



Summer 2021

THE CASTLE



PAGE 7

NEW OUTDOOR
CLASSROOM

Installed this term

PAGE 12

MHS COLOUR
RUN

An explosion of colourful fun

PAGE 20

INTER-HOUSE
SPORTS DAYS

Nursery to Year 8 athletics



MARLBOROUGH
HOUSE SCHOOL EST 1874

ENJOYING TODAY
EDUCATING FOR TOMORROW



Contents

Tawny Owlets visit Nursery and Reception	4	Year 6 Informal Plays	16
Summer Term Tree Planting.....	4	Book Week.....	17
Pre-Prep Poem of the Month	5	Senior Swimming Gala	18
Staff Snapshot Interviews.....	6	Junior Swimming Gala	18
Internet Legends	6	Year 8 Perform 'Brush Up Your Shakespeare' ...	19
New Outdoor Classroom	7	Prep School Sports Day	20
Riding Team Success.....	7	Pre-Prep Sports Days.....	21
Year 3's 'Forests of the Future' Trip	8	ABRSM Exam Results.....	22
Outdoor Classroom Day	9	Summer Concert and Art Trail	22
Robin Hood Day	10	Pupil and Parent Golf Competition.....	23
U11A Girls win Tournament Shield.....	11	Year 6 Leavers' Tea	23
Year 5 Trip to Richborough Fort.....	11	Clubs Round-Up	24
MHS Colour Run	12	Dance Round-Up	24
Year 8 Trip to Norfolk.....	13	Boarding House Round-Up.....	25
Year 8s published in Mind's Eye Magazine	13	Boys and Girls' Tennis Season	25
Year 6 Staycation.....	14	Boys' Cricket Season.....	26
Year 3 Grandparents' Tea.....	14	Girls' Cricket Season	26
Year 4 Trip to Great Dixter.....	15	Leavers' Programme 2021.....	28
Year 2 Beach Day.....	15	Year 8 Leavers' Gift.....	29
Pre-Prep Informal Concert.....	16	Year 8 Leavers	30
		Staff appointments	34
		Marlborough House Society	35

Scholarship News

This year our talented leavers once again achieved a high scholarship success rate, winning senior school awards in all areas of school life. Congratulations to them all.

Year 8

<i>Theo Carmichael</i>	<i>Art Scholarship, Battle Abbey</i>
<i>Rex Chandler</i>	<i>Music Scholarship, Battle Abbey</i>
<i>Elliot Freeborough</i>	<i>Nigel Wheeler Sports Scholarship, Eastbourne College</i>
<i>Hattie Jones</i>	<i>Art Scholarship, Hurst</i>
<i>Maddie Lloyd</i>	<i>Academic Scholarship, Sevenoaks</i>
<i>Millie Moser</i>	<i>Dance Scholarship, Brighton College</i>
<i>Ulysses Proud</i>	<i>Design and Technology Scholarship, Brighton College</i>
<i>Emmy Rushton</i>	<i>Performing Arts Scholarship, Claremont School</i>
<i>Olivia Wilson</i>	<i>Nigel Wheeler Sports Scholarship, Eastbourne College</i>
<i>Isabelle Wyndham</i>	<i>Music Scholarship, Hurst</i>

Year 6

<i>Pippa Gunston</i>	<i>Music Scholarship, Mayfield School</i>
<i>Holly Howells</i>	<i>Sports Scholarship, Sutton Valence School</i>
<i>Ellie Howells</i>	<i>Sports Scholarship, Sutton Valence School</i>



Note from the Head

Summer 2021

For a Head, all terms are different but some are more different than others! It was the uncertainty that was challenging for everybody, with questions like: What are we allowed to do? Can we have spectators at sports matches? Are overnight trips allowed? Will we make it to the end of term? At MHS we tried to be as bold as we could be, staying within the rules and adopting a common sense approach. I am proud of all that we have achieved this term, as not many schools managed to pull off Sports Days, concerts, end of year celebrations and prize giving – and of course we had spectators at matches!

Thank you to the whole community, children, parents and staff, for the huge team effort that allowed our Summer Term to be such a success and so full of joy. Year 8 enjoyed a full Leavers' Programme, including 5 days away in Norfolk, just reward for all their hard work as the first MHS cohort to tackle and reap the benefits of the PSB. A new Outdoor Classroom, the launch of the Eco Committee and the planting of the Leavers' cherry trees underlined our commitment to the Great Outdoors.



We welcomed a new Bursar, Mr Phil Cornish, while beginning the emotional, long goodbye to Mrs Margaret McTrusty, as well as saying farewell to Mrs Kathryn St John Stephens, a loyal servant of the Pre-Prep. We also welcomed back boarding for the first time in over a year – thank you to Mrs Sarah Rushton for her four years at the helm of the boarding house. People come and go, but schools stay true to their purpose, comfortably sailing through the buffeting winds of change.

My final thoughts are with the children, as they come to the end of probably the strangest year of their lives. The emotional resilience they have shown through lockdown and all the other changes will serve them well, although I hope that they don't have to go through it again next year! Whatever happens, we will be ready – ready to tackle whatever comes our way and deal with it positively and to ask "How can we solve this in the best interests of the MHS community?" Yes, it was a strange term, but I am proud of the resilience that we have all shown. Well done to all of us!

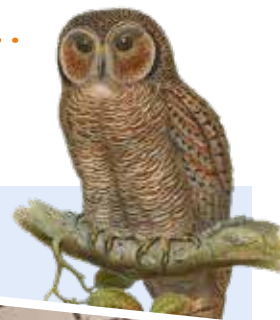
Eddy Newton, Head



Independent Schools of the Year Awards

We are thrilled to have been shortlisted for the Independent Pre-Prep School of the Year 2021. We were selected from a record number of entries and are delighted that our Pre-Prep has once again been recognised in this way.

Congratulations to all the staff and children in Pre-Prep. What a wonderful end to the year! *RR, Head of Pre-Prep*



Tawny Owlets visit Nursery and Reception

Nursery and Reception had some very special visitors in the first week of term. The children were very quiet and careful as they met two beautiful Tawny Owlets. A huge thank you to Miss Edwards for bringing them in.



Summer Term Tree Planting

"From little seeds, grow mighty trees"

Part two of our tree planting project got underway in late April, with green-fingered groups from Reception to Year 6 planting more saplings over the course of two weeks. MHS pupils have now successfully completed our project to plant 200+ native trees; creating a winding woodland walk and growing our busy Forest School. Well done everyone - with some school spirit, a fair amount of elbow grease and lots of (little) helping hands, we did it!

We all look forward to enjoying the many benefits of these areas, or to quote one enthusiastic Year 6 child: 'Let's come back every day to see how much our tree has grown!'



Pre-Prep Poem of the Month

The teachers who work with Pre-Prep are sharing a poem for every month of 2021; a collection designed to create memories of the children's school days and friends, wherever they are.

April

The Pre-Prep Poem of the Month for April is Little Red Riding Hood from Roald Dahl's Revolting Rhymes, read by our Headmaster, Mr Newton.



May

May's Poem of the Month is read by Mrs Walker, Head of RE and PSHE, and who is also responsible for the transition of our Year 2 children as they move into Year 3 and the Prep School. Mrs Walker reads Moo Cow Moo by Edmund Vance Cooke.



June

The Pre-Prep Poem of the Month for June is Ode A Cassandre by Pierre Ronsard, read by Mme De Haan, Head of Modern Foreign Languages. It is a well-known French poem which Mme De Haan learnt during her own school days in France.



