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PRIZEGIVING 2019: SIR MICHAEL MORPURGO, MRS FIONA BOULTON AND HEAD GIRLS 2018 - 19, 2019 - 20



SIR MICHAEL MORPURGO AND THE GHS ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

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As I look back over the last 11 weeks, it has been another term packed with so many wonderful moments. I loved the contemporary arrangements in the May Concert this summer. It was obvious to all those in the audience that you love the camaraderie and thrill of playing in the bands and orchestras and you do so with such stylish confidence. Congratulations to Amy on her wonderful concerto performance. This term we have staged three Lower School plays: 'There's a Leak', 'Bad Girls', and 'Unman, Wittering and Zigo' and Sixth Formers will be performing 'Antigone' and 'Medea' at the Edinburgh Fringe in August. Over the course of the academic year, pupils have been involved in an unprecedented total of 22 productions, depicting hundreds of characters vividly and enthusiastically.

Our European Youth Parliament team competed in the National Finals in Liverpool and four students were selected to represent the UK in Europe. In the summer sports, numerous athletes have performed outstandingly well individually and our U13s finished third in the ESSA National Finals – a superb achievement. In Tennis, the U13 team won the Surrey Festival and have gone on to become U13 Independent Schools Tennis Association Finalists and Plate winners. Cricket has taken off and we have a cricket specialist, Mrs Nicole Richards, joining the teaching staff in September. Nets will run throughout the year.

Two members of staff are retiring this summer. Mrs Kate Denny has been teaching Maths at GHS for 22 years. She is not only Head of Maths but she accompanies Gold D of E expeditions annually and numerous other trips. Kate always has a cheery smile; her enthusiasm when handing out Kangaroo awards has meant that she is something of a legend at GHS. We wish her all the very best in her retirement. Mrs Jo Ayshford has been our Senior Laboratory Technician for 25 years. She is seen behind the scenes organising props at drama productions and behind every Chemistry practical that takes place at GHS. She is warm, funny, supportive and she has a heart of gold. Both of these ladies epitomise our school motto 'As one that serveth'.

This academic year has been rich in awards. Our GCSE and A Level results last summer, combined with our rich extracurricular provision, meant that we were awarded 'South East Independent School of the Year' by The Sunday Times. For the fifth consecutive year, we found ourselves named 'Top Girls' School for Sporting Attainment' in the National School Sport Magazine. The Week magazine awarded us 'Best for Pastoral Care'. As Mrs Karen Laurie says, pastoral care is integral to all that we do and we do it with energy and commitment. Our overriding message is to be kind to yourselves and to others. We reinforce the importance of reaching out for help when needed.

Our aims as a school are simple: we want pupils to be happy and to be positive about their own gifts and abilities. Our aims are encapsulated in 'The GHS 8'. Thank you to all our staff and pupils for your hard work, support and unfailing positivity. I wish you all a very happy and relaxing summer.

Mrs Fiona Boulton



Year 10 Geography visit to Swanage

'The GHS 8'

Our purpose at GHS is to provide an atmosphere and surroundings in which you can:

1. Be happy
2. Be positive about your own gifts and abilities
3. Maximise your potential
4. Think and learn creatively and collaboratively
5. Develop intellectual curiosity and a love of learning
6. Develop the confidence to take appropriate risks
7. Develop the resilience to cope with adversity
8. Become a responsible citizen

KEY DATES FOR 2019 - 20

Carol Service: Monday 9 December 2019
Prizegiving: Monday 29 June 2020

MICHAELMAS TERM 2019

Entrepreneurship Days: Monday 2 September - Tuesday 3 September
(Year 12 only in school)
Term Starts: Wednesday 4 September
October Half Term: Monday 21 October - Friday 1 November
Term Ends: Friday 13 December

LENT TERM 2020

Term Starts: Monday 6 January
February Half Term: Monday 17 February - Friday 21 February
Term Ends: Friday 27 March
INSET Day: Thursday 2 January
Entrance Examinations: Friday 3 January
(Year 12 and Senior Prefect Team only in school)

TRINITY TERM 2020

Term Starts: Monday 20 April
May Half Term: Monday 25 May - Friday 29 May
Term Ends: Thursday 9 July
Bank Holiday: Friday 8 May
INSET Day: Friday 22 May

PRIZEGIVING 2019

We were delighted to welcome Sir Michael Morpurgo as Guest Speaker at our Prizegiving on 1 July. Speaking at the event in G Live, he provided sound advice to our leavers, entertained us with witty anecdotes from the earliest days of his writing career and even surprised the audience with a song!

Sir Michael Morpurgo is one of Britain's most well-loved authors and has been a friend to Guildford High School for many years. I remember a Year 7 pupil saying to me "please could you recommend a book I'll love as much as *Private Peaceful*?" It's a tough question to answer, but a wonderful question to hear. I know that many children would name one of Sir Michael's books as their favourite book. His books are able to transport us into different worlds; they create that magical intersection between reality and imagination in which a story feels alive to us and something fictional helps us better understand the world in which we live. We were thrilled that Sir Michael was able to join us to celebrate many successes of our talented pupils.

