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WELCOME FROM THE HEADMISTRESS

The half-term has flown. Shakefest has been a joy, so much enthusiasm and talent, culminating in a completely immersive couple of days. To win the Cup, Bowl and Plate at Surrey Schools lacrosse was a highlight in the sporting calendar and the Senior Chamber Choir, Chamber Orchestra and Upper Sixth Music Scholars' Concert was just exquisite.

As HMC Chair, I have been busy running and speaking at the 2019 HMC Conference, which was held in London in celebration of the 150th anniversary of HMC. Our Annual Service was held in the Old Royal Naval College Chapel. Dr Jon Cox and I did the readings and we were both incredibly proud of our Joint Chamber Choir as they sang anthems by Rheinberger and Brahms as well as leading the congregational hymns. We were delighted that the choristers were able to join us for a drinks reception at the National Maritime Museum before they headed back to Guildford.

My key message at HMC was that whilst political negativity can be published and spread, it misses the point that people are drawn to light and warmth. This is a time for inclusion, acceptance, friendship and a time to inspire harmony. We are working alongside our state sector colleagues in the pursuit of a privileged childhood for all as our goal.

Mrs Fiona Boulton, Headmistress

MEET YOUR NEW GHS SENIOR PREFECT TEAM

Head Girls

Alice B and Alice H

Deputy Head Girl

Sienna

Head of Houses

Emily (Sapphire)

Tammy (Topaz)

Milo (Ruby)

Annelise (Opal)

Rebecca (Amethyst)

Maya (Emerald)

Year 7 Prefects

Georgina

Charlotte

Sasha

Emma

Olivia

School Council

Hannah and Olivia

Charity Committee

Sophie and Freya

Events

Victoria and Sophie



NEW SCHOOL WEBSITE

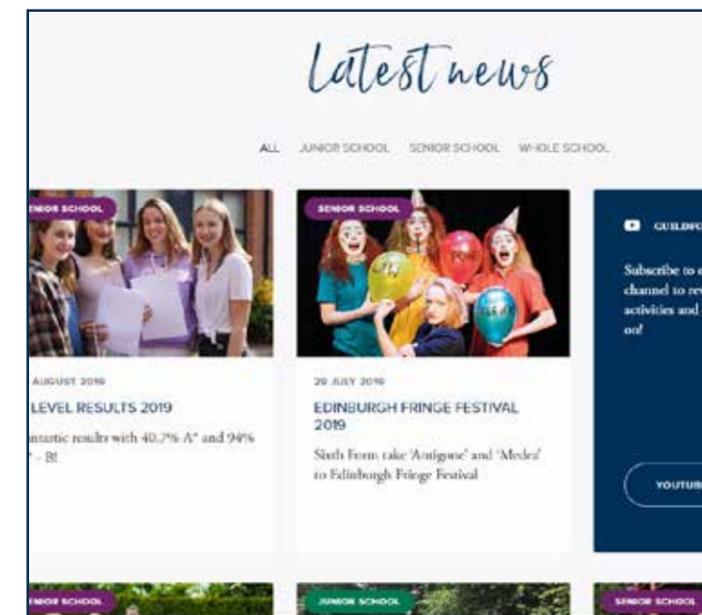
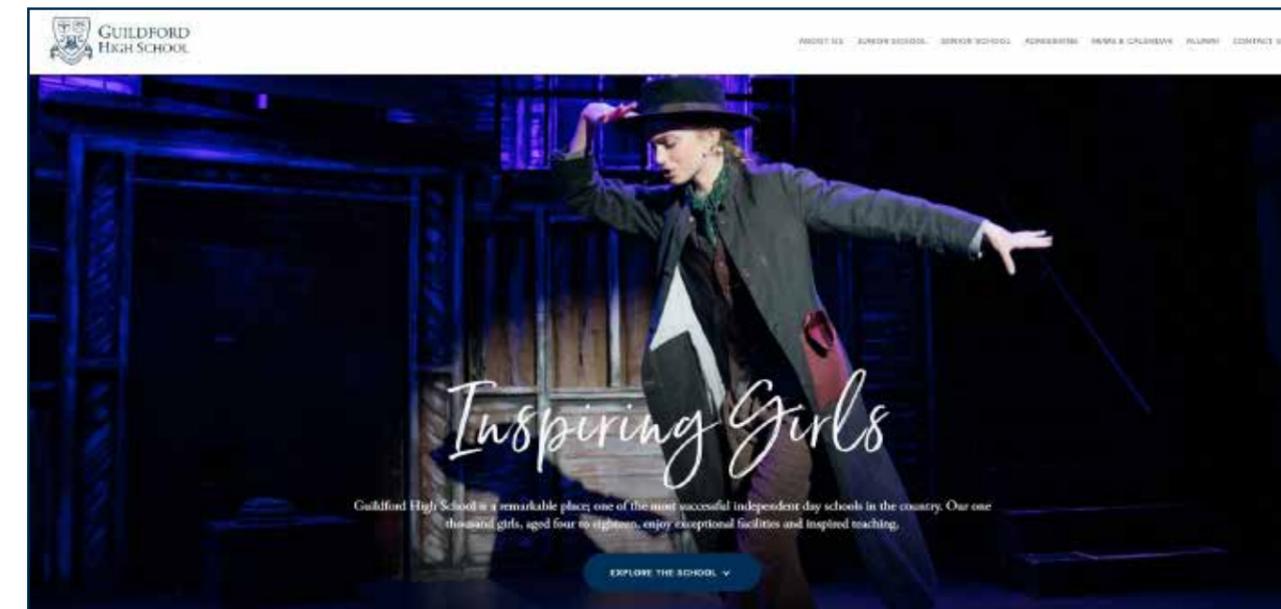
At Guildford High School we inspire others to be the best that they can be. With roots dating back to 1888, our challenge is to strike the right balance between modernity and heritage in the way that we represent our school. We are therefore very excited to announce that our new school website is now live!