July

The July Poem of the Month for Pre-Prep is 'These Old Shoes' by Tony Mitton, read by Mr Mathers, Director of Sport.





Staff Snapshot Interviews

We love getting to know our teachers even better. This term we heard from:

- **Mr Mathers**, Director of Sport who was a Royal Navy helicopter pilot



- Year 1 TA **Mr Whitlock** or 'Mr Knick-Knock' as he is fondly known in Nursery



- Our Russian speaking campanologist and Year 1 Teacher, **Mrs Willett**

- Head of Modern Foreign Languages, **Mme De Haan**, who is also an interpreter for Kent Police

- **Mr Kent**, Boys Games Coach, who is so sporty he won a prize for skiing aged two



- **Mrs Clare Allfrey**, Head of Learning Support, who has conquered Mount Kilimanjaro



- Keen chicken breeder and former children's book illustrator, **Mrs Edmondson**, Head of Nursery

To view the full series of staff interviews, please search 'snapshot interview' on our school website.



Internet Legends

Pupils in the Prep School have been learning how to become safe and confident explorers of the online world. To help children continue to learn, Google and Parent Zone created a fun challenge to test the knowledge of pupils and parents. The children worked with their parents to build their own Internet Legend Trophy.

Congratulations to all our Internet Legends!

RR, Head of IT





New Outdoor Classroom

At MHS we love 'The Great Outdoors' and so were delighted that the Outdoor Classroom was built at the start of term. Nestled in the grounds, it provides a new focal point to support our outdoor learning activities across the curriculum.

We know that while it is the grades acquired in the classroom that will earn pupils their scholarships and senior school places, it is the character skills that will prepare them for life and their future well-being.

At MHS, outdoor learning supports the development of character strengths and transferrable skills, such as problem-solving, creativity and resilience. Our wonderful new outdoor classroom, complete with benches, desks and weatherproof blinds (to enable use whatever the weather!) is a wonderful asset in this area, providing new opportunities for children to develop their characters and a much-needed antidote to the increased screen time that they have all experienced over the past year.



Riding Team Success

Very well done to Rex C in Year 8 who won his class at an NSEA Inter-School Competition in May, winning him a qualification for the Championship Festival at Hickstead. Rex and his lovely pony, Ruby Tuesday, did a beautiful clear round in a good time. The class was the 80/85cm 'Jumping with Style' class and was judged on penalties, time and style marks.

Well done Rex and Ruby!

KD, Riding Team Manager



Year 3's 'Forests of the Future' Trip

At Marlborough House we are very lucky to have Bedgebury Pinetum, a world-leading collection of conifers (over 350!), on our doorstep. This term, Year 3 were the first school group to visit Bedgebury Pinetum since March 2020, and what a trip it was!

The focus for the day was 'Forests of the Future', culminating in 'Forest Heroes' status for all the children after they had completed a series of fun challenges. The aim was to understand why forests are so important for the planet, the climate and the environment, supporting both Year 3's Summer Term topic on Rainforests and the whole school's focus on environmental education.

During the day, Year 3 learnt about how to preserve, care for trees and what we can do to stop species going extinct, with the first topic focusing on exploring the current threats to trees globally. Then we moved further into the forest and, after an exciting game where they attempted to base themselves in a tree that was safe from felling, they built a visual forest cycle in teams. We discovered the importance of the forest cycle in sustainable forest

management and heard about the work of the Forest Stewardship Council.

Next up for our Forest Heroes was tree identification, with the children challenged to find the right tree, take a bark rubbing, collect cones and label their specimens to bring back to school.

We also heard about what the children can do as individuals to help protect trees against the threats they face, including disease and animals, culminating in a true or false session to remind ourselves what we had learnt.

Last up was a fascinating case study on the Malawi Cedar which grows on Mount Mulanje. At one point, this incredibly valuable and durable tree was so sort after that there were only seven trees left in the world. Since then the local villagers, a community nursery, expert foresters and places like Bedgebury, have worked together to rebuild and protect the population of Malawi Cedar.

Well done to all our Year 3 Forest Heroes, who were awarded a series of wooden medals which are hanging in the classroom to help us remember our trip.

EC & AL, Year 3 Form Teachers.



Outdoor Classroom Day

The weather held and we celebrated Outdoor Classroom Day with an official opening of our Outdoor Classroom, lots of outdoor learning and a healthy dose of fresh air.

Thank you to our Head Girl Sophia C and Head Boy Rex C for performing the honours of opening the new classroom, ably supported by Mr Newton and the children of Reception.

The day saw a host of outdoor learning activities for all the children. The Modern Languages Department led the way with: using 'Connect 4' to practise French verbs at the Leavers Table; Spanish in the bell tent for the older children; and a mini Spanish 'colour run' for the younger children as they toured the grounds identifying colours. Maths was enjoyed outside for much of Pre-Prep and Year 3, with Year 5 spending their maths lesson decorating the paving stones in geometric shapes as part of their introduction to angles (and street art!). Year 3 had been learning about time in maths and did a practical

activity linked to clocks before designing their own clocks. After break they did a hunt around the school, linked to their topic on rainforests, before using natural objects for an activity on symmetry. Year 4 enjoyed a busy forest school session, but made time to enjoy some mindful moments under the trees.

Everyone enjoyed a picnic lunch outside, making the most of the bean bags, tents and tipis, before settling to enjoy more outside activities in the afternoon, including Games for the Prep School. Reception had story time in the bell tent which looked very snugly, enjoyed an al fresco music class and tried their hand at creating words from natural objects. Nursery took on their own tree planting project, potting up sycamore saplings for the children to take home. Inspired by our school eco initiative and to support 'Plant a tree for the Jubilee', these baby trees are extra special as the parent tree grows in the nursery garden and it has kindly donated the children a sapling each!





Robin Hood Day

We had a beautiful sunny morning after half term for our Year 4 Robin Hood Activity Day. Our first activity was a debate where Robin was on trial for being a thief. The children purposely strode out into the bright sunshine to go to the court of law (AKA the playground) with a burning question on their minds – Is Robin Hood Good or Bad? Each child was in ‘role’ as Knights, Guards, Poor Farmers with children to feed, Merry Companions, Noble people, Villagers and many more. Robin Hood (Mrs Robinson) bravely spoke to the court to explain his deeds and actions whilst the court listened intently. Then the action began with the children in character stating who they were and how they felt about Robin Hood. There were many passionate speeches made with tales of starving families saved by Robin Hood, of his bravery and generosity. But then the counter arguments came thick and fast, the court heard of Noble people robbed in the forest, of horses stolen by Robin and his companions and many other dark deeds of skulduggery and thieving.

After much debate and all in the court had chance to put forward their opinion of Robin Hood, up stepped the defence lawyer (Mrs Jones) who eloquently spoke on behalf of Robin to the court and said why he was not guilty of any offence. The people listened intently but there were cries of ‘Guilty’ and ‘Innocent’! Next came the prosecutor (also Mrs Jones) who challenged the defendant’s evidence and claimed that Robin was indeed guilty.

The overall verdict? Not Guilty.

The children took our court proceedings very seriously and we were all impressed how articulately and convincingly they spoke.

Other important aspects of our Robin Hood Day were the designing and making of quivers full of arrows and beautifully decorated shields resplendent in individual coats of arms and colours.

