

SPRING TERM 2023
SKI TRIP TO CANADA
SPORTING TRIUMPHS
ART, DRAMA & MORE....

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S STUDY



Dear Parents.

The Spring Term always seems inappropriately named, as it is usually only in these final few weeks that we start to see the real signs of spring. Before the candyfloss blossom and cheeky daffodils come the long winter months, a slow, grey grind of dark mornings and cold evenings. But, in this, my first Spring Term at Queen's Gate, I've been delighted to discover that the warmth of our school's spirit can defeat even the frostiest of mornings, while the energetic buzz of activity keeps the days passing almost too quickly. In these pages you find just a sample of our highlights from another packed term. Once again I have been bowled over by the diversity of talent and interests we find among our Queen's Gate girls: rock music and show tunes sat side by side at our Senior School concert; Junior School girls rush from fencing championships to debating tournaments, with a quick play rehearsal on the way. I am so proud of the way our girls throw themselves into everything and anything, and can't wait to see what they have in store for me next term.

With my very best wishes for a peaceful Easter holiday,

Miss Amy Wallace Principal

YOUNG ART COMPETITION



Young Art is an annual exhibition of children's paintings, drawings and prints, held for one week a year at the Royal College of Art.

Over the last 30 years Young Art has raised more than £1,250,000 towards vital research into childhood cancers and clinical trials at UCL Great Ormond Street Institute of Child Health.

www.young-art.co.uk

The Queen's Gate Art Department submitted some exceptional pieces and we are delighted to share that Eva Guseva, Year 8 and Ziyi Kang, Year 9, were both commended and Sana Popovic was awarded a second prize.

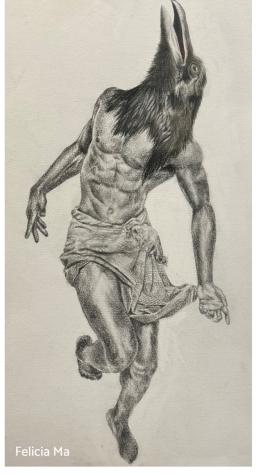
The Exhibition is open to the public from 26 to 28 April 2023

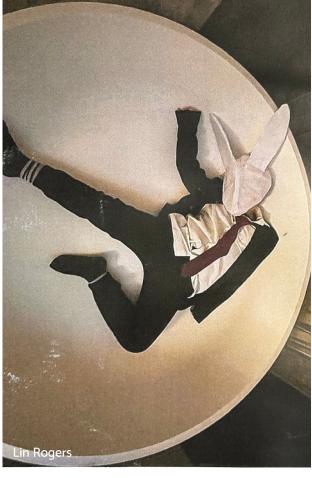
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GCSE ART

This artwork is produced by the GCSE class in Form V. The pupils are currently working on their projects based on hybrids and combining human and animal forms. This is just a small selection of the outstanding outcomes produced by our talented girls.





Coco Harte



Emma Kingsnorth

The Spring Wider World Series brought together an eclectic mix of professionals, from Neurosurgeons to video game designers. Our first talk was from Dr Daniel Moffatt, a neurosurgical doctor based in London, at the largest neurotrauma department centre in the U.K. His interests lie in neurotrauma, neurovascular and pituitary disorders.

Emma Kingsnorth shared her creative flair. Emma is a graphic and motion designer with 16 years of industry experience in design and animation. Her work includes commissions for advertising agencies and post houses. Emma has freelanced for many famous brands, including Charlotte Tilbury, Facebook, Google, BBC, KFC, Costa, Jaguar & Red Bull.

The following week we welcomed Louise Marchant, Brand Manager at Ubisoft, who spoke about her work in video games marketing and what it's like to succeed as a woman in such a male-dominated field.



We learned about the banking world from Artem Shevalev from The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development. Artem specialises in many areas of finance, including emerging markets, privatisations, deal structuring and risk mitigation.

Our next talk delved into the world of law as we heard from Joanne Easterbrook, senior partner at the law firm Bevan Brittan where she specialises in clinical negligence, mental health and human rights law. She is a First Tier Tribunal Judge for the Mental Health Review Tribunal.