Miss Jemima Kettle



MAY CONCERT

The May Concert is always a highlight of the Trinity Term but this year's concert, involving over 200 musicians from Years 7- Upper Sixth, was especially memorable, with sensational performances. The Wind Band, String Orchestra, Big Band, Chamber Orchestra, Mathias Band and Symphony Orchestra offered a feast of music from a wide range of styles and genres, with stylish (and often witty) playing from every ensemble in front of a sell-out audience. Congratulations to all players, including Amy who performed the third movement from Saint Saëns' Violin Concerto No 3: this was a mesmerising, passionate performance from soloist and orchestra. Mrs Boulton publically thanked the Upper Sixth leavers and parents for all that they have contributed to GHS Music over the past seven years; this is echoed by every teacher in the Music department. You will be missed next year! A retiring collection for The Little Princess Trust, in memory of Ava Anthony, raised the fantastic sum of £491.35.

Mr Grayson Jones



TOE-TAPPING AT THIS YEAR'S JAZZ NIGHT

Once again, this was a marvellous evening of great music in a relaxed setting with lots of eating, drinking and importantly dancing! The music was provided by younger musicians at the start of the evening, before the Big Band took over to play an impressive set of popular soul, funk and salsa classics. Congratulations to all musicians!

Mr Grayson Jones



JOIN THE GHS & RGS JOINT PARENTS' CHOIR

Concert at G Live, 18 March 2020

From January until March 2020 the Music departments from GHS and RGS will be rehearsing for the biennial joint choral and orchestral concert, to be held at G Live on Wednesday 18 March 2020. The concert will involve the GHS Senior Choir, GHS Senior Chamber Choir, GHS & RGS Joint Chamber Choir, RGS Choirs, professional soloists, the Joint Orchestra (comprising the most experienced players from the two schools) and the Joint Parents' Choir - to include current and former parents, staff and friends from both schools. Parents of Junior School girls are encouraged to swell the ranks, too, and tenors and basses will be especially welcome! The repertoire will be announced early next term.

It promises to be a fantastic occasion and the opportunity to perform in front of a sell-out audience at G Live as part of a large combined choir (400+) with outstanding orchestral players should be thrilling. The Parents' Choir will rehearse every Wednesday evening from early January until mid-March in The 2016 Hall. The concert will be conducted by Mr Peter White and Mr Grayson Jones. Full details will be sent out to parents in September.

Mr Grayson Jones

LOWER SCHOOL PLAY: 'BAD GIRLS'

After only two months of rehearsals, the cast of 'Bad Girls' performed their show this June in the Lower School's Festival of Drama.

'Bad Girls' is based on the book written by Jacqueline Wilson and has been cleverly adapted for the stage by Vicky Ireland. It tells the story of Mandy, a young girl who is the victim of bullying in her school. During these difficult times, Mandy forms an unlikely friendship with Tanya, a troubled foster child who lives nearby, much to her mother's disapproval. That is until Tanya gets caught thieving, with Mandy by her side, and is forced to move away.

The play was filled with all the ingredients to make it a success: despair, jubilation, humour and surprises. The witty script was well-delivered by the cast and each character was skillfully conveyed. The slick scene changes and consistent energy kept the audience absorbed, with the moral of the story sensitively touched upon. The play had a positive ending for the characters that we learnt to care for during the show and was enjoyed by all.

The cast would like to say a big thank you to our amazing directors, Miss Morris and Mrs Watters, who, in only a short amount of time, managed to put this play together and make it a success!

Fleur, 8LL



LOWER SCHOOL PLAY: 'THERE'S A LEAK!'

'There's A Leak!' by Ben Hales and Splendid Productions was performed on 27 and 28 June as part of the Key Stage 3 Festival of Drama. The play, performed on a bare stage, followed the central character Elsa and her petulant cat, Igor, as they discover a 'leak' in a pavement, and their subsequent attempts to persuade a vast array of rather feckless characters to do something about this ever growing threat to the community. The cast of 16 pupils, many using multi-rolling performance techniques, once again underlined the enormous talent and commitment that we have in the lower years of the Senior School and what an absolute pleasure they are to work with. The entire cast were quite amazing in their focus and attention to detail in creating and developing their rather bizarre characters, but special mention must go to Phoebe (Elsa) and Danya (Igor) who never left the stage from beginning to end, were present at all rehearsals and whose performances were utterly exceptional.

Ms Ashley Fenton



LOWER SCHOOL PLAY : 'UNMAN, WITTERING & ZIGO'

On Wednesday 28 and Thursday 29 June, the four-way split stage of the Drama Hall was transformed into a 1950s sitting room, pub, Headmaster's study and school room, complete with blackboard and academic gowns and, shortly after the lights came up, a rowdy, unruly bunch of fifth form 'boys'. Our girls brilliantly surpassed all expectations in portraying characters with murder on their minds!

'Unman, Wittering and Zigo' is a dark comedy written by Giles Cooper exploring themes of authority, friendship and morality, and tapping into every teacher's fear – the riotous class! The twists and turns of the plot saw the characters go to great lengths to keep their dark secret: manipulating their substitute teacher into becoming an alibi, murdering other witnesses, and ensuring no other character would believe the truth. The energy and intense characterisation from each member of the cast totally brought the whole production to life, convincing the audience that they were no longer observing well-behaved Year 8 and 9 pupils...Everyone was a joy to work with: as first-time directors at GHS, Mr Walden and I were thoroughly impressed with their dedication, commitment and constant enthusiasm, which made the rehearsals a delight.

