

Hough House News

July 2015

Dear Parents,

Once again the Trinity Term has been extremely busy for our Boarders who have mainly focussed on preparation and revision for examinations. All Upper 6th IB, A2, AS and GCSE students have now completed their exams and the remaining few boarders are leaving for home when school finishes today. We were sorry to say farewell to our U6th leavers - Lorenzo Zanasi, Ollie Lambert, Victor Ruiz, Jimmy Mak, Nikita Pavlov and our Head of House Felix Mueller. We very much enjoyed their years here and especially enjoyed taking them out for a farewell dinner earlier this term. We had a wonderful evening at a local Italian restaurant - the photographs appear on the Hough House Facebook page and also the school website. We would like to say a big thank you to Felix, Lorenzo, Jimmy and Ollie who have been fantastic Head of House and Deputy Heads of House.

We hope that all of our Sixth Form leavers achieve their required results and are able to go to the university/college of their choice and we wish them joy and happiness for the future. We would like to receive news about how they are getting on and they will always be welcome back at Hough if ever they would like to visit. Most of our boarders have joined our Hough House Facebook site where all current and past Hough boarders can keep in touch.

The weather was very kind to us again this year for our annual School House BBQ, which was held on the afternoon/evening of Friday 15th May this year hosted by Hough House. We thank Mr & Mrs Monro for helping us to organise a super event for all the boarders this year. We were joined by the Headmaster and senior members of staff who slaved away for hours on the BBQs, cooking burgers, sausages and chicken for the combined students of Mill Hill and Hough House. Lots of fun was had by all competing in the tug-of-war, playing football or just chatting with friends. We were pleased to have the opportunity to present Felix, Ollie and Jimmy with their farewell tankards and thank them for their successful year as Head and Deputy Heads of House. Unfortunately Lorenzo left earlier in the day and was presented with his memento on departure.

There have, as always, been a few House Competitions squeezed into this busy term. A very big well done to all the boys who have represented Hough at these events throughout a very busy term packed with exams. Congratulations to all those who took part in Sports Day when School House achieved remarkable results.

House Competition Results

Senior Public Speaking:

Well done to Tom Raffan for a fantastic 1st place.

House water polo:

Well done to Felix Mueller, Marius Mueller, James Fox, Richard Backshall, Mergen Jumanazarov, Bradley Suttling, Wayne Ng and James Wong. Fantastic 2nd place!

Senior Golf:

Well done to Richard Backshall, Jack Gunn – 4th place

Middles Public Speaking:

Well done to Rodi who achieved 2nd place

Middles Tennis:-

Sasha Karpov, Greg Harding, Po Yuen and Richard Backshall achieved a commendable 3rd place – well done.

Senior Tennis:

Felix Mueller, Marius Mueller, Nikita Pavlov and Nikita Chorny – a fantastic result of 1st place to the Nikita's and Muellers!

Junior Tennis:

Jack Brown, Tobias Cooper, Issac Ng and Simon Levin also achieved a commendable 3rd place – well done

We were overall 1st place in House Tennis – fantastic effort from all the boys!

Senior Bridge:

Well done to Rodi – 3rd place.

Middles Superchef:

Well done to Jeffery Ip for 4th place

Senior Superchef:

Well done to Franco Ngan – much time and effort who took on this responsibility at short notice

Senior Athletics:

Pecharat Chotipala – 1st place in Long Jump

Bene Chan – 1st place in 5th form hurdles

Petcharat Chotipala –

Bene Chan, Petcharat Chotipala, Mergen Jumanazarov and James Fox were 1st in 5th form relay.

Junior Field and Track:

Jack Brown, Issac Ng, Simon Levin, Tobias Cooper and Rustem Muslimov entered in numerous events and competed hard for the House. Well done!

Technology Challenge:

Commendable 1st place awarded to Simon Levin, Issac Ng and Tobias Cooper – well done!

Drama:

A cleverly written murder mystery play which was superbly directed, caught the imagination of the audience and the eye of the judge, Ben Thomas, and Old Brentwood, professional actor and writer. This hilarious comedy was skilfully performed by Rodi Donhue-Hibberd, Howard Kong, Wayne Ng, Po Yuen, Greg Harding, Terrance Ng, Alan Shan, Kittinan Wangamonmit, Kevin Wen and girls from Mill Hill. Well done for coming 1st in the Process Cup.

We were delighted to announce that Howard Kong will be our Head of House next year, and his three Deputies will be Tom Raffan, Marius Mueller and Wayne Ng. Following written applications and informal interviews with us, all Hough Boarders and staff voted for their preferred candidates - a very democratic process! We look forward to working closely with Howard, Tom, Marius and Wayne over the next year.

Well done to Howard Kong and Tom Raffan who have been appointed Senior Prae status in School.

Hough and School House photos were taken this term and have been given to the students to take home to parents. The cost of these will appear on the next invoice.

After several years we are sorry to say goodbye to Mr Castleman as a House Tutor. Mr Castleman has helped many of the boys and spent much time encouraging and chatting with the boarders and all the staff and boys will miss him. We are happy to announce that Mr Giles will be joining the Hough staff from September. We offer our thanks to all our House Tutors, who spend evenings every week with the boys offering valuable help and advice and help us run the boarding house efficiently and happily. Our thanks go to Mr Jenkins, Mr Taylor, Mr Castleman, Mr Gray, Mr Wignall for all their help.

