



# Battle Abbey School

Newsletter: 9th March 2018



Artwork of the week: Daisy Chitty Williams



Photography Competition Winner:  
Erszi Jacobs



# Welcome

Dear Parents

Thank you so much for your patience and understanding with the difficult weather of last week. The 'Beast from the East' proved as disruptive as predicted but I was immensely proud of the way in which the Battle Abbey community carried on regardless. Most other local schools were closed, yet our staff and students showed real grit in braving the elements and in making sure that lessons were as productive as possible – and we even managed to host a really good open day for over 70 prospective families – a fantastic achievement considering the conditions. I would especially like to thank our amazing team of drivers who were up at the crack of dawn and delivered everyone to School safe and sound. Equally impressive was the redoubtable team of Gatemen who endured the biting cold whilst the rest of us were warm and dry within the Abbey walls. Best of all, I was so pleased that the students behaved appropriately – they enjoyed a few good snow ball fights but never pushed it too far... great to see.

The snow, alas, rather disrupted our rhythm for a few days but we were soon back to normal and many worthwhile activities took place. Chinese New Year was celebrated in style at our whole school assembly and the wonderful catering department then created a delicious Chinese meal for everyone to enjoy. Our sporting schedule suffered considerably last week so we were lucky that the much anticipated Dover Exchange just beat the snowfall. The participants had a wonderful 24 hours of camaraderie and competition and a very productive relationship has now been cemented with Dover College that has proved beneficial to both sides. Another memorable event to survive intact was last Sunday's Evensong service at St. Mary's, Battle. This proved to be a lovely collaborative occasion seeing our choir teaming up with the local congregation and all who attended were moved and uplifted by our talented choir and also by the special atmosphere of the service.

The last few days have been dominated by two main things – careers' week and some truly remarkable public examinations results. I am hugely grateful to the careers' team of Mrs Jackson, Mrs Acuna, Mrs Joyce and Mr Dennett for hosting such a wide ranging and interesting set of presentations and talks. The level of engagement from the student body was particularly encouraging and I have lost track of how many students have fed back to me how useful and inspiring they found the visiting speakers. Careers at Battle Abbey is now established as a leading department in the School and I am always impressed with the number of parents and former students who support the programme and, in turn, support our students.

I will finish this week by firstly paying tribute to the astonishing Maths department. The iGCSE results that were published yesterday were simply stunning and for a mixed-ability year group to achieve this level of success speaks volumes of the commitment of both the teachers and students concerned. Equally impressive were the results achieved by the Upper Sixth EPQ cohort – whose diligence, curiosity and creativity were amply rewarded and all concerned have now greatly strengthened their applications to university. What a great way to end the week.

Best wishes  
**David Clark**

Dear Parents

Last Thursday the Prep School swapped their usual uniforms for colourful costumes and celebrated World Book Day in style! From a Cat with a Hat, to characters from Harry Potter, the School was awash with everyone's favourite book characters. It was not just the children who displayed imagination and creativity as the staff too joined in and greeted the children in costume. A special assembly was held where every class paraded and we all got to find out about the different characters.

The annual Hastings Musical Festival is now upon us and amazingly we have over half the School taking part in one or more classes!

A huge congratulations to all those who have taken part in speech and drama classes. Every performer so far has received very high marks and complimentary comments from the adjudicators. Their certificates displayed in the entrance hall certainly look impressive!

The Prep School Choir sounded beautiful this morning as they sang their repertoire of 'The Wizard' and 'School Dinners?' to a full house at the White Rock Theatre led by Miss Neave, our Director of Music. They came a very close Second and received an Honours certificate with the adjudicator making some lovely comments about their impressive performance. The children in the piano classes are busy preparing for their performances next week.

The Festival gives a fantastic opportunity for our children to perform to an audience. Our children are confident and well-rehearsed and we are all looking forward to hearing about their experiences and sharing in their successes on the big stage as the Festival continues.

On Wednesday our Swim Squad competed in the first Round of the ESSA Swim Relay Competition in Horsham. The A team won both their races and have qualified for the Regional round of the ESSA National Relay Swim Championships to be held in Guildford in May. The B team also swam well with some great times. Well done to all our swimmers and to Miss Govan, Head of Swimming, who trains our team, keeping them motivated and focused. A fantastic achievement.

