented, but the Form Tutors were asked to nominate for the 'Tutor's Award' for service to the form.

The Pupils with the top attendance were awarded certificates and the Head of Year Award went to the pupils that I feel have shown the most development and progress this year.

### FORM TUTOR AWARDS

- 9B-Imogen Clarke
- 9C-Sophie Hart
- 9N -Erin Millican
- 9P- Lucy Kirkwood  
(A special mention to Elizabeth Elliot)
- 9T- Annabel Stenning

### Head of Year Awards

- Imogen Aboud
- Sonam Duggal
- Rebecca Thubron
- Katie Summerfield

Well done to all. Even if girls did not receive an award in this ceremony we are very pleased with all of their achievements. Well done!

ACADEMIC AWARDS

Imogen Aboud	Sophie McClusky	Izzie Garratt	Annabel Underwood	Amee Sachdev-Wood	Imogen Clarke	Hannah Ozturk
English, History and Latin Effort; Maths Effort and Progress	French and Geography Progress; English Achievement; Biology Effort and Progress; Music Progress	English, History and Physics Achievement; Music Progress	Music, Art and DT Progress; IT Achievement	Music Progress; History Achievement	Music Progress; Geography Effort and Progress	English Effort; IT Achievement
Lucy Kirkwood	Katy Lewis	Katherine Royals	Amelia Owens	Isobel Taylor-Hearn	Suriyah Rashid	Caitrin Jones
Chemistry Effort and Progress; Physics Commitment; Biology Commitment and Effort	Music and RS Progress; English and Spanish Achievement	History Achievement; RS Progress; Latin Achievement and Commitment	English, IT and French Achievement	Music and RS Progress; Physics Effort and Achievement	English Achieve; French Achievement; Spanish Progress and Achievement; Maths Progress	English and History Achievement; Latin Effort and Progress; DT Progress
Victoria Wilding	Isabel Maloney	Alexandra Kaye	Isabella Kendrick - Jones	Ellen Hannacher	Alison Dunning	Saskia Binks
Music Progress; History Effort	History Achievement; Maths Progress; German Effort and Progress	IT and Chemistry Achievement	Latin Achievement and Commitment; Biology Effort and Progress; Geography Progress	IT Effort	Geography Effort and Progress	IT Effort
Ruby Morris	Sophie Guneratne	Danielle Smith	Hannah Pitman	Sophie Onn	Brogan Carroll	Emma Dziegiel
Chemistry Improvement; RS Progress	Physics Effort	Physics Effort	Physics Achievement	French, Geography and RS Progress	French and DT Progress	English Effort
Sasha Gloyne	Sophie ROLLINGS	Erin Millican	Winne Yan	Amber Bhogal	Heather Ryan	Emily Scott
History Effort	IT Effort	Music Progress; Maths Progress and Effort	English Effort	History Effort; Maths Progress and Effort	IT Effort	IT Achievement; DT Progress
Payal Meta	Tejasui Gohil	Katie Summerfield	Mubaraka Muchhala	Thea Walker	Evangeline Grant	Halisha Patel
History Effort	Chemistry Effort	Latin Ach	German Effort	German Progress; Physics Commitment and Achievement	Chemistry Achievement; Art Progress	Chemistry Achievement; DT Achievement
Jemma Wenman	Alice Rooke	Chantelle Rees	Eleanor Huish	Sonia Arora	Jenna Howes	Akila Shakir
Chemistry and DT Progress	Geography and DT Progress	French and Maths Effort	French Pogress	French Progress	Geog Progress	Geography and Art Progress; Biology Effort and Progress
Safiyah Patel	Carrie Holloway	Gayle Fung	Laura Jones	Anna Khanzadeh	Abigail Fedorovsky	Sophie Hopkinson
Physics Commitment and Progress	Physics Effort; R.S Progress	Physics Effort and Achievement	IT Effort	Physics Achievement	Physics Improvement	DT Progress
Hershini Soneji	Serena Dosanjh	Simran Bains	Tirion Cullen	Emily Louch	Alice Vaughan	Annabel Stenning
Physics Effort and Progress; R.S. Progress	Biology Effort and Progress; Art Progress; Maths Effort	DT Progress	DT Progress	DT Progress	Maths Effort	RS Progress
Amy Smith	Lydia Rose	Elizabeth Elliot	Beth Hitchcock	Ashleigh Race	Anya Kopieczek	Lucy Bell
Maths Effort	DT Progress	Maths Progress	Art, Geography and RS Progress	Art Progress	Art Progress	Art Progress
Eugenie Henderson	Felicity Simpson	Sophie Hart	Bethany Boulwood	Abbie Ashby	Amy Botwright	
Art Progress	Geography Progress	Geography Progress	RS Progress	RS Progress	RS Progress	

## SPORTS DAY

On Wednesday 14th July Dr Challoners held a very successful Sports Day, with all years competing and enjoying a healthy dose of house rivalry. Heats were held in the morning under the strict eye of the PE department, and you were allowed to watch your own year race, this helped us too support all of our peers. In the afternoon, painted in house colours and with incredible large chants, we paraded with our

house onto the field, ready to compete in the finals. The highlight was the school finals for relay, with three Bronte teams from year 8,9 and 10 and a year 12 curie teams, all running against the courageous math's department who came valiant in fourth position, our 9B team came third. Fortunately the weather prevailed for the better part of the day although a ferocious downpour sent all years running and ended the

sporting day. Pankhurst became the yellow victors, gained the most points and were awarded the sports day cup and prizes were also handed out to all winning runners, jumpers and throwers from all houses. We can only hope hat next year will be bigger, better and there will be sun!!!

Lydia Richmond 9T

## HALIFAX HOUSE

On Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> July, a group of Year 9 girls went to Halifax House. It is a retirement community, which has people staying there from ages 55 and above. When the girls arrived they began taking round sandwiches, tea and coffee. Slowly more and more residents joined them and we started the entertainment.

Our most talented musicians had volunteered to sing or play for the residents. We had renditions of Frank Sinatra and Louis Armstrong on the piano as well as wonderful trumpet and flute solos. Some of the girls had baked cakes and biscuits and they offered them with another round of tea. The atmosphere was wonderful; everyone was enjoying talking to the men and women staying there and each one of the girls had a story to pass on after that lovely afternoon.

Aparna Wagner 9.4

## MEMORIES FROM YPRES

