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Olympic Torch Prototype Visits School

A prototype of the Olympic torch was brought into Burgess Hill School for Girls on Wednesday 18th January. The torch was delivered to the school by Mrs MacKenzie, a representative of Lloyds TSB, which is the National Presenting Partner of the London 2012 Olympic Torch Relay. The Mayor of Burgess Hill, Mr Thomas-Atkin, attended the school to witness the special occasion.

Happy Chinese New Year!

A group of boarders gave an assembly to the Senior School on Monday 23rd January to explain some of the Chinese traditions that take place during the Chinese New Year.



Girls Celebrate Burns Day

Congratulations to...



Poppy Bloor (Reception)
who has been given a part



Looking Ahead to the Olympics

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The first Olympic Games were established in 776BC in Olympia, Greece. Wars were halted, and the battle for the best athletes in all of Greece, favoured by the Gods, would begin. Thus the Olympic Games became the cornerstone of honour and unity. Today, the Olympic tradition has spread worldwide to include over 200 countries.

With 182 days until the start of the Olympic Games in London and 215 days until the start of the Paralympics, no one can fail to notice the contagious "Olympic Fever" that is sweeping across our country. You may not consider yourself an athlete or indeed a games player but this matters little, for "The Games" represents much more than sporting excellences. England will be the only country to host it three times (1908, 1948 & 2012) and for our children in particular, London 2012 will provide them with opportunities to spark their imagination and enthusiasm for learning, helping them to realise their potential and engage with other young people right across the World.

We are extremely proud of the fact that Mrs Tapping from the PE department has been selected to carry the Olympic Torch during one of its many legs around the country. To enable the girls to have an idea of what this will be like, one of our Senior School parents, Mrs MacKenzie, arranged for a replica of the torch to come into school. There was an ocean of questions from the girls, coupled with a compelling excitement when they got to touch it! Even Mrs Aughwane, Mrs Laybourn and I could not resist the temptation to have our photograph taken holding it – for educational purposes of course.

At Burgess Hill School for Girls we want to use the

The Junior School celebrated Burns Day on Wednesday 25th January by dressing up in tartan for the day. Burns House also held a lunchtime tuck shop in Oaks Hall to raise money for a London hospital's children's burns unit. The girls raised a total of £392.20.



Girls Investigate Murder Mystery

Year 6 students took part in a murder mystery case in the Senior School on Wednesday 18th January. They carried out experiments with the help of a number of Year 7 students. These experiments included a chromatography experiment, identifying fingerprints, identifying hair samples and using Bunsen burners.



Full story written by **Sophie Davison**, **Miranda Stevenson** and **Johanna Swirski (Year 7)**

Cross Country Team Win Schools' Championships

Burgess Hill School entered the Sussex Schools' Cross Country Championships on Saturday 21st January at Lancing Manor.

The Junior team consisted of girls from Years 8 and 9. The team members excelled themselves by winning by a clear 42 points.

Special congratulations to **Rebecca Chee (Year 8)** who came 4th place, gaining a place in the English Schools' Championships which will be held in Taunton in March. Well done also to **Georgie Little (Year 9)** who came 10th place and **Erin Bateman (Year 8)** who came 14th place. All three girls will run in the Inter-County match in Basildon on Saturday 4th February.

in the film 'Bomb'. She will start filming next month in London. The film is based on teenage girls who get involved in the 1960s Ban the Bomb movement and Poppy, who is just 4 years old, will play the part of Ginger as a child. Well done, Poppy!

Beth Hutchinson (Year 11)

who has been mentioned recently on BBC South East Today, in the Mid Sussex Times and the West Sussex Gazette after receiving a Young Person's Award in December. **Beth** was recognised as showing outstanding courage and fortitude in the face of adversity when she used her First Aid training from Girl Guides to save her mother's life after recognising she was suffering a potentially fatal bleed in her brain. **Beth** is only the third girl to be given the award in the Girlguiding Sussex Central County. We are very proud of Beth for her brave actions and we are delighted she has this received public recognition.

Erin Bateman and **Rebecca Chee (both Year 8)** who have been chosen to run for Sussex in the National Cross Country finals at Birmingham. The event will take place in March and will be broadcast live on Sky TV.

