

Highlights

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High School
for Girls



Specialist in Arts & Science



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Together we achieve

A round up of news and events in our school over the last half term.

Read all about it!



Pupil Librarians (left to right):- India Marsh, Maddie Richardson, Isabel Collar, Erin Collins, Jess Valentine, Stella Swain, Alice Harvey, Nishita Bhatt, Steph Porcas, Esme Durlston Powell

Look out for the newly appointed Pupil Librarians in the School Library after half term. The ten volunteers will work in pairs during break times and lunch times and will be on hand to help fellow pupils with any help they may need using the school library. The School library team is looking forward to working with the pupils and helping them work towards their Pupil Librarian Gold Skills Awards. The pupils, who have been recruited from Years 7, 8 and 9, will help with shelving, stock tidying, and organising promotional activities in the library.

We are sure our Pupil Librarians will be a great asset to the school. They all have a keen interest in reading and will be available to help pupils choose reading books and find non-fiction resources. We also hope they will network with other pupils to find out what we can do to make the School Library even more appealing to CHSG pupils.

By Mrs Mulkern, Librarian

Luke Wright Returns

"The best young performance poet around." *The Observer*

"Performance poetry's key revivalist." *Metro*

"Luke Wright shapes verse from the leading edge of the rejuvenated spoken word scene. Comic, acute, rhythmic eulogies to modern life" *The Independent*

Just before we broke for the Easter holidays Year 10 were treated not to the customary chocolate confections associated with this season but with food for the mind. A poet. And, not just any poet ... a living and breathing one.

So often we English teachers have to enthuse students with words on a page alone. With Luke Wright they can quickly see that there's more to poems than exam questions; there's humour, stories, lives and sounds. Hearing the rhythm, rhyme and metre of a poet's words read by the poet who has penned them is such a fabulous experience – whether the subject is 'Fat Josh', 'Daryl' or a pair of unfortunate chip shop owners. This was Luke's fourth time at the High School and he believed it to be the best audience yet.

The girls were inspired and excited by Luke's performance as we could tell from their questions at the end – indeed even some Maths teachers liked the show! We look forward to 2012's visit.

In the meantime go to www.lukewright.co.uk or follow Luke on Facebook and Twitter.

By Mrs Hodson, Head of English



Headteacher: Fiona Oliver-Watkins BSc.PGCE.MA(Ed)



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Skiing in Austria

At the start of the Easter holidays 120 pupils and staff set off for a week's skiing to Alpendorf, Austria. Two luxury coaches left the school on Friday afternoon heading for the ferry port at Dover and onwards through France, Germany and into Austria. They reached Alpendorf early Saturday evening, and managed to enjoy dinner, settle in to their rooms and organise all their ski and boot hire ready for their first day of skiing. Here a number of pupils recount their holiday experiences.

After months of anticipation and twenty seven hours on a coach we finally reached Alpendorf, Austria, excited for the following day's skiing. For beginners, the opening day's skiing consisted of plenty of laughter, falling over and feeling humbled as the intermediates and experts whizzed passed. Little did we know that by the end of the week we'd be pros!



One morning we awoke to Miss Hatcher and Miss Street screaming at our door at the excitement of snow, we looked outside to see everything covered in white.

That night the non-skiers revealed their ingenious game which involved Miss Skinner and Miss Rowlands running around the hotel searching and wearing random items such as shower caps, blue eye-shadow, frisbees, pine cones and many more. Later on we were treated once more when we were joined by some Austrian dancers, complete with lederhosen, accordions and some odd masks, I don't think I've laughed so much in my life! We watched pretty much all the teachers join in and even had the pleasure of watching some of them yodel.

Gradually everyone improved at skiing, spurred on by Mrs Taylor's chocolate, Mrs Martin's ski chants and Mr Drew falling over countless times.

On another night we were challenged to a room inspection in addition to a minute's entertainment for Miss Rowlands and Miss Skinner. The prize of hand-warmers (much needed as it was minus degrees on the mountain!) went to the Year 10s, who won over the judges with an interesting 'skiing' rendition of Tinie

Tempah's 'We Bring The Stars Out'. By the end of the week everyone was amazing at skiing and it was incredibly sad to have to leave just as we were getting good at it! The trip will stick in my memory for years to come and I would definitely recommend the ski trip to anyone. Everyone I spoke to there had so much fun! *By Chloe Brooker 10A*



Adele Carnaghan, Megan Bricknell and Sophie Burton Year 8 recall:-

“On Tuesday evening Miss Skinner was running up and down our corridor shouting “it’s snowing!”. It snowed all evening and all the next day. We had some fantastic skiing, improving our technique as we are all quite confident skiers, doing jumps and skiing off piste in the lovely new snow. Our group all got on really well and the skiing for the rest of the week was just as good.

