

MILL HILL HOUSE NEWS

July 2017

Dear Parents,

We sincerely hope that you are enjoying a relaxing summer with your daughters'.

As usual, we have had an amazing year, and this Trinity term has been incredibly busy with many House competitions, as well as all the GCSE, IGCSE, AS, A2 and IB examinations. Our IB students have received their examination results and we are delighted and very proud of their achievements. The point score ranged from '39' to a well-deserved, and very impressive maximum of 45 points; placing Kristian Tovstik amongst the highest achieving students in the world.

For those who are awaiting results, may we take this opportunity to wish them the success they deserve. Each girl has taken every opportunity to study very hard and this term has been extremely productive.

The Mill Hill girls continue to demonstrate their outstanding ability to combine academic commitments with extracurricular activities. The atmosphere in the House continues to be vibrant and reflects a family environment where every girl has been very supportive of each other. To quote our current Head of House, Kristina Tovstik, when writing an article for a boarding magazine, *'the sense of community and belonging is striking'*

Chinese New Year:



School House hosted the Boarders' Chinese New Year Banquet in the Dining Hall on the evening of Wednesday 1st February. The hall was traditionally decorated by the girls. Helen Zhang designed the menu and an excellent

Chinese dinner provided by our school caterers. Over 120 staff and students enjoyed an impressive evening of entertainment, organised and performed solely by the boarders themselves. The evening began with a very passionate rendition of the Chinese National Anthem; every girl took part in providing the entertainment.



BBQ

Our annual School House BBQ, which was held on a glorious evening on the 19th May this year, was a much welcomed, very relaxing and sociable occasion. We were joined by the Headmaster and other senior members of staff who once again slaved away for hours on the BBQs, cooking burgers, sausages and chicken for the combined students of Mill Hill and Hough House, as well as invited guests; 100 people in total! We were pleased to have the privileged opportunity to present Kristina Tovstik, our Head of House, Evgeniya Shmereva, Ally Leung, her deputies, with their inscribed picture frames to remind them of their time at Mill Hill and to thank them individually for their remarkable contribution to Mill Hill. all three girls have been with us for 4 years.

There have, as always, been a few House Competitions squeezed into this busy term. A very big 'well done!' to all the girls who have represented Mill Hill at these events throughout a very busy term packed with exams.

Super Chef

Well done to Chloe HO who narrowly missed out on a prize in the middles competition, who cooked a 3 course meal of Chicken Tagliatelle, and a delicious banana crumble.

Netball: A fantastic display of talent and enthusiasm was on show during the netball tournament, with our best results yet.



Sports Day

Congratulations to all those who took part in Sports Day. School House achieved remarkable results, and revealed a wealth of talent.

Middles

This year our numbers were few representing the middles, but we still managed two 3rd places both achieved by Ashley Li in the field events.



Seniors:



- Chloe Lin was outstanding in the 1500 metres and secured an impressive 2nd place; this was Mill Hill's best achievement in this event.
- Anna Belova, Charmmie Hui, Rhianna Hanworth Natalie Ho Maris Lam and Gloria Ma all took part in several races. Particularly impressive was their contribution to the long jump and the 4x4 relay
- Well done to Adeline Zhao and Chloe HO for their enthusiastic efforts in the javelin and discuss.

Thank you to Inger Margrete Hanson for selling tickets for the 'guess the jar of sweets', we raised around £30.00 for charity.

Also each house was tasked to design a 'House' banner. The Headmaster was so impressed with our innovative design that he awarded School House 1st place. Congratulations to our 3 very talented artists, Anna Belova, Rhianna Hanworth and Helen Zhang.



House Music

We are already looking forward to next term's House Music competition, which our senior girls are in the process of organising.

Sadly, while waved farewell to three prominent figures; Kristina Tovstik, (Head of House) and her deputies, Evgeniya Shmereva and Ally Leung who have helped run the House so efficiently, and been a tremendous support to the younger girls. We also take this opportunity to wish our other leavers, Hannah Allan, Annabel Griesmeyer, Jessica Chisholm, Anna Mikhailova, Elizaveta Ostashchenko, Jiaqing Low and Julia König every success in the next stage of their lives. All have been model students and boarders; we, and the girls, will miss them so much.

Congratulations to Charmmie Hui on her appointment as our new Head of House and to her newly appointed deputies, Rhianna Hanworth and Natalie

Ho, who will all come back a day early at the beginning of the Michaelmas term to welcome the new girls and help them settle in. We are very confident that all 3 girls will continue to be excellent role models.

Congratulations also to Gloria Ma on her appointment to the position of Senior School Prae.

After 2 years we are sorry to say goodbye to our House Tutor Mrs Schwar, who leaves us to have a baby. She has been outstanding in her commitment to the girls and we take this opportunity to wish her every happiness and success. We are therefore happy to announce that Miss Worth (English and Drama) will be joining the Mill Hill team. We extend our thanks to all our House Tutors, who spend many evenings with the girls offering valuable help, advice, and help us run the boarding house efficiently and happily. Our continued thanks go to Mrs Lazenby (nee: Bryan) and Miss Choate for all of their help over the past year.

For those students who are returning, we look forward to welcoming you back to Mill Hill on the afternoon of 30th August 2016, and to our new boarders we look forward to welcoming you on 29th August.

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.

However, there are 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 it is not acceptable for students travelling from relatively short haul destinations to miss school lesson time either at the end or beginning of terms.

Please can we politely draw your attention to our 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 at Mill Hill at the appropriate time.

We attach a list of term dates from August 2017 to assist with advance flight arrangements.

In order for laptops to be fully compliant with the school's policy 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 daughter is taking any medication, please supply a doctor's letter giving details regarding what condition it is treating.

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.

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

With very best wishes.

Mark & Jackie Monro.

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