Continuing the creative theme, we welcomed Ahmed Shareefy. Ahmed is the Founding Director of a music collective and creative enterprise that has been operating for five years within the U.K. and, more recently, in a few major cities across Europe. BPM Music Collective is a multi-disciplinary start-up that brings together like-minded creatives and provides a platform for emerging talent. Ahmed's current focus is on continuing to grow BPM Music Collective and use it as a platform for emerging talent and creatives and a springboard for his music production and engineering.



in partnership with Brasenose College, Oxford.

Inviting all UK-based students in Years 10, 11 and 12 to create a "MASSOLIT-style" video lecture running at around 8-12 minutes on any academic topic.

Entries open from Wednesday 1 March 2023 and the final deadline is 5pm Friday 30 June 2023.

The best entries will be reviewed by a panel of judges made up of academics from Brasenose and members of the MASSOLIT team. This competition is open to every pupil in the UK – you do not need to be a subscriber to MASSOLIT. If you want to see what a "MASSOLIT-style" lecture is, please check out their <u>YouTube channel.</u>

What they are looking for:

To research, write and create a short (8-12 minute) lecture on a topic of your choice.

Your lecture should be a 'talking head' style, like all the lectures on MASSOLIT, though you should feel free to make use of props (e.g. quoting from a book, playing some music, demonstrating a concept with props, etc.) if you feel it adds to your explanation. Then again, if your lecture doesn't include any props, that's also fine!

Entries will be judged on:

- the educational value of the lecture does the viewer learn something interesting and unexpected?
- the clarity and concision of the script is the material structured in a logical way?
- confidence and clarity of delivery is the speaker looking at the camera? Are they speaking loudly and clearly?
- creativity

You will not be judged on the production quality of entries, so please don't worry about what you shoot your video on, and please don't waste any time on post-production.

Prize

- There will be ten winners, one overall winner and nine runners-up
- The overall winner will receive a £200 Amazon voucher and a professionally filmed and edited copy of the winning lecture and a feature on <u>massolit.io</u>
- The nine runners-up will each receive a £50 Amazon voucher
- The winner and nine runners-up will receive a MASSOLIT award certificate (and something brilliant to put on your personal statement!)
- Both the winner and runners-up will be invited to an award ceremony and reception hosted by Brasenose College in the second half of September (exact date TBC)

LIV SLEEPOVER

RAISED £120C FOR "FREEDOM FROM TORTURE"







One Friday night, we raised £1200 for the 'Freedom from Torture' charity which holds a special place in Ms Helm's heart. Ms Helm shared a story about why the charity means so much to her, and we were glad we could help. We'd like to thank Ms Helm and all of the fantastic LIV tutors for the careful thought which had gone into the night. A brilliant turnout of LIV students and even some Removes contributed to the whopping total raised.

The evening saw an array of activities from a fully stocked beauty salon thanks to Ms Basham, a karaoke bar run by Ms Taylor and a dance class from Mr Harvey



and Mr Karamoutas. The exotic mocktail bar, guarded by Ms Lamkin, had something for everyone: Sunset Dreams, Mojitos, Elderflower and Berry Mixes (all non-alcoholic). Our favourite drink was the Sunset Dreams (though, unfortunately for the teachers who spent the night, they didn't put any of us to sleep!). The karaoke participants had bundles of energy, even after a whole week at school, and it was a brilliant way to start the night. We want to thank everyone involved in this, as it was a unique, once-in-a-lifetime opportunity with a wonderfully warm and fun atmosphere.

LIV



UNIOR SCHOOI

e really enjoyed the workshop at the Design Museum; it was so much fun! First, we were split into two groups and walked around the museum exploring the different pieces and artefacts displayed in the gallery. We saw many types of phones, TVs, and interesting furniture designs. After we looked around for inspiration, we went inside to complete the workshop. We talked about different types of materials, and then we were asked to create our own designs. We had to create different types of shoes to suit the needs of different users. I really enjoyed this experience.



IIA TRIP TO THE DESIGN MUSEUM



The Design Museum is a spectacular place. The myriad of interesting models is unique, and I enjoyed going around and seeing all the different objects. I love learning about the cycle of how new items are made. I loved being able to design different items to solve daily life problems and suit different needs. My favourite part was looking at how the items we use today have evolved over the decades. I love seeing and exploring new and creative designs and I would not mind repeating this experience again very soon!

