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# Note from the Head

Summer 2020



As this term draws to a close, I find myself reflecting on this extraordinary year and the part that we have all played in it. This is certainly a year that will go down in history, it may be memorable to you for many reasons, some sad, some happy. It will certainly be memorable for all of us because of how we had to change the way we did things quite drastically and in a very short space of time. How we shopped, how we saw our friends, how we worked, ultimately how we went to school. Without much notice we were taken from our warm cosy Prep School and plunged into a virtual one.

The beginning of the Summer term started with an explosion of online learning and, in contrast, a very quiet School building. However, I am delighted to see it ending in a much noisier way

with all the children having had the opportunity to return to School in some way before the start of the Summer holidays.

We are now at the point of saying goodbye for another year and I want to personally thank the Marlborough House community for all the support that you have shown me and the whole school staff as we navigated these uncharted waters. It has been a challenging year for us all, but I am pleased to see School beginning to return to normal and I look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

**Acting Head,** Vanessa Coatz



Artwork by Emma Cole-Bowen



## Leavers 2020

Congratulations to our leavers for achieving such great results!

**100% Common Entrance Pass Rate. 100% Cranbrook Exam Pass Rate**

### Scholarships 2020

Year 8

<b>Alexander Agnew</b>	Hurst – Hurst All-Rounder Award
<b>Emma Cole-Bowen</b>	Hurst – Hurst All-Rounder Award
<b>Tom Dyas</b>	Sutton Valence – Sports Scholarship
<b>Matthew Mason</b>	Cranbrook – Entrance Scholarship
<b>Lydia Quinlan</b>	Sutton Valence – Drama Scholarship and Choral Exhibition
	Mayfield – Mayfield Scholarship
<b>Wilfie Watts</b>	Sutton Valence – Academic Scholarship
<b>Stanley Willett</b>	Sutton Valence – Academic Scholarship

Year 6

<b>Charles Agnew</b>	Sutton Valence – Sports Exhibition
<b>Theo Coombs</b>	Claremont – All-rounder Scholarship
<b>Logan Cooper</b>	Sutton Valence – Design Technology Scholarship
<b>Jack Dyas</b>	Sutton Valence – Sports Scholarship
<b>Claudia Mason</b>	Mayfield – Academic Scholarship

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## School Reflection

During the Easter holidays, a MHS version of the much-loved poem 'If', by Rudyard Kipling, was shared with the children. Beautifully read by Ms Coatz and set to music and photos, it was a little reminder to all that we can become stronger as a result of our struggles, and we will get through it, if we are true to ourselves. Our school values remain present even if we are apart; a constant that has supported us all through this unprecedented Summer Term.



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## Head Girl and Head Boy

Emma Cole-Bowen and Wilfie Watts were our Head Boy and Girl for this term. Thank you to both of them for supporting the school and making the most of the leadership opportunities that arose in a very unusual Summer Term.



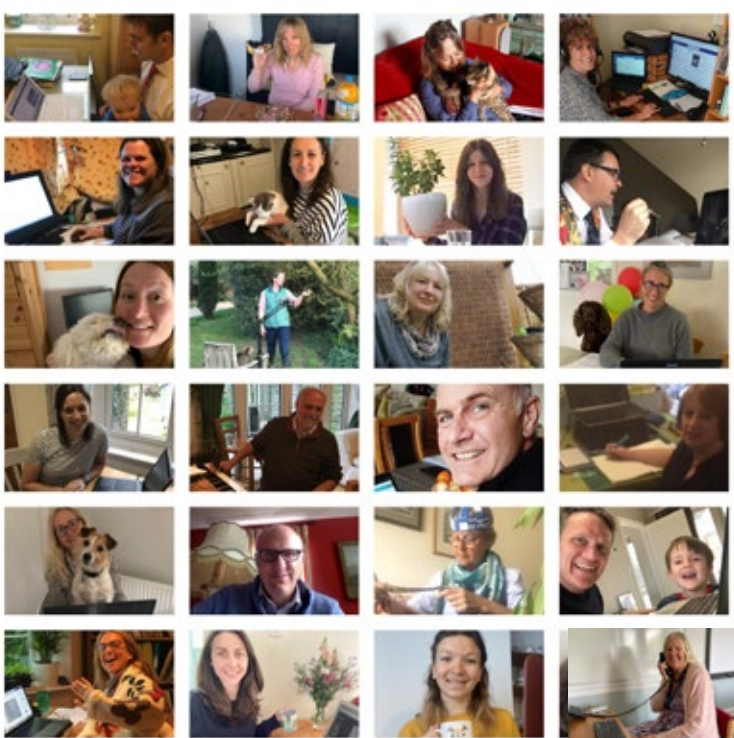
## PPE for the NHS

Looking back at the Easter Holidays, it was a busy time for everyone at MHS, preparing to deliver online teaching. For Dr Julie Speers, Head of Design Technology and SENDCO, it was especially busy as she started making protective equipment, including face visors and ear guards, to help protect local NHS healthcare workers amid the pandemic.

Using the school's laser cutter and 3D printer, and in collaboration with her talented son Rowan, Dr Speers ran a smooth MHS production line in April and May, making 500 face visors in total. The visors were distributed to the local NHS network, Weald Primary Care, a number of local charities and our lovely School Nurse, Mrs Sarah Rushton who supported the NHS during the Easter Holidays.

In addition, any existing PPE, including goggles from the Science laboratory and DT room, was boxed up at the end of term by Ms Coatz and taken to local GP surgeries.

A huge MHS thank you to Dr Speers, Rowan Speers and everyone who has supported them.



## Summer Term starts online

On 22nd April a new term got underway, only this time we were coming to you!

We enjoyed coming together for the first time on our new interactive online teaching platform and quickly got into our stride, with all our lessons and assemblies delivered remotely, live link-ups and longer live lessons for the older children, online music classes for Nursery and Toddlers, and work 'handed in' and returned online, enabling our invaluable 1:1 attention to be maintained with individual pupils.

It was lovely to receive this online teaching feedback from a parent in Week Two: *"It's given us a great insight into what our child experiences at school. It's totally magical and inspiring - and a real positive to come out of all of this."*





# School Challenges

In the first week back we launched our weekly School Challenges which ran for the first half of the Summer Term.

We understood the importance of staying connected as a school community and came up with some fun challenges for the whole school to participate in and help their House win. In addition to the School Challenges we also held a number of online or remote events as part of our 'Alternative Almanac' for the Summer Term.



## Week 1: Covid-19 Time Capsule

First up was 'My 2020 Covid-19 Time Capsule' which you can still download from your Pre-Prep or Prep School Team. In years to come pupils can look back at what life was like for them and their family at this significant moment in history.

**Winning House:** Dunbar



## Week 2: MHS Bake Off Ready, Steady Bake!

Our second school challenge was a bake off! There were so many delicious looking entries and some very impressive baking and decorating skills on display. We were overwhelmed with what was achieved and everyone looked like they were having so much fun!