Miss Amy Channing



SIXTH FORM TO TAKE 'ANTIGONE' AND 'MEDEA' TO EDINBURGH FRINGE FESTIVAL

From 2 - 11 August, two casts from the Sixth Form will perform adaptations of the plays 'Antigone' and 'Medea' at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival. The plays fuse the ancient with the modern, injecting an interactive, humorously quirky backdrop to the old tales of tragedy and raw human emotion. Only in these two versions of the plays will an audience encounter timeless and revered characters such as Antigone, Creon, Medea and Jason alongside a group of hapless clowns and a troupe of holidaying grans enjoying a sun, sea and sand Greek package holiday. Good luck to both casts involved; tickets for both plays can be booked via the Edfringe App.

Ms Ashley Fenton



YEAR 7 GEOGRAPHY VISIT TO TILLINGBOURNE

Heavy rain did nothing to dampen the spirits of the Year 7 geographers on their field trip to the River Tillingbourne in June. Clad in wellies and waterproofs, the girls measured the changing channel characteristics along the river's journey downstream, returning to Guildford High School soggy but happy.

Mr James Partridge



YEAR 7 HISTORY VISIT TO ROCHESTER

Year 7 visited the historic city of Rochester in June, to explore the castle and the cathedral, reinforcing the work completed in class on Medieval England. The castle was started in 1127 and the pupils enjoyed climbing the stone staircase inside the 113 feet tall tower, whilst considering the best ways to attack the castle, as King John would have done in 1215. The cathedral, close to the castle, was also a real delight, and the girls enjoyed the trail around the beautiful building, identifying the various architectural styles and the history of the cathedral. A wonderful time was had by all in the June sunshine.

Mrs Ann Minear



YEAR 7 ENGLISH VISIT TO THE GLOBE AND NATIONAL

On Wednesday 5 July, Year 7 spent the day basking in London's theatrical world with a backstage tour of the National Theatre and a workshop with actors at Shakespeare's Globe Theatre. It was fascinating to get a glimpse into how the National Theatre operates with the opportunity to try out various props, watch set painters at work and learn about the life of the UK's largest working theatre. The workshop and tour of the Globe set imaginations alight with ideas to use in the Shakespeare Festival next term. Year 7 were delightful company and the trip was thoroughly enjoyed by all involved.

Miss Jemima Kettle



YEAR 7 CLASSICS VISIT TO ST ALBANS

Towards the end of term, Year 7 visited the archaeological remains of the Roman town of Verulamium, near St. Albans. Verulamium, one of the largest settlements in Roman Britain, was burnt to the ground in 61CE. We explored the 7,000 capacity theatre, and the hypocaust and mosaic, which formed part of the reception and meeting rooms of a large town house. Inside the museum, the pupils completed an artefact-handling workshop and explored some of the treasures that have been unearthed in excavations. An enjoyable day was had by all.

Mr Andrew James



YEARS 8 - 10 GERMAN TRIP TO RHINELAND

42 pupils toured the Rhineland in the May Half Term. We were based in Cologne, where we visited the medieval cathedral. On the second day we visited Marksburg fortress, then enjoyed an evening walk to play games in the park. The Chocolate Museum was a highlight of the third day, and the annual quiz night was won by a team of Year 8s, putting the older pupils to shame! We spent the final day at Phantasialand theme park. We were treated to glorious weather and everyone had a wonderful time.

Mr Tom M'Clelland



YEARS 8 - 10 MATHS VISIT TO THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY

On Thursday 13 June, the Years 8 - 10 enrichment mathematicians went to the Royal Observatory, Greenwich. We had two workshop sessions with astronomers and a chance to look around for ourselves, but the highlight of the day was the excellent show in the Planetarium!

Mrs Liz Mulgrew



YEARS 8 - 11 PE TRIP TO CLUB LA SANTA, LANZAROTE

Club La Santa is the world's number one sports and active holiday resort based on the west coast of the beautiful volcanic landscape of Lanzarote. It offers more than 80 different kinds of sports and more than 500 free classes. The 35 pupils loved the fact that they could take part in endless fitness classes and sports of their own. New sports they experienced included: trampoline fitness, hula hooping, body combat, windsurfing, aqua jogging, padel tennis, dance, beach volleyball and stand up paddle. The facilities are absolutely first class, the staff are great, and we had another successful trip. We did not want to leave!

Mrs Tara Oxley



YEARS 8 - SIXTH FORM TENNIS TOUR TO PORTUGAL

In the Easter holidays, 21 pupils embarked on the first ever GHS tennis tour to the infamous tennis destination, Val de Lobo. Fast paced drill sessions combined with match practice proved to be an excellent pre-season training camp of which we have reaped the rewards this season. In between the tennis, fun was had by all playing crazy golf, eating ice creams and enjoying the beach. Thank you to all pupils who took part for their enthusiasm on the tennis court and great company.

Miss Catriona Coutts-Wood



YEAR 9 ART VISIT TO TATE MODERN AND SOUTH BANK

Year 9 Art pupils walked along the South Bank from the London Eye to the Tate Modern to launch their new GCSE coursework project 'Structures'. They recorded the London skyline with its wealth of contrasting architecture through photography and sketching from first-hand observation. This will serve as inspiration for their artwork when they return as Year 10 pupils in September. We enjoyed lunch overlooking St Paul's Cathedral and the Millennium Bridge and then explored the diverse and thought-provoking exhibitions in the Tate Modern as further inspiration.

