

Highlights

Autumn 1 2019



Diary of a school aged 60!

So how does a 60 year old school feel to a new Headteacher? Well overall, surprisingly young and very energetic.

So what have I been spending my time doing? I plan to meet all staff and so far have met with 51 of them, gaining their views on what is great here and what we could work on to make us even better.

Parents have also fed back through my first Parent surgery, for Year 7.

I have tried to be as visible as possible to the students: often being in the Dining Hall at break and lunchtime, sampling the food and atmosphere. I have taken a number of cover lessons to see how students arrive at lessons and engage with the work. I can report that the Chromebooks have been a real asset in this situation.

Last week I visited Green Park and saw the majority of Year 7 at this bonding day. I was really impressed with their teamwork and resilience, as well as the Sixth Form helpers and staff.

The AHS/AGS joint performance of Guys and Dolls was a real treat and showcased our talented students superbly.

I have only seen the rehearsals of House dance but look forward to this tonight.

Giles Scoble



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Congratulations to ...

F24 International Final at Silverstone

The AHS F24 team competed in six races this year at Castlecombe, Goodwood and Dunsfold making progress with their strategies and management every time. Their hard work and perseverance paid off and they got their invitation to the International final at Silverstone!

It was a truly international event with teams from Singapore, China, Poland, Portugal and Ireland, as well as teams from up and down the country. A line up made up of the best teams, saw our team finishing in a respectable 69th place from over 100 cars. Well done!

Mr Cook



Sports Presentation Evening

This evening of celebration saw the main hall full of parents and students eagerly awaiting their awards. We started off the evening with a talk from Mike Mullen, World Champion BMXer. He gave messages about resilience, teamwork and Flearn (learning from failure). He finished by getting a volunteer up on stage and teaching her a skill and then asking 3 more volunteers up to jump over them!

The atmosphere was great. Many brilliant awards were handed out for various sporting events leaving many proud students with their sporting colours. Congratulations to all! **Talia Mead, winner of the Abby Webb Award**

Congratulations to ...

Leadership and Entrepreneurship Accelerator Programme (LEAP)

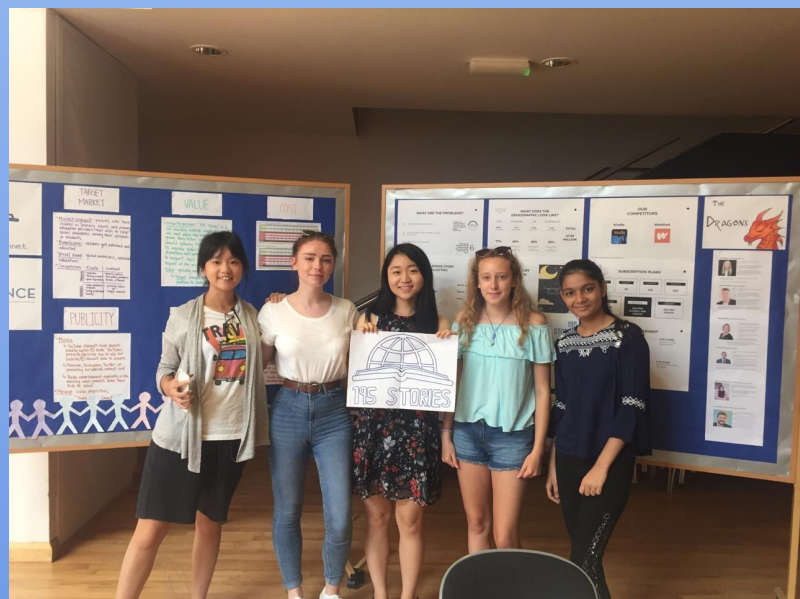
I was privileged to be selected to attend the Leadership and Entrepreneurship Accelerator Programme (LEAP) this summer. Girls between the ages of 14 and 18 from all over the world gathered in Jersey to participate in a 10-day entrepreneurship project where we worked in teams to, plan and present a social enterprise project to a team of investors.

Our days were often ten hours long, working on projected financial plans, marketing strategies and value propositions whilst also being able to listen and discuss with business men and women who are leading their fields. My team alone was made up of girls from Korea, Jersey, Taiwan, India and the UK, which allowed us to use our global outlook to improve our ideas, eventually creating an online service to write and read children's stories from all over the world to improve global awareness in primary school children.

At the end of the project, we were delighted to find out that our hard work had paid off as we had been given £500 by the investors to help bring our project to life. Now, as a team, we are working closely with our mentor to help achieve our goals of setting up the enterprise.

If you or someone you know may be interested in attending LEAP, visit: <https://jerseycollegeforgirls.com/international/leadership-programmes/leap-2020/>

Jess Trueman



Congratulations to ...

Best Business Idea in Europe!