**Winning House:** Awdry

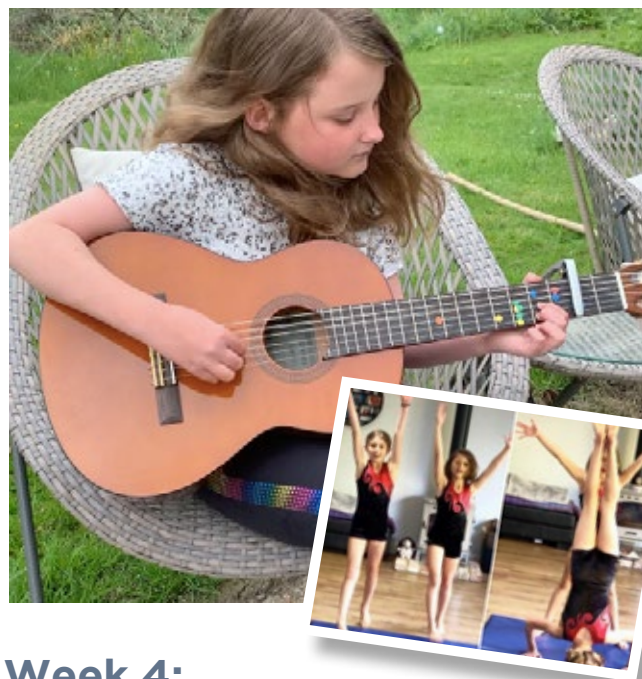




### Week 3: VE Day Bravery Medals

Week 3 was the week we celebrated the 75th Anniversary of VE Day and Mrs Fields set this School Challenge of making WWII Bravery Medals. They were a beautiful symbol of what was endured then and reminded us of the ongoing bravery and hard work of our NHS and keyworkers. Thank you especially to our Head Girl and Boy who led the way with this school challenge.

**Winning Houses:** Egan and Hawkings



### Week 4: Marlborough's Got Talent Lights, Camera, Action!

Marlborough's Got Talent was open for online entries in Week 4 and everyone was invited to treat their family to a star performance at home. A fantastic selection of talents were submitted and we had some great photos and videos of your entries, which we know everyone enjoyed seeing, so well done and thank you to all who participated.

**Winning House:** Dunbar



### Week 5: MHS Camp Out

Whether it was a tent in your garden or a den in your bedroom, everyone was invited to join in the fun with the MHS Camp Out as the School Challenge teamed up with Forest School and Outdoor Learning Day in Week 5. Luckily the sun was out that week and some amazing camps were built and played in, read in, cooked next to, filled with pillows and slept in, and generally enjoyed!



**Winning Houses:** Dunbar and Egan





## MHS Springwatch with Forest School

With all areas of the school day adapted for remote learning, Mrs Reid, Head of Pre-Prep, introduced MHS Springwatch; a range of weekly activities aimed at encouraging our younger children to discover how their gardens changed during Spring and enabling them to enjoy Forest School at home.

To guide everyone, Mrs Reid filmed weekly Forest School videos for Reception to Year 4, all following a theme of MHS Springwatch. The children enjoyed creating their very own MHS Springwatch and enjoyed looking at these changes and learning together at this special time of year.



## Fundraising for the Hospice

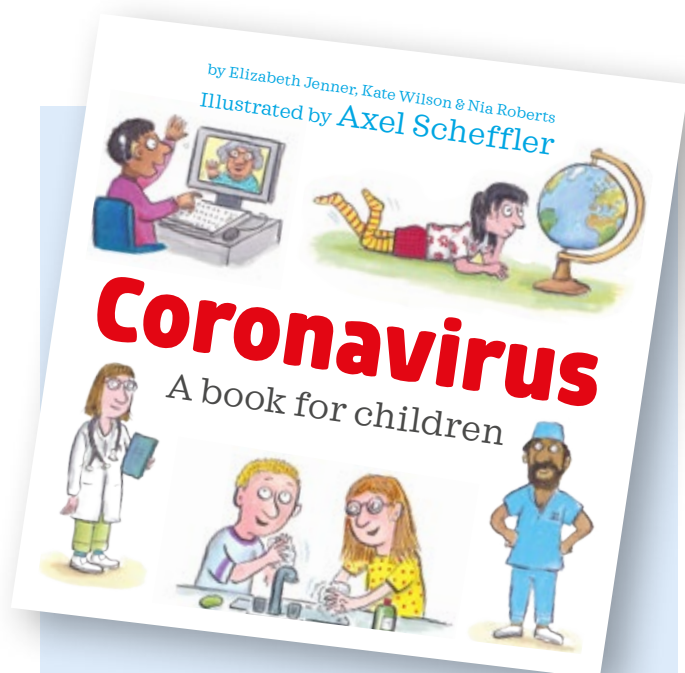
A lovely example of community spirit from Jasper S in Year 3 who had fun building a picnic table for his chickens to eat at and sold their eggs at the end of his drive to help people get access to eggs and raise money for the Hospice in the Weald. Jasper chose this charity as up until then his Grandma had volunteered weekly at the Hospice.



A big MHS well done to Jasper!







## New online resources for children

We have loved finding and sharing the latest online resources which have appeared over the past few months to help keep us all occupied and entertained. There are a wealth of resources available and listed in the News section of our website, many of which the English Department highly recommends (thanks to our Head of English, Mrs Atkins!). Here are our top picks:

- An acclaimed National Theatre production of *Frankenstein* for Year 7 and their production of *Macbeth* for Year 8
- Cressida Cowell is reading her well-loved 'How to Train Your Dragon' on her YouTube channel
- There is a free information book explaining the coronavirus to children, illustrated by Gruffalo illustrator Axel Scheffle
- The Book Trust's HomeTime hub which hosts free books, videos, games and quizzes plus writing tips
- Audible, which has a great selection of free audio books for children



## Virtual Open Morning

We were due to hold our Summer Term Open Morning on 15th May, but due to the health crisis this moved online so whilst our physical doors were closed on 15th May, our virtual doors were very much open!

Families were introduced to Ms Coatz and Mr Newton online and enjoyed an online tour of the school with Mrs Houchin, which gave them the opportunity to find out more about the school, see the grounds and to hear from some staff and pupils (filmed separately) along the way.





## MHS celebrates 75<sup>TH</sup> anniversary of VE Day

### We'll meet again!

The nationwide celebrations for the 75th anniversary of VE Day may have taken place at home, but there were plenty of ways to mark the occasion.

All our MHS families were invited to hold a Celebratory Tea at home as part of the nation's celebrations. Ms Day shared songs to accompany Tea and Mrs Fields set the week's school challenge, which was to make Bravery Medals.

Some Year Groups participated in VE Day projects including Years 7 and 8 who researched VE Day and wrote diaries and letters about their 'experience' of it in 1945. They also created some wonderful posters and pictures.

Senior Choir also made a fantastic contribution to VE Day with their video of 'This Phoney War'.



## Senior Choir sing 'This Phoney War'

Last term our MHS Choirs enjoyed learning wartime songs for the Barnardo's Fundraising Concert at the Barbican Centre, which would have been held the week of VE Day. And so we have a little treat for you as Senior Choir have created a lockdown version of their favourite song, 'This Phoney War'.