Our main aim was to improve accessibility to offer key information and news for prospective and current parents, set out statutory documents and showcase some amazing photography. We also want the website to be a useful source of news ranging from digital versions of the termly newsletter, latest news and linking to the calendar of events at the school. The underused Parent Portal from our previous website no longer exists and you will find most useful documents such as uniform lists and year group handbooks in SchoolPost.

We feel the new site offers a much-improved experience for all users and we look forward to developing it further to suit everyone's needs. We hope that you find it useful and enjoy browsing it.

We are really proud of the new website and we hope you are too!

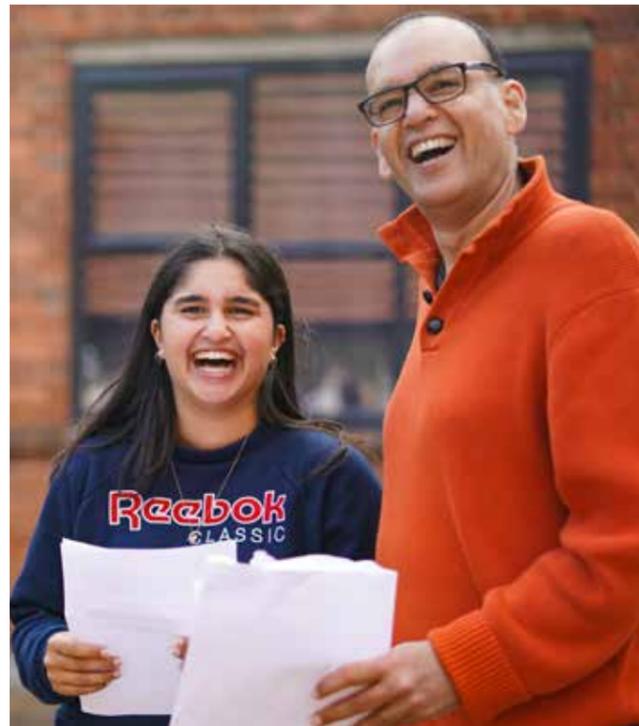
Miss Abbie Voice, Marketing Manager



A LEVEL RESULTS 2019

SUBJECT	ENTRIES	A*	A*-A	A*-B	A*-C
Art and Design	5	80%	100%	100%	100%
Biology	32	50%	88%	94%	100%
Chemistry	42	40%	76%	98%	98%
Classical Civilisation	5	20%	80%	100%	100%
Product Design	6	67%	100%	100%	100%
Drama	5	80%	100%	100%	100%
Economics	12	8%	67%	83%	100%
English Literature / Language	7	14%	43%	86%	100%
English Literature	17	65%	100%	100%	100%
French	6	50%	100%	100%	100%
Geography	14	43%	93%	100%	100%
German	4	25%	100%	100%	100%
Greek	2	50%	100%	100%	100%
History	13	23%	62%	100%	100%
Latin	7	86%	100%	100%	100%
Mathematics	45	40%	82%	91%	98%
Further Mathematics	15	33%	40%	73%	87%
Music	3	100%	100%	100%	100%
Physical Education	2	0%	100%	100%	100%
Physics	13	62%	100%	100%	100%
Politics	16	19%	69%	100%	100%
Psychology	12	25%	50%	75%	100%
Philosophy, Ethics and Religion	8	50%	75%	100%	100%
Russian	1	100%	100%	100%	100%
Spanish	8	50%	75%	88%	100%
TOTAL	300	43%	80%	94%	99%

