



# NEWSLETTER 8<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2022

## Message from Mrs Richardson, Head

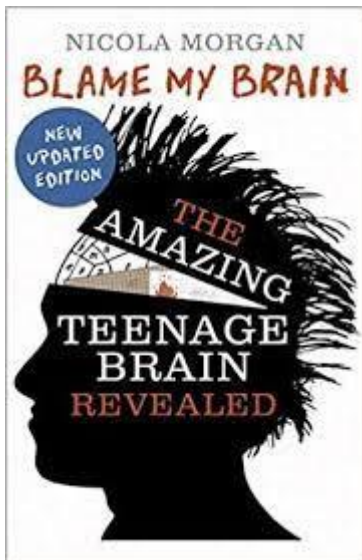
It was an extraordinarily – and wonderfully - busy end to the term. Extraordinary after two years of cancellations and wonderful as a reminder of what a joy the end of the summer term can be. The photos in the following pages very much speak for themselves, and I thank our in-house 6<sup>th</sup> form photographer Jackey for all his hard work in taking them! On Speech Day and in our Celebration Assembly on Wednesday we were able to reflect on the many achievements of the year. I won't go over those again but I did want to highlight two key areas which for me sum up the behaviours which I believe are of key importance.

Firstly, I want to congratulate those students who always give of their best, and who treat others with kindness and generosity, and this is particularly represented by the Form prizes in Years 7, 8 and 9 which are given for an all-round contribution to the School. As you all know, our expectations of students are that they do their best, and I was delighted to be able to award prizes for academic endeavour to students in Years 10 and 11. Secondly, I want to mention students who this year have been upstanders: when they have seen wrongdoing, they have called it out, and I am particularly proud of students who are prepared to stand up for others.

I am sure that students have enjoyed their first few days of holiday. Eight weeks is a long time, and I hope that students will avail themselves of the opportunities for reviewing this year's work as well as indulging in some super-curricular activity. Attached to this newsletter is the Summer Challenge for Years 7, 8 and 9. Additionally, CenturyTech is a great resource for reviewing Maths and Science topics and students can log in to access recommended activities. Next week I will circulate details of book groups: students choose one book from the list and read it over the summer and then they will meet with me (in a group) at the start of term to discuss the books.

Parents can of course set their children an example on the reading front, so I also have a suggestion for you! *Blame my Brain* is a helpful book for both parents and students to read; it is an easy-to-read explanation of why teenagers can sometimes behave in a way which we know is 'out of character'. If parents would like to meet to discuss this book at the start of term do just let me know!

Details of the planned Portugal Tennis and Gold trip at Easter 2023 will be circulated next week, and I will also be writing to parents about some of the changes which are taking place over the summer. I would like to publicly thank all our teachers, but particularly those who are leaving: Mr Pandelis, Mr Conyers, Mr Mullins and Mrs Onal as well as Elizabeth Overman. For the teachers as well as those students who are leaving, you go with our best wishes and we very much hope you will keep in touch. I wish all our staff and students a wonderful summer.



## SPEECH DAY

On Friday 1st July, we held Speech Day and Prize Giving, which recognised and celebrated the success of many of our students. In Lower School, Form Prizes were awarded for endeavour and an overall contribution to the School community. Prizes in the Lower School were also awarded for academic achievement throughout the year.



Subject prizes were awarded in Year 10 – 13 and Academic Endeavour Awards were presented to GCSE students to recognise effort and progress throughout the year.

Outstanding Contribution Awards were also presented to those students who have contributed significantly in the Arts, Co-curricular activities, Music and Sport.

Academic Excellence Prizes were awarded to the most outstanding student in each year group:

Year 7:	Florence Sunderland
Year 8:	Anne Banda
Year 9:	Anna Collington
Year 10:	Lydia Frost-Tingling
Year 11:	Ayomide Soetan
Year 12:	Charlotte Wheatley
Year 13:	Stefano Paternostro



Our guest speaker was Dr Sean Lang, historian, author, broadcaster and playwright. After giving out the prizes, Dr Lang addressed the audience upon the theme of following one's dreams.

Following the event, parents, teachers and other guests were able to enjoy tea and scones on the Cedar Lawn.