We have woven together pictures of our beautiful school, with memories of previous pupils who lost their lives in the First and Second World Wars, and the voices of current pupils, isolated at home, but very much part of our MHS Family. DD

**Watch the video by using your phone's camera to scan the QR code.**



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# Mental Health Awareness Week



## Talking to your children about COVID-19

For Mental Health Awareness Week Mrs Walker, Head of PSHEE, shared some tips about talking to children about Covid-19 and promoting their well-being at this time. In addition, children discussed Mental Health in their Form Time and Senior Chapel. Here are some of Mrs Walker's suggestions, please visit the News section of our website for more information and a full list of resources:

- **Try to focus the children on the precious time it is allowing you to spend together as families and highlight the wonderful job that the NHS, support services and communities are doing to help one another.**
- **Ask your children what they have heard about the virus and the situation so that you can correct possible misconceptions and reassure them.**
- **Be mindful of the number of things you are reading and watching, including social media – as this may add to worry and anxiety. Consider a few updates every day from trusted sources. A great source of information for children is CBBC Newsround which has a calm, child centred approach.**
- **If your child seems worried, it may be good to distract them. You might also want to set aside 10-15 minutes each day for them to talk about any worries, and to reassure them (preferably 2-3 hours before bedtime routine begins). If they have a worry outside of this 'worry time' you have set aside, ask them to note the worry (writing or drawing) so you can talk about it later. This teaches children to postpone their worries (not suppress or dismiss them) and allows them to feel in control (it works for us too).**
- **Try to keep a daily routine. Well-known routines in everyday life provide security and stability.**
- **Stick to your family rules on screen time.**
- **Keep in contact with family and friends (online/ following NHS guidance on 'social contact'). This will help children connect with others and know that others are thinking about them. It will also reassure them that others are well.**

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# MHS Outdoor Classroom Day

*“There’s no wifi in the forest, but you will get a better connection”*

MHS children have embraced the extra time to be outdoors which put us in a great position as we approached Outdoor Classroom Day. We have seen so much amazing knowledge grow - whether it be recognising different bird songs, learning how to build a bug hotel, creating art with nature or identifying the wildlife around us.

Outdoor Classroom Day was about seizing the opportunity to take a break from your screens, where possible, and connect with nature - even if it was to stop and be still for a while. It took place during Mental Health Awareness Week and it was good to remember how great being outside is for our wellbeing and be reminded that the world is still out there. Did you know that the average child spends just five hours a week playing outside, compared to a staggering 45.5 hours in front of a screen (and that is under ‘normal’ conditions)?

So on Thursday 21st May, you (children and adults alike) were invited to complete an Outdoor Classroom Day activity and send in your photos. We loved seeing what you did during the day and how you embraced the spirit of it.



As we read about the news of sea turtles coming back to nest or bees and wildflowers thriving in urban areas we can think about the importance of nature and play for the children too. If we let them explore the outside world, on their terms and in their own way then they take on a sense of environmental stewardship ... simply put connecting with nature means appreciating it and therefore wanting to protect it. RR



*“Open the door, go outside, is it a tree, a garden, a wood, or a magical land?”*





# Nursery create lockdown videos

During the first half of the Summer Term the children of MHS Nursery found new ways to be together and stay in touch. They created two lockdown videos which you can watch using your phone's camera to **scan the codes** below.



Here they are playing catch with a surprise guest at the end – can you guess who it is?



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The Nursery children created their own version of the Song of Sounds. We are sure you will agree this is just lovely!



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## Online Music Concerts for Prep and Pre-Prep

In May, children from across the school had the opportunity to perform at one of our Informal Music Concerts which took place online.

### Pre-Prep Concert

What a privilege it was to be a part of the very first online Music Concert with Pre-Prep!

It was certainly a very different format to usual, but to see all the children in their own homes performing their pieces that they had been working so hard on, was very special indeed.

It really was the highlight at the end of my very busy week - I am looking forward to the next one! *RBS*

### Prep School Concert

22 children took part in Prep's first Remote Informal Concert, some beginners, some more advanced, but all on a journey of discovery, learning about the power of music, the joy of music and the fear but also elation experienced when performing.

Bravery and a 'can do' attitude enabled them to agree to perform in the first place, especially as it was to a screen in their own living rooms!

We were treated to a variety of instruments (piano, guitar, saxophone, violin, cello, clarinet and drums) and voices. There was also some beautiful singing. Some pieces were calm, others especially jazzy but what each of the children had was poise and focus and they all looked so confident. A moment of fear, a pause, a stand falling over, and having to start a second meeting, mattered not. It was a highly enjoyable 45 minutes and at the end I praised all the performers on their commitment to their practise. Practising an instrument requires isolation and so this has been the perfect opportunity to take strides forward in their music.

Bravo! to all the performers:

Fleur DH, Hercule P, Eliza B, Camille S, Felix H, Isobel B, Annabel J, Mya V, Gracie G, Emilia M, Clara E, Thomas E, Sophia C, Pippa G, Millie M, Rex C, Corey L, Henry H, George R, James W, Oliver V, Isabelle W.

Also, my sincere thanks to a wonderful team of peripatetic teachers. Encore! *DD*





## MHS reopens to Nursery, Reception and Year 1

On 1st June we reopened to several year groups and it has been wonderful to see some children back at school in their class bubbles.



Having spent half term busily preparing for the return of some of our pupils, we reopened with new one-way systems, new signage in place and new social distancing arrangements in all areas including the classrooms, pick up and drop off areas, dining room, hallways and pathways.

The children have been enjoying being back at school, seeing their friends and teachers, and sharing hand washing songs!



## Year 6 Games sessions

Before Year 6 returned for full school days in the last two weeks of term, they took weekly breaks from online learning to come into school for socially distanced sport and games in June. It was lovely to see everyone having so much fun together again whilst enjoying tennis, ping pong, badminton and more!



## Mr Newton visits Pre-Prep

Reception and Year 1 had a special visitor when Mr Newton, our Headmaster Designate, joined them outside during one of his visits to the school. In a fun game, Reception class RBY excitedly taught Mr Newton their names and showed off their ball skills from a safe distance.

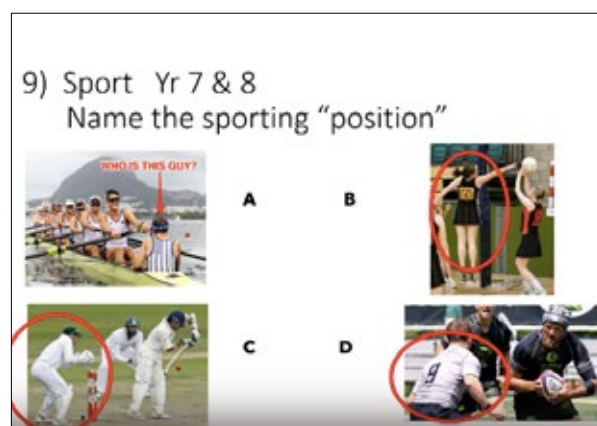


## Online quizzes for Pre-Prep and Prep

The Prep School quiz was hosted by quizmaster extraordinaire Mr Payne-Cook. Rounds were designed for different Prep school year groups, Mums, Dads and Grandparents so it was a fun family affair with some impressive scores at the end. Thank you to Mr Payne-Cook for organising such a great event.