Most evenings there was entertainment; Austrian night was very funny as the teachers were showing off their dancing and yodelling skills!



On one of the evenings we had to entertain Miss Skinner and Miss Rowlands. Our room did a fashion show, it was hilarious! On another evening Miss Rowlands and Miss Skinner were given a list of items to find. Everybody helped the teachers and we all had great fun running against the clock.

Overall the trip was amazing, we had some fabulous skiing, great instructors and we would recommend it to anybody who

enjoys a laugh and has a sense of adventure.”

The pupils and staff had a fantastic week’s skiing. We couldn’t have asked for better ski conditions especially with the arrival of fresh snow early on in the week. The many beginners in the group advanced quickly through the week to join their more proficient friends on the many blue and red runs on the mountains.

The whole trip was a great success and as staff we thoroughly enjoyed the company of so many well behaved, fun and happy pupils. *Miss Eames (Trip Leader) and staff.*



Extended Learning Day



Creative Arts

By Mrs Thurlow, Director of Arts

During extended learning day all pupils in Year 9 had the opportunity to work alongside professional artists in a range of Art forms. The aim of the day was to develop further skills already learned as part of the normal curriculum and to introduce some new creative skills.



The students attended workshops in Street Dance, Contemporary Dance, Circus Skills, Mime, Graffiti Art, Photography, Percussion and Singing.



Circus skills included hula hoops, plate spinning, unicycles and stilts, all of which tested students co-ordination, balance and patience.

Graffiti artist Corrin, worked with the students in designing 4 large boards 'wild jungle' (see page 5). Students had the chance to use their imagination in developing the design and transferring it to the board in special graffiti spray paints.



Extended Learning Day



Professional photographer Angela Lattimore worked with students developing their creative eye in taking photos at close range.

Vocal workshop practitioner Nicola Rodgers, had even the shyest of pupils singing beautifully, whilst Ed Freitas' percussion workshop created a wonderful tribal sound around the school.



The learning, creativity and enjoyment are probably best illustrated by the wonderful piece of Graffiti art that was created and is currently on display in our school hall.



Rock Challenge

Rock Challenge 2011

This year's competition held recently at the Portsmouth Guild Hall saw 60 of our pupils perform in front of and against 12 other schools and colleges.

The piece titled 'Yad Veshem' is the official memorial to the 6 million Jews who died at the hands of the Nazi's between 1939 and 1945 and follows the story of two sisters.



The performance was outstanding and was a culmination of all the hard work and many practice sessions the pupils had attended over the last 8 months.

The costumes and set looked amazing and really added to the final performance.



The judges awarded CHSG best dramatic interpretation and best stage crew both of which are a fantastic achievement.

Well done to all the girls who took part.

A huge thank you also goes to Keith Martin who has once again overseen the whole competition and to Mr Grant and Mr Dimmock for all their creative skills in making an award winning stage set.



Miss Wooldridge, P.E. Teacher

Salters' Festival 2011

By Mrs Webb, Science Teacher

Science

The Salters' Festivals of Chemistry are an initiative of the Salters' Institute. Their objective is to help promote the appreciation of chemistry and related sciences amongst young people. The Festivals are one-day fun events held at universities throughout the UK and Ireland.

Salters' Festival provided the opportunity for our students to spend a day at Southampton University and to take part in practical chemistry activities. Prizes were awarded to the winning teams and all students received participation certificates.

The main focus of the morning was "The Salters' Challenge". This is a competitive, practical activity, for which no advance preparation is required. In the afternoon students tackled "The University Challenge", which is a practical investigation chosen by the University. This was followed by a "fun" lecture or "pops and bangs" demonstration.

Our students did extremely well. The standard of the competition was very high and we were up against a number of public schools.

**2nd PRIZE
Fantastic
Achievement**



Year 8 pupils Millie Greenfield, Stella Swaine, Chloe Lafferty and Emily Mason

*Millie
Greenfield and Chloe
Lafferty
Year 8 write:*

For the Salter's challenge we had a summary of what had happened, explaining how the victim was found covered in an unidentified powder, and that the suspects were also found with certain powders on their clothes. We had to solve a murder mystery by performing two different tests to find out the two halves of the

compound, and decide which powders matched. We successfully completed the challenge and we correctly solved the murder.