Over the last few weeks, children from the Prep School have been very busy becoming authors and fine-tuning their writing talents for BBC Radio 2's 500 Words 2018. The challenge was to write a fictional short story for this national competition and this certainly fired the imagination of children in Years 2-6 who rose to the challenge and wrote some original short stories full of enthusiastic creativity. We submitted eighty one short stories in total and must now wait to see if any of these stories make it through to the next round of judging.

This half-term is flying by and as usual the children are rising to activities and challenges both in and out of the classroom. We look forward to sharing their continued successes with you.

Best Wishes  
**Maria Maslin**



## Nursery News

We would like to welcome Finn, Noah and Josie to the Acorns room. They are busy exploring their new surroundings and quickly finding their feet.

It finally looks like Spring has sprung. The Oaks have spent time in the garden investigating the seasonal changes from snow angels and finding blocks of ice to the first daffodils in bloom. Our main focus has been looking for similarities and differences within our environments which has tied in nicely to the new nursery build. We have noticed huge changes already!! Please see the display board by the Nursery front door to be kept up to date with the building work.

The Acorns have been looking at cultural diversity; the ways in which we are similar and how we are different. They have created a family board and discussed all the ways in which they differ.

It was wonderful to see some amazing costumes inspired by our favourite book characters for our World Book Day celebrations. We spent the day reading and sharing some of our favourite stories.

Please could we ask you to return any items of clothes that have been borrowed from nursery as we now have a very limited supply, especially socks and underwear thank you.

Have a lovely weekend.

**Miss Lee**





## Prep School News

### World Book Day 2018

Thursday 1st March 2018 not only saw St. David's Day arrive – but also World Book Day too! Children and staff alike dressed as characters from their favourite books. There was a wonderful range of characters again this year and many children clearly spent a lot of time and effort on their costumes. Lots of pictures were taken and you can see more of the fun on Facebook.



### Prep overturn three goal deficit to make quarter finals

On Monday 5th March the Prep schools' Under 11 Football team took part in a Cup match against Sandown Primary.

In the first half Sandown scored 3 goals even though the match was evenly contested. Ethan hit the post twice and Seb shot wide so at half time the score was 0-3.

In the second half the Prep school began to dominate from Midfield and finally scored 2 goals by Charlie S and Seb Y. With time running out Ethan scored the crucial third goal to draw the match level and the match went into extra time.

At the end of extra time it was still 3-3 so the match went to penalties. William went in goal for the penalties and played brilliantly saving 3 of the Sandown shots.

The Final score was a 4 – 3 win on penalties to Battle Abbey Prep.

They will now go on to the quarter finals of the Hopkins Cup and will play either Catsfield or King Offa School.

Well done to everyone who played.  
Man of the Match – William

Jackie Hill



## Year 3 Science

The children are currently studying rocks and soils as their Science topic. Today Milo showed how igneous rocks were created by erupting a volcano. The group then went on to show their understanding of how sedimentary rocks are formed and how they can contain fossils. This was concluded by making their own fossils.



## Swim Success

Our Swim Squad competed in the ESSA County Round swimming competition on Wednesday. They all swam amazingly and achieved superb times and we are thrilled to tell you that the A Team have progressed to the Regional round in May. Very well done everyone!



## Fire! Fire!

Year 6 visited Bexhill Fire Station for the Rother Safety in Action 2018. They had the opportunity to learn more about a variety of aspects including, railway, electrical, water, cycling, road and fire safety. They were also taught about alcohol awareness. The children learnt a great deal and did exceedingly well when questioned about everything they had learnt.



## Do You Wanna Build A Snowman?

Much fun was had by all last week as the 'Beast from the East' set in over Battle Abbey Prep School. Our pupils enjoyed the snow, made snowmen and had many snowball fights. This weather brings out the child in everybody! Very cold days were followed by delicious hot chocolate to warm the children and staff through afterwards.