### SCHOOL TRIPS – Year 7 and 8 Trip to PGL





YEAR 9 & 10 TRIP TO PARIS

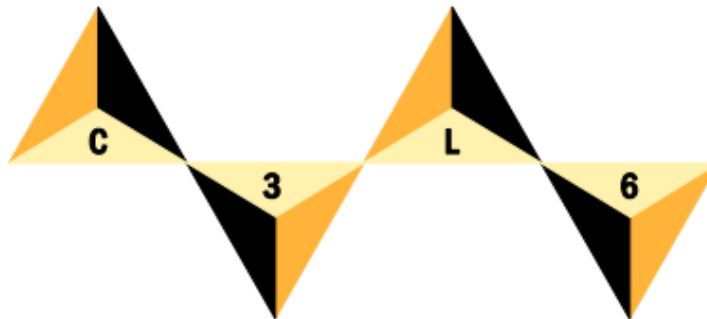




## PARIS Continued...

The four day trip to Paris included a visit to The Louvre Museum and La Tour Montparnasse, Pont de l'Archevêché (Lovelock Bridge) and the La Cathedrale Notre-Dame on Days 1 and 2. Day 3 included a visit to Les Catacombes – an underground cemetery where 6 million people are buried including victims of the French Revolution. This was followed by a visit to the Chateau de Versailles, the Arc de Triomphe, the Sacre Coeur and Montmatre. Day 4 was a rainy day and the students took a boat trip (Bateau Mouche) on the River Seine and visited the Eiffel Tower.

## SCIENCE - Cambridge Chemistry Challenge Results



### Cambridge Chemistry Challenge Lower 6th

This year our students took part in the Cambridge Chemistry Challenge. Since Christmas, a select group of students gave up their Wednesday lunchtime to prepare for this competition. They all were stretched and challenged beyond anything they would experience in the normal classroom. Three students achieved an award as follows:

Darcie Dudding Y10 - Copper Award (Top 40%)  
Hibiki Hashimoto Y12 - Copper Award (Top 40%)  
Anna Harris Y10 - Silver Award (Top 20%)



We would like to congratulate all of the students who participated and we hope to see them and more students next year in the competition.

Mount House School is planning to create opportunities for Biology and Physics students as well to take part in competitions in the next academic year. Please see a member of the science department next term for more information.

## Rockets and Eggstronauts

Finally, the much-anticipated results from our rocket and lander competition are here!

After our results had been finalised by EggNASA, they were extremely happy with a safety percentage of 66.66%, with Mount House School bringing 14 out of 18 Eggstronauts back to Earth safely and only one Eggstronaut needing minor surgery.



After all of the results had been added together the results are as follows:

**In joint 1<sup>st</sup> place:** Team 1 (Ava, Edie and Luca) and Team 12 (Will, Anne, Paris and Temi)

**In joint 2<sup>nd</sup> place:** Team 2 (Florence, Sofia and Shanar) and Team 19 (Nathan, Grace, Santi and Lilly)

**In 3<sup>rd</sup> place:** Team 3 (Santino, Solu and Leo)

Congratulations to all students.



## Activities Week

On Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June students across the school took part in a day of sporting activities, which consisted of football, rounders and cricket. Students had the opportunity to work with their peers whilst further developing skills and knowledge through matches. It was a great opportunity for those taking part to work with students in other year groups and develop new friendships.

## Jane Austen House Museum

As part of activities week, Years 10 and 12 visited the Jane Austen House Museum in Hampshire. They enjoyed a tour of the house and village and a talk in the study centre on society in Jane Austen's time. They also had fun dressing up in Regency costume.



## Wicked Theatre Trip

## Induction Afternoon

On Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June we welcomed our new joiners who will be starting in Year 7 at Mount House in September. Students had the opportunity to meet Mrs Clarkson (Head of Year 7) and the tutor team that will support them next year along with Heads of House and some of our Year 12 students. The students took part in a variety of activities that were centered around teamwork and getting to know each other. Mr Shah led an activity which saw students challenge themselves as a team and the ice creams were one of the highlights. It was lovely to meet parents and we are very much looking forward to working with our new parents in September.



## Sports Day

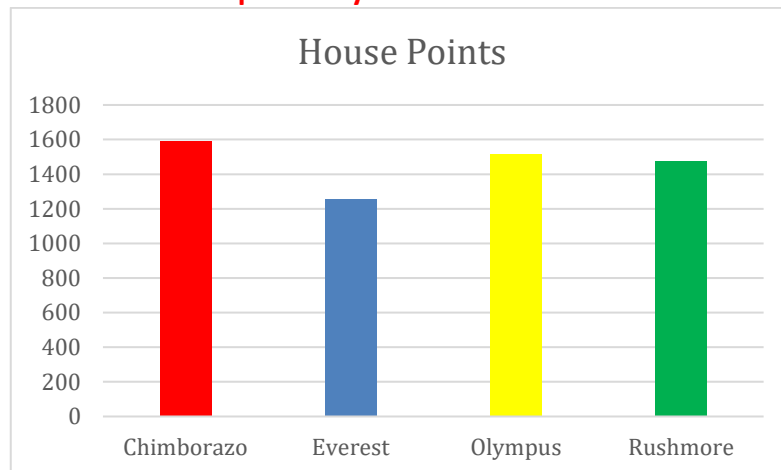
What a fantastic day we all had on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July – watching students perform and compete against their peers earning points for their houses. It was amazing to see so many students involved and stepping in to fill gaps when needed. The outstanding performance for each year group are awarded to the following students;