Soon it was time to prepare lunch so we headed over to the fire pit in the Forest School. Underneath the glorious canopy of trees, Year 4 set to chopping and preparing vegetables for a hearty stew which simmered over a roaring fire. While lunch bubbled away, we sang ballads telling the age old story of Robin Hood, the prowess of his archery skills and his robbing of the rich to give to the poor.

A magnificent time was had by all, rallying cries called ‘Archers Ready!’ and the reply ‘Arrows Drawn!’ every scrap of stew was eaten, stories told and songs sung, banners painted and hats designed and worn.

MM & ED, Year 4 Form Teachers

Watch The Trial of Robin Hood



SCAN ME

U11A Girls win Tournament Shield

On the 9th June our U11 and U12 Girls played in a DPS cricket tournament. Both of our teams performed well, showing great teamwork. Our captains for the day, Tallulah S and Mya V, led the teams with confidence and kept the girls in great spirits. The U11A team came 3rd in their group and then went on to win the shield.

Some highlights from the tournament:

Ellie H - Scored the only 6, many 4's and took 4 wickets

Chloe M - Fabulous bowling, her technique has really improved

Phoebe M - Great bowling which resulted in

some excellent wickets taken

Pippa G - Had a strong debut in the A team and took a great catch

Holly H - Gets the catch of the game, catching a high ball with one hand and looking like a pro!

I'm really pleased with how all the girls played and their positive friendly attitudes - a lovely day of cricket in the sunshine for us all.

JL, Head of Girls' Games



Year 5 Trip to Richborough Fort



I do not think any of us thought that this thrice planned visit would take place until we boarded the mini buses. It was the perfect trip - we began with a countryside tour, beautiful weather and on arriving in the car park at Richborough Roman Fort a spontaneous 'wow'!

Year 5 had a unique task; divided into reduced tent parties, each led by an optio (a Roman Officer), they had to investigate this amazing site and create an individual Roman Shore Fort to keep out the marauding Saxons. It had to be both militarily suitable, but with the creature comforts the Romans had come to expect.

The visit ended with a welcome Twister ice cream, kindly given so that we could all celebrate Fleur's 10th birthday. The children were so well-behaved and on task that visitors and the English Heritage Staff commented on their manners, their learning focus and their 'outstanding' behaviour. We have been invited back any time! Thank you to Mr Newton and Miss Lelliott for all their support and Year 5 for their enthusiasm and hard work.

Back in the classroom, Year 5 have been constructing (whilst recycling) the forts they designed at Richborough. Congratulations to the winning teams which were announced in Lists:

• Barnaby P, Willoughby S and Lucy C • Sylvie W, Cleo M-C and Rosie C

TB, Head of History and Latin





MHS Colour Run

When is a cloud in the sky a good cloud? When it is rainbow-coloured! And a rainbow cloud is what was created when we all took to the school grounds for our Colour Run.

The Nursery children and the parents started us off with the rest of the Pre-Prep close on their heels; the children in the Prep School followed behind. The children ran fast round the track and through the obstacles and a little more slowly past the colour stations.. and before we knew it all the children had been replaced by unidentifiable walking paint pots!

Over ice-creams and lollies at the finish line the children told us that they had had 'the best time ever'. With £650 raised for the local charity of Hands of Hope, I think they weren't the only ones.
VC, Deputy Head



Watch the video

SCAN ME



Year 8 Trip to Norfolk

In June, Year 8 were lucky enough to be able to visit Norfolk for a glamping trip. Everyone had different expectations, but I think we can all agree that it was an amazing way to spend one of our last weeks at MHS. From the moment we arrived, to stepping back on the coach to leave, quality memories were made and new and interesting activities were experienced.

The trip may not have been as challenging as previous expeditions, but it was definitely an amazing experience all the same. There were a wide variety of activities, ranging from mentally challenging, such as initiative tests, to physically challenging, like climbing and abseiling. There were also many water activities such as paddle boarding, kayaking and canoeing. However, one of my favourite parts of each day was the downtime we got to spend in the evenings. This was perfect for chilling and reading, or playing with your friends. After this, we would partake in a fun activity organised by the teachers, ranging from rugby football to toasting marshmallows around a campfire and telling (bad!) jokes. We were incredibly lucky with the weather, although it went downhill on the last day! Finally, at the end of the evening, we could snuggle down in our cosy shepherds' huts and get some much-needed sleep. At the end of the experience, I am left with a week of fond memories and a lot of appreciation for the wonderful teachers who organised the trip. Now, onto new and exciting adventures. *Maddie L, Year 8 Pupil*

Please see page 28 for a full account of the Year 8 Leavers' Programme.



Year 8s published in Mind's Eye Magazine

I am delighted to share the wonderful news that six Year 8 pupils were selected for publication in the wonderful "Mind's Eye" publication for King's Canterbury.

They worked on their pieces during the Spring term and each produced a highly original and enjoyable article and we had a wonderful range of subjects!

Congratulations go to:

Claudia L, Maddie L, Uly P, Dasia R, Emmy R, Isabelle W.

This is a fantastic achievement and I am very proud of them all.

KA, Head of English

View the magazine



SCAN ME



Year 6 Staycation

Who needs to travel miles away when there is so much fun on our doorstep?

Year 6 had a fantastic time during their staycation in June. We started with a splash in the swimming pool on a very hot Wednesday afternoon before getting ourselves organised in our boarding rooms. The first evening was lovely and relaxing, playing a ball game and roasting some marshmallows. The first night was quite challenging and therefore short as it was hot, rainy and thundery!

On Thursday, after a lovely breakfast, pupils worked on their team building skills at Arena Pursuits. Our adult leaders were brilliant (even helped pupils with improving their press-up strategies!) and although everyone was very tired, it was a wonderful day rich in emotions which provided a precious bonding experience. The evening was spent by the pool and in the sports hall before a well-deserved sleep.

On the Friday, we drove to Leeds Castle where we managed to avoid the rain for most of the day but could not escape the heavy downpour on the way back to the minibuses. Pupils and teachers alike (even the French one who is scared of heights!) took part in a vertiginous Go Ape adventure. It was quite magical and thrilling to be moving from one tree to another across wooden planks or rope bridges. The Escape Room was also entertaining and required quick thinking. The outdoor play area at Leeds Castle is beautiful and was great fun. French sweets, cake and drinks were happily shared to celebrate Pippa G's 11th birthday. Pupils came back exhausted and muddy (as did the teachers!), but delighted with their staycation.

A big thank you to Ms Lelliott for her impeccable organisation, Mrs Rushton for being a second mother in the Boarding House, Mr Robson for lifeguarding, Mr Little for his ever positive and supportive attitude and Mr Payne-Cook, the tea and coffee master. *Mme De Haan, Head of MFL*

Year 3 Grandparents' Tea

On Monday the 27th of June, Year 3 invited their grandparents to Marlborough House School.

The event began with a short tour of the grounds, followed by afternoon tea. The children entertained their grandparents with some stunning singing, as well as providing them with an informative leaflet that they had prepared in their English lessons. It was so special to welcome our visitors and see the children so happy. Several of our visitors commented on how well-mannered the children are and how welcoming the staff are. *EC, Year 3 Teacher*



Year 4 Trip to Great Dixter

On Tuesday 22nd June, Year 4 visited the gardens at Great Dixter to explore the wondrous variety of plant and insect life.

