



# NEWSLETTER – 11<sup>th</sup> March

Message from Mr Kerr – Deputy Head

## International Women's Day

Mrs Hillcoat-Hyde delivered an assembly to the Lower School this week on global gender inequality to coincide with International Women's Day. IWD is celebrated annually on 8th March and is a day when people around the world come together to recognise the achievements that women and girls have made, as well as call for further action to reduce the inequalities that exist between women and men, and boys and girls. It has been held every year on the same day for over 100 years, IWD is also an opportunity to reflect on and **further the push towards gender parity.**



Gender discrimination **negatively impacts girls and women every day in almost every society.** In some countries they cannot dress as they like, drive, work at night, inherit property and they also suffer a raft of oppressive laws including controlling who they can marry or obliging them to marry in the case of forced marriages.

Even in countries, such as the UK, where many women's rights are protected by law, **a very high percentage of working women say they have faced discrimination at school or work** based on their gender. Women are regularly paid less for doing the same job as their male counterparts. Sadly, despite the many years of struggle for a fairer world, the **need for International Women's Day remains as important as ever.**

Each year IWD is given a theme, which often relates to contemporary events, trends and struggles. This year the focus is on 'breaking the bias' and gender equality today for a sustainable tomorrow, this is explained on the official website as:

*'Imagine a gender equal world. A world free of bias, stereotypes and discrimination. A world that's diverse, equitable, and inclusive. A world where difference is valued and celebrated. Together we can forge women's equality. Collectively we can all #BreakTheBias.'*

**Bias, whether deliberate or unconscious, makes it difficult for women to move ahead,** however, being aware that this bias exists isn't enough, action is needed to level the playing field. This is why this year's focus is about **actively calling out gender bias, discrimination and stereotyping each time you see it.**

The year 2022 is pivotal for achieving gender equality in the context of climate change, and environmental and disaster risk reduction, which are some of the greatest global challenges

of the twenty-first century. Without gender equality today, a sustainable future, and an equal future, remains beyond our reach.

This year's IWD observance is in recognition and celebration of the women and girls who are leading the charge on climate change adaptation and response, and to honour their leadership and contribution towards a sustainable future.

The following women all have their place in the IWD hall of fame, I would advise taking a detailed look at what they have achieved.

**Jane Goodall, born 1934:** British primate scientist, famous for her work with chimpanzees and as an animal rights campaigner.

**Tu Youyou, born 1930:** Chinese pharmaceutical chemist who won the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine in 2015 for discovering drugs which have saved the lives of millions of people with malaria.

**Marie Curie, 1867-1934:** Polish physicist and chemist who discovered radium and polonium. She is one of three women to win the Nobel Prize for Physics.

**Wangari Maathai, 1940-2011:** Kenyan biologist and environmental activist who founded the Green Belt Movement, an environmental organisation that uses tree-planting to empower communities, particularly women, to conserve their environment and improve their lives. In 2004, Wangari was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for her contribution to creating a more sustainable, democratic and peaceful world.

A huge amount of progress has been made in recent years to make life fairer for women and girls, including legislative changes and a shift in societal attitudes, but there is still a long way to go before we reach gender equality. We all look forward to the year when we do not need to have an International Women's Day at all.



International Women's Day

**INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2022**

**#BreakTheBias**



## Staff Announcement

We are delighted to announce the appointment of Mr Phillips to the role of Deputy Head (Pastoral) from 19<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

## Guest Speaker

Today we welcomed back one of our alumni, Georgie Bracken, who delivered a speech on 'Choosing a Course and University' to our Year 11 and 12 students. Georgie left Mount House (then St. Martha's) in 2016 and went on to study Classics at Reading University. She now works for Plymouth University and is responsible for organising outreach programmes and student recruitment.



Thank you for your support and guidance for our students in applying for a University place.







## Sport

During this week's Key Stage 3 PE lessons students have been finishing off their gymnastic routines. Year 7 students have identified different ways to bring together the key skills they have been learning over the last couple of weeks and performed these to their class. Year 8 students have continued explore flight using trampettes and spring boards, with the option to further explore dive forward roles into next week. Year 9 have finished off their group flight routines with some spectacular results.

Games afternoon has continued down at Bartram's Lane, with special focus on football shooting and attacking skills for Year 8 students. Year 9 students continued their theme of learning different styles of football play, with focus on the Gegenpress made popular by Jurgen Klopp with his earlier Borussia Dortmund and Liverpool team

It continues to be important that students wear the correct footwear as this enhances their learning experiences – we suggest that students wear football boots when taking part in sessions at Bartram's Lane, but do also ask that students have trainers in school as well.