Alisa Orlovskaya - IIA



On International Women's Day, there was breakfast for parents, and we got to wear purple. The hall was decorated with many purple decorations, and we learnt a bit about inspirational women in our lessons. We also raised money for Solace Women's Aid.

Daisy Allen -III



THE SYRIAN AND TURKISH EARTHQUAKE APPEAL



In the morning we collected a lot of money that we gave to help Turkey with their earthquake even though it was very cold we managed our mission. Everyone helped Turkey and hopefully lots of people did the same thing.

Raffaella Sanders - III

ALBERTOPOLIS UPDATE

Teachers have led a diverse selection of activities and topics in which pupils can expand their learning and and explore their studies. They will be encouraged to present their findings in assemblies and other public places.

We have younger and older years in Albertopolis sessions so many students can participate. This term, we have been looking at many different topics, including:

- London's strangest history
- The secrets of the amazon
- The journey of a river
- Day trips to London

We have also had Albertopolis talks in assemblies where inspiring men and women come to our school and explain their jobs and what they do for a living.

Ecologist Beth Evans, a PhD student at the National Science Museum, recently came to our school to talk about Soil Ecology. Soil Ecology is the links between plants, animals and the environment. We even got to see what was in the soil!

Aria Ball - Albertopolis Prefect

SCIENCE





On the Monday of Science Week, several GCSE and A level biology groups experienced a virtual reality workshop. We had special VR headsets, where we saw the lungs, heart and parts of the body in 3D. We saw inside the heart and lungs, which was particularly fascinating as the amount of detail is very impressive. The presenter talked us through the organs and their specific functions, and we finished off with a VR video going through the body. My friends and I very much enjoyed the experience.

Molly Burgess - Year 10

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SCIENCE WEEK





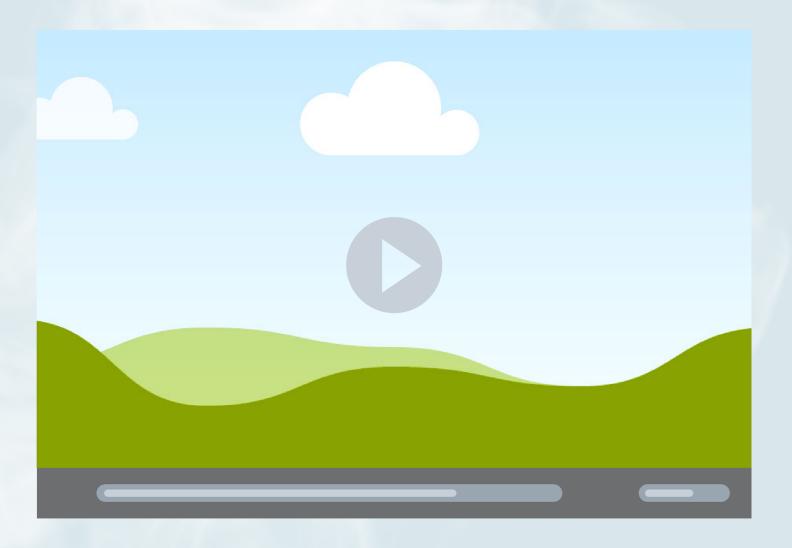


enjoyed my afternoon at Wonder Lab thoroughly. It was an exciting experience with all my friends, from racing up the pully-ups (chairs you pull yourself up on) to spinning on a dizzy spinner or going down the slides, which were a lot of fun. Mrs Mayne has taught us so many things. As a result we knew practically all the answers at the mini-science show. Mrs Mayne made my last Science Week at Queen's Gate very memorable. Thank you so much for such a lovely science week: I really appreciated everything!

Daisy Allen - III

The Science Quiz was very fun and educational. It had a variety of topics from all three sciences mixed together. It was an inter-house competition, and the winning houses got nice prizes, encouraging many to join Science Week.

By Leena Saadi and Sofia Bishop - Year 8



The experience in the dome was entertaining as well as educational. We learnt about the digestive system, from your dinner plate to the innermost part of your cells. There were practical tasks, fun quiz questions and everyone was included.