The children enjoyed a morning of sketching in the garden and exploring the maze of pathways and the numerous different types of flowers and plants there. As they are studying plants in Science this term it was brilliant for them to have the opportunity to see the parts of flowers and the process of pollination happening live in front of their eyes.

They described the day as the “best day ever” as they walked to the forest, playing at hiding from the Sheriff of Nottingham’s Men! They foraged for elderflower and made their batter to cook elderflower fritters. Once they had arrived in the forest, they built a fire and became expert den-builders, whittlers and archers! It was a wonderful birthday for Jasper S and all of Year 4 had a fantastic, unforgettable experience. Thank you Great Dixter!

ED, Year 4 Form Teacher



Year 2 Beach Day

On a sunny Thursday in June, the long-awaited Year 2 Beach Day at MHS arrived.

The children enjoyed beach-themed activities, some of which were traditional sandcastle building, raft making and creating art from beautiful shells. Mrs Gunston made a beautiful gingerbread beach hut which the children had been fascinated with all week, Thursday was the day to try the delicious creation - thank you Mrs Gunston!

In the afternoon, the celebrations continued with time well spent swooshing down the water slide and ending with ice-creams in a cone! The children all had a beach-tastic time! *RP, Year 2 Teacher*





Pre-Prep Informal Concert



It was a pleasure to be able to welcome parents in to Pre-Prep for our final informal concert of the year.

To be able to perform to a live audience again was very special indeed and it was wonderful to see so many pupils (some of whom have only been learning for a very short time!) putting themselves forward to play. We had some super pianists, including a duet, some great violin playing and a delightful song sung by three children – one of whom was our youngest performer of the day from Reception class.

Congratulations to all our performers:

Ellie M (Piano) The Mouse, Noori F (Piano) Pussy cat, George C (Piano) Old Mac Donald, Verity P (Violin) Chinese Festival, Annabel C (Piano) George, Guy M (Piano) See a Pin, Milla (Piano) Carillon, Scarlett P, Verity P, Darcy A-R (Song) Ride on a Rainbow, Olivia R (Piano) Train Ride, Eleanor T (Piano) Daisy, Daisy (Duet). *RB-S, Head of Pre-Prep Music*

Year 6 Informal Plays

Over the Easter Holidays, Year 6 had the opportunity to enter a play writing competition, producing scripts based around traditional fairy tales with a twist.

‘The Great Storybook Muddle’ by Chloe M, a fun ensemble of fairy tale characters, who had been mixed up and locked in a cupboard, eventually find their way back to their original stories and ‘Once Upon a Covid’ a culmination of several worthy scripts from Mrs Atkins’ class, told a witty and topical tale, featuring dangerous witches in disguise, trying to poison some unsuspecting dwarfs in the form of a Covid vaccine and our very own Prime Minister!

The children showed real commitment in rehearsals, learning their lines and helping to direct their own performances. As the first post-lockdown show, the fairy tales were performed in front of a very enthusiastic audience and this year, Year 6 did not disappoint, treating us to an array of treats; rapping, singing, dancing and a yodelling goat to name a few!

PA, Assistant Head (Academic)





Book Week



At the end of June, we were delighted to be able to celebrate our love of books, albeit a little later than normal, having had to cancel our normal Book Week in March. Happily, we were able to reschedule and we enjoyed a wonderful week.

We all enjoyed browsing through the wonderful book selection in our Book Fair on Monday and Tuesday then we ended the week with a joyful dressing up day on Friday. As ever, we had such an amazing range of characters from wizards and witches; classic characters such as Pippi Longstocking and The Queen of Hearts and more recent but tremendously popular heroes such as Hermione Grainger and Percy Jackson.

We welcomed two visiting authors on the Thursday and Friday and they kept us hugely entertained: Ross Welford had children in Years 5-8 spellbound with his magic tricks and inspirational workshops on writing the first chapter of an exciting story, whilst Steve Cole had the children from Reception to Year 4 in stitches with his whacky sense of humour, musical mastery and storytelling skills.

What a lovely way to wind down to the end of a long and busy term and to inspire the children to spend some of their holidays lost in the company of a really good book.

Happy reading and happy holidays!

KA, Head of English



SCAN ME

**Marlborough
Must-Reads**



SCAN ME

**Prep School
Summer Reading
Lists**





Senior Swimming Gala

Well done to all the seniors who swam on a warm Wednesday afternoon in the Inter-House Swimming Gala.

The winning house was Hawkings who won with a clear margin of 20 points in the end, Egan came second and Dunbar third, and Awdry fourth.

There were some very exciting swimming races and the Houses competed with real determination. The boys and girls were fortunate enough to be joined by past pupil Annabel Guye-Johnson (MHS 2003 - 2013), a GB breaststroke swimmer who kindly came in to give the winners their medals and present the winning House with the House Swimming trophy.

RM, Director of Sport



Junior Swimming Gala

A lovely morning in glorious sunshine allowed the children in Years 3 and 4 to demonstrate some real determination, effort, team spirit and competitive edge in their Swimming Gala.



Annabel Guye-Johnson (MHS 2003 - 2013) our past pupil who represented Great Britain at Breaststroke, kindly returned to present the medals once again and the children enjoyed receiving their awards from her in her GB kit. The day was won by Egan (coincidentally Annabel's old House) who came out on top with Awdry second, Hawkings third and Dunbar in fourth. Mention must be made of Ruben N who just broke a record, the only one of the day, by two tenths of a second. Well done to all the children - the staff were very proud of their House spirit and work rate.

Thank you to all the Middle School and P.E. staff who helped make the event run so smoothly.

RM, Director of Sport



Year 8 Perform 'Brush Up Your Shakespeare'

On Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd July, the Old Gym was rocking and rolling with laughter and song as it once again played host to the Year 8 Production. This year the children performed *Brush Up Your Shakespeare*, an original comedy written and directed by myself, Mr Little, with Musical Direction by Miss Philip. Celebrating all things Shakespearean, *Brush Up Your Shakespeare* was a collection of sketches and songs inspired by the Bard.

The sketches were a mixture of modern writing and scenes from Shakespeare's plays. The traditional action included the lovers from *A Midsummer Night's Dream* arguing whilst under the influence of Puck's love potion; Bottom and his mechanicals' farcical 'play within a play' and the atmospheric, blood-curdling witches spell from *Macbeth*. Modern sketches included a whistle-stop tour of Shakespeare's History plays via the medium of rugby; Shakespeare being called in by his literary agents to trim down some of the boring monologues in *Hamlet*; a Historical Celebrity Special episode of *Mastermind* and Shakespeare attempting to convince his friends that *Hamlet* is a tragedy and not a comedy.

The children were fantastic, acting and singing with commitment and verve. The performance was very well-received by the appreciative audience who were captivated, entertained and moved to tears. A one-off performance from the Year 8 rock band, *Ginger and the Normals*, was another highlight in an evening of memorable moments. Well done Year 8! *SL, Head of Drama*.

Please see page 28 for a full account of the Year 8 Leavers' Programme.





Prep School Sports Day



A wonderful day for the children and parents to enjoy with superb weather and some excellent performances from teams and individuals across nine athletics disciplines. With over 340 medals presented it was a successful day for very many children. Thank you to everyone involved, also to our cheerleaders who kicked off the day's events.

Congratulations also to all our record-breakers who achieved new times, heights and distances for events old and new. *RM, Director of Sport*

HOUSE CUP

The winning House was Egan with 258, Dunbar was second with 222 and Awdry third, and Hawkings fourth. Congratulations Egan.

