



# NEWSLETTER 35

## 24<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

### Message from Mr Phillips, Assistant Head

#### **BEYOND THE CLASSROOM WITH THE MOUNT HOUSE SCHOOL CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAMME - HAVE A GO!**



At Mount House School we pride ourselves on inspiring personal ambition and success for all our students across the full breadth of the curriculum. Academic progress is at the heart of everything we do, but we also believe that co-curricular activities are vital to a student's development – to create well-rounded individuals with good self-esteem and a love for learning. There are a number of different clubs and societies available to our students in our co-curricular programme and our message is always very simple: **have a go**. Try something new and discover a new passion or undiscovered talent.

Our co-curricular activities provide students with personal development opportunities through learning from experience. This experience comes from students' active participation in the activities that are available beyond their academic subjects. The aim of this system is for our students to learn and develop their skills away from the confines of orthodox learning. Our students gain confidence and independence through the varied activities that we offer at Mount House School, which in turn has a positive impact on academic learning, as that confidence will often transfer back into the classroom. Through the wide range of clubs on offer, we hope to help students develop qualities, skills, and values that stay with them for life. Also, many of the best universities prefer applicants who have engaged in sporting, intellectual and creative activities beyond the classroom.

In addition to a wide range of sporting activities, the Co-Curricular Programme includes membership of a choir, a drama group, model making, the setting up of a student model United Nations, an Equality group and a club engaged in the construction of robots. All the other exciting clubs and societies in the programme can be found on the Co-Curricular noticeboard at school or on the website: <https://www.mounthouse.org.uk/co-curricular/>

A particular favourite is the Varsity Club, which discusses a wide range of stimulating topics and is designed to enable all year groups to prepare for applications to the best universities. Last year the group considered topics such as art, philosophy and the American presidential election.



The Head's Endeavour Award required students to complete a number of intellectual and physical challenges throughout the year. One challenge was a five-mile hiking expedition into rural Cambridgeshire. This activity represents excellent preparation for the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.

From chess to football to the ukulele, there is something for everyone, and we're always happy to consider new suggestions. If you want to create a new club, we're sure there will be a member of staff willing to help you get things going.

Therefore, take advantage of all the wonderful opportunities the Co-Curricular Programme has to offer. We only ask that our students have a go!

## New Physics & Chemistry Teacher: Mrs Kazim



We welcome Mrs Kazim to our school as a physics and chemistry teacher. Mrs Kazim has worked in a number of schools, both in the independent and the state sector. Before joining us, she was Head of Science at a local independent school.

She is an examiner for Edexcel and AQA, and has been involved in marking and moderating for over ten years.

Before teaching, she was a chemical engineer, working for a variety of different companies: BP, Johnson Matthey, MOD and UOP Honeywell. Her field of expertise is in catalysis in the Research and Development sector. She has worked on several innovative technologies, such as the development of the catalytic convertor, laser rangefinder used on M1 tanks, anti-corrosive inhibitors for the oil industry, etc.

Mrs Kazim has three children and her hobbies include travelling, skiing, and gardening. She runs the Science Club which is great fun and involves a large variety of experiments, giving our students opportunities to explore and investigate science, as well as participating in competitions and other enrichment activities.



## World Languages Week



The Modern Foreign Languages department is preparing to celebrate World Languages day in the week of 27th September with a range of activities that will celebrate the rich diversity of languages at Mount House and also highlight the values and importance of languages in today's world.

Students will have the opportunity to express their cultural heritage with the Languages Wall which will be displayed in Reception and forms will compete in a world music quiz during form time. Finally, on 4th October, the MFL team will hold their Languages Assembly which promises to be somewhat of an extravaganza!

## Local Rugby Club: Old Grammarians



Old Grammarians RFC (not linked to the Grammar School) are looking for new members to join them for the 2021/22 season.

The club's focus is on enjoying sport and building lasting friendships; and rugby is a fantastic leveler where there's a position to suit everyone!

Both experienced and new players are more than welcome and we have RFU qualified coaches to ensure that all levels are catered for. Old

Grammarians has teams for Year 7 through to Sixth Form, with boys', girls', men and women's sections.

The squad trains or plays matches every Sunday morning at 11:00 and trains every Wednesday evening at 18:00. Come and visit us on Sunday at:

Old Grammarian's RFC, Green Dragon Lane, Winchmore Hill, London, N21 1EP  
[www.oldgrammarians](http://www.oldgrammarians)

There is no commitment, so you have nothing to lose, but potentially a huge amount to gain – why not try it out, come and meet the team, the coaches and the parents?

