

Daisy Chitty Williams Year 11. Taken from her Final Textile exam piece, 'Fragments'.



# Battle Abbey School

Newsletter: 18th May 2018



# Welcome

## Dear Parents,

The summer term is always special in the life of young people, despite the fact that revision is intense and exams are looming. There are so many memorable events that take place when the weather is fine and one of those took place last Friday in the form of the whole school photo. The Battle Abbey photo involves pupils from the nursery all the way to Year 13 and it reflects, very strongly that, though we are three sites we are very much one school. Sticking with the summer theme – I am hugely grateful to the amazing FOBAS team for their efforts in planning and organising this year's summer ball and I hope that many of you will join us for this unique occasion. Equally, I would urge you to keep Saturday 9th June free so that you can attend the much-anticipated Big Picnic in the grounds of the Abbey. This, too, is a whole school event and has proved in the past to be a fabulous day out for all the family.

We are conscious that Year 11 and Year 13 students are in the midst of their public exams but, for the other year groups, it is very much business as usual. The Key Stage 3 musicians hosted a lovely Soiree in the Abbot's Hall and all who attended were treated to another musical extravaganza. Charitable giving continues at Battle Abbey throughout the year and I was pleased that St. Martin's organised such a successful Muffin Day last week. Equally important in the calendar are the regular careers events and there was a big turnout for our recent guest speaker who introduced the pupils to his career as a structural engineer working for many years in the challenging but exciting environment that is Hong Kong. I would also like to applaud the latest success in the pool when the junior swimmers comfortably defeated their Claremont opponents in Monday's gala – well done all concerned.

This time of year also features an important milestone in the rhythms and cycle of the school as we turn our attention to selecting the next generation of School Guardians, Bronzes and Heads of House. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Year 13 students for their committed leadership of the school these past twelve months and to wish all the best to the new candidates. It is a real privilege taking on one of these important responsibilities and, once selected, the pupils are always proud of the fact that their names are inscribed on the honours boards in the Abbot's Hall forever more.

Finally, I am penning these thoughts as I am about to embark on an exciting new chapter in my own life with the imminent arrival of our third child. I will be away from School for a couple of days but will be popping in regularly next week and then will return, as normal, on Monday 4th June.

**Best wishes**  
**David Clark**

## Dear Parents,

On Saturday 23rd April, our Prep School Swimming Team consisting of Martha, Beatrice H, Lily, Anton and Ed headed to Guildford with Miss Govan for the Regional round of English Schools' Swimming Championship. I am delighted to inform you that their dedicated hours of training paid off as our swimmers came in fifth place in the mixed-stroke relay event and in third place for the Freestyle relay event. They were cheered on by our supportive group of parents who had travelled to the county town of Surrey for this event. This fantastic result means that our swim squad will be competing for the fourth year in a row at the English Schools Relay National Finals in Sheffield in June; as they qualified, by a nail-biting one hundredth of a second, for the Freestyle relay event. Such an amazing achievement!

Mathematicians from Year 4 competed at Christ's Hospital last week in a pairs Maths challenge. Both pairs competed well with Kit and Sam coming a highly impressive second place. Well done to you all!

Going on school trips and visits gives the children many enrichment opportunities to learn away from the classroom. Years 5 and 6 went on their annual residential trip last Tuesday for a week of exploring the sights of Bath and Bristol. The children, accompanied by Miss Hill, Mrs Rapley, Mr Burgess and Mr Chamberlain had an amazing week away together with the Science Museum and Longleat safari being two particular highlights for the children.

Meanwhile Years 3 and 4 enjoyed an 'African Adventure' themed week and went on their own safari to Port Lympne. They enjoyed watching the animals and once back in school continued their studies in this area. This themed approach to learning allows children to immerse themselves in their studies and learn enormously from first-hand experience.