VICTOR AND VICTRIX LUDORUM

Elliot F was the Victor Ludorum and Hermione SJP was the Victrix Ludorum. Congratulations to Hermione and Elliot.

OLD RECORDS BROKEN

Year 8 Boys Long Jump – Elliot F with 4m90cm broke Kamran Ogilvie-Khan's record of 4.87m set in 2018

Year 6 Girls High Jump - Holly and Ellie H both broke the High Jump record with jumps of 1.27m
Holly went on to break that with a jump of 1.30m the record broken was Sarah Turner's jump of 1.25m set in 2006.

Year 5 Girls 70m Sprint - Emma G broke the girls 70m Sprint with a time of 11.28s who beat a record set in 2019 by Antonia Barry of 12.10sec



Pre-Prep Sports Day

We had a marvellous morning for Pre-Prep Sports Day that saw all pupils participate in some MHS themed Olympic events. Taking our inspiration from this year's Tokyo Olympic Games we had: Bolt Blast, Olympic rings relay, Olympic torch relay, flags of the world relay and not forgetting the fill the pool relay, which saw the pupils showing some great skill carrying water and trying not to spill any!

The Sports Department were really impressed with all the children; their effort and determination to do their best was excellent, and we saw many close races and great teamwork in the relays. For Nursery and Reception we don't score the races, but we were super impressed with all the children. *JL, Head of Girls' Games*

Y1 RACES

Race 1	Daisy W
Race 2	Agnes P
Race 3	Noorie F
Race 4	William E
Race 5	Charlie P
Torch Relay house winners	Awdry
Flags Relay house winners	Dunbar
Fill the Pool Relay house winners	Hawkings

Y2 RACES

Race 1	Milla H-B
Race 2	Olivia R
Race 3	Nathanael P
Race 4	Toby L
Torch Relay house winners	Awdry
Flags Relay house winners	Awdry
Pool Relay house winners	Hawkings

HOUSE RANKINGS 1st Awdry - 2nd Hawkings - 3rd Dunbar - 4th Egan





ABRSM Exam Results

At the end of term, twenty-one pupils from Years 5 to 8 sat music exams in five different disciplines: flute, piano, guitar, violin and singing. They all performed very well and the examiner was most impressed with them, both in their performances and politeness.

All the candidates passed their exams, so huge congratulations to them all. Special mention goes to those who achieved Distinction:

Isobel B - Grade 2 Guitar, Distinction

Eliza B - Grade 2 Singing, Distinction

Rose BP - Grade 1 Singing, Distinction

Camille S - Grade 1 Singing, Distinction

Mya V - Grade 3 Singing, Distinction

AP, Director of Music

Summer Concert and Art Trail

On Thursday 8th July we had our first face to face Prep School concert since the lockdowns began back in March 2020. It was a wonderful variety of soloists, instrumental ensembles and choirs playing an extensive variety of music. To have some musicians that have just begun learning their instrument, side by side with some of our older and more experienced musicians was so special. The atmosphere was uplifting and joyous. Huge congratulations to all of our performers, the music teachers that have worked so hard all year to keep music alive during the restrictions, and to our super audience for coming and supporting us in this event.



Congratulations to all our performers:

Soloists: Pippa G, Rose B-P, Louis P, Olivia S, Eliza B, Isobel B, Gracie G and Theo N.

Guitar Group: Ben A, Freddie A, Isobel B, Rex C, Edward F, Joseph J and Willoughby S.

Brass Band: Gabriella S, Reuben N and Phoebe M.

String Group: Holly H, Clara E, Emma E, Annie B and Finley D.

Wind Band: Isabelle W, Amelia P, Pippa G, Henry H, Oliver V and Gabriella S.

Riptide Ensemble: Isobel B, Eliza B and Gracie G

I Feel Pretty Ensemble: Hattie J, Millie M and Emmy R.

Year 5 Choir: Rose B-P, Zoe C, Ruby C, Fleur DH and Cleo MC.

Junior Choir

Senior Choir

AP, Director of Music





Pupil and Parent Golf Competition

Luckily the British summer was kind for the annual Parents and Pupils' Golf Competition as twelve teams battled for the coveted MHS Parent/Pupil golf shield. The holders, Mr Hollands and son Henry, carded a respectable 28 Stableford points (which was the winning score last year) but this year it wasn't enough to claim the title for the third year in a row, with scores of 30, 31 and the winning score of 34 eventually taking top honours. Very well done to Tom and Mike G who emerged as overall champions 2021!

Special mention goes to:

Mr Olly Spry - Adult's Longest Drive winner

Oliver V - Junior longest Drive winner

Henry H - Junior nearest the Pin winner

It was a thoroughly enjoyable evening for all and many thanks to Mr Hollands for organising the event.



Year 6 Leavers' Tea

Following the Prep School Sports Day, our Year 6 pupils and parents celebrated their leavers at a lovely tea on the Harrison Building lawn. We are very proud of our Year 6 leavers and wish them the very best success and happiness in their new schools.



Clubs Round-Up

We were delighted that MHS finally managed to get a full term of clubs this summer.

Over in the Pre-Prep garden, our green fingers club persevered through some tough weather this term and ended up with more mucky fingers than green. The garden is in full bloom though and looking fantastic. Further out in the grounds, the nature detectives

explored, identified and signposted different species of trees as well as making bug hotels.

Meanwhile mini tennis players progressed though their strokes from volleys to overhead smashes and our golfers built on their winter putting sessions, going outside to develop their swing and all-round game.

Down in the Sports Hall, the school cheerleaders choreographed their own routines, which were brilliantly performed at this year's Prep School Sports Day.

Finally, at the end of term, Watch Dance for ballet and street was a huge success, giving parents the opportunity to watch their children perform as well as see lesson content.

In all, a brilliant term of clubs and from the Prep School Roller Skaters to the Pre-Prep Maypole Dancers, we would like to thank all the pupils for their commitment to what we hope was a valuable addition to their school days. We look forward to next year.

TR, Head of Clubs

Dance Round-Up

Dance has finished on a high at the school with a live watch week, albeit in slightly different conditions than normal! Each Ballet and Street class have performed their class work and routines for a small audience and have been presented with a medal to commend them on their achievements over the last year. All students have worked extremely hard over the year adapting and overcoming many challenges, including learning virtually for a small period of time also. The student's technique, especially in the ISTD Imperial Classical Ballet work has progressed wonderfully and we very much look forward to a time of being able to enter them for examinations when ready. The street classes have worked hard on their strengthening and

have blown us away with their energy levels each week. We very much now look forward to returning in the new school year to develop and broaden the dance programme, utilising the new studio space the school has created, as well as being able to run more live performances and examinations. We hope all staff and children have a wonderful Summer Break.

SC, Dance Teacher





Boarding House Round-Up

As soon as restrictions allowed, the doors to the MHS Boarding Wing were flung wide open to admit excited children again. It was wonderful to see the Boarding House busy and full of life (and noise!) after so many months of quiet and inactivity. As soon as boarders' supper is finished the children cannot wait to be allocated their dorm and rush upstairs to get ready for whatever activities lie in wait.

Amongst the fun and games enjoyed by the boarders this term in and around the beautiful grounds, there has been cycling, campfire building (and toasting of marshmallows of course!), outdoor gymnastics, games in the sports hall, football, rounders, evening swimming and movie nights. On Giant Inflatable Waterslide Night, the demand for boarding was so great we had to go to a three-night boarding week with nearly 30 children staying each night!