Pre-Prep led the way with a quiz in the first half of term. Following on from the success of this, Mrs Reid put together a fantastic new line up of questions for another quiz in the second half of term. Children were invited to take part on their own or with their family.

Thank you to Mrs Reid for organising two fun family quizzes.



## MHS reopens to Years 2, 3, 4 and 5

With the final preparations in place, on Monday 22nd June we welcomed back Years 2, 3, 4 and 5!

Having remained open for the children of key workers since 20th March, and opened to Nursery, Reception and Year 1 from 1st June, and to Year 6 for games sessions from the following week, this was an exciting next step for us all.

Whilst our academic provision continued online via our interactive teaching platform, we appreciated the importance of our pastoral provision and the value of the children returning to their school routine, their friends and their teachers, before the Summer holidays begin.





## Independent Schools of the Year 2020

We are delighted to have been shortlisted for an Independent Schools of the Year 2020 Award for Healthy Eating.

Well-deserved recognition for Mr Gibbons and his wonderful Catering team who look after us all so very well. The final results will be announced in the Autumn Term so watch this space!

## King's Canterbury Mind's Eye

Four of our Year 8s have had work selected for the 2020 edition of the King's Canterbury Mind's Eye publication.

Congratulations to Ralph E, Tom D, Archie R and Wilfie W on this fantastic achievement!



## MHS reopens to Years 6 and 7

The next step in our measured process of reopening was to welcome back Years 6 and 7 for the last two weeks of term. Year 6 had been back for weekly games sessions for some time, but this was a great step forward to have them and Year 7 in for full school days, alongside all years from nursery to Year 5!





# Summer Games Sessions



Sports Day is a highlight of the Summer Term for the school, so with restrictions in place this year and the usual schedule of summer sporting events cancelled, we organised some fun, competitive games sessions for all year groups. These have allowed the children to enjoy some exercise outdoors and sense the thrill of some friendly competition.



Agility, hand-eye co-ordination, whole-body co-ordination and basic athletic speed have all been involved and the videos and pictures of each 'Bubble' participating in their session are available for parents to view on the Parent Portal.



Sadly they were not the Sports Days we have known in the past, but in the best MHS tradition we have kept the experience and fun of the school event going for all to enjoy in some capacity. The children and staff have really enjoyed being involved! RM



***Log in and view the photos on the Parent Portal by using your phone's camera to scan the code.***



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## MHS reopens to Year 8



We were delighted to welcome our Year 8s back to school on 6th July. It was a special time for Year 8 as they completed their Leavers' Programme (see Page 22) and spent a last week together at Marlborough House.

In addition, Year 8 would usually have an opportunity to say goodbye to the school on

Speech Day, so this year we held a parade so they could wave goodbye to the younger children from a safe distance.

It was a lovely moment and reminds us that all our leavers will always be part of the MHS family.

## Year 8 Leavers' Gift

A massive thank you to all our Year 8s who generously donated this hand-crafted, outdoor table for future generations of MHS pupils to enjoy. The table features a beautiful plaque with their names on. What a fantastic Leavers' Gift!





# Summer Concert and Art Trail

The annual Summer Concert and Art Trail is a highlight of the Summer Term and this year it took place online and in four parts, sharing some of the magic of this MHS Family event!

## Online Summer Concert

16 children from Years 3, 4, 5 and 7 felt they had a piece, or in some cases 2 pieces, that were ready to share, and partook in this rather special event. I was impressed by everyone who performed.

For some performers it was their first concert on a new instrument too. Bravo to Sophie W, Reuben N, Eliza B, Camille S, Alexandra P, Gabriella S, Theo N, Mya V, Phoebe M, Pippa G, Isobel B,

Millie M, Rex C, Oliver V, Isabelle W and Henry H.

Special thanks to the Nichols boys who provided an encore and brought a three day old chick to show us.

Confidence, joy, musicality, beautiful pitching, phrasing....I could go on! What musical talent we have coming up through the school. I am sad not to be here to see you all blossom further, but will definitely keep in touch. DD

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## Year 6 video

Part 2 of the Summer Concert and Art Trail was pre-recorded and featured Art and Music by Year 6. Huge congratulations to all the Year 6 children for their excellent work and performances.



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## Year 8 video

Next up was Year 8 with the third instalment of the Summer Concert and Art Trail. Beautiful performances and lovely artwork from all the year group - well done Year 8! Also, a big thank you to our wonderful Ms Day and Mrs Fields for their work on both the Year 6 and Year 8 Summer Concert and Art Trail videos.



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## I have a dream

The fourth and final installment of the Summer Concert was 'I have a dream', beautifully harmonised and performed by pupils from Years 6, 7 and 8. In the words of Ms Day, 'Bravo!' to all our performers. What a fantastic end of year send-off for us all, especially our leavers.



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## Year 6 Farewell Picnics

There was a lot of noise, laughter and clapping coming from the Chapel Gardens in the last week of term as Mrs De Haan and Mr Little paid tribute to their Year 6 Forms, and each bubble enjoyed an end of year picnic. They also took time to pose for their leavers' photo, complete with a cameo from their Form Teachers!

## Prize-Giving 2020

*"I think it is safe to say that this is the first time in the history of Marlborough House School that Prize-Giving comes to you via You Tube!" VC*

On Saturday 11th July at 11am our Prize-Giving was sent out for families to watch online. The event was hosted by Ms Coatz, and was a celebration of the individual achievements of pupils over the previous year, complete with the usual array of silverware! We also heard from Mr Hodson, Chair of Governors, who made a timely reflection on 'change' and paid tribute to the whole Marlborough House community for 'rising to the challenge' posed by the last few months. In addition, our Head Boys and Girls rounded off the event with a speech about an area of the school that is close to their hearts. Thank you to them all.





## Leavers' Programme

As the Leavers' Programme 2020 draws to a close, we can reflect on a fantastic few weeks. Inevitably, with COVID 19 still present and government restrictions in place, the usual array of trips and activities had to be cancelled.

However, Year 8 enjoyed a unique programme of events and activities 'online' to entertain them, while parents kindly enabled them to meet up outside of school and offered further opportunities to socialise 'in person' and have fun.



After a wonderful set of exam results, Year 8 rose to the challenge of creating a Leavers' Book that will stand as a wonderful piece of memorabilia in years to come. Each pupil created pages to reflect their time at MHS, using photos and relaying memories from the past 10 years as well as adding pop art self-portraits. Huge thanks to all the Leavers' Book staff team for their collaboration, support and hard work in helping to bring it all together. Year 8 also transformed themselves into teams of entrepreneurs for the Dragons' Den pitches, sang beautifully for their bilingual song, drew comic strips in Latin, performed for the Summer Concert, studied famous figures and turned their hand to writing, filming and editing news reports to reflect their time at MHS. To round it off and to

celebrate in MHS tradition, we enjoyed an online bake off. Independent taste testers from home were generous in their praise for the Year 8 baking skills and we saw some wonderful creations. Much fun was had by all throughout the programme of events and it was definitely a case of "the more you put into it, the more you get out of it"; an important lesson for life.