Both Years 1 and 2 have visited Drusillas separately this week. The children have enjoyed specialist workshops to tie in with their studies of Maasai Africa and Minibeasts. In the Year 2 workshop, the children dressed up as minibeasts; learned about exoskeletons; explored scientific classes of minibeasts and their features and had a close look at a variety of artefacts. Year 2 also had the amazing experience of being the first class to stroke a hand-raised meerkat at Drusillas.

Today saw school uniforms swapped for all things red, white and blue to celebrate tomorrow's royal wedding, with some children even dressing up as princes and princesses. The children enjoyed specially baked shortbread biscuits in the shape of crowns at morning break and also enjoyed a special cake baked and decorated by our catering team. Each child received a commemorative coin to mark the occasion.

What a lovely way to end the week!

**Wish best wishes for a sunny weekend**  
**Maria Maslin**

# Nursery News

Nursery has been full of patriotic activities in preparation for the Royal Wedding on Saturday. We have seen some amazing representations of castles, weddings, parties and flags where the children have used skills supporting their all round development. Today, the Oaks made some very traditional British foods for our Royal Wedding themed tea party in the afternoon consisting of cheese and cucumber sandwiches, bread and jam with some lovely fresh blueberry and raspberry muffins made by the Acorns. The children proudly paraded their hand decorated crowns and waved their Union Jack flags. The Nursery children arrived on Wednesday with their best smiles, looking extremely smart in their uniforms ready for their individual and whole Nursery photograph. Well done to all the children and their families for making this a smooth annual event.

Please can sun cream be applied BEFORE your child's session every day and a named bottle of lotion put in your child's bag if they are due to stay all day to enable us to reapply at lunch time along with a sun hat. Your child cannot enjoy the outdoors safely without this protection.

Congratulations to Zachary and his family who had a baby girl, I'm sure you will be great big brother to Mya!

We would like to say a huge warm welcome to Isaac and his family who joined the Acorns this week.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Miss Lee

## Dates to remember

**Half term - Friday 25th May - Monday 4th June**  
**Bank Holiday Closure - Monday 28th May**  
**50 weeks holiday club - Tuesday 29th May - Friday 1st June**  
**Nursery and Little Squirrels resume - Monday 4th June**  
**Nursery Sports Day - Friday 15th June**





## Prep School News

### Zoo Day! - Year 1

Year 1 had a lovely trip to Drusillas as part of their Topic for this half term. They had a Maasai talk and enjoyed dressing up in the costumes and of course the animals and the play park were a big hit.



### Important Assembly from Year 2

Year 2 were amazing taking the whole school assembly on Wednesday. They taught the school about the importance of looking after our pets.





## Africa Week

Year 3 & 4 had a lovely time at Port Lympe in preparation for their themed week: African Adventure.



Year 2. Emily's fantastic Scratch board art





## A trip to Bath - Year 5 and 6



## Swimming Success

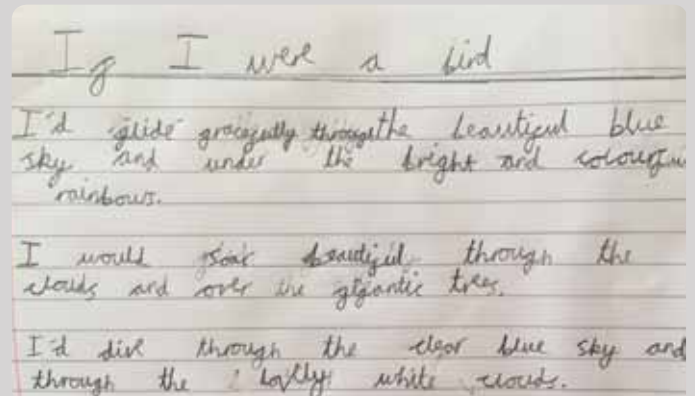
On Saturday, the Swim Squad travelled to the Guildford Spectrum to take part in the ESSA Regional Swim Round. The squad all swam fantastically and we are very pleased to report that the Front Crawl Relay Team were successful in qualifying for the National Finals in Sheffield in June! Well done to all the squad –they were brilliant!