By Theresia Chao -Year 8

SCIENCE WEEK CLIMATE CHANGE





Over the February half term, a group of Queen's Gate School pupils took to the Canadian mountains for a jam-packed week of skiing, après fun and exploring the local area! There was never a dull minute, from ice hockey matches to swimming, quizzes, and an award ceremony aside from skiing. We set off on our adventure the morning of Friday, 10 February, friends and family waving us off outside of school as we excitedly headed to Heathrow, after a couple of flights and coach transfers, we had made it to our home for the week – Jasper in the Canadian state of Alberta!

On our first day, we got to explore the local area with its beautiful landscape and wealth of unusual wildlife when we were taken on a tour by local enthusiasts. It was our first opportunity to play in the snow, as Manahil Ali Khwaja from IIA

explains in her account of the trip, "On the Ski Trip, we went on a nature tour when we first went to a frozen lake that we ice skated on, which was really fun, we could see the lake below. Then we went to a place with so much snow, we could fall in. We had an Award Ceremony on our final night in the hotel, and everyone got an award – I won Most Covered In Snow. We also went to an Ice-Hockey match, and the goalies fought each other at the end of the match. Finally, Mrs Van Loon's group made hearts in the snow for Valentine's Day and got gifts. It was the best trip ever".

We enjoyed five days of ski lessons in the Marmot Basin ski area, with pupils split into groups depending on their ability and heading off with their brilliant ski instructors to work on their ski techniques, explore the runs and have

fun! It was fantastic seeing the amazing development everyone made throughout the stay, a credit to the pupils determination and the ski instructors we had.

This trip was the greatest experience of my life because we not only went to a different continent but also had an incredible adventure with our friends and teachers. Canada was unique because of its breathtakingly beautiful nature, lovely people and fantastic mountains for skiing and wildlife watching. All of us who went on the trip felt so alive with the Queen's Gate spirit – learning in so many ways and enjoyment for not only us pupils but our teachers too. Hooray for the Jasper girls and Mr T!

Eleni Stergiou - IIA





his Spring Term has been very busy in the PE department, with many Inter-House competitions, both Junior and Senior Swimming Galas, an array of fixtures and a range of sporting events and competitions.

We saw some fantastic Inter-House competitions over the course of the term, from netball and hockey to dance and cross country. Many, many points were added to the all-important House totals, but of course the focal point of this term comes in the way of our Swimming Gala's...

SWIMMING GALAS

After months of preparation from pupils across the Junior and Senior School working on their swimming strokes during their PE lessons, the Swimming Galas were upon us....from IB right through to the Sixth Form all swimmers brought their A Game to the pool over the three Galas.

Our IA and IBs took part in a Mini Swimming Gala the morning of Friday 17 March in Kensington Leisure Centre's training pool, with the Senior event filling the main 25m pool that same afternoon!

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All of Remove and LIV, with a selected group of invitational swimmers from IV-Sixth Form took to the pool competing in freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly races. The competition was fierce, with some fantastic performances and determination shown with many close finishes. Invitational swimmers delivered some excellent performances and with this year's introduction of the 50m backstroke and breaststroke, Trixie Hillier from V Form set some records that will now take some beating.

The Senior Gala drew to a close with the Freestyle Relays, and things ever so close on the results table – but in the end Johnston House came away victorious this year, rounding up a tally of 95 points. Well done to all of the pupils who took part, whose performances represented the school in a positive and enthusiastic manner, to all of those there who were unable to swim but supported their peers and Houses.

Massive congratulations go to this year's Year group winners;

Remove: Hiro Blu Haynes Austin LIV: Moothi Al Saud Invitational: Trixie Hillier

Overall Individual Champion and highest point scorer on the day – Trixie Hillier

We took to Fulham Pools the following Tuesday morning (21 March) with the Junior School Swimming Gala! We were so happy to see a selection of IB and IA pupils whose swimming ability was at the level to participate in the KS1 races. It was an extremely tight competition, with the result coming down to the final relay race! Victoria were just pipped to the post by Elizabeth with a score of 180 to Victoria's 178! Congratulations to the girls who dominated the pool and came away as their year-group winners.