The second part of the day consisted of two sub-challenges. The first was all to do with chemical reactions; we had to make powders and liquids according to the instructions. This was followed with a challenge to create a test tube of liquids in order of their density, making a rainbow. We finished both these challenges with ease.

After the challenges we were shown 2 presentations; one showed the effects of liquid nitrogen and the second the different aspects of fireworks: sound, colours and the fire effects.

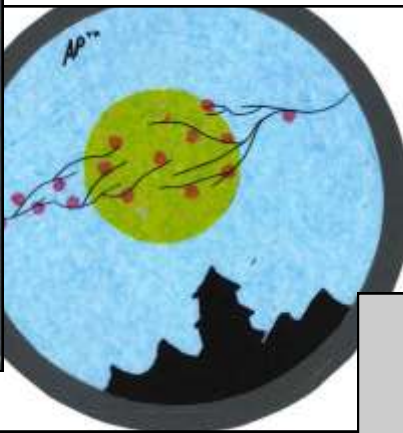
All in all we had a thoroughly enjoyable day.

Latest art news by Mr Riley, Head of Art

Twinning Competition

Year 7 pupils recently completed art work on the theme of stained glass windows. They also entered a competition to celebrate the twinning of the cities of Chichester and Chartres, France.

Pictured far top left is Danniella Kelton and Caitlin May both of 7K, receiving their prizes. Both students attended the free art workshop at Pallant House Gallery as their prize for exhibiting in the recent competition.



The art work from all schools has been on display at Pallant House Gallery and will be going on display in Chartres in France in the Autumn this year.

Stained glass work by Caitlin May (far left) and Ananthi Pareth both Year 7

Recycled Sculpture

Wednesday 8th June sees the start of the Recycled Sculpture exhibition at The Cass Foundation Park Goodwood Estate. The exhibition will feature work from 6th form and Art college students from local colleges. Chichester High School for Girls will be represented by Aimee Determann a Year 12 Art student.

Visit <http://www.sculpture.org.uk/> for opening times of the Cass Foundation Park at Goodwood.



Corporate Challenge Road Race

Teams and individuals from Years 7 to 10 entered the annual Corporate Challenge evening races.

The results speak for themselves.

Holly Olding	Year 7	1st
Charlotte Reading	Year 8	1st
Rose Ellis	Year 8	2nd
Georgina Warner	Year 10	1st

Teams:-

Year 7	2nd
Year 8	1st
Year 9	2nd

We have some fantastic wins. Well done to everyone who took part.

Mrs Bryant, Head of P.E.



The Corporate Challenge is a road race around Chichester which I have been doing since I was in Year 5. There are 3 races altogether over a period of 6 weeks.

This year I was exceptionally nervous, not only because of the crowds, but because I was running with Year 7, 8 and 9's. As the races progressed I improved my technique and also my times as an individual. Overall I came in 1st as an individual for the whole of Year 7!

By Holly Olding Year 7 (pictured above with her race medal)

WEST SUSSEX WEST SPORTS PARTNERSHIP SPORTS DAY

By Isobel Brown, Year 11

Two teams (Junior Girls and Intermediate Girls) from our school took part in the sports day at Mountbatten Sports Centre along with many other schools in the western area of West Sussex. There were several really great performances and some of the team achieved personal best performances.

New championship record in high jump for Isobel Brown

Lucy Ellis (high jump) was the one junior winner on the day. Intermediate winners were: Freya Davies, 300m, Georgina Warner 1500m, Isobel Brown (high jump with a new championship record of 1m72) and 200m, and Paige Hanson (triple jump). The Intermediate Girls also won the 4x100 relay.

In the Junior Girls middle distance events there were good performances by Clare Fraser 800m and Nicola Mead 1500m. Georgie Charlton was the team's only athlete in the sprints and there were two in the field events, Jessica Holmes (shot putt) and Ellie Rusbridge (discus).

The Intermediate Girls team was strong with Sophie Atkinson and Gemma Warr highly placed in the 100m as were Katie Hall 300m, Emily Goodwin 800m and Beth Marks 1500m. The field events saw good placings by Abbie Humphrey shot putt, Imogen Bateman discus, and Lauren Ellis javelin.

In the overall competition the Junior Girls finished 4th. The Intermediate Girls won finishing with 69 points more than the second team. A big thank you to Mrs Bryant and the PE staff for taking us and also to Mr Riley for helping out on the day.



Georgina Warner in action

Dance Workshops by Mrs Thurlow, Director of Creative Arts



Year 10 GCSE students recently had the opportunity to see performances by South Downs College and Chichester College and to participate in two contrasting workshops based on the work seen.