## Exploring BAS grounds - Year 2



Year 2 'Twitchers' have been out in our grounds exploring. Here we have a drawing of a bluebird by Emily and some descriptive writing by Betsi. Very well done everyone for your wonderful work.



## Christ's Hospital Visit

On the 10th May, Kit and Sam, from Battle Abbey Preparatory School, came 2nd in the Maths Challenge for Year 4 pupils hosted by Christ's Hospital, the home of the Royal Mathematical School.

Douglas Buchanan is the creator and presenter of the maths challenge who organises maths challenges for school aged children internationally. Therefore the competition was strong with 136 pupils forming teams of pairs.

The competition does not involve straightforward calculations; the children have to apply logic and problem solving to the various tasks. Also - having the opportunity to come to Christ's Hospital is an amazing experience in itself.







## *Royal Wedding Celebrations at the Prep*



Every pupil received a special commemorative coin!





### **Jowin Cho has a commission for her artwork!**

Jowin in Year 12 is currently developing her A Level Fine Art coursework on the theme of 'Sub-aqua'. Jowin's work was spotted by Mrs White on Instagram. Mrs White is currently developing the chapel in Battle High Street and will be opening a restaurant 'Whites Seafood & Steak Bar' in the summer. Jowin's work will be used to enhance the interior of the restaurant and create an underwater theme. The Art Department is excited to work with a Battle business and make connections beyond our school. Make sure you look at the BattleAbbeyFineArt Instagram page to see new work posted every week.





## KS3 Soiree





## Fantasy Football Winner



Congratulations to Zak Daniels who won this season's Battle Abbey School Fantasy Football League Championship. Zak romped home comfortably after leading the field of seventy plus contenders from virtually week one.

Competition for second and third was far more tense with Mr Dennett narrowly beating George Fleet to second place. Zak Daniels will receive a full football kit of his choice and George his choice of shorts and socks.

## Summer uniform shop opening times

**Contact:** Nicola Pharoah  
**Mobile:** 07982 714705  
**E-Mail:** bas@simmonds-ltd.com

### **July**

Friday 20th July 12.00 - 3.00  
Appointments

### **August**

Wednesday 1st Aug	11.00 - 3.00	
Appointments		
Friday 3rd August	11.00 - 3.00	BA General
Wednesday 8th Aug	11.00 - 2.00	BA General
Friday 10th August	11.00 - 2.00	BA General
Tuesday 21st August	1.00 - 5.00	BA General
Thursday 23rd August	1.00 - 4.00	BA General
Tuesday 28 August	1.00 - 4.00	BA General
Thursday 30th August	9.00 - 1.00	BA General

### **September**

Monday 3rd Sept	9.00 - 1.00	BA New
boarders		
Monday 3rd Sept	1.00 - 4.00	BA Existing
boarders		
Wednesday 5th Sept	8.00 - 10.00	BA (DAY
PUPILS RETURN)		

## Books, Glorious Books

Do you have any unwanted fiction or non-fiction books? We are asking for any donations in support of our Accelerated Reader programme. If you have any books you would like to donate, please bring them to the LDD room. Many thanks!

## Calling all Football and Netballers!

The Big Picnic (Saturday June 9th) will once again give parents the opportunity to take on their children, former pupils and staff at both football and netball on the School's astro turf. We already have staff and former pupil teams confirmed for football and are in the process of trying to secure the same for netball. We are hoping that parents will also make up a team for each sport, or join an existing team.

Fixtures are likely to be between 2.30pm and 3.30/4.00pm depending on take up and minimum numbers.

Please contact Jemma Joyce as soon as possible for more information or if you would like to play:  
[joycej@battleabbeyschool.com](mailto:joycej@battleabbeyschool.com)

Best regards,  
Battle Abbey School





## **Formal Notice of FOBAS (Friends of Battle Abbey School) AGM**

The FOBAS Committee will be holding its Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 5th June at 6.30pm in the Headmaster's Office. All parents are invited to attend the AGM regardless of whether they are on the Committee or not.