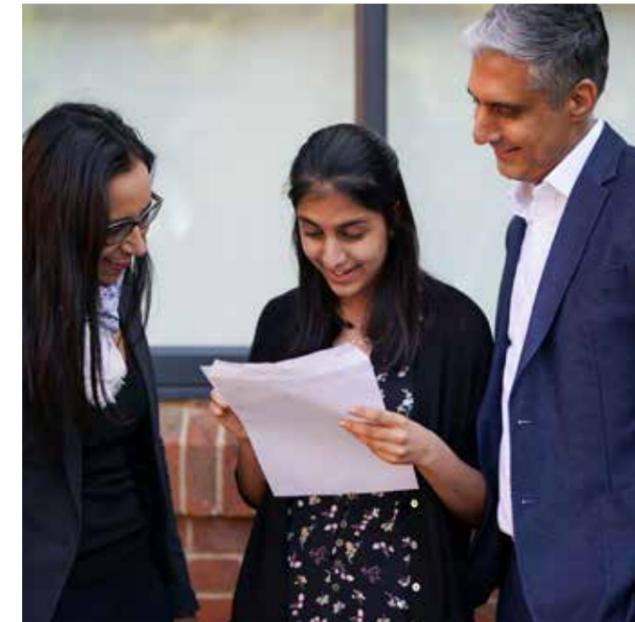
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GCSE RESULTS 2019

SUBJECT	ENTRIES	GRADE 9	GRADE 9-8	GRADE 9-7	GRADE 9-4
Art and Design	27	48%	85%	100%	100%
Biology	93	73%	90%	99%	100%
Chemistry	93	70%	85%	99%	100%
Computer Science	11	36%	73%	82%	100%
Design and Technology	24	96%	100%	100%	100%
Drama	14	86%	93%	100%	100%
English Language	111	91%	98%	100%	100%
English Literature	111	90%	98%	100%	100%
French	47	45%	79%	96%	100%
Geography	69	75%	97%	97%	100%
German	23	43%	74%	91%	100%
Greek	7	100%	100%	100%	100%
History	64	67%	94%	100%	100%
Latin	36	89%	94%	100%	100%
Mathematics	111	48%	77%	97%	100%
Music	15	67%	93%	100%	100%
Physical Education	5	20%	40%	100%	100%
Physics	94	68%	89%	98%	100%
Religious Studies	37	95%	100%	100%	100%
Science (Double)	34	32%	64%	90%	100%
Spanish	64	48%	66%	84%	100%
TOTAL	1090	69%	88%	97%	100%

Inspiring Girls



POST-TOUR AND 10-YEAR REUNION CONCERT

On 11 September the pupils from this summer's GHS & RGS Joint Orchestra and Chamber Choir tour, together with alumni musicians from both schools, joined forces for a special concert at Holy Trinity Church. This was a tremendous occasion as the Joint Orchestra and Chamber Choir - including those who left the Upper Sixth in July - reprised the repertoire recently performed on tour in Tuscany; and as September 2019 also marks the 10th anniversary of the Joint GHS & RGS Chamber Choir, it was a delight to be able to invite back former choristers to reunite and sing once again. The alumni musicians joined with the current choir and orchestra to perform 'Wie lieblich sind deine Wohnungen' by Brahms; the 'Kyrie', 'Gloria' and 'Agnus Dei' from Mozart's Coronation Mass; and Charles Wood's unaccompanied gem, 'Hail Gladdening Light'. The combined forces melded brilliantly to produce the most tremendously thrilling (and, when required, powerful!) sound. The musicians were clearly lifted by the sight of a packed church, with nearly 300 in the audience.

Mention must be made of the current school pupils for whom this was also their post tour concert; it was the opportunity for their parents to hear the music performed in Florence, San Gimignano, Pescia, Lucca and Montecatini Terme. For the audience and performers alike, this was an exhilarating and memorable evening.