Sabie Rainton (Old Girl, 2007) who will be dancing in the closing ceremony of the 2012 Olympics and **Lucy Rogers (Old Girl, 2009)** who has been asked to design costumes for the opening ceremony of the Olympic sailing events at Weymouth.

*Do you know any Old Girls who are playing a role in the London 2012 Olympics? If so let us know by emailing **Miss Lowe**.*

*Let us know if your daughter has achieved something special, in or out of school, by emailing **Miss Lowe**.*

stimulus of the Olympics and Paralympics to inspire our girls to engage with the unique opportunities it will bring. Henry Ford, Founder of Ford Motor Company said, "Obstacles are those frightful things you see when you take your eyes off the goal." During the rest of this academic year, it is our intention to help our pupils reflect on the meaning of this forthright quote.

Through the delivery of educational opportunities, both intellectual and physical, we hope to make them feel very much a part of this momentous Olympic event. We wish them to engage with the Olympic values of **respect, excellence and friendship** and to demonstrate the Paralympics values of **courage, determination, inspiration and equality**. We intend to embrace the "Olympic Fever" and maximise this unique educational opportunity. We hope it will enable us to galvanise our school community by bringing together parents and teachers in assisting the girls in our care to gain the skills to help them realise their dreams and future goals.

Mrs Heather Miller
Head of the Junior School

The Campaign for Real Tables

Mr Tapping, Director of Academic Development, has written a comment in response to the GCSE Performance Tables published in the Argus newspaper yesterday (26th January).

[Read the article](#)

Parents' Handbook

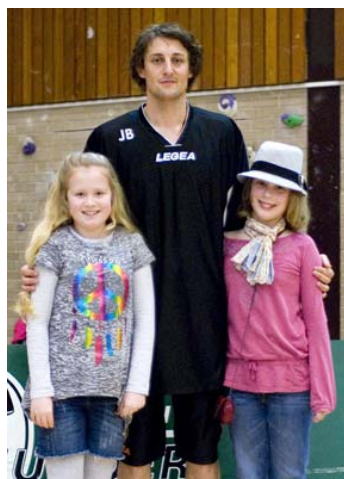
An updated version of the Parents' Handbook for



Girls Chosen to be Basketball Mascots

Sophie Rowson (Year 6) and **Lucy Meekings (Year 4)** were chosen by a Basketball Captain to be mascots for an evening, during a school trip to watch a professional basketball match.

Sixty-three pupils, parents and friends attended the match between Worthing Thunder and the London Leopards.



Discovering Europe's First Hindu Temple

Year 9 toured Europe's first traditional Hindu temple, the BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, in Neasden, North London on Thursday 19th January.



FOS News

Burns Night

Thank you to everyone who supported Burns Night last Saturday. It was a fabulous evening, with almost everyone getting up and dancing at some point; some spent the entire evening on the dance floor, which was great to watch. Special thanks go to Vanessa Cordell for the decorations and all her help, Suzy Cordell and Alex Widdowson for helping to set up, Alan's Fish Bar for the food and the wonderful One the Rum band, and to all who helped clear away afterwards. Thank you all.

Annette Courtenage

Miss Petty Running for Uganda Appeal

Miss Petty has chosen to raise money for our Uganda Appeal by running the London Marathon in April this year.

Miss Petty made the decision whilst she was in Kabubbu, Uganda last July helping to build a maternity unit with our Senior and Sixth Form students.

If you would like to support our Uganda Appeal 2012 by sponsoring Miss Petty, you can do so through her Just Giving page.

[Sponsor Miss Caroline Petty](#)

[Read about our work in Uganda in 2011](#)

Junior School Notices

Young Children on the Netball Court

Please can parents refrain

Senior School parents is now available to download from the Parents' Area of the school website. Follow the link below, log in to the Parents' Area and click on the Parents' Handbook link on the lefthand side.

Parents of Junior School pupils should already have a copy of the Information for Parents booklet which is given to parents when their daughter joins the school. If you need another copy please see Mrs Hollis.
[Go to Parents' Area](#)

Keep Up-To-Date

Go to the Parents' Area

For all letters sent to parents - you will need to log in.

Email Miss Lowe

For the Parents' Area username and password. For any queries about the newsletter.

Email the Data Manager

To update your contact information.