If you would like to join the Committee you are most welcome to stay on afterwards for the last Committee meeting of this academic year. Please RSVP if you would like to attend the meeting so that we have an idea of numbers – email: [fobas@battleabbeyschool.com](mailto:fobas@battleabbeyschool.com)

## **Ski Trip 2018 - France**

During the Easter break the annual school ski trip spent a week in Les Menuires in the French Alps. The resort, hotel and people made for such a fantastic trip, that we are going back for round two in 2019! Sign up now to be part of next year's trip. Contact [chapmane@battleabbeyschool.com](mailto:chapmane@battleabbeyschool.com) for details.





## Student Achievements

### Bertie Fencing into the Championships

On Monday 7th May Bertie Lambert (Year 9) fenced as one of the team of six representing the U14 South East Region at the British Youth Championship in Sheffield.

This competition pits the best youth fencers in the country against one another following a regional competition in February at which both Bertie and William Ashenden (Year 11) qualified; unfortunately due to imminent GCSEs William was unable to compete at the national championship. Bertie fenced very well against fierce competition and although he finished 3rd within his region, sadly the South East Region U14 did not bring home any medals this time. Bertie is now training hard for the England Youth Championship in June.



### Morgan's show stopping performance

Congratulations to Morgan who performed in the 50th Anniversary Gala of the Hastings Stage School. He was in over twelve numbers with quick costume changes. Rehearsals for this show started in January over every weekend, including Easter Sunday and some evenings after school. During January Morgan was also attending rehearsals for the school play Coram Boy. On top of the busy rehearsal schedule, Morgan also took his Imperial Society Modern Silver medal exam and gained distinction and his Lamda Acting Grade 3 Solo gaining distinction with a high mark of 90.

Morgan is now working towards his next exams for Tap, Ballet, Modern, and LAMDA Dialogue, of which he is hoping to take some in November.



### Jemimah Berkeley is Double Regional Champion!

Jemimah had quite an astonishing 1st day, competing in the 200m Individual Medley. She went in ranked seventh in the Age 14 category and swam a brilliant personal best in the heats to take her through to the Finals ranked 2nd. She stepped up in the Final and shattered her entry time producing a magnificent personal best time of 2.27.43, taking Gold and becoming SE Regional Champion and qualifying for the British Championships in July in addition to her three breast stroke events where she is already qualified and ranked first in Britain. She swam her favourite 50m breast stroke breaking her own Age 14 South East Record in 32.44s and taking Gold and the Regional Champion title again. Jemimah has also set a new Kent Junior(16U) record time.

Congratulations!



### Swim Gala v Claremont Mon 14th

A combined strength of invited Year 6's and Senior School Year 7's and 8's swam at Claremont in a friendly gala. The Battle Abbey squad dominated the gala, winning most of the races.

The Year 6's enjoyed the opportunity to be part of the Senior Squad as a small part of their transition to the Senior School.

Battle Abbey won the gala.





# Battle Abbey School

## A Level Photography Exhibition

**Exclusive Private View (open to Battle Abbey families only):** Tuesday 5 June 16.00 - 19.00 - Martlet House Dance Studio



### BAS Biologists get stuck into practical activities

Our fantastic Battle Abbey A Level Biologists, love practical activities. These are underpinned by the theoretical concepts they are required to learn as they develop and apply their biological understanding. Along with the other Year 12 Biologists, Thomas enjoyed the challenge of studying the gas exchange system of a mackerel. With aspirations to study medicine, Thomas, along with the other students, demonstrated the consummate skill of a potential surgeon to remove the gill operculum to reveal the gill filaments beneath.

As part of studying gene technology, the brilliant Year 13 Biologists were set the task of using a technique called electrophoresis to analyse samples of DNA taken from the "scene of a crime". This produced genetic fingerprint "barcodes" that enabled comparison with samples from "suspects" to determine "Who dun it?". Despite being their first attempt, this amazing group of young biologists were able to produce and load their own gels to produce excellent genetic fingerprints. With aspirations to study Biomedical Science, Millie can be seen examining the genetic fingerprint she produced. The inset shows the genetic fingerprints that reveals the guilty criminal whose DNA was found at the "scene of the crime" is B!