After winning a national ethical business competition, we were invited to the Ethics and Young Entrepreneurs in Europe scheme in Vienna to take part in an international training course and competition. Our idea was Ethical Elements - ethical school bags made of hemp that are biodegradable, sustainable and eco friendly! Our trip began at Vienna's Impact Hub where we met many like minded business students from all over Europe and learnt networking, marketing and digital skills. We learned about the Lean Start-up Methodology and Minimum Viable Products, along with many other business methods, which really intrigued and inspired our team and gave us the skills necessary to make our business into a reality. As well as this, we visited business agencies across Vienna, gaining knowledge about seed funding and marketing.

Being the youngest students at the event was rather daunting but, using all the knowledge we'd picked up throughout the week, we pitched our idea to the jury which was a group of entrepreneurs and other individuals involved in business. After all the pitches, the jury came to their decision and we were announced the winners of the Best Business Idea in Europe with the EYEE scheme!

Our passion for our environment has driven us from the beginning and will continue to drive us into the future. Being a group of 15 year old young female entrepreneurs, we want to use our voices to help end fast fashion and give back to our community. We aim to continue and grow as a business - so look out for our bags around schools soon!

**Veenaa Sasikaran, Phoebe Boersma, Florence Beckley and Annie Thorndike
Year 11**



Home and Away



Green Park

Earlier this month, all Year 7 forms spent a great day at Green Park Activity Centre in Aston Clinton. We enjoyed activities such as Jacob's ladder, high ropes, orientering and team building. As well as really enjoying the day, we learnt a lot about how to build relationships with our friends and to make new ones. Our overall verdict: "this was a great way to spend the day with each other!" We would like to thank the brilliant Year 12 Sports Leaders who came to help run the activities and our form tutors and Mrs Jarrett for taking us.

Poppy Davis 7W

Eco Group



ReLove Our Stuff clothes swap

Thank you to our Eco Group who ran this brilliant event this week and to everyone who donated clothes and who came to browse. What a great way to clear out your wardrobe and get some 'new' clothes for free – and it's environmentally friendly too!

It's estimated that more than two tonnes of clothing are bought each minute in the UK, more than any other country in Europe. That amount produces nearly 50 tonnes of carbon emissions – the same as driving 162,000 miles in a car.

From growing the cotton to the dyeing process, it can take an estimated 20,000 litres of water to make just one pair of jeans and one t-shirt. To put this into perspective, it would take more than 13 years to drink this amount.

So it was great to see clothes being recycled and reloved today and as it was so popular, we will definitely run this again next term – why shop when you can swap?! **Mrs Queralt**

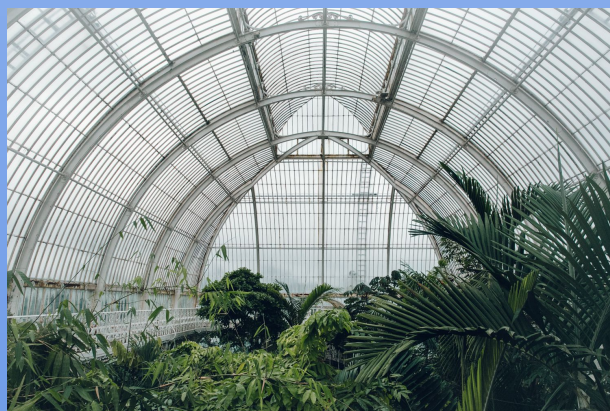


Art and Textiles

Y10 Art Trip

On Friday 27 September Year 10 Textiles and Art students visited the V&A museum. We were all excited and expectant and as we entered the museum we were welcomed by a beautiful glass sculpture hanging from the ceiling, which definitely set our expectations up high for the rest of the museum. My favourite piece from the V&A was Trajan's column, a 19th century masterpiece. It was truly breathtaking and eerily beautiful. One of the highlights was being able to witness the spectacular sculpture David by Michelangelo which was a keen drawing point during the trip. Many students enjoyed the wide array of pieces from different time periods and countries. But it wasn't just the beautiful art that took our breath away, it was also the actual architecture of the building itself. The outside courtyard was a popular spot to fully take in the magnitude of it all.

The next morning we visited Kew Gardens, nothing prepared us for the incredible greenhouses. Boasting vibrant, exotic plants that were perfect to sketch, the houses were extraordinary. The great expanse of the gardens caught me by surprise. Some of my favourite places within Kew were The Princess of Wales conservatory, The Great Pagoda and the treetop walkway which shed a different light on Kew from 18m up high! Overall the trip was really inspiring for both the art and textiles students. **Year 10 art and textiles students**



Drama

Musical Theatre Club

Hi, we are Kate and Emma and we are both currently studying drama for GCSE. We have both done singing lessons and have taken LAMDA exams, and when we leave school we would love to be involved in the world of musical theatre. This year, we decided to start up a musical theatre club. Our reasons for doing this are that we both love singing, drama and all that jazz (!) and have seen too many West End shows to be good for you! We really wanted to share our passion for the theatre and hoped the club would be popular with like minded students. We were really pleased that so many people share our enthusiasm and have been coming to the club. So far, we have played lots of drama games and have started rehearsing our version of 'Revolting Children' from Matilda the Musical and singing 'What is this feeling?' from Wicked. In coming weeks, we will be practising songs from Chicago, The Lion King and many more. It's not too late to get involved and we would love to see you in the Drama studio on Friday lunchtime. Hope to see you there!