As government restrictions eased, the MHS leadership team delivered the wonderful news that we would be able to gather together for the final week, albeit socially distanced. It enabled Year 8 to bring their time at MHS to a fitting finale. As well as enjoying lots of fun, sporting activities outside, Year 8 completed their Relationships and Sexual Education workshops, created apps, completed a photography challenge and thoroughly enjoyed their "quiz", hosted by Mr Little and Mrs Walker.

The week came to a fitting end with the Leavers' Chapel and the presentation of their Leavers' Book and pen.

Huge thanks goes to all the staff at MHS for their contributions to the Leavers' Programme. The Year 8 pupils rose to the challenge and helped to make their final half term at MHS a wonderful, fun and happy memory and bring their time to a fitting conclusion. We wish them all well and every happiness in the next stage of their life and hope that they will keep in touch. JK







# DRAGONS' DEN

## A remote revolution of ideas from Year 8 Leavers

There were five dragons in the den: Mr P-C, the eco-entrepreneur and product development pioneer; Mr Walker, the “big on sales, low on ethics” 1980s wheeler dealer; Mrs Reeve, the tech and coding billionaire; Madame de Haan, the high end fashion guru and Mr Kimber, the eco-tourism philanthropist.

There were five companies pitching their ideas to the Dragons and each secured investment in their ideas or product. The first pitch was from a bunch of culinary chicks called The Originals (Sienna, Alice, Anna, Pippa and Lydia) who had developed yet another pointless kitchen gadget called “The Smoky Toasty.” Their product had an excellent engineering design but they failed to present any long-term vision for the product. Product development Payne-Cook got in early, telling the girls they needed a lot of help but that he could see the potential for selling the product to people with more money than sense. He offered £400,000 for a 50% share of the business. Eco-Kimber and Techy-Reeve made less generous offers, but the girls settled for the cash injection in return for 50% of their business.

The most entertaining pitch (but the least ethical) came from some dynamic young businessmen trading as The High Horse (Wilfie, Matthew, Stanley, Kit and Alexander) who had patented a flesh boring microchip called “Chips for Safety” with target markets of escaped convicts, control freak parents and communist states. The Dragons fought for a share of their surveillance market with Wheeler Dealer Walker offering £500k for a 12.5% share; Fashion de Haan offering £800k for 20%; Eco-Kimber offering 400k for 7.5% before the prospective microchip millionaires accepted coding expert Reeve’s offer of £500k for a 10% share of their business.

Aeronus (Ralph, Ben W, Felix, Tom, Ben P) a group of earnest young men determined to save the Rhino pitched their idea of a Rhino sanctuary in Tanzania. Eco-Kimber’s ears pricked up at the

conservationist idea though eco-Payne-Cook was keen to probe their weekly rental fee of £1.1 million for a Boeing 747 to transport the Rhinos! The charitable aims of the company attracted four bids from the Dragons with the boys wisely accepting £250k each (500k) from eco-Kimber and Coding-Reeve in return for 30% (in total) of their very slow burning business. Fashion de Haan made a £100k philanthropic donation in return for just one 1% of the business as well.

The penultimate pitch was from five young businesswomen (Olivia, Daisy, Isabella, Emma and Sophia) who presented MaskD by Masterminds. Their fashionable and bespoke facemasks with contracts with Dior and Gucci were quite a hit in the Den. All five Dragons made a bid but in the end the girls snaffled up offers from Fashion de Haan of £500k for a 5% stake and a mildly eco-concerned but product supply chain rich Payne-Cook of £200k for 8%.

The final pitch was from iElite (Corey, Hal, Archie, Daniel and Theo) who had designed the Pollution Predator, a mechanical, programmed shark that gobbles up waste plastic from oceans and lakes. The plastic is then recycled and used in building materials. Eco-Payne-Cook was interested but thought the business needed a lot of help, so when one team member tried to knock his offer down from £400k for 50% to a 5% share, he was insulted and OUT! The Dragons liked the idea but it was a surprise offer from Wheeler-Dealer Walker of £500k for 33.3% which they accepted. Coding-Reeve also donated £250k in return for exclusive rights to their coding patents but 0% share of the business.

The five Dragon teachers hadn’t enjoyed themselves so much for a long time and were really proud of how well the children embraced this remote Leavers’ Programme task. The independence, collaboration, leadership, creativity and communication skills on display were inspiring and often very funny too. Perhaps this task should become a more permanent co-curricular mainstay in the future... *TPC*



### Alexander Agnew

Head Boy, Sports Leader

**Proudest achievements**

Head Boy in the Autumn term.

**Earliest memory**

My taster day when JJ Jackson took me around the school, I loved it!!

**MHS has taught me**

The importance of values and team work.

**What have you liked most about MHS?**

The sporting events at MHS have been great fun.

**Future ambition**

I hope to become a successful entrepreneur!

**Destination School:**

Hurst



### Henry (Hal) Butler-Graham

Middle School Leader

**Proudest achievements**

Passing the 13+

**Earliest memory**

Theo and Mrs Taylor having a 'discussion' with a violin being waved around!

**MHS has taught me**

A love of History thanks to Mrs Budd.

**What have you liked most about MHS?**

My peers.

**Future ambition**

A lawyer because I love to argue!

**Destination School:**

Cranbrook



### Emma Cole-Bowen

Creative Arts Leader, House Captain, Head Girl

**Proudest achievements**

Hurst Award (Art and Drama) Scholarship, Head Girl. Being chosen to join Wimbledon High School for Girls in Year 9.

**Earliest memory**

Being excited to meet all of the people at MHS on my Taster Day in Year 5 and having a lot of fun.

**MHS has taught me**

To keep going even if times are tough, to work hard and persevere, and the responsibility of leadership.

**What have you liked most about MHS?**

The very friendly and warm atmosphere and how the school encourages the children to mix with different year groups where I made many friends.

**Future ambition**

Illustrator, maybe for books or even have my own business. Maybe a fashion designer or illustrator.

**Destination School:** Wimbledon High



### Tom Dyas

Head of Hawking, Captain of Shooting, Sports leader

**Proudest achievements**

Getting a sports scholarship to Sutton Valence.

**Earliest memory**

Playing with tractors in Reception with Milos and Wilfie.

**MHS has taught me**

Never back down from a challenge even if it seems hard!

**What have you liked most about MHS?**

All the friends I have made and the fun environment.

**Future ambition**

To be a cricketer.

**Destination School:**

Sutton Valence



### Ralph Edmondson

Head of Egan, Rugby Captain, Academic Leader

**Proudest achievements**

UKMT intermediate maths challenge (GCSE level) qualifiers award, gold award, best in school award & the same in year 6 junior level (CE). Rugby Captain & Junior Foundation Scholarship to Tonbridge.