### Science E-Learning Update

*'Massive well done to all Year 10 students who have been logging in and completing tasks on Pearson Active Learn! ([www.activelearn.com](http://www.activelearn.com)). If your child has problems logging in, please email a member of the Science staff for login details. Current leader board: 1st George, 2nd Lucy, 3rd Christopher'*

Battle Abbey Students are also enjoying Seneca Learning to revise for their exams with one of our students answering 4.3K questions. To join, click here: <https://app.senecalearning.com/dashboard/join-class/SkpaB9epM>



# ARABIAN NIGHTS

SATURDAY  
30TH JUNE  
7.00 PM

CARRIAGES AT MIDNIGHT



BLACK TIE  
& EVENING DRESS

# SUMMER BALL

TICKETS £55 ADULT • £35 STUDENTS & STAFF, bookable at [fobas@battleabbeyschool.com](mailto:fobas@battleabbeyschool.com)



FRIENDS OF BATTLE ABBEY SCHOOL  
SUMMER BALL BOOKING FORM

Saturday 30th June 2018  
Arrival Drinks and Photographs from 6.30pm  
Carriages at Midnight

Tickets £55 per person / Members of BAS staff £35

DRESS CODE: Black tie / Evening dress

Starter

A selection of Mezze served with Pitta Bread

Mains

Lamb Kofta Tagine with Ras el Hanout served with jewelled  
cous-cous and roasted veg

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Roasted layered Aubergine with spiced chickpeas served with a cumin  
and apricot cous-cous and roasted vegetables

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Maple Roasted Chicken supreme wrapped in streaky bacon,  
potato gratin & seasonal vegetables

Dessert

Middle Eastern Coconut Cake with Harissa, Lavender Panacotta with Raspberry,  
Pistachio Baklava and chocolate, cinnamon & stem ginger Truffle.

There will be a bar throughout the evening to purchase drinks (cash only)

Please let us have your name (together with name of guests),  
with main course and other dietary requirements

Please return this form to the School Office marked  
'FOBAS Summer Ball' by 10th June 2018  
or email details to: [fobas@battleabbeyschool.com](mailto:fobas@battleabbeyschool.com)

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I enclose a cheque for £ \_\_\_\_\_ (made payable to FOBAS) or  
☐ I would like the cost of \_\_\_\_\_ ticket (s) to be added to my school invoice



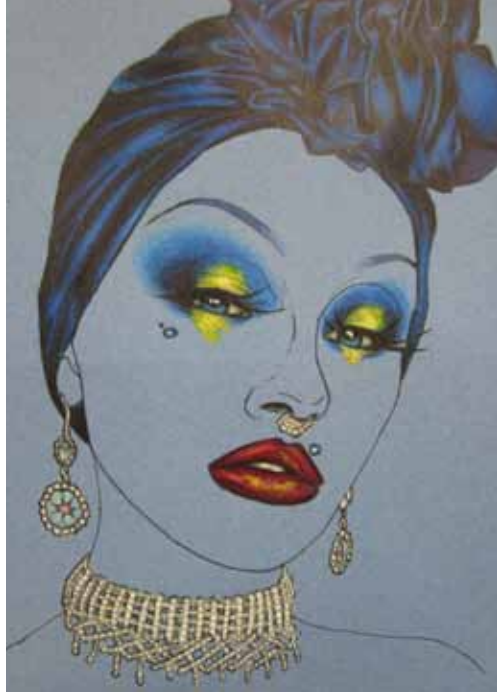


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## AS/A Level Fine Art Exhibition

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# Battle Abbey School GOS Fine Art Exhibition 2018

**Exclusive Private View (Battle Abbey families and friends only):** Friday 25th May 16.00 - 9.00 - Art Room