The School shop can be contacted for uniform appointments on priced@brentwood.essex.sch.uk and will be open on the following dates during the school holiday – 6th – 10th July and then 10th August through to the start of the school year. New boarders will need a full uniform to start school on Thursday 4th September.

Please be aware that in order for laptops to be fully compliant with the school's policy and the use of the boarding house wi-fi system, it is essential that they are protected with effective anti-virus software. New boarders should note that they will not be able to access the wireless system without adequate virus protection.

Please remember it is very important that students inform us and the School Nursing Staff on arrival if they are taking or bringing any medication to the boarding house. Students are strictly forbidden to have medication brought from overseas in their rooms which has not been approved by our nursing staff. It is important to note that medication bought overseas may be illegal in the UK. It is therefore very important that students are made aware of this requirement. If your son is taking any medication please supply a doctor's letter giving details regarding what condition it is treating.

Post can sometimes go missing in a large school campus so please can I remind you that if you send parcels or letters to Hough House it is important you use the correct address for any post/packages. If you are posting anything to the boarding house please do not use the school address – the correct address is: - **Hough House, 44 Shenfield Road, Brentwood, Essex CM15 8AE, United Kingdom. Do not include Brentwood School in the address or it could get mixed in with the school post!**

As usual, we are planning our annual weekend away to Alton Towers theme park for all boarders on 19th/20th September and details of this trip will follow. The website for this theme park is www.altontowers.com.

Please remember when you send your son back to school in September that ALL clothing needs to be labelled. Every sock! This avoids misplaced clothing!

For those students who are returning in September, we look forward to welcoming you back to Hough on the afternoon of Wednesday 2nd September 2015 and to our new boarders we look forward to welcoming you on Tuesday 1st September. Thank you in advance to Howard, Tom, Marius and Wayne for coming back one day early on 1st September in order to help with the Induction of our new Boarders. We are pleased to announce that 9 new students, from all around the world, are joining us in Hough for 2015-16. This which is very exciting indeed and their first day will include supper with boarding staff, the Headmaster and other senior members of Staff.

We appreciate that booking flights can sometimes be difficult to fit in with end of term. However, we do allow students travelling from long haul destinations a small degree of leeway on arrival and departure dates as there may be only one flight daily from some countries.

Unfortunately, there an increasing number of students who are missing important time in School by arriving back a day or two late at the beginning of terms and/or departing a day or two before the end of term. We publish the term dates a year in advance and given the frequency and short length of many European flights we do not find it acceptable for students travelling from

relatively short haul destinations to miss school lesson time either at the end or beginning of terms.

Also, can we politely draw your attention to the house rule that all students should arrive back to the boarding house after 6pm but before 9pm the day before term starts. It should also be remembered that all students are required to have a Guardian who should be responsible for organising their safe arrival back to Hough House at the appropriate time.

We are always trying to improve our boarding provision and always welcome any comments you may wish to make regarding our boarding facilities – please let us know if there is any way you feel we could enhance their experience of boarding life.

Finally, we will be sending you a new House handbook closer to the start of next term but attach a list of future dates for your information.

We wish you all a wonderful, happy and relaxing summer holiday.

Kind regards,

Phil & Chris Rees

Housemaster & Housemistress (Hough House)

Quick Reference Dates for the Michaelmas Term:

(These dates are published well in advance but it is always advisable to check with us to ensure the dates have not been changed before making travel arrangements)

Tuesday 1st September	New Boarders arrive
Wednesday 2nd September	Existing Boarders return
Thursday 3rd September	Term Starts
Friday 4th September	School House Quiz & Pizza Night
Wednesday 9th September	Introductory evening for Parents and Students 4th year
Thursday 10th September	Introductory evening for Parents and Students 2nd year
Monday 14th September	Introductory evening for Parents and Students L6th
Tuesday 15th September	Introductory evening for Parents and Students 1st year
Thursday 17th September	Introductory & IB evening for Parents and Students 5th year
Saturday 19th/ Sunday 20th September	Weekend Away to Alton Towers
Wednesday 23rd September	House Music Competition 6pm Courage Hall
Monday 29th September	Fifth year Options Evening
Wednesday 7th October	Chamber Concert (date to be confirmed)
Friday 18th October to Sunday 3rd November	Half term
Tuesday 11th November	Boarders Meeting with Independent Listener
Monday 16th November	First year Parents Evening
Wednesday 18th November	Orchestral Concert
Friday 20th November	Exeat Weekend starts
Sunday 22nd November	Exeat weekend ends – boarders return 6pm – 9pm
Thursday 3rd December	Second year Parents Evening
Tuesday 8th December	Fourth year Parents Evening
Wednesday 9th December	School House Christmas Supper (date to be confirmed)
Wednesday 16th December	End of Term
TBC (19th November)	Boarders London Theatre Trip
TBC	Paintballing Trip

Parents Evenings for Fifth year, L6th and U6th are held in the Lent Term
Options Evening for Third year is held in the Lent Term