Mr Grayson Jones



LOWER SIXTH COMPOSITION CONCERT

One concert, 12 world premieres, a combined 300 hours spent composing; the Year 12 Composition Concert was a showcase of the composing talent at Guildford High School. The pieces, which had been written for GCSE, featured a wide selection of compositional styles ranging from Classical to Jazz, Latin dances to Programmatic works and even some fusions. The performers did an excellent job bringing the music to life with such a small amount of rehearsal time. Well done to last year's GCSE cohort for putting on such a brilliant and exciting concert.

Mr Andrew Hadfield



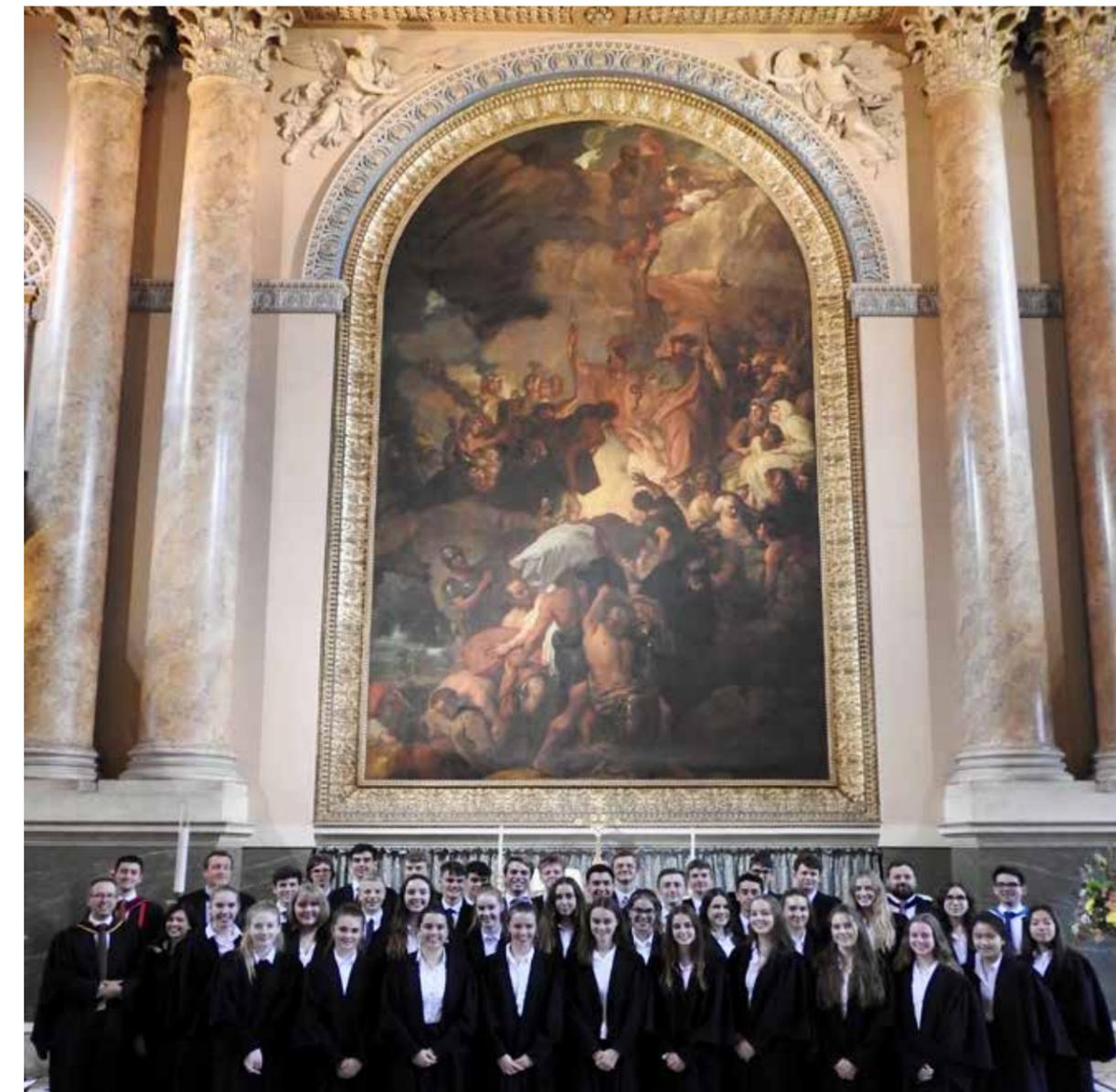
MUSIC SCHOLAR'S CONCERT

The first of this year's lunchtime solo concerts at Holy Trinity Church took place on 25 September, with an incredible standard of playing from the Lower Sixth Music Scholars. Congratulations to Mallory, Katharine, Mia, Indigo, Jessica and Nicola.