The sessions partly led by ex-pupils such as Monira Kaouch (pictured front), were good fun and helped the GCSE students to understand the performance skills required to be a successful performer whilst broadening their repertoire of dance styles.

Legally Blonde

Since January the Year 12 Performing Arts group have been working hard on their Unit 3 production of 'Legally Blonde - Elle's Story'. On Thursday 12th May the Centenary Theatre became a sea of pink as the group previewed the performance to an audience of family and friends. The proceeds from the sale of tickets, which amounted to £163 was donated to the Kenyan Orphanage school project.

The following day's performance was their examination performance and was a little more nerve-wracking, but successful all the same. Special thanks go to Mrs Townend for all her help with the wonderful costumes and Mrs Andrews for all the quick costume changes backstage.

Year 9 students pip the 6th form to the trophy!

by Louise White Year 9



A challenging debate was held at the Chichester High Schools Sixth Form Centre. Two Teams, 6 year 9's and 6 sixth formers, went head to head, debating two topics; 'Should RS be compulsory' and 'Can War ever be justified'. Both debates were carefully watched by a panel of judges and watched by an audience of students from both schools. Overall, both teams did brilliantly and the results were so close, just 2 points in it, but Chichester High School for Girls scoring a total of 50 points were awarded the fantastic trophy. The girls have now won 2 consecutive debates; how long can they hold this winning streak?

Up and coming Exhibitions

Visit www.chichesterhighschoolforgirls for full details nearer the time.

Pallant House Gallery
Textiles House

Tuesday 5th July
To
Sunday 31st July 2011

An exhibition of GCSE and
A level coursework

Chichester Library
Art Exhibition

Monday 4th July
to
Saturday 9th July 2011

Private View
Monday 4th July 7pm
An exhibition of GCSE and
A Level Art Coursework

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An evening of Authors

On Friday 14th October, 6-8pm , we will be host to three local authors who all have links to our school. The evening will commence with an informal drink and time to meet the authors followed by a talk and reading from each author. The audience will then have the opportunity to ask questions, buy the novels at a discounted price and get their books signed. Why not buy their books for a great holiday read?



Isabel Ashdown

Isabel Ashdown - 'Glasshopper'

Gabrielle Kimm - 'His Last Duchess'



Gabrielle Kimm

Jane Rusbridge - 'The Devil's Music'

This promises to be an interesting evening if you enjoy reading or are interested in writing your own novel.

Tickets are £5 each and include a glass of wine.

Tickets will be available from our main reception and also Chichester Library.



Jane Rusbridge

Dates for your Diary 2011

Autumn Term 2011

Fri 2nd Sept—16th Dec

2nd Sept—Staff Professional Development Day*
 5th Sept—Staff Professional Development Day*
 6th Sept—Open for Pupils in Year 7, 11 & Sixth form
 7th Sept—Open for all pupils
 23rd Sept—Staff Professional Development Day*

24th—28th Oct - Half Term

Spring Term 2012

3rd Jan—30th March

16th Jan—Staff Professional Development Day*

13th Feb—17th Feb - Half Term

2nd—13th April - Easter Holidays

Summer Term 2012

16th April—20th July

4th—8 June - Half Term

All the important dates for your daughter's year group can be viewed on our website.

www.chichesterhighschoolforgirls.co.uk

* **School closed to pupils on these dates.**



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Regular attendance is important if your daughter is to achieve success in school and we are currently working hard to reduce levels of pupil absence.

- Every lesson really does count for your daughter and she can quickly fall behind if even one day is missed.
- Good Regular attendance often means doing well academically, better relationships with other students and better overall behaviour in school.
- Catching up even a little lost time from school can be really difficult.
- Good attendance isn't just about what happens in school—absence when your daughter is young can limit her future opportunities, and set up bad habits for work and life.

If your daughter is reluctant to attend school for any reason or makes excuses not to go, please contact your daughter's Tutor, Head of Learning or Pastoral Support Manager. There is lots of support available in school and we are very happy to work with you to help ensure that your daughter attends regularly.

Excellent Attendance = 100% Good Attendance = 98% Satisfactory Attendance = 96%

Pupil Absence — If your daughter is unwell or unable to attend for any other reason please use the Pupil Absence line **01243 832667** to report each day of absence. If the absence continues for a second week please inform us again on the Monday of that week. When your daughter returns to school we require a letter from parent(s) /guardian(s). The letter should explain the reasons for the absence, and give the dates concerned.

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For up-to-date information about the school, please look at our website:

www.chichesterhighschoolforgirls.co.uk