Mrs Susan Kew



YEAR 9 HISTORY VISIT TO THE SOMME

After visiting the memorials to the Pals Battalions, pupils were able to stand in the trenches where the soldiers would have waited for the whistle to be blown at 07:30 on 1 July 1916. Nearby, we visited the Sunken Lane and Hawthorn Ridge, with explanations of the significance of these sites. Newfoundland Park was an amazing memorial park, where remnants of the zig zag trench patterns was evident and a realisation of the close proximity of the opposing trenches across No Man's Land. The day was completed with a ceremony and laying of a wreath at the Thiepval Memorial. It was a long day, but certainly interesting and thought-provoking.

Mrs Ann Minear



YEAR 10 VISIT SHEFFIELD ACADEMY

On 8 July, a group of Year 10 pupils arrived at the beautiful Chatsworth House to meet the students from Sheffield Springs Academy. We had a lovely time getting to know them as we wandered around the vast gardens and house. In the evening, we met up with them again in the town centre for a delicious buffet meal where we had a great time chatting. On Tuesday, we joined them for their lessons, including Science, Maths and English, fully immersing ourselves in the school day. We cannot wait for them to come back to Guildford and visit us next year!

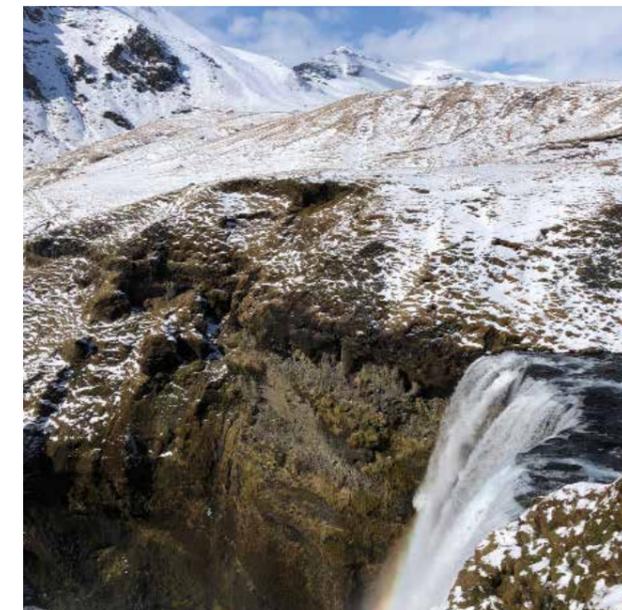
Georgia, 10GH



YEAR 10 GEOGRAPHY TRIP TO ICELAND

For the first week of the Easter holidays, 24 pupils in Year 10 went on a spectacular trip to Iceland with the Geography department. We enjoyed learning about the formation of many of Iceland's beautiful features and its culture, visiting the breathtaking Jökulsárlón Glacier Lagoon, swimming in the thermally heated Blue Lagoon and watching an erupting geyser. Highlights also included the extraordinary scenery at the Þingvellir National Park, traversing the Sólheimajökull glacier, and seeing the astonishing Northern Lights.

Annabel, 10HJ



YEAR 10 GEOGRAPHY VISIT TO SWANAGE

Dorset's stunning Jurassic Coast provided the backdrop for the Year 10 Geography trip in July. Having stopped off on the way down to investigate urban land use and environmental quality in Bournemouth, the pupils measured beach profiles and sediment characteristics at Durdle Door, before enjoying the sunshine and a well-earned ice cream at Lulworth Cove.

Mr James Partridge



YEAR 10 ENRICHMENT TRIP TO BATH

Year 10 had a great time on an action-packed trip to Bath! We were transported back to the Roman era whilst visiting the Roman Baths, discovered new sights all around the city on an open air bus tour and had a fun evening at the cinema watching 'Yesterday'. We also had a first-hand experience of university life by staying overnight at Bath University. I think we can all say that we enjoyed shopping and relaxing in the sun the most! Many thanks to our teachers Mrs Gilmore, Mrs Buxton, Miss Jenkins and Mrs McHale for making it such an enjoyable trip!

Maansi, 10SW



YEARS 10 - 11 HISTORY TRIP TO BERLIN

History pupils from Years 10 and 11 visited Berlin for four days over the Easter holidays. Enjoying unseasonably good weather, they immersed themselves in the history of Weimar, Nazi Germany and the Cold War. From the bustle of Alexanderplatz to the majesty of the Brandenburg Gate, pupils were able to visit some of Berlin's most iconic locations. It was a fantastic visit for all involved, characterised by the pupils' stimulating curiosity, good humour, and all-encompassing enthusiasm.

Mr Alex Hawksworth-Brookes



LOWER SIXTH POLITICS VISIT TO PARLIAMENT

A group of Lower Sixth Politics students visited Parliament and the Supreme Court on 25 June. The visit involved Q&A sessions with Guildford MP Anne Milton, the Conservative Baroness Jenkin, who is committed to increasing the number of female Conservative MPs and Kirsty Finlayson, an alumna of GHS, who stood as a Conservative candidate in the 2017 Election and is an active member of the cross-party 50:50 Parliament campaign to achieve equal parity between male and female representation in the Commons. The students asked Anne some very rigorous questions on topics such as the current voting system, Brexit, same-sex marriage and abortion. Although not always in agreement with the students' views, Anne was impressed by the challenging nature of the questions.