PDF Version Available here

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PHOTO GALLERY: Olympic Torch Visit

Girls Ride in First Show Jumping Event of 2012

The Burgess Hill School Show Jumping teams entered the first Inter-School Show Jumping event of the 2012 season on Sunday 15th January.

The Burgess Hill 60cm team consisted of **Eleanor Reffin (Year 7)**, **Poppy Barrott** and **Francesca Turner (both Year 6)**. Special congratulations to **Francesca** who, with her pony Tinkerbell, jumped a clear round.

The 70cm team was made up of **Poppy Barrott (Year 6)**, **Katie Finnerty (Year 7)** and **Amy Gareze (Year 8)**. **Amy** and **Katie** both rode double clears, with **Katie** achieving an individual 2nd place. The team were placed 5th overall.

"Shalom" from Year 2

Year 2 spent a morning at a Jewish Synagogue in Hove as part of their studies into the Jewish religion.

The girls were also joined this week by Year 6 teacher, Mrs Smith, and her daughter, Hannah, who showed them how they prepare their table each Friday in preparation for Shabbat on Saturday.

Welcome Miss Dyson!



Salutations All! My name is Miss Hope Dyson, and I am one of the three new GAP Assistants for 2012. I recently finished school in Melbourne, Victoria, Australia where I live with my family. I love my family and friends and they have always been my support throughout my schooling, career and travels. I love travelling, making new friends, taking photographs and skiing.

The sports I play are skiing and rowing, however, I am an avid fan of sports such as Aussie Rules and Cricket. I am looking forward to travelling around Europe and meeting other GAP students around the region. I hope (no pun intended!) to attend University back home in Melbourne with something hopefully involving travel and marketing due to my strong passion for art and photography.

I am looking forward to working alongside all the teachers and students of both the Junior and Senior Schools. So, feel free to come and say hi if you see me around the school (I am quite defined with my geeky Clark Kent glasses). I look forward to meeting you all!

from letting their young children play on the Netball Court outside the Dining Hall while they are waiting for the children to finish school, including scooters and bikes, for their own health and safety. Thank you.

Leaving an After School Club

If your daughter takes part in an After School Club please remind her that she must see a member of staff or Mrs Wickens before she leaves school so that all girls are accounted for.

A reminder that the latest collection time for the **Infant After School Club** is 6.00pm.

Inter House Cross Country

Junior School Inter House Cross Country for Years 3 to 6 will be held on Tuesday 28th February from 9.00am-10.10am.

Important Dates

Reception to Hove Toy Museum: Tuesday 31st January.

Speech & Drama Showcase (Junior & Senior):

Tuesday 31st January, Croft Hall, 6.30pm.

Year 6 Trip to Brighton Museum: Wednesday 1st February.

Sports Tour Presentation Evening: Wednesday 1st February, Oaks Hall, 7.00pm.

Year 11 Parents' Evening: Thursday 2nd February, Croft Hall, 6.00pm.

Practising Business Rapport Dinner: Friday 3rd February, Oaks Hall & Dining Hall, 7.30pm.

Year 11 Trip to Poetry Live: Tuesday 7th February, The Dome, Brighton.

Year 9 Options Evening: Wednesday 8th February, 6.30pm, Croft Hall.

Boarders' Performing Arts Competition: Thursday 9th



STOP PRESS! **Girls Win ESU First Round**

Congratulations to **Ellie Warner (Year 11)**, **Georgina Scott-Picton (Year 10)** and **Holly Tasker (Year 10)** who won the first round of the ESU Public Speaking Competition last night (Thursday 26th January). They go through to the District Round on Tuesday 21st February which will be held at Burgess Hill School.

Full story in the next newsletter!

Read the Full Stories

To read the full stories and view more photographs on the school website, click on the story headlines above and below.

Young Enterprise Trade Fair

February, 7.00pm Croft Hall.

Year 8 & 9 Trip to We Will Rock You,

London: Thursday 9th February, departing at 4.30pm.

Euripides' Hecuba Theatre

Trip: Friday 10th February, King's College, London.

Ski Trip to Pragelato,

Italy: Saturday 11th February to Sunday 19th February.

Half Term begins: Monday 13th February.

NEXT NEWSLETTER:

Friday 10th February

View the Online Calendar

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