**Earliest memory**

Making elephant ears to wear in reception with Stanley.

**MHS has taught me**

Not only academic things are important.

**What have you liked most about MHS?**

My classmates.

**Future ambition**

Take my A-level maths early. Is mathematician a job? If so, that.

**Destination School:**

Tonbridge



### Theo Ellis

Head of Creative Arts, Head of Dunbar

**Proudest achievements**

Getting a PADI diving certificate when I was 11.

**Earliest memory**

The Year 3 Play (The Pirates Of The Currybean).

**MHS has taught me**

To try everything no matter if you want to try it or not.

**What have you liked most about MHS?**

The sports every day.

**Future ambition**

To move to Japan and get a cat

**Destination School:**

Bedes





### Sienna Footer

Egan House Captain, Sports Leader

#### **Proudest achievements**

Becoming Egan House Captain.

#### **Earliest memory**

Going to the Isle of Wight at the beginning of Year 8.

#### **MHS has taught me**

To really think outside of the box and be more creative.

#### **What have you liked most about MHS?**

I love the English department and all of the staff at MHS as they are really helpful and just want to help you.

#### **Future ambition**

To become a Vet.

#### **Destination School:**

Weald of Kent Grammar School



### Felix Hall

Awdry House Captain, Middle School Leader

#### **Proudest achievements**

Getting into Winchester College.

#### **Earliest memory**

Crying on the first day of nursery and Ralph cheering me up.

#### **MHS has taught me**

That you can be really good at something but it means nothing if you don't have a good attitude.

#### **What have you liked most about MHS?**

The atmosphere and the small Prep School feel.

#### **Future ambition**

To be a Climate Scientist and travel the world.

#### **Destination School:** Winchester



### Daniel Hammond

Head of Awdry, Sports leader, Captain of Football

#### **Proudest achievements**

Becoming Captain of Football as well as Sports leader.

#### **Earliest memory**

In Year 3 Set 1 Maths, we always played a timestable game and everytime we played I got stuck on silver or gold. I never made the platinum group.

#### **MHS has taught me**

If you always try your hardest, there will always be a reward waiting.

#### **What have you liked most about MHS?**

The amazing grounds which we can play sports on everyday.

#### **Future ambition**

An Architect or a Professional Sportsman.

#### **Destination School:** Eastbourne College



### Pippa Jallad

Middle School Leader

#### **Proudest achievements**

My proudest achievement was performing my monologue for my drama scholarship in front of the parents and in front of my future school.

#### **Earliest memory**

My earliest memory, was on my taster day, Olivia and Lucia were interrogating me about where I came from and where I had been.

#### **MHS has taught me**

To go for it, and not to be afraid of what people think of me.

#### **What have you liked most about MHS?**

The thing I have liked most about MHS is the amount of friends I have.

#### **Future ambition**

In the future, I will go to university! But before that, I would love to travel around the world!

#### **Destination School:** Hurst



### Kit Johnson

Head of Dunbar and Pre-Prep Leader

#### **Proudest achievements**

Getting into Brighton College. Being part of the unbeaten 1st football team when I was in Year 7.

#### **Earliest memory**

Running out of the Sports Hall during Sleeping Lions with a teacher chasing after me!

#### **MHS has taught me**

Resilience and the value of friendship.

#### **What have you liked most about MHS?**

My friends and the happy environment.

#### **Future ambition**

To be a famous sportsman and travel the world.

#### **Destination School:**

Brighton College



### Olivia Le Bouedec

Head Girl and Pre-Prep Leader

#### **Proudest achievements**

Becoming Head Girl and being in the top sport teams for every sport.

#### **Earliest memory**

In Nursery having lunch with my class and munching away on my ham sandwich.

#### **MHS has taught me**

If you are struggling with anything or need help with something then there are always people that you can go and talk to about it. You're never alone!

#### **What have you liked most about MHS?**

The people that I have met and life long friendships that I have made. Also, the experiences that I can take away with me for the rest of my life and never forget.

#### **Future ambition**

To hope to make a difference in the world and to be known. But also to know when to loosen up and have fun when not working hard and concentrating on work.

#### **Destination School:** Brighton College



### Corey Little

Pre-Prep leader

#### **Proudest achievements**

Singing a solo at the Barbican Young Voices Concert.

#### **Earliest memory**

At sports day in Year 3 at my taster day and I was asked to record the long jump results!

#### **MHS has taught me**

To be kind and respectful to everyone you meet.

#### **What have you liked most about MHS?**

How friendly everyone is and how everyone treats each other with respect and how we are like a family.

#### **Future ambition**

To be a Doctor and make a difference!

#### **Destination School:**

Tonbridge



### Alice Lock

Hawkings House Captain, Pre-Prep Leader

#### **Proudest achievements**

Being in the 1st team for sports.

#### **Earliest memory**

Playing in the playground with Olivia.

#### **MHS has taught me**

To take all opportunities and that hard work will be rewarded.

#### **What have you liked most about MHS?**

The people.

#### **Future ambition**

To travel the world and do something with music.

#### **Destination School:**

Eastbourne College



### Matthew Mason

Captain of Cross Country, Pre-Prep Leader

#### **Proudest achievements**

Entrance scholarship to Cranbrook, being unbeaten in triple jump and being appointed Captain of Cross Country.

#### **Earliest memory**

Felix asked to play space dogs with me.

#### **MHS has taught me**

To have a go at everything as you will most likely enjoy it.

#### **What have you liked most about MHS?**

The time spent outside especially playing sport.

#### **Future ambition**

To become a professional basketball player in the NBA.

#### **Destination School:**

Cranbrook



### Anna Payne-Cook

Pre-Prep Leader, Netball Captain

#### **Proudest achievements**

Being given the responsibility to be Pre-Prep Leader.

#### **Earliest memory**

When Mrs Taylor would climb on the tables in Year 4.

#### **MHS has taught me**

There will always be someone there to talk to and to be fearless and just go for it.

#### **What have you liked most about MHS?**

Making friends for life.

#### **Future ambition**

I don't know.

#### **Destination School:**

Sutton Valence



### Benjamin Perry

Egan House Captain

#### **Proudest achievements**

Becoming Egan House Captain.

#### **Earliest memory**

I fell off the scooter in Year 1 and had a nose bleed.

#### **MHS has taught me**

How to work with my friends as a team.

#### **What have you liked most about MHS?**

Making lots of friends and being able to hang out with them every day.

#### **Future ambition**

To do well at school, get a good job and live life to the fullest.

#### **Destination School:**

Sutton Valence



### Lydia Quinlan

Head Girl and Creative Arts Leader

#### **Proudest achievements**

Being Head Girl and passing my exams to Sutton Valence and Cranbrook.

#### **Earliest memory**

On my taster day in Year 1 after I had moved back from Australia when everyone was crowding around me asking why I spoke differently.

#### **MHS has taught me**

To always follow your dreams and be you.