Mr David Cleaver



LOWER SIXTH ECONOMICS THEATRE VISIT TO 'SWEAT'

Lower Sixth Economists went to see the five-star Pulitzer Prize-winning play 'Sweat' in the West End, a play set in the midst of high political tensions at the turn of the century in the American rust belt. It was fascinating to see our knowledge of globalisation and deindustrialisation (a key part of our Economics AS course) brought to life and its widespread damaging effects on society. From a dramatic perspective, the portrayal of a microcosmic industrial town was incredibly powerful, as it was systematically eroded by mechanisation, unemployment, and the loss of the power of Trade Unions. We all came away with a new perspective on the decay of the American dream and the humanity of Economics; many thanks to Mrs Jones for arranging the trip.

Emma, LVIK, Jos, LVIG, Claudia, LVIO and Trupti, LVIG



LOWER SIXTH BIOLOGY FIELD TRIP TO JUNIPER HALL

On 26 June, our Lower Sixth Biologists headed off to the wilds of Juniper Hall in Dorking for their three day Biology field trip. The weather was fantastic and it was fab to see the students get so involved in the variety of required practicals involved in the trip - they especially enjoyed a relaxing half hour with ice creams at the coast after a day of stratified sampling on the rocky shore! It was a full on three days, with lots of data analysis and statistics, but the students took everything on board with a good work ethic and sense of fun, helped along by our very dry-humoured tutor, Luke. Well done all!

Miss Amy Dixon



PROSE FICTION FESTIVAL 2019: 'DETECTIVES'

Congratulations to all pupils whose characterisations of a 'Detective with a Difference' were shortlisted for the Prose Fiction Festival. The pupils read their work to an audience of their families, teachers and to the judge, author Natasha Farrant. The snapshot stories were original, compelling and a joy to listen to. What a tremendous achievement, well done!

Ms Amy Alkadhi-Gray



WINNERS

Year 7 Winner:
Adya, 7HD

Year 8 Winner:
Jessica, 8HL

Year 9 Winner:
Milly, 9HP

Year 7 Runner-up:
Amelia, 7CM

Year 8 Runner-up:
Annabelle, 8SH

Year 9 Runner-up:
Zara, 9HP

Year 7 Best Speaker:
Bea, 7SE

Year 8 Best Speaker:
Samantha, 8GR

Year 9 Best Speaker:
Kelsie, 9CG

AUTHOR ROBIN STEVENS VISITS GHS

On Tuesday 7 May there were ripples of excitement across the school as we welcomed Robin Stevens, a favourite author of many of our Year 7 - 9 pupils. KS3 pupils were fascinated to hear her speak about her passion for crime writing and many were thrilled to meet her while getting their books signed. It was an inspiring afternoon.

Miss Jemima Kettle



TOP THREE IN CLASSICS QUIZ

On 27 June, twelve pupils from Years 7, 8 and 10 took part in the Certamen Classical Quiz competition, battling against local schools to be the fastest to answer questions about the ancient world and Greek and Roman mythology. After two intense heat rounds and fantastic quizzing from all three teams, it was brilliant to see GHS represented in the final of both the Beginner and Intermediate categories. GHS was placed third and second respectively overall, and all of our teams should be incredibly proud of the impressive classical knowledge they demonstrated throughout the competition.

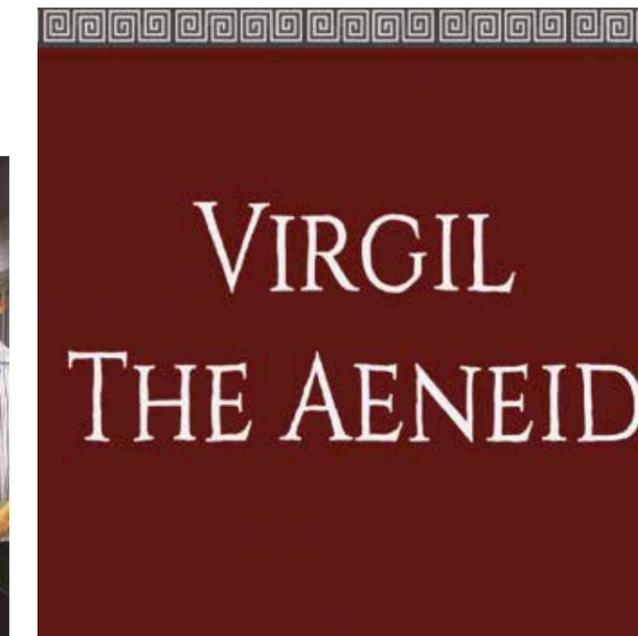
Miss Sophie Oakes



UPPER SIXTH CLASSICS TALK

In a fascinating lecture on Wednesday 5 June, Dr. Llewelyn Morgan, Tutorial Fellow of Classics and Vice-Principal of Brasenose College Oxford, explored the brilliant and subtly crafted character of Aeneas. Students study the 'Aeneid' at GCSE and A Level but we were thrilled to see some of our younger pupils at the talk. Llewelyn's stories about Hercules and the Olympian gods captivated our students and whetted their appetite for the literature that they will study in the future.

Mr Andrew James



GCSE & A LEVEL EXHIBITION FOR ART

As ever, the annual A Level and GCSE Art Exhibition was an opportunity for the Art pupils to celebrate their fantastic achievements and hard work. The private view of the exhibition was bursting with friends, family and staff as the students showed off their work with pride.