Mr Grayson Jones



GHS & RGS CHAMBER CHOIR AT 'HMC 150' SERVICE IN THE OLD ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE, GREENWICH



YEAR 8 SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL

Every year GHS hosts its annual Shakefest. This takes place in the autumn and involves every pupil in Year 8 and Year 9. The event runs for two days and pupils are split into form groups or Houses, with each form group/House given an abridged version of a Shakespeare play to stage. This is an important event in the school calendar as it allows our younger pupils to see Shakespeare as a text to be performed and admired rather than something dry on the page. The main hall is set up ready for the pupils and they have lighting, curtains and sound to make each performance as professional as possible. It is wonderful seeing pupils embrace the texts and work as a team; every year we are amazed by the hard work and talent that goes into producing and bringing new meaning to the plays. Congratulations to all who took part this year.

8C - *'A Midsummer Night's Dream'*



8G - *'Romeo and Juliet'*



8S - *'Julius Caesar'*



8H - *'The Merchant of Venice'*



YEAR 9 SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL

Emerald - 'Macbeth'



Amethyst - 'The Taming of the Shrew'

Ruby - 'Twelfth Night'



Opal - 'The Tempest'



Topaz - 'Much Ado About Nothing'

Sapphire - 'As You Like It'



YEAR 7 ADVENTURE HOLIDAY, POWYS

In the first week of the summer holidays, 24 Year 7s had an action-packed activity holiday in Powys. In gorgeous weather, they enjoyed a range of activities from archery to abseiling, crate stacking to canoeing and the blind trail to a hill walk, together of course with the traditional evening disco. Everyone threw themselves with gusto into each session, many pupils pushing themselves well outside their comfort zone at times. They were a pleasure to accompany – well done all!

Mrs Liz Mulgrew



YEAR 9 WELSH CRAFTS AND COOKING

Over the summer, 12 members of Year 8 enjoyed a fabulous holiday in the great outdoors in the heart of Wales. They were blessed with fantastic summer weather, interspersed with thunderstorms, but they did not let this stop their appreciation of a very wide range of fun activities including outdoor cooking, learning how to light fires and making a wonderful lunch using picked leaves and flowers. Everyone agreed that they had a superb trip away.

Dr Cindi Lockett



YEAR 10-UPPER SIXTH MUSIC TOUR TO TUSCANY

This was the eighth joint tour with RGS since 2011 and it was a hugely successful week - musically, culturally and socially. The 67 pupils and eight staff thoroughly enjoyed visiting this most beautiful part of Italy where the choir and orchestra put on four concerts in San Gimignano, Florence, Pescia and Montecatini. Two of the concerts were in stunning churches; the other two concerts were part of summer festivals, at the Piazza del Grano in Pescia and in the magnificent setting of the Tuttuccio Therma Baths in Montecatini. The choral and orchestral repertoire included music by Mozart, Handel, Rossini, Walton, Brahms, Sibelius and Harris, and every concert was extremely well-attended. An incredibly high standard of performance was maintained throughout the week, with standing ovations and generous, effusive praise from the local organisers. The choir also sang at a Mass Service at Lucca Cathedral, making the most glorious sound in this vast building as they sang unaccompanied pieces by Palestrina, Rheinberger and Harris. There was also plenty of time to relax, sight-see and shop during the days. As well as enjoying the hotel pool and exploring the local town, the day excursions allowed plenty of free time to explore the gems of Tuscany, with particularly memorable days in Florence and San Gimignano (where we climbed the highest tower to enjoy fantastic views over the town and Tuscan landscape), and a ride on the funicular railway in Montecatini. The musicians were wonderful ambassadors for GHS and RGS and received widespread admiration at concerts. Congratulations to everyone involved.