### Athletes of the Week

Year 7	Kasim Mustafa
Year 8	Ava Adams
Year 9	Michael Miltiadous
Year 10	Oluwatobi Solebo
Year 11	Aimee Isaacs
Sixth Form	Charlotte Wheatley

### Match Report

This Thursday Mount House boys visited Normanhurst school and played a very good game of football. With a new formation of 3-1-3-2-1, we won the game comfortably 8-0. The goal scorers were Zac Webster scoring 4, Rocco scoring 1, Aaron scoring 1, Krrish scoring 1, Michael scoring and Emir kept a clean sheet. Everyone played very well and Jimi received Man Of The Match. Well done to all participants and thanks to our coach Mr Mullins.

Match report written by Zakariah Rahman-Cook





## Fixtures next week

### **U13 Netball**

**vs**

**Belmont**

**Monday 14th<sup>th</sup>, March**

**Venue: Away**

Meet in Hall at 1:30pm

Return to school at 5:00pm

### **U13 Football**

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### **Oliver!**

Our school production of Oliver! is taking place on the evenings of March 30th and March 31st. To book your free tickets please use the following links:

March 30th - <https://www.trybooking.co.uk/BNCQ>

March 31st - <https://www.trybooking.co.uk/BNCT>

### **Polite Notice**

#### **Parking**

Please could parents refrain from parking/waiting in front of the disabled parking bay when picking up their children after school. A member of staff needs to leave school every day at 4pm, so please leave a gap. Thank you for your understanding.



## Careers

[capel.ac.uk](http://capel.ac.uk)

## Help your students discover careers in our natural world

At London's environmental college we are passionate about inspiring people of all ages to build careers in our natural world.

Help students discover exciting land-based careers by spreading the word about our event, which takes place on Saturday 19 March from 10am to 3pm.

### On the day they can:

Participate in fun activities and competitions

Watch live talks and demonstrations

Meet current and future students

Discuss courses with tutors

Receive support with their application

[Register for Open Day](#)

## Music

In Monday mornings assembly, our talented Year 9 musicians played us some Cuban music!







## Ukraine

Thank you to those students who have already volunteered to organise aid for Ukraine. Ms Clarkson will have a meeting with the committee at the start of next week.

## Helpful Links

Here are some resources to help adults support children with the issues surrounding the Russian invasion of Ukraine

How to talk to your teenager about the invasion of Ukraine (BBC Bitesize/Anna Freud Centre)

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zbrdjsg>

How To Talk To Your Child About The War In Ukraine (YoungMinds)

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/blog/top-tips-for-talking-to-your-young-person-about-the-events-in-ukraine/>

Worrying about Russia and Ukraine (Childline)

<https://www.childline.org.uk/get-involved/articles/worrying-about-russia-ukraine/>

Worrying about war and conflict Sarah Dove (Phoenix Education Consultancy)

<https://www.phoenixgrouphq.com/tools>

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

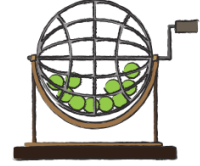
**FRIDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> MARCH** – Friends of Mount House Family Bingo Night

**WED 30<sup>TH</sup> & THURS 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH** – Performances of Oiver!

**SATURDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JUNE & SATURDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER** - Open Day

Please tell friends and family who are looking at secondary schools about our forthcoming open days. They can book a place on our website at [www.mounthouse.org.uk](http://www.mounthouse.org.uk)





# Family Bingo Night

## FRIDAY MARCH 11TH AT 7PM.

\*Tickets are now on sale - £ 15 per family or £ 5 per individual

\*10 Rounds of Bingo - Prizes for winner of each round (included)

\*Refreshments - Juices and Water (included)

*(Parents/Staff wanting to drink alcohol, can Bring their own Beer /Wine with glasses)*

\*Heads N Tails - £2.



\*Door Raffle - £1 for 5 tickets

The Pizza Gig will be making their amazing Freshly Made Pizzas on sight  
11" Pizzas are £10 - preorder by March 9th.



Choices: M - Margherita  
P - Pepperoni  
H - Ham and Cheese  
V - Vegan (aubergine, mushrooms,  
olives, onions, peppers, with vegan cheese)



Simply Scan the QR Code below, Enter Ticket Price plus £10 per pizza required.  
In reference please put Student/Staff Name, Yr and Letter Choice of Pizza(s)  
Eg. £35 - Alice yr8 M, P - (1 family ticket with Margherita plus one extra Pepperoni)



**Money raised will go towards new water fountains for the school as per request by School Council.**