GCSE themes such as 'Reflections' were explored and supported with trips to galleries across the country. Contextual studies of other artists' work allowed them to appreciate the inspirations that artists use to create a wide range of responses from political propaganda to personal stories.

A Level students have enriched their artistic studies with a residential trip to the St. Ives School of Drawing and weekly life drawing classes at The Royal Grammar School. As young artists they are going on to pursue Art Foundation courses at Central Saint Martins, Architecture at Bath University and History of Art at The Courtauld Institute of Art in London.

The variety of the work on show is outstanding and a real testament to the dedication and hard work of each and every pupil. It has been a fun year with a great sense of community in the Art department. The pupils have brought intellectual challenge and curiosity to every lesson and Mr Laughton and I are very proud to be their teachers.

Mrs Sue Kew



GCSE & A LEVEL EXHIBITION FOR DESIGN TECHNOLOGY AND TEXTILES

The annual Design Technology and Textiles Exhibition was an opportunity for pupils to celebrate their fantastic achievements, innovation and hard work this year. It was wonderful to hear the pupils confidently talk about their products to family, friends and staff with great pride and gusto.

This year, the Product Design GCSE brief was to create a product that would “support developing countries, addressing the needs of people with disabilities and encouraging a healthy lifestyle.” The variety of creative outcomes manufactured was outstanding, which is testament to the passion and enthusiasm of each and every pupil. The A Level products included a ‘Reminder Station’ to aid people living with early stages of Dementia to live alone independently, multifunctional storage units and a portable workspace.

The AS Fashion and Textiles brief required students to “produce a prototype of a garment inspired by a stage or film production, to appeal to the modern market.” Students chose a wonderfully diverse range of films ranging from ‘Breakfast at Tiffany’s’, ‘Star Wars’ and ‘Grease’ and created truly inspirational garments.

Well done everyone, Mrs. Bengoechea and I are very proud of your achievements.

Mr Chris McGhee



'ANIMAZING' WORKSHOP FOR YEAR 7

On 1 May, Year 7 participated in the annual Biology event of Animazing. During the day, the pupils learnt about an array of animals from all over the world, their adaptations, habitats and conversation of some of the species. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed the experience and handled everything from cockroaches to snakes, owls and even giant rabbits!

Miss Amy Dixon



CANSAT TEAM REACH NATIONAL FINALS FOR FOURTH YEAR IN A ROW

Earlier this term, nine pupils from Year 11 and Lower Sixth competed in the National CANSAT Finals. This was the fourth year in a row GHS have made the finals and we are the only school in the UK to have managed this. The pupils had spent six months designing, building and programming a miniature satellite that could identify natural disasters. They delivered a professional presentation and were named the best team in the coveted 'Scientific Content' category. Well done all, you should be very proud of yourselves.

Mr Nick Harries

SECOND AT THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF CHEMISTRY COMPETITION

In April, Georgia, Vicky and Tizzy took part in the Royal Society of Chemistry Schools Analyst Competition, in which they had to perform a series of practical analytical determinations based on problems relevant to industrial or social needs. They were judged on their skill and understanding in the procedures and finished second in the competition.

Dr Julia Lister

GOLD AND SILVER FOR GHS IN THE YEAR 10 AND AS PHYSICS CHALLENGES

Last term, 11 Lower Sixth students took part in the AS Physics Challenge run by the BPhO to test the most able Lower Sixth students in the country. We are delighted that all students were awarded a certificate but particular congratulations go to Tizzy and Harriett who achieved Silver certificates, placing them in the top 400 students in the country. More recently, 12 Year 10 pupils took part in the Year 10 Physics Challenge over two lunch times. Emma achieved a Gold certificate, and Issy, Annabel, Jasmine and Kate all achieved a Silver certificate. Well done all!

Miss Kimberley Walrond



GOLD, SILVER AND HIGHLY COMMENDED AT UPPER SIXTH BIOLOGY OLYMPIAD

In February, Agatha, Millie, Sidney, Bryony and Georgia undertook the British Biology Olympiad. The two 45 minute papers consisted of a mixture of questions from GCSE through to A Level Knowledge. 9,465 students from 727 schools worldwide participated this year. The students performed very well, with two gaining Gold certificates, two gaining Silver and one gaining a Highly Commended.

Miss Amy Dixon



GHS TEAM COMPETE AT THE NATIONAL FINALS OF THE UKMT TEAM CHALLENGE

On Monday 17 June, the Year 8 and 9 Maths team competed in the National Final of the UKMT Team Challenge in London. 88 teams were in the final from as far afield as Aberdeen, Belfast and Cornwall! They enjoyed a lovely day of challenging mathematical activities culminating in the relay race.