Mr Grayson Jones



LOWER SIXTH EXPEDITION TO ZAMBIA

In July, 15 of our Lower Sixth students embarked on a three week expedition to Zambia. To start the trip, students taught and built in a rural Zambian community and school, where they took it in turns teaching the local children, and building a boundary wall for an orphanage. They also had the opportunity to learn how to cook traditional Zambian food, play football and netball with the locals, and they even attended Sunday Mass in Mkushi. Following this the group battled the heat and trekked for four days in the stunning Bakota Gorge, which leads to the world famous Victoria Falls. Sleeping under the stars on the bank of the Zambezi was one of the most incredible things any of us have ever experienced. To finish the trip students hopped over the border into Botswana and were rewarded with an African safari; this was absolutely amazing, and a wonderful reward at the end of an exhausting three weeks! This trip was an incredible experience, students were required to lead, budget, and do all of their own shopping and cooking. For the duration of the trip the students camped in tricky conditions, and truly had to look after one another both physically and emotionally. They showed empathy to the situations they witnessed, maturity and determination throughout, and should be extremely proud of all they have achieved, and how they have represented themselves and GHS.

Mr Rod Laughton



SNOW, WIND, THUNDERSTORMS AND THE WELSH HILLS FOR GOLD DUKE OF EDINBURGH EXPEDITIONS

To say that our Gold DofE has been unconventional is an understatement; in April, we were snowed into our tents and forced to abandon the alluring wild camp in the face of health and safety concerns, and, in August the resolute Dr Lockett even considered cancelling the expedition due to promised 60mph winds and thunderstorms. Despite this, we would not change our experience of doing Gold DofE for the world. There have been very few moments in life that have felt as empowering and fulfilling as reaching the height of a summit on the traditionally challenging last day of the expedition. Knowing that we would neither have to re-enter the Welsh hills, nor cook on one of our beloved Trangias again in our lives provided us with a level of undisputed tranquillity! All jokes aside, we must acknowledge how DofE has provided us with an immensely rewarding opportunity, to drive ourselves past our limits, both physically and psychologically - not only over the duration of the five-day expedition, but also through the volunteering, skills and physical sections which the Gold DofE Award encompasses. Unlike some of our team, we are not sorrowful that our DofE journey has come to an end, nor could we imagine doing it all over again. But, nonetheless, the sheer pride and elation we felt on the minibus home is, in our opinion, unparalleled.

Charlotte, UVIG and Karina,UVIS



YEAR 8 ASPIRE VISIT TO 'WICKED'

On 11 September, Year 8 visited London to see 'Wicked'. The show follows the story of a girl called Elphaba and her journey to becoming the infamous Wicked Witch, and the friends and challenges she encounters along the way. Of course, similar to any other West End musical, the songs, acting and lighting were magical, but the show also explored topics like popularity, friendship and acceptance. These tie in perfectly with our ASPIRE sessions this term, on the topic of 'My Friends and Me', and the characters in the play made for an especially interesting form discussion about what being a good friend is. Overall, it was a lovely performance and we all enjoyed it immensely!

Adya, 8HD



YEARS 10-11 TEXTILES TRIP TO BATH

On Tuesday 1 October, Year 10 and 11 Textiles pupils went on a trip to Bath. We looked around the Fashion Museum where they had hundreds of interesting pieces of historical fashion garments. These items dated back to the 18th Century and included all sorts of items, from wedding dresses to shoes for little children. We then attended a workshop on fabric manipulation and learnt how to make Suffolk puffs - a historic decorative item used to embellish clothes or make quilts - as well as the opportunity to look around the museum and sketch some of the clothes. We ended our trip with some sightseeing and shopping in the beautiful city of Bath. Many thanks to Mrs Bengochea and Mrs Forse for organising the trip.

Maddie, 10SL and Emily 10HT



LOWER SIXTH TEXTILES VISIT TO THE V&A MUSEUM

On Thursday 19 September, the A Level Textiles group travelled to the Victoria and Albert Museum in London to see the Mary Quant exhibition. The exhibition was a great demonstration of just how successful, simplistic and well-designed fashion can be. The pieces were indicative of Mary Quant's amazing eye for colour and pattern and it was lovely to understand a little more about her iconic position in the 1960s London fashion scene. The visit was a great opportunity to look for inspiration for our coursework, especially in sections which were not purely devoted to fashion such as the jewellery, art and set design collections. We all had a fantastic time on the trip and would like to thank Mrs Bengochea and Mrs Forse for organising it and taking us.

Lucy, LVIE



LOWER SIXTH GEOGRAPHY VISIT TO CHICHESTER HARBOUR

The Lower Sixth geographers enjoyed their first chance to practise their A Level fieldwork skills on the trip to Chichester Harbour in September. We measured beach profiles, identified salt marsh plants and surveyed coastal management techniques, all the while invigorated by a bracing sea breeze.

Mr James Partridge



GHS HOST MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Guildford High School once again held the popular Macmillan Coffee Morning.