IA – Heloise Guibert
IIB – Emily Phillips
IIA – Vivienne Moskov
III Form – Ginevra Reoli

An extra special mention to Ginevra, who was 2023's Overall Swimming Champion; what a way to sign off her Queen's Gate Junior School Swimming career!

And that's a wrap for the Queen's Gate inter-house Swimming Gala.

A massive 'Thank You!' to the Sixth Formers who supported the PE Department and ensured things ran as smoothly as possible throughout both Galas. An extra special mention to the 'Results Table Queens' – Joy Harrison and Lara Mannes Diaz de Cerio, so sad it was our last Gala together, events like these aren't possible without help. Lastly, a thank you to all the parents who came and showed their support!



FENCING

Our fencers across both the Junior and Senior School have once again proved themselves at the top level with attendance across a range of competitions in a range of countries...

Members of Queen's Gate's Junior Fencing Team, Ariana Donato (IA), Eleanor Scott (III Form) and Isabella Donato (Remove) – participated in a fencing competition in Wroclaw, Poland on Thursday 16 March. The Challenge Wratislavia attracts young fencers in three age categories – U11, U13 and U15 – from across Europe, and is a great introduction to international fencing. The competition field is always very strong, with over 100 fencers in each age category. It was an amazing experience, and the girls hope to attend again next year!

Early in March two teams attended the British Fencing School Team Competition which took place just outside of London were the girls performed extremely well; our U18 team made up of Erika Bustnes, Vanessa Lemer from the Sixth Form, Eloise Kumba-Kohen and Chloe Zhang from V Form who came away with the Bronze; whilst Isabella Donato from Remove, Dala Abourahme, Eleanor Scott and Anna Walker-Haworth from III Form fought it out in the U13's division, bringing home the Silver, missing the Gold just by one touch - such a great feat given that three of the four girls could have been fencing in the U11 category.

The medal haul didn't end there...On Wednesday 15 March, Harriet Hillier, Vanessa, Chloe and Eloise represented Queen's Gate at the Public Schools Fencing Championships held at the Lea Valley Athletics Centre. This competition draws fencers from independent schools across the country and consists of three age categories - Mount Hayes for Years 7-9, Junior for Years 10-11 and Senior for Years 11-12. Queen's Gate fencers have traditionally fared well at this competition



and this year was no exception; Chloe placed 11th with Eloise winning bronze in the Junior Category and Vanessa placing 20th and Harriet taking GOLD in the Senior category! Such brilliant results from our fencers – a massive well done to you all!!

ROWING

There has been a wealth of action for our Rowers this term - the girls represented the school in the National Junior Indoor Rowing Championship on 3 March, with our best result coming in from Gillian Cui, Valentina Zorzi, Kimora Cabral-Murphy, Beatrix Hillier, Chloe Robertson, Ina Benzo, Srira Amrolia and Jip Meijer in the Boat Race Relay team finishing fifth in the country!

We had 51 participants competing in the Indoor Sprints that took place between 8-12 March; unlike a traditional race, the World Rowing Indoor Sprints can take place anywhere in the world! You can take part on your own, or even a series of mini events, which is the option QG took. There were some outstanding results including Jimena Alvarez Soto coming 21st and Siddiqa Cheema 22nd out of 208 competitors as well as Adel Timurkan finishing 24th out of 210 in the Junior 13-14 girl's category.

On Monday 20 March Maya Weiler from IV Form, representing Barn Elms Boathouse, finished in 11th at the Scullery on the Olympic rowing course; which is very impressive given there were 43 crews in the Women's Junior U14 coxed quads category. Maya alongside Lucinda Cleary will also be representing Queen's Gate at the upcoming Junior Inter Regional Regatta Trials – we can't wait to hear how they get along.

We're all looking forward to the Summer Term, with (hopefully) lots of sunshine, blossom and smiles! We will be concentrating on cricket, tennis and of course the count down for our all important Sports Days is on!!!