We had boarders ranging from Year 3 to Year 8 this term and it has been lovely to see the children of all ages growing in confidence and becoming comfortable in their surroundings amongst their friends. It has also been heart-warming to see some of the first-time boarders being guided and looked after by some of the more experienced children. I think this is something that benefits all of them through their time at MHS and beyond. Boarding provides them with the chance to develop new skills and forge new friendships in a warm and encouraging, non-academic surrounding, whilst enjoying extra-curricular activities.

It has been so rewarding to be Head of Boarding for the past four years and I look forward to seeing boarding at MHS go from strength to strength.

SR, Head of Boarding



Boys and Girls' Tennis Season

The U13 boys side used 10 different players from Year 8 and they had an excellent season losing only 1 match from their 5. They had very dominant wins over Vinehall, Holmewood House and Rose Hill and one loss to DPS. The boys played mainly in 4 pairs though on occasion they included some junior children playing with them, who they kindly helped in their partnerships and had a full set of wins alongside their U11 partner in their pairs!

The tennis season proved to be a highly successful one for yet another year. The U10 and U11 girls had a successful afternoon against DPS with 6 of the 10 pairs winning their matches. Meanwhile the U11 boys using some 15 different children, they comfortably won around 80 percent of their sets played across their 4 matches played. Sadly one match was cancelled to poor weather, but overall it was a great season with some excellent tennis and strong wins. Tennis has a bright future with so many good players coming through the school. *RM, Director of Sport*



Boys' Cricket Season

The boys had solid season with the U13 seniors proving a good batting and bowling line up. Overall we managed to dodge the rain enough to play some 32 matches across the age groups. We also did well in terms of results and had 16 wins even through the course of a rather wet summer. Thankfully we only lost a few fixtures, which was fortunate and some games were played in the softball version enabling the fixture to go ahead.

The 1st team won all their matches beating all their local rivals and drew only one. The Colts winning 4 of their 6 games, but sadly lost 2 fixtures due to weather. MHS also played some true mixed games with the boys and girls joining to play an exciting couple of games v Cranbrook, with a win and a loss. The younger sides showed some good potential and we look forward to next summer with some Match Teas!



Girls' Cricket Season

How wonderful it has been to have a full term of matches, with the added joy of being allowed home supporters! Thank you to all parents who came to support the pupils in their cricket matches, it has been a fun and friendly atmosphere.

Results have been varied across the girl's cricket teams, but throughout all the teams there has been a sense of teamwork, determination and progression of key skills and techniques. The girls games department is very proud of each and every girl and the enthusiasm and commitment they have brought to the cricket matches, be that if they've won or lost.

One of the highlights of the cricket season was the U11a team winning the shield at the U12 Dulwich cricket tournament, playing against some very skilled players who were a year older than them. This team have been the most successful of the season winning 4 of their 6 matches. These girls have played together with great comradery and their commitment to cricket both in school and at Castle Hill has paid off!

Another team to mention is the U8A team. They have won three out of their four games. Lots of these girls are brand new to cricket and are only just beginning to develop their cricket, but as they listen so well and give each games session 100% it has seen them progress quickly. All U8 girls are bowling over arm and the accuracy is improving, with many wickets being taken across their matches. Their team work and reaction to the ball in field has seen them taking catches and using the skill of backing up to be successful. The girls go into bat confidently with a sense of pride at playing for MHS. We look forward to seeing the U8 girls develop further in year 4.

JL, Head of Girls' Games







Leavers' Programme 2021

What a finale! The last 4 weeks have been very, very special and given Year 8 a wonderful way to leave Marlborough House on a real high. It all started with a fantastic week in Norfolk. It was jam packed full of activities, from the nervous highs of climbing and abseiling, to the competitive low ropes course and mental agility tests. The water sports were great fun and Year 8 particularly enjoyed ensuring that some of the teachers didn't get too hot with a little 'cooling down'. Special memories were made around the campfire, with some lovely marshmallows, toasted on the open fire and accompanied with songs and jokes to keep everyone warm. The range of evening activities were a wonderful way to bond friendships that have been built over many years at Marlborough House. As they are about to embark on new adventures and make new friends, it was a lovely week and a great start to the Leavers' Programme.

The following ten days were all about the demanding work that culminated in a dazzling production of "Brush up your Shakespeare". The Drama and Music departments put in hours of support to help the children shine on stage and after hours of rehearsals, all the hard work paid off and the thrill of being on stage will hopefully have inspired some Year 8s to continue with their new-found talent at their senior schools.

"It's not all work, work, work" as they say and interspersed between rehearsals were some fabulous trips and activities. Mental agility and



teamwork were needed to solve the clues at the escape room, while the Big Cat Sanctuary inspired students with the reality of the need to protect the endangered species. Seeing a snow leopard being fed and watching a cheetah charge around with little more than a fence between us was a memory few will forget. The beauty and size of the tigers, along with the playful jaguar were inspirational catalysts to ensure we all play our part with our choices as consumers in conserving their natural habitats.

Our local national pinetum, Bedgebury Forest, provided the backdrop to an adrenaline filled day of mountain biking, team games and flying through the trees on zip wires. While some were able to forget that they were 10m up, for others it was a truly terrifying feat. The compassion, support and empathy that it brought out as Year 8 guided each other (and teachers!) through each stage was heart-warming and showed their character traits that have developed and grown over their years at Marlborough House.

In addition to the fun filled days, there were important educational developments too. The Relationship and Sexual Education sessions were so crucial in giving the children the chance to make appropriate choices in the years to



.....

come and to make knowledgeable decisions. Being able to have discussions and ask questions amongst peers that are supportive and kind is so important before they are exposed to situations in real life, and the sessions were led by an outside and independent expert. Year 8 also enjoyed learning about First Aid and developed skills that could one day be used to save a life. Children were also given the chance to develop hobbies such as photography and creative writing.

Litter picking may not be everyone's favoured activity, but Year 8 understood the importance of 'giving back' to the local community and took on the challenge with gusto. They certainly left the village in a much better state than they found it and learnt the importance of not dropping litter (or dog poo bags!) in the process.

The final week was interrupted with some 'interesting' weather. It might have been an early holiday across the channel if the planned sailing had gone ahead in the 50 knot winds. Thankfully, the plan B to bounce on trampolines, become ninjas in the laser tag and ten pin bowling proved to be an excellent alternative.

After a very testing year due to the interruptions caused by COVID 19, it was a huge relief that the Leavers Programme largely went ahead unscathed. It is testament to the resilience of Year 8 that they were able to cope so well. Thanks to the amazing few weeks, the Year 8's are more than ready and are well prepared for their next move onto their senior schools. They have been challenged mentally and physically, they have grown, developed, matured and have an abundance of happy memories to take with them. As they were told in their 'move up to senior school' talk, there is a reason so many MHS students become head boys and girls at their senior schools and the solid foundation has been laid for this year group too. We are looking forward to hearing of the successes and achievements of the 'Class of 2021'. We wish them well in their new adventures.

JK, Leavers' Programme Coordinator



Year 8 Leavers' Gift

We are most grateful to our Year 8 leavers for the gift of five flowering cherry trees 'Prunus Accolade'.

The trees will grow to 5-8m high and, when mature, will have a 5m spread which will provide a large canopy of huge blossom petals - a new spring outdoor classroom!