Stocks Hall was decorated for the occasion and looked fantastic covered in twinkling fairy lights.

Pupils were able to purchase cookies and hot chocolate and a fabulous £457.69 was raised for this wonderful cause.

Freya, UVIS



GHS REACH NATIONAL FINALS OF EUROPEAN YOUTH PARLIAMENT

The European Youth Parliament National Session took place in Liverpool over four days in June and July. The GHS delegation represented the South East of England and they were very impressive, throwing themselves into team-building activities, resolution writing, speech writing and making as well as in the many debates. Subjects discussed included: The Fashion Industry, Media Pluralism, E-Democracy, Factory Farming and The Isolation of the Elderly. Four of our team of eight were selected to represent the UK at international events in 2020 which is a fantastic achievement – well done!!

Mrs Val Callaghan



YEAR 7 NETBALL COURSE 2019

The annual Year 7 Netball Course took place at the end of the summer holiday with 94 of the year group attending. They were great to coach - always fully engaged and enthusiastic, despite the warm weather. On the final afternoon, in yet more glorious sunshine, pupils played in a competitive tournament - the standard of play was excellent with the Yellow team victorious. The PE Department are looking forward to an exciting season ahead.

Mrs Rachel Byrne



U14A NETBALL FRIENDLY WITH AUSTRALIAN 'EAGLES' TEAM

During the summer term last academic year, the U14A Netball team were delighted to play a match against a touring Australian team, the 'Eagles.' Despite the summer heat, everyone played fabulously, resulting in a convincing win. The match was followed by pizza, a lovely experience for us to bond with fellow Australian netballers and hear about their European tour. I do hope we have other opportunities in the future to play international teams!

Beth, 10CM



U16A PLAY TEAMS FROM SOUTH AFRICA AND EGYPT

Last term, GHS were invited to take two senior teams to compete for England as part of the World School Games. Unfortunately the competition changed format but our U16A team still went to Loughborough University on Thursday 19 September to compete against schools from South Africa and Egypt. Competition was tough but it was a fantastic experience and a great way to start the season for the team.

Mrs Amanda Whybro



GHS PUPILS IN TOP FOUR AT THE BRITISH INDOOR SKIING CHAMPIONSHIPS AND THIRD AT NATIONAL FINALS

The senior skiers enjoyed a very successful afternoon at the British Indoor Skiing Championships held at Hemel Hempstead Ski Centre on Monday 30 September. The Weeks sisters were particularly successful, both coming first in their age groups; Georgia in the U21 category and Ella in the U16s. Freya also received a medal for her fourth place in the U21s. The GHS A team, consisting of Katie, Alicia, Georgia and Ella, came third overall, which was a fantastic and very well deserved result. The U16 GHS team also came third, for Bronze medals, in Norwich at the ESSKIA English Schools National Finals. It was a brilliant experience for Katie, Saskia, Alicia and Izzy. Congratulations to all!

Mrs Louise Stone



TOP TEN FOR ALL GHS TEAMS AT THE SURREY SCHOOLS SWIMMING RELAYS

GHS swimmers performed strongly in the pool at the Surrey Schools Relays. There is strength in depth in our Junior age group so GHS was represented by both an A&B team. The Freestyle A team of Kara, Amelie, Robin and Arabella performed strongly and won the event. The B team of Scarlett, Sadie, Isobel and Emma finished ninth, beating lots of A teams. In the A Medley Scarlett came into the team to swim the fly leg, and again they won the event. Eleni swam the breaststroke leg in the 'B' team and they finished fifth overall.

The Intermediate Team of Megan, Darcie M, Darcy R and Katie found themselves in highly competitive races, finishing fifth in the Freestyle and seventh in the Medley. The Senior team of Nicole, Camryn, Serena Lu, Helena and Harriet finished fifth in both relays. The swimmers now wait to see whether their times are good enough for the National Finals held in November. Fingers crossed!

Mrs Rachel Byrne



WINNING SCHOOL AT GHS AQUATHLON

On Friday 27 September GHS held its annual Aquathlon in which local schools compete. With over 255 GHS pupils participating, they all did brilliantly, and GHS were announced as the winning school overall! Congratulations to all with particular mention to Claudia, Emily, Lana, Kim, Kara, Emmeline, Katie, Scarlett, Robin, Millie, Isobel and Bella, who all placed well within their year group.