## Mr Brozny’s Run for the Cure

Mr Brozny is participating in this year's CIBC Run for the Cure for the Canadian Cancer Society. He lost his mother Stella Brozny to breast cancer this past March 2021. Mr Brozny, his siblings and their partners have formed a team for the Virtual Run on Sunday, October 3rd. With your help, they can all make a difference to battle breast cancer.



*A young Mr Brozny with his mother*

With 1 in 8 women expected to develop breast cancer in their lifetime, your support matters more than ever. While women are living longer, healthier lives after a breast cancer diagnosis because of the progress made to date, there is still so much work to be done.

Please support Mr Brozny’s fundraising efforts and make a donation via the link below if you can. If you would prefer to donate in his mother’s name to Cancer Research UK, then please do so.

[www.support.cancer.ca](http://www.support.cancer.ca)

## The new library

The library has reopened in what used to be the chapel. It’s a quiet, cosy space for reading and learning, with cushions on the window alcoves overlooking the Cedar Garden. We hope the students will enjoy using it.



## Careers



We recently welcomed the National Citizen Service (NCS) to our school to present their free autumn programme to our Year 12 students.

NCS engages, unites and empowers young people to build their confidence, teamwork communication and problem solving amongst many other skills. This is done through a residential ‘adventure’ week.

Please encourage your child to take advantage of this fantastic opportunity!

## Open Day

We are excited to finally be able to host our Open Day tomorrow (Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September 09.00 – 12.00). All students should be at school in full uniform (PE uniform if they are part of the sport demonstrations) by 08.45. It will be a great opportunity to show off the school to 170 families from prep and primary schools in the area. Snacks and drinks will be available for students in the LS art room throughout the morning.

Please carry out LF tests on Friday evening – and we will be asking the visitors to do the same. We will have hand sanitiser and masks available for visitors, and will be politely requesting that they wear masks indoors. Our tour guides may also wear masks if they wish to.

We will be holding as much of the Open Day as possible outdoors, including refreshments in the Courtyard, sports demonstrations on the new MUGA and a talk from Mrs Richardson on the Cedar Lawn. All classrooms will be well-ventilated, with doors and windows open all morning.

# MOUNT HOUSE OPEN DAY

We are a small, nurturing, co-educational independent school.

**SATURDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER**

• Small class sizes • Exciting co-curricular programme • Excellent all-round education



**MOUNT HOUSE SCHOOL**  
INSPIRING EVERY INDIVIDUAL

Contact us to find out more:

✉ [admissions@mounthouse.org.uk](mailto:admissions@mounthouse.org.uk)

☎ 0208 449 6889

🌐 [www.mounthouse.org.uk](http://www.mounthouse.org.uk)



MEET OUR NEW HEAD  
MRS RICHARDSON

## Friends of Mount House

Friends of Mount House will be holding a meeting next week to discuss plans for events to be held during the school year. If you are interested in joining, please email Julie Westmore at [jwesty@btinternet.com](mailto:jwesty@btinternet.com).



We have put together a list of new and pre-loved uniforms that are available to purchase. If you are interested in purchasing or trying any clothing, please email Julie Westmore at [jwesty@btinternet.com](mailto:jwesty@btinternet.com). The sale of the items is on a first come first served basis. All money received will be given to the Friends of Mount House to be used for future projects.

MOUNT HOUSE NEW & PRE-LOVED UNIFORMS			
DESCRIPTION	SIZE	CONDITION	PRICE
Girl's blazer	31"	Second hand	£5
	32"	Second hand	£5
	34"	Second hand	£5
	34"	New	£15
	34"	New	£15
	42"	New	£15
Skirt (Baner)	30" 20" length	Second Hand	£5
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Jumper	38"	Second Hand	£4
	38"	Second Hand	£4
Long-sleeved rugby shirt	30"	New	£10
	36"	New	£10
	38"	New	£10
P.E. shirt	30"	New	£10
	size 10	New	£10
	36"	Second Hand	£4
Skort	Ladies size 10	New	£10

	Ladies size 10	Second Hand	£4
	Ladies Size 18	Second Hand	£4
Leggings	Ladies Size 10	New	£8
Tracksuit top	Age 10	New	£15
	Age 10	New	£15
	Ladies Size 6	Second Hand	£5
	38"	Second Hand	£5
	Large	Second Hand	£5
	Size 18	Second Hand	£5
Tracksuit bottoms	Age 10	New	£10
	Age 10	New	£10
	Age 14	Second Hand	£5
	Size 8	Second Hand	£5
	Size 18	Second Hand	£5
Ties	one size	New	£3

\*\* If have any old uniforms (blazers, pullovers, hoodies, trousers, skirts, P.E. shirts) that are in good condition, and you would like to donate them to the FOMH preloved uniform shop, please leave with Sheila in reception or email Julie Westmore at [jwesty@btinternet.com](mailto:jwesty@btinternet.com).