Year 7 Female Athlete:	Kerensa Hatch
Year 7 Male Athlete:	Santino Vazquez-Williams
Year 8 Female Athlete:	Grace Gakhar
Year 8 Male Athlete:	Temidayo Yussuff-Shittu
Year 9 Female Athlete:	Emily Hooker
Year 9 Male Athlete:	Tiger Halabi
Year 10 Female Athlete:	Amalya-Lovett Antwi-Agyei
Year 10 Male Athlete:	Zac Webster

Recognising outstanding contribution is for those who jumped into events to gain points for the houses:

Year 7:	Edie Cumberworth
Year 8:	Rina Antwi-Agyei & Tara Porter
Year 9:	Emir Yurtseven
Year 10:	Tobi Solebo

**The winners of Sports Day 2022 were CHIMBORAZO!!**



Our final house point numbers for the year are:

**1<sup>st</sup> Place – Chimborazo 1594 House Points**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Olympus 1518 House Points**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Rushmore 1479 House Points**

**4<sup>th</sup> Place – Everest 1257 House Points**





Sports Day 2022





## Leadership Day

On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July students in Years 7 & 8 took part in a leadership day led by Mrs Richardson and Mrs Hillcoat-Hyde. The morning session saw students working together to identify the characteristics and qualities of a good leader and how a good leader can have an impact on their team. After break students were back in their teams building towers with set resources. The aim of the task was to build the tallest tower that would hold the weight of an egg. There were a few cracked eggs but also a few successful towers!

**Winners who not only created the tallest tower but created a tower that held the weight of the egg.**



## Summer Activities

### Summer Challenge

Please see the attached flyer for this summer's challenge for Years 7, 8 and 9. Your task is to make sure you complete the six challenges below and write in the box provided about what you have learned and/or gained from the experience.

- Read a book
- Visit a Museum, Castle or Art Gallery
- Earn some Maths and Science nuggets on CenturyTech
- Try something new
- Play sport
- Do something good for someone else

### RSPCA Young Photographer Competition

If you're 18 or under, an animal lover, and you can take great photos, this is the competition for you! Please see the attached flyer on how to enter by 16<sup>th</sup> August deadline. Finalists will be invited to the Tower of London Awards ceremony with TV's Chris Packham.



## GCSE Transition Day

During GCSE transition day, Year 9 girls had the opportunity to practise breathing techniques and the Warrior 1,2 and 3 yoga poses.

This will help them to learn how to look after their mental well-being during their GCSE course (and all times).



## Theatre in Education

Year 9 Drama Students enjoyed taking part in a drama project where they visited Monken Hadley Primary School and ran drama workshops with them during the last term.

Mount House also invited Monken Hadley pupils in to see a performance by our Year 9 drama students which focused on the dangers of deforestation.

## Army Visit

The army visited Mount House last week and students were interested to hear about the opportunities in the army for those who play a musical instrument.





*Friends of*  
**MOUNT HOUSE**



# Moveathon!

## Friends of Mount House Sponsored Moveathon

*Supported by staff from the Games department and a qualified personal trainer, Chris Antoni.*

**WHY?** Physical exercise has so many benefits. It keeps us strong and healthy and is good for mental health and problem solving, So, lets combine all of these benefits with some fund raising and have some fun!



**WHO?** Each class / year group will spend 30 minutes moving. There'll be music and personal trainer Chris Antoni, and the Games staff, will help make it fun for everyone!



**WHAT?** All students will be given a sponsor form for collecting sponsorship from as many family members, carers, and friends that they can, over the summer break.

**\*\*There will be a prize in each year group for the student that raises/collects the most sponsorship! 😊**

**WHERE?** The event is non-stop movement on the Multi Use Games Area (MUGA), (or in the hall if it's raining)

**WHEN?** September 22<sup>nd</sup> from 10am to 4pm.

**Are you ready to get moving?**