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QUEEN'S GATE IN THE SPOTLIGHT AT MODEL UNITED NATIONS LEADERS

Sara Kapoor as the de facto student head of MUN chaired the Special Commission and gave a number of speeches including a speech in the closing ceremony awarding highly commended and best delegates to the best countries in her committee.

ver three days our
Queen's Gate delegation
had the immense honour
of participating in the
HABSMUN conference,
one of the biggest Model

United Nations (MUN) conferences that caters for secondary school students within the UK, attracting over 500 delegates each year. To date, this has been the largest Queen's Gate contingent to participate with many first timers joining the team. We were there to represent Ukraine, Switzerland and the Kingdom of Tonga.

Queen's Gate seeks to develop responsible citizens in a small school for a larger world which is exactly what MUN seeks to promote. MUN conferences give students the opportunity to research issues of global importance, learn how international organisations operate in practice, learn how to identify a solution to a pressing problem and then negotiate with others to get their resolution to pass.

Furthermore, it gives each girl a new perspective and increases knowledge of the world they may not have discovered otherwise. For these reasons it is highly regarded by colleges and universities around the world.

At the conference, our girls presented speeches on highly intellectual topics ranging from the invasion of Ukraine, the takeover of Afghanistan as well as human rights abuses in Iran, among other highly relevant challenging issues facing our world today. Taking an active interest in these debates is essential in making sense of the world we live in today. It is vital in the development of informed and critical citizens who are able to detect bias as well as sensitivity towards diversity, which comes from studying countrie's different perspectives on a wide range of issues plaguing our planet.

Our girls did themselves proud, with the Lower Sixth delegates encouraging every girl to submit resolutions, debate clauses, pose points of information and deliver speeches.

Furthermore, our Fifth Form girls have been inspired to take our MUN society further and aim to write a resolution every week for debate in class. This will push our MUN society to the next level and create a whole new set of leaders for future conferences.



Sophie Goreli was awarded the Distinguished Delegate award representing the country of Ukraine which is an amazing achievement.

Overall, the girls really enjoyed themselves, made lots of new friends and are already petitioning for another conference before the end of the Summer term. In the Autumn term we will likely have another weekend trip this time for the Oxford MUN, fortunately just after Oxbridge UCAS deadlines have passed. We expect that many more girls will stand on the MUN stage to explore the world together in the months and years to come!

Mr Baden-Powell

ARTICULATION

ne of the benefits of being a Queen's Gate student is the opportunity to participate in additional programs which relate to our studies and enrich our

academic experiences. For example, I recently performed at the National Gallery ARTiculation competition at the Dulwich Picture Gallery. There were nine other schools from all over the country, from which one student participated, giving their ten-minute presentations about a work of art that they found particularly intriguing.

The artworks spanned from John William Waterhouse's The Lady of Shalott to Paula Rego's The Abortion Pastels. The presentations were fascinating and incredibly thought-provoking, and I congratulate the two winners. I presented Niki de Saint Phalle's Hon - En Katedral, a giant structure shaped like a reclining female figure containing artworks by other Nouveau Realiste artists and multiple attractions, including a children's slide and an aquarium. I argued that this work symbolised the universe, which is stored inside the female entity, and I also spoke about the importance of joy in feminist art and all art in general.

This experience encouraged me to explore one of my most beloved artists and introduce her work to more people. I find it incredibly important to expose female artists to larger audiences, and this was the perfect excuse to do so. I gained valuable feedback from Dr Edwin Coomasaru, an Art Historian of modern and contemporary art. While I didn't come away with the top prize, I was complimented on my presentation by many students and some teachers, including many girls from St. Paul's School.





It was nice to feel supported by firstly the Queen's Gate community and then all the other female participants and attendees of the program.

I want to especially thank Mrs Cornwall-Jones for giving me this opportunity and supporting and encouraging me through making and performing my presentation. As a result, I can now proudly say that I am forever an alumnus of the National Gallery ARTiculation Program.

Furthermore, I can feel secure knowing that Niki de Saint Phalle will continue to be celebrated.

Vivien Bartman - LVI



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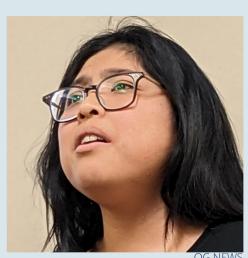
Spring term brings to the music department various events with a more intimate nature, though with over 300 lessons being given each week, it is never quiet around the department. We started with a lovely piano concert organised by Mrs Haynes with her Junior School pupils performing for friends and family in the lunior School.