#### **What have you liked most about MHS?**

My favourite thing about MHS is my friends and also how welcoming everyone was from the beginning.

#### **Future ambition**

To get good grades in my GCSEs and A Levels. To maybe start working as a psychologist or a vet.

#### **Destination School:**

Cranbrook





### Daisy Quitmann

Sports Leader, Head of Awdry

#### **Proudest achievements**

Becoming a sports leader, I was so happy.

#### **Earliest memory**

When I was playing hide and seek in nursery with Izzy and Holly, and tried to hide in the sandpit.

#### **MHS has taught me**

To be more confident and believe in myself.

#### **What have you liked most about MHS?**

How welcoming and homely it is, sort of like a family.

#### **Future ambition**

To be a Farmer.

#### **Destination School:**

Eastbourne College



### Isabella Randolph

Sports leader, Egan House Captain

#### **Proudest achievements**

Being chosen to sing a solo for the Barnardo's Concert at the Barbican, London. Helping the MHS riding team to win the Kent County Championships.

#### **Earliest memory**

Fighting over toys in the sandpit with Olivia and Holly in Nursery.

#### **MHS has taught me**

Never give up and keep trying, and give everything a go even if you're not sure.

#### **What have you liked most about MHS?**

The people there and the amount of friends you make.

#### **Future ambition**

To live a happy and successful life.

#### **Destination School:**

Hurst



### Sophia Rawlings

Eco-Leader, Captain of Hockey

#### **Proudest achievements**

Being Captain of Hockey and breaking the school's swimming record in butterfly in Year 4.

#### **Earliest memory**

In Year 4 when Mrs Taylor climbed across a table.

#### **MHS has taught me**

That the only way to get better at things is to make mistakes.

#### **What have you liked most about MHS?**

I have made some really great friends.

#### **Future ambition**

Work abroad with animals.

#### **Destination School:**

Cranbrook



### Archie Rees

Head Boy, Hockey Captain

#### **Proudest achievements**

Playing county cricket and West Kent Football, and being given the role of Head Boy.

#### **Earliest memory**

In Year 2 when someone threw a rubber at Mrs Saunders.

#### **MHS has taught me**

To be kind and empathetic towards others and to be inclusive of everyone.

#### **What have you liked most about MHS?**

The sport which we had every day, and the trips.

#### **Future ambition**

Marine Biologist or a sportsman. If I do not achieve these goals, I will become a second-hand car dealer.

#### **Destination School:**

Brighton College



### Wilfie Watts

Head Boy, Head of Hawkings

#### **Proudest achievements**

My scholarship and positions of responsibility.

#### **Earliest memory**

Bringing our pet into school in nursery.

#### **MHS has taught me**

Responsibility.

#### **What have you liked most about MHS?**

The people.

#### **Future ambition**

I'm not sure yet.

#### **Destination School:**

Sutton Valence



### Ben Whiteley

Head of Dunbar, Middle School Leader

#### **Proudest achievements**

Being House Captain.

#### **Earliest memory**

Playing in the sand with Guy and Felix.

#### **MHS has taught me**

To take every opportunity.

#### **What have you liked most about MHS?**

The support.

#### **Future ambition**

To be a Historian.

#### **Destination School:**

Eastbourne College



### Stanley Willett

Academic leader

#### **Proudest achievements**

Sutton Valence Academic Scholarship.

#### **Earliest memory**

Bringing a teddy bear home in nursery and taking it out for the day.

#### **MHS has taught me**

The value of friendships.

#### **What have you liked most about MHS?**

The friendships I have made and the teachers who have taught me.

#### **Future ambition**

To be a Pilot or a Lawyer.

#### **Destination School:**

Sutton Valence



## Salvete

### Andy Keates, Head of Housekeeping

I Joined MHS as Head of Housekeeping mid-February 2020 at a time that will be quite memorable in history, and literally 'hit the ground running'. I previously held the same position at a Senior Boarding School for 5 years, and before that I was Duty Manager at a holiday resort. Outside of work I am a keen runner and have run marathons and a 177 mile team event. I am involved within my local council, with a view to hopefully becoming a Town Councillor. I also enjoy baking cakes for people for their events. When I'm not busy with all that, I like to spend time with my partner and my son, and of course, who doesn't like a holiday!



### Amy Wells, Year 2 Teacher

We are delighted to be seeing Mrs Amy Wells return after the birth of her last child. Mrs Wells will be returning to her class teacher role in the Pre-Prep.



### Saskia Gunson, Maths Teacher

Mrs Saskia Gunson is also returning, on a part time basis, after her maternity leave. Mrs Gunson will be teaching Maths across the Middle School from September.



## Valvete

### Di Day, Head of Music

Ms Diane Day joined Marlborough House in September 2012. During this time she has created a Music department that is vibrant, creative and inclusive. Covering all types of music from classical to Japanese, violins to ukuleles, Carl Jenkins to Les Miserables, Di's enthusiasm and love of her subject shone through every lesson and every performance.



With all the children being encouraged to take part in the informal concerts, everyone was made to feel part of event. Di Day leaves a legacy of wonderful concerts to be remembered and a thriving Department as she leaves to take up her post in Sevenoaks School. We wish her every success. VC

### Sarah Playfoot, Year 1 Teacher

Mrs Sarah Playfoot joined MHS in 2016 and quickly became a valued member of Middle School where she took on the position of Head of Years 3 and 4, overseeing the academic progress of the children. Sarah's talents as a teacher and her passion for both English and Outdoor Learning brought so many opportunities for everyone she taught. Roald Dahl day, thanks to Sarah, is now a much-loved fixture in our school calendar and her initiatives such as 'extreme reading' have inspired many to become avid and happy readers.



Sarah moved to Pre-Prep in September 2019 and her dedication to allowing children to be active learners shone. Parents, colleagues and children have enjoyed working with Mrs Playfoot and she





will be very much missed. We wish her all the best for the future in studying and establishing a Beach School. *RR & CaW*

## Jo Walker, Girls' Games Coach

Mrs Walker has been a dedicated member of our games coaching team for some nine years. She brought with her two great assets, firstly her



in-depth knowledge of Lacrosse and secondly her great sense of humour. She has helped the girls to develop the game here at MHS and she can be delighted that one of her old pupils now Captains Scotland's U21 National Lacrosse team. She has also helped with the tennis and swimming programme in the summer, spending many late evenings coaching.

She is leaving to coach her great love, Lacrosse, at Benenden where they will be delighted to have another excellent Lacs coach. We wish her well and look forward to seeing her around the circuit. *RM*

## MARLBOROUGH HOUSE SOCIETY



## MHS Alumni to be Head Girl of Eastbourne College and Head Girl of Cranbrook School

Huge congratulations to five of our MHS Alumni on their new leadership roles at Eastbourne College and Cranbrook School.

Elo Quitmann (pictured) will be Head Girl at Eastbourne College and Isabella Gard has been made Head Girl of Cranbrook School.

In addition, MHS Alumnus Amelia Dipper has been made a School Prefect at Eastbourne College, while Huw Mathers is a House Captain and Joseph Mathers is the Editor of the School Magazine at Cranbrook School!