Thanks also goes to the groundsmen for all their hard work preparing the holes for the trees and assisting in the huge task of taking the trees off the lorry - they were 1.8m high and each weighed 175kg.

The pupils planted the cherry trees at the end of term and they now stand resplendent near the cricket pavilion as a lasting gift to the school. Thank you Year 8.





Ben Agnew

Proudest achievement

Having a whole half term without a detention!

Earliest memory

My taster day in Year 3 when Rose was crying because she got a spelling wrong

MHS has taught me

To always be kind, to help people and that eating sweets in class is not a good idea

What have you liked most about MHS?

The fixtures and all the sport that I have played. I have also enjoyed how the classes are not too big and that all my friends are here

Future ambition

To become famous – not sure for what yet...

Destination School Hurst



William Bligh

Captain of Cricket

Proudest achievement

Being Captain of Cricket because cricket is what I enjoy and to be captain made it feel amazing

Earliest memory

I was at the Dunbar Fete and we did a House tug-of-war

MHS has taught me

To be responsible for lots of things which will help me

What have you liked most about MHS?

The friends I have made

Future ambition

To become a professional cricketer

Destination School

Eastbourne College



Theo Carmichael

Hawkings House Captain and School Librarian

Proudest achievement

Getting an Art Scholarship to Battle Abbey

Earliest memory

On my taster day when I met Maddie and played cricket for the first time

MHS has taught me

To always be true to myself and not succumb to peer pressure

What have you liked most about MHS?

Everything (except the boys!)

Future ambition

To be an entrepreneur and set up my own business and still do Art as a hobby

Destination School

Battle Abbey



Rex Chandler

Head Boy and Captain of Cross Country

Proudest achievement

Being given the position of Head Boy

Earliest memory

Sitting next to George in Chapel

MHS has taught me

I have learnt so much in my lessons and on the sports field

What have you liked most about MHS?

My friends and Linda in the kitchen

Future ambition

To be successful – not sure in what yet

Destination School

Battle Abbey



Sophia Clifton

Head Girl and Captain of Lacrosse

Proudest achievement

The moment I was told that I was Head Girl made me feel very proud because it was an amazing opportunity

Earliest memory

When Rose Butler-Cole cut Ollie's hair then cried when she got told off

MHS has taught me

To always try your hardest in everything

What have you liked most about MHS?

The sport and the drama

Future ambition

To become an actor or a marine biologist

Destination School

Hurst



Callum Cox

Hawkings House Captain

Proudest achievement

Passing the ISEB test to gain a place at Hurst

Earliest memory

When Will hit Ollie by mistake in the head with a cricket ball and his helmet cracked

MHS has taught me

To always try hard and keep trying harder

What have you liked most about MHS?

Drama lessons and my friends

Future ambition

To have fun and make friends

Destination School

Hurst



Elliot Freeborough

Captain of Rugby

Proudest achievement

Winning a sports scholarship

Earliest memory

Winning the high jump competition in Year 2 and when Mrs Saunders dropped my pottery and broke my angler fish

MHS has taught me

To have excellent table manners and that you should eat chips with a knife and fork

What have you liked most about MHS?

I love playing the King and Queen Game in PE at the end of terms

Future ambition

To work in Burger King because I can walk there from my house. Once I've finished college I want to travel the world

Destination School

Eastbourne College



Henry Hollands

Head Boy

Proudest achievement

Getting two 50s in cricket

Earliest memory

Playing rugby with Aidan and Clyde, the Gappies, when he booted the ball into the clouds

MHS has taught me

Many new skills, I have learnt so much in lessons

What have you liked most about MHS?

My friends and all the sports I've played

Future ambition

To play sport for England

Destination School

Eastbourne College



Hattie Jones

Egan House Captain and Pupil Council Rep

Proudest achievement

Being an Art Scholar in Year 4 and getting an Art Scholarship to Hurst in Year 8

Earliest memory

When I was in Nursery, I brought my big Winnie-the-pooh teddy in dressed up in school uniform and he joined in with the lessons through the day

MHS has taught me

To be confident in what I do and never give up

What have you liked most about MHS?

My friends who I will probably know for the rest of my life and the friendly community

Future ambition

To become an interior designer or architect

Destination School Hurst



Oliver Liggett

Taking it in turns to be captain in matches

Proudest achievement

I got highly commended in an English competition marked by an author. My story was about a WWII pilot in a concentration camp.

Earliest memory

When my friends and I were playing in the nursery playground - I have been at MHS since the start

MHS has taught me

Life skills and many subjects which has built me up to who I am

What have you liked most about MHS?

I liked the sport for example football matches

Future ambition

A lawyer

Destination School Claremont School



Maddie Lloyd

Proudest achievement

Getting an Academic Scholarship to my senior school and also getting an Art Scholarship at MHS

Earliest memory

When, in Nursery, the French teacher taught us how to say baguette, after which I would beg my mother to buy me a baguette when shopping

MHS has taught me

That I should always be true to myself and enjoy every experience

What have you liked most about MHS?

The friendly atmosphere and teachers. It's the sort of school where you know everyone, which creates a happy, positive learning environment

Future ambition

To be an author and go to a good university

Destination School Sevenoaks



Claudia Lynn

Dunbar House Captain and Form Rep many times

Proudest achievement

Getting into Senior Schools

Earliest memory

Not talking to anyone for the whole of Year 3 - I've made up for it now

MHS has taught me

How to improve my spelling

What have you liked most about MHS?

My friends, particularly Sophia and Emmy

Future ambition

To be happy and successful

Destination School

Queen's Gate School



Millie Moser

Head Girl and Captain of Cricket

Proudest achievement

Mr Newton saying that I was Head Girl and standing up in front of the school.

Earliest memory

On my taster day when Maddie said she lived on the same road as me.

MHS has taught me

To always try my hardest

What have you liked most about MHS?

The small class sizes

Future ambition

To become a ballerina, actress or entrepreneur

Destination School

Brighton College



Ulysses Proud

Proudest achievement

Getting a DT scholarship

Earliest memory

Leaning back and sitting on a pin in recorder practice and getting told off by Mrs Saunders for being silly

MHS has taught me

To do my very best, especially in VR and NVR because I needed a good score and Mrs Reeves helped me achieve that

What have you liked most about MHS?

My friends

Future ambition

To be a stock market designer

Destination School

Brighton College



Dasia Rah

Pupil Council Rep

Proudest achievement

Getting in to Cranbrook and improving academically

Earliest memory

In Year 6 when many other people were trying to hide inside the lockers in the senior blocks and I discovered I was able to hide too

MHS has taught me

To persevere, be resilient and be patient, especially in challenging times during the pandemic when most trips were cancelled and we had to go to online school

What have you liked most about MHS?

That you got to know everyone as it's a small year

Future ambition

To work in a job that revolves around creativity maybe a story writer or designer

Destination School

Cranbrook



George Rosin

Dunbar House Captain

Proudest achievement

Doing well in language lessons

Earliest memory

Monty asking me on my taster day why I was wearing flip flops - it was hot!

MHS has taught me

Lots of things in lessons and in sports and of course that you can add vegetables to puddings but it does not improve the taste

What have you liked most about MHS?

My friends

Future ambition

Comedy actor

Destination School

Eastbourne College



Emmy Rushton

House Captain for Awdry and Form Rep

Proudest achievement

When MHS helped me win a Performing Arts Scholarship

Earliest memory

This would have to be on my first day, my old friend Eleanor and I were in Forest School and we made a log swing

MHS has taught me

To never give up and always believe in myself

What have you liked most about MHS?