One of the highlights was our annual drum concert, with Mr Marini's pupils rocking away in the small Senior School Music Room with girls from IIB up to UVI. We also had the Woodwind and Brass Concert, showcasing our flute and trumpet pupils with lovely music. Miss Holloway then had her cello concert, with some enthusiastic girls playing to an appreciative audience.

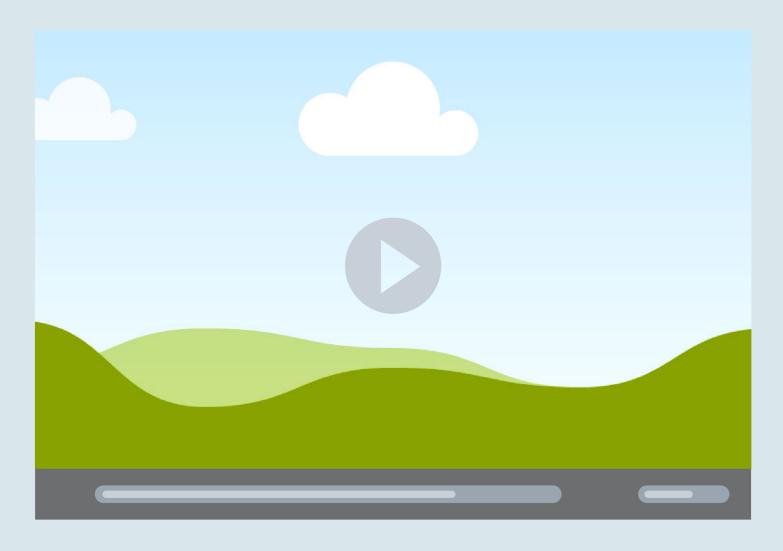
Finally, our GCSE and A-level music students gave a recital toward the end of the term, where they performed pieces recorded for their coursework. This was a fantastic concert with stunning performances, with everything from Mozart to Alicia Keys being performed. Our Spring Concert is the highlight of the term, with all the choirs and ensembles performing. Again, we had an expansive range of music, from the Flute Group performing movements from Saint Saens' Carnival of the Animals to the Guitar Club's excellent cover of Dreamer by Elvsion.

We have also had many girls being entered for examinations this term. Congratulations should go to Sara Luo and Felicia Ma, who received distinctions for their grade 8 and 7 examinations, respectively.

Mr Webb-Taylor



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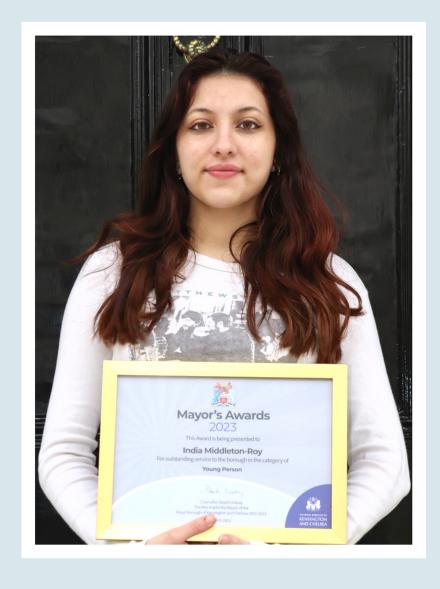
YOUNG PERSON MAYOR'S AWARD

Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea 29 March 2023

Congratulations to India Middleton-Roy on being awarded a Young Person Mayor's Award in the local borough for her various lifetime voluntary work, including at her local church, St Mary Abbot's.

India attended the Mother & Toddler Playgroup as a toddler; she always helped get there early, setting up toys, books, arts and crafts, snacks, washing up (she always loved washing up!) and tidying everything away back into the storage cupboard. She also gave her time independently at most Summer Fêtes (helping decorate cupcakes, face painting, and monitoring the bouncy castle).

Recently, India helped a seven-year-old boy have the confidence to read for the first time.



Treat people with kindness and get involved.

India Middleton-Roy - LVI





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