# Behind the scenes of the 2019 Rugby World Cup

With MHS Alumnus Thomas Houchin



I work at IMG, and last Autumn I was lucky enough to head to Japan to work on the 2019 Rugby World Cup. IMG brokered all agreements across sponsorship, travel and hospitality, and licensing and retail for the tournament.

I worked as a Commercial Venue Manager for both the Yokohama & Tokyo venues, which involved delivering all the sponsorship rights and benefits for the six Worldwide Partners (DHL, Heineken, Societe Generale, MasterCard, Emirates & Land Rover). This involved working on brand activation and key moments such as: MasterCard's Player of the Match; making sure the 10 match balls were signed by the two captains and referees; ensuring

the LED pitch-side sponsor branding was running smoothly; delivering priceless experiences and behind the scene tours for lucky sponsor guests with the likes of Bryan Habana, Dan Carter and Thierry Dusautoir; and (occasionally!) being able to watch a bit of incredible international Rugby, as well as travel the truly beautiful country of Japan!

My favourite memory was the quarter final game between Scotland and Japan, where Typhoon Hagibis nearly stopped the match from taking place, but Japan's win galvanized the tournament. An incredible match to watch and deemed as a sporting fairytale.



With Thierry Dusautoir who captained France to the 2011 Rugby World Cup Final against the hosts New Zealand.



With Naomi Osaka, former World No 1 tennis player, who presented to Japan's Kenki Fukuoka, who had an incredible match in the quarter final game against Scotland and scored a hat-trick.



With Brian Habana who was part of the South Africa team that won the 2007 Rugby World Cup, and was one of the stars of the tournament, his eight tries equalling the single tournament record set by Jonah Lomu in 1999. Habana was subsequently named the 2007 IRB Player of the Year.





## MHS Alumnus Kitty Montague releases new song

Kitty Montague, has released a new song 'Yellow Lines', with proceeds being donated to Refuge Against Domestic Violence.

Whilst the country was in lockdown, Kitty's friends and family from around the world, of which many are keyworkers, still found a way to come together to be a part of her home video; a powerful accompaniment to this latest song and featuring some other MHS Alumni! Another version of the video has also been produced, complete with beautiful illustrations by MHS Alumnus, Minna Down.



You can watch the music video on Kitty's YouTube Channel - we wish her all the best with her latest song.

## Victory Cup



Prize-Giving sees all the silverware brought out of hibernation for its annual airing and this year the Victory Cup caught our eyes, or rather the expert eye of Head of Latin and History, Mrs Budd. The cup has a Latin inscription which reveals a bit about its history and includes a phrase which resonates with us today.

The cup was donated by the Robertson family in 1918 on the occasion of their son leaving Marlborough House and it is named the Victory Cup as it followed the end of World War One.

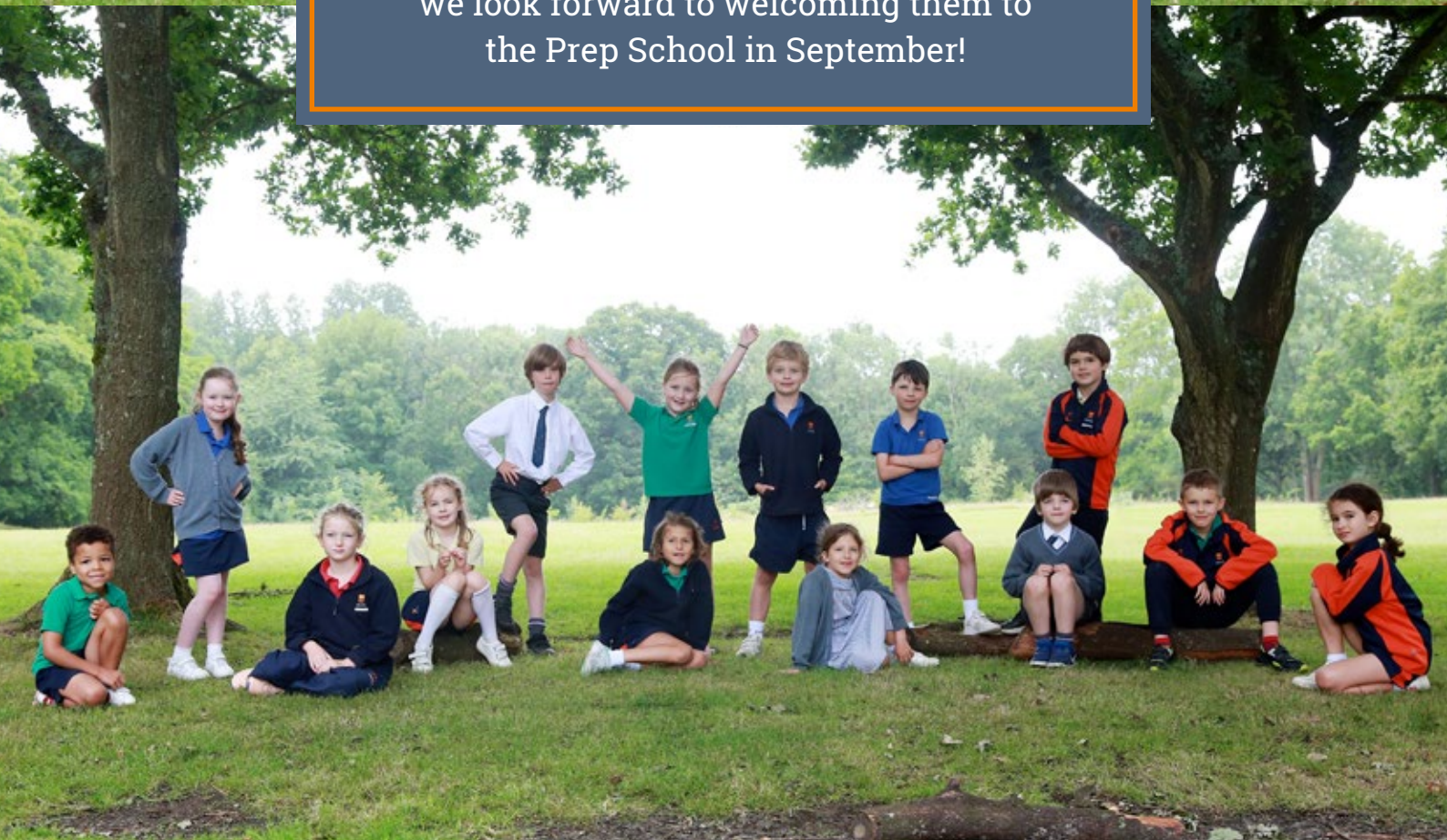
Included in the inscription is the phrase **'apud domum hanc Marlboroughensem'**, which means: **'among the Marlborough family'**.

It was lovely to learn that the sense of family we enjoy at Marlborough House today is part of our heritage and to be reminded that it extends to all our pupils past and present.





Year 2 celebrating their last day in Pre-Prep,  
we look forward to welcoming them to  
the Prep School in September!



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