Kate & Emma 11M



AHS / AGS Production



Such stunning performances!
Congratulations to all involved!



Showtime and Guys and Dolls

House Dance

A huge well done to everyone involved! For the leadership shown by our House Captains, our talented dancers and our fantastic tech crew!



Ascott House Captains:

Jessica Ellams
Lizzy Tarling
Hannah Weller
Annabel Jennings
Manya Bhargava



Claydon (left) House Captains:

Georgia Greig, Aisling Burton
Holly Peace, Maisie Makepeace
Florence Plant, Eileen Law

Hughenden (below) House Captains:

Abi Wicks, Chloe Cox , Dristi Kalla
Aleyna Wilkinson
Michelle Vanderlaan
Zara Buchanan



House Dance



Missenden

House Captains:

Soriaya Duncan
Megan Jenkins



Stowe (left)

House Captains:

Chloe Burgess
Mia Thompson

Waddesden (below)

House Captains:

Jessie Mace, Kate Winman
Matilda Marriott,
Isabel Avery-Hughes
Katie Garman, Lottie Tangen



Swimming



English Schools Swimming Team Relay National Qualifiers

On Friday 27 September our Aylesbury High School swimmers competed against almost 40 teams in each age category in the first round of the ESSA swimming competition. 15 swimmers competed in both the Senior, Junior and Intermediate categories. Each age group raced a 4 by 200 IM and 4 by 200 free relay. Overall there were some great swims and the team did really well. Poolside was rammed but there was a great atmosphere. We are keeping our fingers crossed for qualification in the National Finals at the London Aquatic Centre in November.

Tamsin Moren

Well done to all our swimmers who swam their hearts out and demonstrated wonderful team spirit. Thanks to Mrs Readhead and Mrs Brown for officiating during the event; Mrs Faulkner and Marcia Billingham for their support and help on poolside with the swimmers and Mrs Rust for her timekeeping! **Mrs Carey**

Swimming

Aquatic Leaders at AHS

Hi, we are the Aquatic Leading Team, and we are qualified through the official Swim England Young Aquatic Leader course. Every Monday, we meet to come up with a fun and exciting sessions for Thursday evenings for Year 7. We do a variety of activities throughout the term ranging from swimming skills to fun relays and games. We adapt our activities to cater for all abilities from non-swimmers to club swimmers. Here are some of our planned sessions for this term:

- Relay
- Aqua Zumba
- Water Polo
- Development of swim strokes
- Synchronised Swimming

The Year 7 Aquatic Club is oversubscribed for this term but look out for information for the Spring Term in the next few weeks.

Neha Nutakki, Milly Houston, Esme Harrison, Laura Goble, Amy Shaw



Netball

U13 Netball tournament

This year the start of season tournament was extremely successful for our teams. We were privileged to compete against a variety of school squads, one of those being Miss Hunter's new school team, so there was lots of friendly rivalry! The competition gave us some great court time playing together again before participating in any fixtures, the perfect way to start the season, especially with both the A and B team winning overall.

Rosie Walters 8A

U15 Netball tournament

This year we travelled to Shenley Brook End to compete in the start of season tournament. The girls had a new mixture of players and managed to gel together really well very quickly. They came up against some tough competition from Ouesdale and Denbigh School, showing their determination to win and help each other on court. Overall both teams played extremely well and enjoyed a great start to the Netball Season.

Miss Daniels

Netball Academy

We have started off this season with Netball Academy Training on a Monday and Friday Lunchtime for U14, U16 and U18. We have had great attendance so far and some fantastic coaching from Sarah Simmons. All girls are improving their tactical skills and decision making on court and showing great commitment towards being selected for the English Schools Netball Team. We look forward to seeing even more progress over the next few months.

Miss Daniels



Hockey

Year 8 Hockey

The Year 8 team took on Chesham Grammar School where they had to work very hard as a team of 5 and a team of 6 against a full strength 7 aside Chesham Grammar. The scores didn't quite go our way, but the hard work and resilience of our teams was fabulous to watch. Well done to you all! **Mrs Rust**

Y7 Hockey

The first match of the day, we played really well against Chesham Grammar School having a two goal lead (scored by Sophie and Holly) in the first half but unfortunately they scored two goals in the last two minutes of the second half, leaving us with a draw. Against Becky High, despite all our efforts, we lost 5-1. Altogether we played really well, as it was our team's first 11-a-side match on a full pitch and we look forward to the start of season tournament.

Tamsin Tewson



U15 Hockey Squad

The U15 hockey squad won over Akeley Wood. 3-1 with goals from Inge Drotske, Lauren Egan and Evie Barnes. Player of the match was Inge Drotske and a huge well done to Issy Johnston for playing in goal. **Mrs Rust**