



# Mill Hill House DECEMBER 2015



Dear Parents and Guardians,

We hope your daughters are all having a wonderful time with their families and friends. Mill Hill is certainly a very quiet and empty place without them.

This half term, as always, is a mixture of extremely hard work in the build up towards the November tests and of course the inevitable excitement that Christmas brings to Mill Hill. Once again the girls performed brilliantly in their examinations and were able to begin the festive season in true 'Mill Hill' style. It never ceases to amaze and impress me how each girl is able to balance a very challenging academic programme with their equally demanding Co-Curricular activities; and of course an enviable social life! In addition to our theatre trip to see the musical 'Lion King' many of the girls also enjoyed an evening at the cinema to see 'Sceptre', the new James Bond film and also very much enjoyed the school production of 'West Side Story'.

The House was decorated beautifully, which included a tree that resembled scenes from a fairy-tale Christmas story. In addition, many also decorated the Christmas tree which stands outside of the School Chapel and made over 100 'Christingles' in preparation for the children's service. All of the girls assisted, attended, and very much enjoyed being part of our special Christmas tradition; the Mill Hill girls were a real credit to the school.

The Secret Santa presents, which were bought after a frantic 3 hour shopping trip to Lakeside, were secretly placed under the tree. This shopping frenzy, included the purchase of an infinite amount of dresses for the Boarders' Christmas Supper. This traditional and very grand occasion was attended by over 120 guests, including the Headmaster and our Chairman of Governors, Mr Finch. Maris Lam and Winston Mo (boys boarding) played a beautiful rendition of 'Walking in the air' from the film 'The Snowman' and a Chinese composition 'Lu Xiao Yu' by Jay Chou.

Our Head of House, Anna Vyshnevskaya delivered a very entertaining and moving speech, in which she shared the most memorable moments of her 4 years here at Mill Hill. We take this opportunity to thank Anna for her support and the excellent way in which she has performed her role.

The boundless energy and enthusiasm which is generated in Mill Hill continues to impact on the rest of the School. Brentwood School hosted the Model United Nations conference which saw several of our girls acknowledged for their outstanding contributions to this event. Well done particularly to Bishka Chand for her inspirational leadership and outstanding commitment.

Well done to all the girls who have participated so enthusiastically in House competitions this term. We are enormously proud of every girl, who despite never competing at this level, proved themselves to be formidable opponents in every event. .

### **Swimming.**

In addition to some excellent performances in the inter-house swimming gala by Chloe Lin, Jessica Chisholm, Annabel Griesmeyer, Anna Belova, Evgeniya Shmereva, Kristina Tovstik and Ashley Li. Both Kristina and Ashley also represented Brentwood School and contributed significantly to our first win since 2008.

**Senior Badminton:** Chloe Lin, Kelly Tong, Anna Vyshnevskaya, Evgeniya Shmereva.

- 1st Place

**Middles Badminton:** Kelly Tong, Ashley Li and Rosa Xu played brilliantly to secure a very impressive 1<sup>st</sup> Place

**Middles Chess** Rosa Xu outmanoeuvred her first 2 opponents in a gripping tournament and achieved a commendable 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall.

**Senior Chess:** Anna Vyshnevskaya and Evgeniya Shmereva outplayed their opponents with Anna winning every match.

As you can see, the girls have been very active and Mill Hill is a very busy place; we are enormously proud of the girls. 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 thank you for your continued support.

We would also like to take this opportunity to invite you to comment on your daughter's boarding experience and let us know if there is any way you feel we could improve. If you have any comments please email us on [millhillhouse@brentwood.essex.sch.uk](mailto:millhillhouse@brentwood.essex.sch.uk)

**Could we respectfully remind you not to send your daughter to the boarding house with any type of medicines other than those prescribed by a doctor. If your daughter is seen by their doctor over the holiday period and prescribed medicine please inform Mrs Monroe. Students are not allowed to keep medicines in their bedroom other than herbal remedies. This is especially important for overseas students as medicines which have the dosage written in a foreign language could, if taken incorrectly by another student, cause medical problems. Should the school doctor need to prescribe drugs and was unaware that other medicines were being taken; this could potentially be very dangerous.**

We would also like to remind all parents and Guardians that it is very important that the school and boarding houses are made aware of any change of address, telephone numbers or email addresses so that we can keep our contact details accurate.

We look forward to welcoming your daughter back to Mill Hill House on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January between 6-9pm. **Please see below the future term dates.**

We wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Kindest regards,

**Mr & Mrs Monro**

Housemaster & Housemistress  
(Mill Hill House) Boarding



# Future School dates

## LENT TERM 2016

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

## TRINITY TERM 2016

Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Boarders return between 6pm – 9pm
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	Term Starts
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	May Bank Holiday starts. Boarders should depart by 6pm (U6th IB Students only remain in the Boarding Houses)
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	May Bank Holiday ends. Boarders should return between 6pm – 9pm
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Half Term Starts. Boarders should depart by 6pm
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Half Term ends. Boarders should return between 6pm – 9pm
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Term ends. Boarders should depart by 6pm

## MICHAELMAS TERM 2016

Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> August	NEW Boarders arrive
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> August	Returning Boarders arrive between 6pm – 9pm
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	Term Starts
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Half term starts – boarders depart by 6pm
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Boarders return between 6pm – 9pm
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Term ends – boarders depart by 6pm

## LENT TERM 2017

Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Boarders return between 6pm – 9pm
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Term starts
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Half Term Starts – boarders depart by 6pm
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	Half Term ends – boarders return between 6pm – 9pm
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Term ends – boarders depart by 6pm

## TRINITY TERM 2017

Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	Boarders return between 6pm – 9pm
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Term starts
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May –	Half Term starts – boarders depart by 6pm
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Half Term ends – boarders return between 6pm – 9pm
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	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.