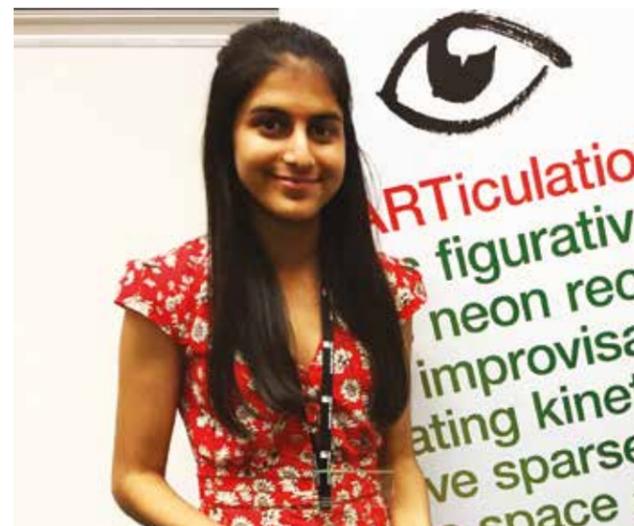
Mrs Liz Mulgrew



RIA NATIONAL WINNER OF JUNIOR DISCOVERY ARTICULATION COMPETITION

Ria in Year 11 is the National Winner of the Junior Discovery ARTiculation Competition. She presented her beautiful presentation at Leeds University adjudicated by Gill Hart, Head of the Devonshire Education Trust. Ria spoke with eloquence and integrity about the work of Amrita Sher-Gil, India's most prominent female Indian Artist. We are immensely proud of this fantastic achievement which is thoroughly deserved.

Mrs Susan Kew



GEORGIA WINS ROYAL GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN GEOGRAPHY

The Royal Geographical Society with IBG runs annual Excellence Awards for the top performing candidates in each exam board specification for IGCSE. Congratulations to Georgia for gaining the highest mark in the Geography Edexcel IGCSE against over 6,000 candidates who sat the paper last summer. This means not only gaining the top result in the UK, but globally as the IGCSE is an international qualification. It is a superb accolade to her hard work and talent!

Mr James Partridge



CHARLOTTE SELECTED FOR THE GB PHYSICS OLYMPIAD TEAM

We are delighted that Charlotte has been selected to represent the UK in the International Physics Olympiad this summer following a gruelling training camp at Cambridge University. As well as being selected for the final team, she also was awarded a prize for her experimental work during her time at Cambridge University. We wish Charlotte the very best of luck in the IPhO in Israel this summer and will be following her progress.

Miss Kimberley Walrond



CHLOE WINS THE NEWNHAM COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE, COMPUTER SCIENCE ESSAY PRIZE

We were absolutely delighted to hear that Chloe has been awarded first place in this year's Newnham College Computer Science Essay Competition. In her essay, Chloe presented an original analysis of the technical and ethical aspects of finding extra-terrestrial intelligence on Mars. This highly prestigious prize is testament to Chloe's talent, ingenuity and expertise in the field of Artificial Intelligence and recognises her outstanding potential for a career in this area.

Mr Javier González



CATHY RUNNER-UP IN THE WINSTON CHURCHILL COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE, SIXTH FORM ECONOMICS PRIZE

Congratulations to Lower Sixth student Cathy! Cathy had to predict - to four decimal places - what the daily spot nominal Euro-Sterling exchange rate would be on 1 June 2019 on the Bank of England webpage. To justify this prediction, she had to write a short commentary focusing both on economic analysis and interpreting political decisions. For her prize she was given £75 and invited to an overnight stay at Winston College to have a real flavour of academic life at Cambridge.

Mrs Carol Jones



LEAVERS' BALL - CLASS OF 2019

Guildford High School was delighted to host the 2019 Leavers' Ball on a beautiful July evening, as we said farewell to the Upper Sixth as they prepare to embark on the next exciting phases of their lives. It was a wonderful event with parents, staff and students all enjoying the carnival stalls and the brilliant atmosphere.

Mr Will Saunders



ENRICHMENT WEEK 2019

This year's Enrichment Week for Years 7 - 10 saw a whole range of activities taking place, both within and outside school. Team building exercises; self-defence classes; circus skills; a visit from Eagle Radio; movie making; visits to Bath, classical sites and the First World War battlefields. There was so much happening and the pupils were amazing, throwing themselves into every activity with huge enthusiasm.

Mr Will Saunders



“GUILDFORD HIGH SCHOOL HAD A FARM, E-I-E-I-O!”

The Little Farm in exam week is now a firmly established joy bringer! Staff and pupils alike enjoyed having some time stroking the sheep, bunnies and pigs - taking a pause and the simple charm of being with the many animals.

Mrs Karen Laurie



ELKE EDWARDS VISITS GHS FOR PASTORAL TALK

As part of our ASPIRE programme, we welcomed Elke Edwards, Managing Director and founder of Ivy House. Elke addressed a myriad of subjects: from public speaking, to standing out in education and employment. Her passionate delivery encouraged girls to reflect on what aspects of life strengthen and weaken us, while also addressing the topic of behavioural ownership; at this point, through the comical role play of mother-teenager relationships re-enacted by some enthusiastic Upper Sixth. Elke addressed the pertinent and relevant topic of relationships at home, questioning what we put into the ‘space’ that is the relationship between parent and child; thus, Elke posed the question as to whether we are actively striving to create meaningful connections with others and, more poignantly, with ourselves.

Alice, LVIH



OVER 20 GHS ATHLETES REPRESENTING THEIR COUNTRY IN THEIR CHOSEN SPORT

There have been some outstanding athletic performances throughout the course of this academic year and we are very proud of all of our pupils’ sporting achievements. A number of pupils will be competing at the highest levels over the summer and we wish them well:

Archery - Louisa has been selected for the GBR Senior Team at the Berlin Archery World Cup which takes place during the first week of July.

Cheerleading - Celeste has just returned from the Cheerleading World Championships in Orlando where her team came 14th overall and they were the best UK team placed.

Lacrosse - Lucy and Zoe will be representing England and Georgia will be representing Scotland at the U19 Lacrosse World Cup, held in Canada. Anya is off to Prague as a member of the U23 England Lacrosse Team.