All of my friends

Future ambition

When I am older I'd like to be an actress or something to do with singing, dancing or acting

Destination School

Claremont School or Cranbrook



Felix St John Parker

Form Rep

Proudest achievement

Getting in to two schools

Earliest memory

Always getting James and Callum mixed up

MHS has taught me

Punctuality - never to be late to lessons

What have you liked most about MHS?

The Leavers Programme and wearing my leavers hoody around school

Future ambition

To do well at History in my next school

Destination School

Eastbourne College



Hermione St John Parker

Captain of Netball and Form Rep

Proudest achievement

Getting up to Grade 3 on the flute

Earliest memory

Verity and I sneaking in blue tack in Reception

MHS has taught me

To try something new

What have you liked most about MHS?

Sports lessons and matches

Future ambition

To get to my Grade 8 on the flute

Destination School

Eastbourne College



Oliver Vowls

Awdry House Captain and Captain of Tennis

Proudest achievement

Being given the responsibility to lead senior tennis

Earliest memory

On my first day, I was told I was in Egan even though I was in Awdry and Bertie and Eleanor spent the whole day chanting "Ollie's in Egan"

MHS has taught me

To value myself and to value others

What have you liked most about MHS?

How everyone was included and involved and that we could all be friends together

Future ambition

To be a professional cricketer

Destination School

Hurst



Bertie Willett

Captain of Football

Proudest achievement

Being a poster boy for MHS - I was in lots of magazines!

Earliest memory

In Nursery we had nap time and once I pressed the stomach of my teddy and it played a tune and I woke everyone up - it was chaos

MHS has taught me

So much in Maths, the etiquette of table manners, to share my things and to care for others

What have you liked most about MHS?

All the sports and outside time that we get and my friends

Future ambition

To be a professional athlete or to work for Netflix as a movie watcher

Destination School

Sutton Valence School



Olivia Wilson

Captain of Hockey

Proudest achievement

Receiving a Sports Scholarship to Eastbourne College

Earliest memory

Playing lacrosse with Emmy and Immy in the pouring rain on my taster day in Year 5

MHS has taught me

To always try my hardest and to be confident in what I am doing

What have you liked most about MHS?

I like that everyone is really welcoming and there is a great sense of community

Future ambition

Possibly going in to medicine but I hope that whatever I end up doing I enjoy it

Destination School

Eastbourne College



James Worsley

Captain of Hockey

Proudest achievement

Being the captain in a rugby match

Earliest memory

Liggee stealing my Thunderbirds plane in Pre-Prep

MHS has taught me

I have learnt so much in all my lessons and I have also learnt to respect everybody

What have you liked most about MHS?

All the sports

Future ambition

To win the gaming world cup

Destination School

Claremont School



Isabelle Wyndham

House Captain for Egan

Proudest achievement

Getting in to Hurst

Earliest memory

Walking up from sport with Dasia

MHS has taught me

To work hard if you want to succeed

What have you liked most about MHS?

My school mates

Future ambition

To be a pilot (private, commercial, Air Force)

Destination School

Hurst



Congratulations to..

New Boarding Team

Philippa Archer, Assistant Head (Academic), will take over as Head of Boarding in September, in addition to her other duties. We look forward to welcoming Mrs Archer and her family as they move in to the Boarding House over the summer holidays. Congratulations also goes to Boys' Games Coach, Ollie Kent, who has been appointed Boarding Tutor.

Our grateful thanks to the outgoing Head of Boarding, Sarah Rushton, who has led four years of fun-filled boarding nights. Mrs Rushton will be continuing her key role as School Nurse.



Salvete

Philip Cornish, Bursar

Philip Cornish joined us this term as Bursar and member of the Senior Leadership Team, having previously worked as a Regional Senior Partner for the NFU Mutual Insurance Society for 30 years. This role included the development of the NFU Mutual's Tenterden Agency into the leading agency nationally, in addition to which he is acknowledged as the being the only person to have achieved NFU Mutual Premier Agent Status for 20 consecutive years.

Mr Cornish knows MHS well as not only did his daughters attend the school, but he was also an active member of the Friends of MHS, getting involved in running and delivering events including summer balls and fireworks displays!



Valete

Kathryn St. John Stevens, Reception (RBY) Teaching Assistant



Mrs Stevens has been working at MHS since September 2002 and during this time she has played a key role in settling into school our youngest pupils. Kathryn is always patient, always smiling and always calm. Just the qualities that are key when dealing with young children. She has brought so much to both Pre-Prep and Nursery. There is however, one area that Kathryn has never welcomed with open arms and that is computers - they have, and possibly always will, remain a complete mystery to her!

Kathryn will be sorely missed by pupils and staff alike, but we hope that with all the time she will now have she will be able to travel, enjoy her garden and to spend more time with her family. *RR, Head of Pre-Prep*

Obituary

Mrs Diane Bean (1943 - 2021)



We were very sad to hear of the passing of Mrs Diane Bean following her short battle with cancer.

Di started at MHS in 1987 and has therefore been a stalwart member of the team for 34 years. She's helped keep the school spic and span for all that time and also been an unsung hero of the school, working tirelessly in the laundry, washing endless bedding and sports clothes behind the scenes. She took great pride in making sure the children were turned out to a high standard in their match strips. She was a truly lovely lady and will be sorely missed as a key member of our team. *KD Marketing*



Laird Shepherd Wins Amateur Golf Championship

We were thrilled to hear that past pupil, Laird Shepherd (MHS 2001-2010), reached the final of this prestigious event which took place at Nairn Golf Club last Saturday. The excitement grew however when we heard that Laird came from 8 down in the 36 hole final, to win.

Quite an achievement for a boy who started his golfing career here at MHS. As part of our sport and clubs programme, Mr Tooze, our then Deputy Head, used to take groups of pupils (including Laird then aged around 9) to weekly golf lessons at Dale Hill Golf Club. Laird had shown an interest in golf but hadn't had any formal lessons. In his very first lesson the golf pro believed Laird had real talent and the rest is now history!

Sporting success runs in the family as Laird's twin brother, Callum (also MHS 2001-2010) is now a professional jockey based in Newmarket - he rode a winner for Her Majesty The Queen in the same week as Laird's victory! Callum rode for the



MHS equestrian team in its early days so we follow his success with interest as well. Both boys were sport mad at MHS and this helped them to thrive both academically and in sport over their nine years with us. They look back on their time with great fondness for the foundation it gave them.

Golf continues at MHS and our Year 3 and 4's are able to join Golf Club, taken by Mr Kent who provides an introduction to the sport on a Friday afternoon.

Laird's victory means that he will be playing in the next three Majors: The Open at Royal St George's, next year's Masters at Augusta National and the US Open at Brookline Massachusetts. He will also be lining up in a European Tour event this September, The Alfred Dunhill Links Championship.

We wish him every success for the future.

Senior School Success

We were delighted to hear recently that two of our former Head Girls have been appointed Head of School at their senior schools. Huge congratulations to Olivia Reeves (MHS 2011 - 2017), incoming Head of School at Eastbourne College and Alice Roberts (MHS 2008 - 2017), incoming Head of School at Cranbrook School.





Summer 2021

THE CASTLE

Marlborough House School
Hawkhurst, Cranbrook
Kent, TN18 4PY

marlboroughhouseschool.co.uk



9385026
Printed on Carbon Captured paper