Mrs Tara Oxley



SURREY TUMBLING CHAMPIONS FOR A THIRD YEAR IN A ROW

Gymnasts have done extremely well this side of half-term. At the Surrey Tumbling Competition, the U19 team were crowned Surrey Champions for a third year in a row with the U15 team taking home a Bronze medal. The U13 team also did well as runners up in the competition. Well done to all pupils who have taken part in these events.

Mrs Tara Oxley



TROTTING OFF TO THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The GHS riding team started the year with great results. Lydia competed in the NSEA ODE at Stonar, coming eight in the 1m championships. Olivia and Emily took part in the Prelim Dressage Competition at BCA coming fifth and fourth respectively. During the most recent showjumping event at Felbridge, a team of Rye, Livi and Claudia competed in the 90cm, with Livi winning the class individually. In the 1m class the GHS team of Lydia, Livi and Claudia won the class, and Livi also won the individual section, qualifying for the NSEA National Championships. It has been a great start to the year with many more results to come!

Claudia Wasko, UVIC



GHS FOOTBALL TEAM SEMI-FINALISTS AT ISFA

The Senior and U15 football teams took to the pitches in the ISFA National 7-a-side tournament. The Seniors won, drew and lost matches in their group, which meant they narrowly lost out on goal difference to qualify for the later stages, but the U15 team improved in each match to progress through to semi-finals where they were beaten by the overall winners, Alleyns. Well done to all pupils who brought the GHS spirit of having fun to the game of football.

Mr James Partridge and Mr Will Saunders



ESAA CROSS COUNTRY: JUNIOR TEAM WIN SURREY ROUND TO QUALIFY FOR REGIONAL FINALS IN NOVEMBER

Earlier this half of term, pupils took part in the ESSA Surrey round. Robin placed first, Summer second, Bella third, Katie fifth, Emmeline seventh and Millie 16th. The Inter team also came third overall with Katie placing first. It is an amazing achievement for all these Year 7 and Year 8 runners to sail through to the ESAA Regionals.

The Prior's Field invitational meet on 9 October involved more keen runners who were equally superb! The U12 team came first with Tilly and Heidi tying first, Scarlett placing third and Sadie seventh. The U13 team also came first with Violet second, Kara sixth, Lana seventh and Sophie eighth. Well done to all who have taken part in Cross Country so far this term.

Mrs Tara Oxley



INDIVIDUAL SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

Archery

Louisa won Gold at the European Field Championships meaning that she is now the U21 European Field Archery Champion. A great achievement!



Fencing

Congratulations to Eva who won a Gold medal at the British Cadets Epee Championship 2019-20. Imogen came Bronze in the same tournament and Georgia also fished in the top 8 Foil Cadets, which is also fantastic!



Judo

Amelia competed in the Judo Commonwealth Championships in the under 40kg and came away with a Bronze medal. Amelia will be defending her national title at the Judo British Championships in early December. We wish Amelia the best of luck!



Netball

Congratulations to Abi, Sabine, Lara, Marlene and Chloe who have been selected into the U17 Surrey Storm team for this forthcoming season. What a fantastic achievement!



Racketlon

We are delighted that Claudia has been selected to play for GB in the Racketlon World Championships this November in Germany. Racketlon is a combination sport in which competitors play a sequence of the four most popular racket sports: table tennis, badminton, squash, and tennis.



CUP CHAMPIONS, BOWL CHAMPIONS AND PLATE CHAMPIONS AT THE SURREY SCHOOLS LACROSSE TOURNAMENT

On Saturday 28 September all four senior lacrosse teams took to the pitches for the Senior Surrey Lacrosse Tournament. The Third and Fourth teams took part in the Bowl Tournament and played each other in the group stages. Both teams played with heart but it was the Fourth team who won the match with great play and incredible saves from U14 goal keeper, Alice! Later in the tournament they met in the semi-finals and it was the Third team who played beautifully going through to the final where they once again stepped up their level of play to beat St Catherine's. The Second team competed in the Plate Tournament, which also included some First teams. They improved with each match and successfully beat all the teams in the tournament during the morning fixtures. In the afternoon, they went on to beat Putney in the semi-finals, before beating St Catherine's in the final. The First team took part in the Cup Tournament, which involved the top First teams in the county. With a reduced schedule of matches, these were much longer games, enabling the First team to really display the tenacity and flare that the team possess, which was stunning to watch. With some well fought matches, the team were victorious and won the Cup. This meant all three trophies on offer were won by GHS. This is a huge achievement and all pupils, parents and coaches are congratulated on the parts they played. What a fantastic start to the season!

Mrs Keely Harper





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