Martial Arts - Jess has just returned from winning the European Champion title for her black belt and age category at the Martial Arts Kuk Sool Tournament. Amelia has had a fantastic season representing GB in Judo. We would like to wish her the best of luck when she attends the Commonwealth Championships in September.

Netball - Millie is wished good luck in her Ireland trials with a view to playing at the Netball Europe Open Championships and Nations Cup.

Rowing - Katherine has received an invitation to the final GB Junior Rowing team crew formation.

Swimming - U13 swimmers, Darcy and Hollie, will be competing for England in the British Swimming Championships.

Under Water Hockey - Emily has been selected for the U24 GB Ladies squad who will be competing in the World Championships in August.



SPORTS DAY 2019



SPORTS AWARDS 2019

GHS pupils again exchanged their sports kit and trainers for dresses and high heels for the annual Sports Awards. It was a fabulous evening, celebrating their many sporting successes. Gemma Morgan gave an inspirational talk in which she was very open about her time in the army as an officer and the challenging situations she faced both during and after her career.

Mrs Rachel Byrne



SPORTS AWARDS 2019 CONTINUED...



TEAM WIN AT GOLF TOURNAMENT

The new season got underway quickly this term, with two fixtures hosted at Cranleigh School. The first was an informal, friendly match, which acted as a practice round for our young Golf team, consisting of Josephine and Summer. The second was a tournament, held on Friday 10 May that also involved players from Epsom College, Prior's Field and St. Catherine's. Summer enjoyed a fantastic round to finish first in the U13 section, with Josephine in second place, which thereby secured an overall team win as well. Congratulations to both players!

Mrs Louise Stone



NATIONAL POP UP DRESSAGE SUCCESS

Olivia competed in the Pop Up Championships in April against the top riders across the country. She warmed up in the Prelim test but shone in the Novice test. She scored 72.08% and came fourth. This means she qualifies for the Championship Plate. Congratulations Olivia!

Mrs Tara Oxley



U13 CRICKET TEAM THROUGH TO SURREY FINALS DAY

The cricket season kicked off with a fantastic Easter course run by ex-England cricketer, Lydia Greenway. This term, cricket became a major curriculum sport for Year 7 and Year 8, who threw themselves fully into cricket and attended extracurricular clubs. Whilst a busy fixture list had been organised, the unfortunate weather had other ideas, we had matches cancelled, postponed and even continued to play in the rain, 'that's just not cricket!' Despite a rainy summer, the pupils shone on the pitch with enthusiasm and eagerness to hit out for fours and sixes. The U13 and U15 Softball Surrey League teams played extremely well, building on each performance, with the U13 Hardball team progressing through to Surrey Finals Day. They have been a pleasure to coach this term and further development of the cricket programme will continue in September... watch this space!

Mrs Harper, Mr Peel and Mr Partridge



TEAM WINNERS AT DISTRICT ATHLETICS, SIX PODIUM FINISHES AT THE NATIONAL PREP SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS AND THIRD NATIONALLY AT ESAA ATHLETICS FINALS

We have had an amazing Trinity Term of success for athletics.

Inter-school friendly matches at Claremont, St Catherine's and Charterhouse gave an impressive 112 athletes the chance to represent the school in track and field events.

We had a record 27 pupils selected for the Surrey Schools Championships in June with Katie and Lucy winning their event to be selected for the English Schools National finals in 800m and long jump respectively. In District Athletics, the Year 9 team finished second and the Year 10/11 team were placed first.

We had a record six podium finishes at the National Prep Schools Championships in Birmingham. In Year 7s, Summer came second in 800m, Arabella came second in hurdles and third in long jump. The relay team of Lila, Ella, Isabella and Bella also came an outstanding second. In Year 8s, Mia and Darcy both came fourth in javelin and high jump and Katie not only won the 800m and 300m but broke both championship records. As a result, she was awarded the 'most outstanding athlete of the championships'.

Both Junior and Inter teams qualified for the ESAA Regional Finals in Kent after winning their first round of the Track & Field Cup. The Inter team improved their total but missed out on qualifying for National Finals by five points. The Junior team sailed through, being ranked second in the country out of 650+ teams. In the National Finals in Essex, the pupils were beyond phenomenal, rising to the occasion and showing incredible determination and sportsmanship. They achieved a huge team total of 462 points to place third nationally. Yet again, Katie broke the 300m Championship record!

Mrs Tara Oxley



WATCH OUT WIMBLEDON - GHS DOMINATE THE COURTS

2019 has been another busy, fun and successful season on the tennis court beginning with the first ever tour which proved to be perfect preparation for the season ahead.

This season, many pupils have enjoyed 'Friendly', yet highly competitive matches and the League teams have had another impressive season with three of the five age groups qualifying for Surrey Finals: both the Open League team and the U13 League team achieved third place in the County, while the U12 League team finished an impressive second!

The 'fab four' (Becky, Nora, Lucy and Jorja) had an epic five hour match against Surbiton, in a hotly contested Aberdare Cup match where GHS proved dominant in the singles. This young team is one to watch!

Nora and Becky continued this feat becoming Surrey Festival Winners for the second year in a row as well as National U13 Independent Schools Tennis Association Finalists!

Thank you to all who have played this season and particularly to Anna for her support and contribution to tennis over the last seven years.

Miss Catriona Coutts-Wood





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