

Mill Hill News Letter.

Michaelmas 2015.



Dear Parents and Guardians,

We have reached half term and it is surprising how quickly these first few weeks of the school year have passed! Over the summer break we continued our programme of refurbishing Mill Hill House to ensure that the accommodation continues to facilitate every need.

This year we have an extremely diverse intake of new boarders from around the world and welcomed students from Germany, Singapore, China, Ukraine, Russia and the UK. All of the 8 new girls have settled in very quickly and we are sure they are relaying positive and enthusiastic feedback to you all. Our returning boarders continue to work hard and are back in the swing of boarding life.

We began our first week with a 'Pizza and Quiz' evening at Hough House (boys boarding). This was the first opportunity for both Houses to get together.

As part of our induction programme both Houses went off to Alton Towers on 19th and 20th September for a weekend away of fun and relaxation! The new girls used this opportunity to get to know each other, and their new Housemates better. Judging by the screams of laughter throughout the two days, we are sure that all the girls enjoyed this extremely exciting weekend.

Michaelmas is always a very busy term. House Music was scheduled for 23rd September and with only 3 weeks to practice, we are delighted to report on a very

enjoyable and successful evening; with a large number of new boarders it was a fantastic achievement for all the girls to learn the words of our Unison Song, 'counting stars,' and sing in harmony in such a short space of time. We were placed joint 4th in Part Song – and joint 3rd in Ensemble. Overall we shared 4th place. Well done to all the musicians for their splendid efforts, especially to Jiaqing Low, Maris Lam, Dhvani Patel and Jessica Chisholm for their fine performances. Particular credit must go to Issy Marsh and Chloe Lin for their conducting in the part song and ensemble, and of course to our Head of House Anna Vyshnevskva for her inspiring leadership when conducting the Unison entry.

We encourage all of the the girls to be involved in the House Competitions. For example, Mill Hill was represented in the Watercolour challenge by Chloe Lin, who narrowly missed out on a certificate. The House hockey competition was a very competitive event. Very well done to Annabel Griesmeyer, Elina Spynu, Elizaveta Ostashchenko, Evgeniya Shmereva, Bishka Chand, Ally Leung, Dhvani Patel, Kristina Tovstik and Anna Belova for their very enthusiastic contribution. A special congratulations to the team captain, Jessica Chisholm, for her leadership which secured the best ever result for Mill Hill.



Many of the girls are enthusiastic participants of our extra-curricular activities. We have new members in the Army, Navy and Air Cadets units, in addition to joining Yoga, Zumba and Pilate classes. Ashley Li joins Kristina and Evgeniya as the latest recruit to the Brentwood School swimming squad.

We have organised a joint Theatre Trip for both Houses on 19th November to see Lion King in London which is always a popular outing, with all of our girls requesting tickets. In addition we have also planned a Christmas Shopping trip on 2nd December to Bluewater Shopping Centre, which is a good opportunity for all the girls to buy their "Secret Santa" gifts for their house mates!

On 9th December Mill Hill will be hosting our annual formal Boarders Christmas Supper and preparations have already started for this wonderful event.

We have completed all of our "Takeaway & Chat" evenings which were enjoyed by the girls. These evenings provide everybody in the House with more opportunities to discuss in small groups any improvements or changes they would like us to consider in the boarding house. Mrs Monro and I take this opportunity to thank the girls for their mature contributions and excellent company.

We will also continue our Friday evening social programme which will include trips to the cinema, shopping outings, bowling and karting.

We are always seeking ways in which to improve our provision. If you have any concerns or questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

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All of the staff at Mill Hill House remain committed to making your daughter's time with us a productive and memorable experience, and we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support.

With very best wishes.

Mr & Mrs Monroe

A gentle reminder to all parents that the girls are not allowed to keep medicines in their bedrooms – if your daughter visits the doctor whilst at home with you and is taking any medication, on return they should report this to Mrs Monroe as soon as they arrive at the boarding house.

Future School dates

MICHAELMAS TERM 2015

Tuesday 1 st September	NEW Boarders arrive between 12pm and 6pm
Wednesday 2 nd September	Returning Boarders arrive between 6pm and 9pm
Thursday 3 rd September	Term Starts
Friday 16 th October	Half term starts. Boarders should depart by 6pm
Sunday 1 st November	Half term ends. Boarders should return between 6pm – 9pm
Friday 20 th November	Exeat Weekend starts. Boarders depart by 6pm
Sunday 22 nd November	Exeat weekend ends Boarders return between 6pm – 9pm
Wednesday 16 th December	Term ends. Boarders should depart by 6pm

LENT TERM 2016

Tuesday 5 th January	Boarders return between 6pm – 9pm
Wednesday 6 th January	Term starts
Friday 12 th February	Half Term starts. Boarders should depart by 6pm
Sunday 21 st February	Half Term ends. Boarders should return between 6pm – 9pm
Thursday 24 th March	Term ends. Boarders should depart by 6pm

TRINITY TERM 2016

Sunday 17 th April	Boarders return between 6pm – 9pm
Monday 18 th April	Term Starts
Friday 29 th April	May Bank Holiday starts. Boarders should depart by 6pm (U6th IB Students only remain in the Boarding Houses)
Monday 2 nd May	May Bank Holiday ends. Boarders should return between 6pm – 9pm
Friday 27 th May	Half Term Starts. Boarders should depart by 6pm

Sunday 5th June
Tuesday 5th July

Half Term ends. Boarders should return between 6pm – 9pm
Term ends. Boarders should depart by 6pm

MICHAELMAS TERM 2016

Tuesday 30th August
Wednesday 31st August
Thursday 1st September
Friday 21st October
Sunday 6th November
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Thursday 15th December

NEW Boarders arrive
Returning Boarders arrive between 6pm – 9pm
Term Starts
Half term starts – boarders depart by 6pm
Boarders return between 6pm – 9pm
Exeat weekend
Term ends – boarders depart by 6pm

LENT TERM 2017

Wednesday 4th January
Thursday 5th January
Friday 10th February
Sunday 19th February
Friday 24th March

Boarders return between 6pm – 9pm
Term starts
Half Term Starts – boarders depart by 6pm
Half Term ends – boarders return between 6pm – 9pm
Term ends – boarders depart by 6pm

TRINITY TERM 2017

Tuesday 18th April
Wednesday 19th April
Friday 26th May –
Sunday 4th June
Thursday 6th July

Boarders return between 6pm – 9pm
Term starts
Half Term starts – boarders depart by 6pm
Half Term ends – boarders return between 6pm – 9pm
Term ends – boarders depart by 6pm

When returning to school after a term or half-term break it should be noted that the boarding house opens at 6pm on the evening before the day that School restarts and students are expected to have returned by 9pm. Parents or Guardians must make appropriate travel arrangements to ensure that boarders return at the appropriate time. Any boarder arriving before this time may find the building locked and would, therefore, not be able to gain access.