## Hastings Musical Festival

Our Hastings Musical Festival this year has kicked off with the Speech and Drama classes. All of our pupils performed brilliantly and have once again done us proud! Florence, Sam and Darci all came joint second in their Humorous verse category which was followed by Rashmika winning her Year 2 speech class. Oscar continued our winning streak by taking the reading prose at sight class with an excellent mark of 87. Then we had the original verse poem where Scarlett and Ella not only wrote their poems but also performed them brilliantly coming first and second respectively, with Scarlett receiving the Challenge Shield. To finish the morning session there was the years 5&6 speech class, this was a large class in which Oscar came 2nd, Archie and Scarlett 3rd and Yashika, Ella & Erin 4th.

In the afternoon Rashmika & Yashika came 2nd in the share a poem class with a mark of 86, one mark ahead of Scarlett & Ella who took 3rd. Florence returned to win her reading prose class and Rashmika came 2nd in her humorous verse. Rashmika then teamed up with her sister again with a lovely duologue they gained 2nd place with 85 marks. The session finished with the age 10 humorous class, Archie, Yashika and Scarlett battled it out against 6 others with Scarlett being victorious and taking home the Bosworth Cup with a mark of 87%.

We returned the following morning with Sam and Florence reading a poem about the ancient Greeks in their year 4 class, both achieved excellent marks with Sam coming 2nd with 86 marks and Flo just pipping him by one mark to take the class. Oscar came second in his reading prose class and again later in the age 11 humorous verse where Erin also gave a great performance.

At the end of the drama classes the adjudicator awarded two special trophies for the performer who has shown the most promising work across the festival. The trophy for a child under 12 was shared between Rashmika and Yashika and the trophy for a child age 11 and under 15 was awarded to Oscar! We have also managed to win some aggregate trophies with Florence taking the Bodiam Manor Challenge Cup and Oscar winning the Anthony Hawthorn Challenge Cup (Photos to follow after they receive these at the final concert) Florence and Scarlett have also been invited to perform in the Festival's Finale Concert! Overall an amazing start to the festival, well done everyone, I am so very proud of you all! **Miss Neave**







**Darcy P** (Year 6) Self portrait in profile

## Open day success!

Despite the poor weather we saw a record attendance at Saturday's Open Day!





## Textiles of the week

Here are four mono prints by Daisy Chitty Williams (Year 11) on an exam theme of 'Fragments' loosely based upon paintings by Kandinsky.

Also some beautiful mono prints on a combined theme of lines and sea creatures produced by Hannah Knell in Year 12.







### Dancers perform in local dance school's celebration show!

Battle Abbey School pupils performed as part of the Hastings School of Contemporary Dance show 'Beyond Words' at the Stables Theatre last week. Despite only having a severely restricted time to learn the dances our pupils were professional and confident.



### And...ACTION!

A graduate team from Brighton University's Film School attended the Abbey over half term to film a period piece in the Library.

Here's some pictures!







### **IGCSE Math Results Wow**

Battle Abbey School's latest cohort of iGCSE Maths candidates have exceeded expectations with some truly amazing results.

62% of candidates scored A\* or A grades and 100% secured A\* - C grade – a big record for the school.

David Clark, Headmaster, said; 'We predicted good results from our iGCSE cohort but the actual figures were even better than expected. Our excellent Maths department, under the leadership of Mr Tumi, is rapidly turning into a flagship department for the School and one that is securing plaudits from across the region. Not only have our students secured these record-breaking grades, but more of them than ever are competing successfully in national Maths competitions including the internationally recognised Maths Olympiad.'

'Mr Tumi is working alongside some extraordinarily talented colleagues who adopt a wide variety of teaching styles and this has really made the difference in engaging some of the pupils who have previously found Maths especially challenging. As a team they have not only made Maths more accessible they have also added some fascinating Maths related special events to the calendar including a 'Mission to Mars' workshop day and an 'Enigma Code' breaking day, featuring James Grimes, the great YouTube educator and Maths guru.'

In addition to leading the Maths department, Mr Tumi also heads up the increasingly popular Battle Abbey School Young Engineers Club. It boasts over 50 regular members who are involved in planning and building a range of interesting devices including a weather station, a drone and a highly popular project that involves dismantling a lawnmower engine in order to power a Go Kart.

Battle Abbey School's Open Day on Saturday 3rd March saw a new record for attendance despite the recent poor weather.



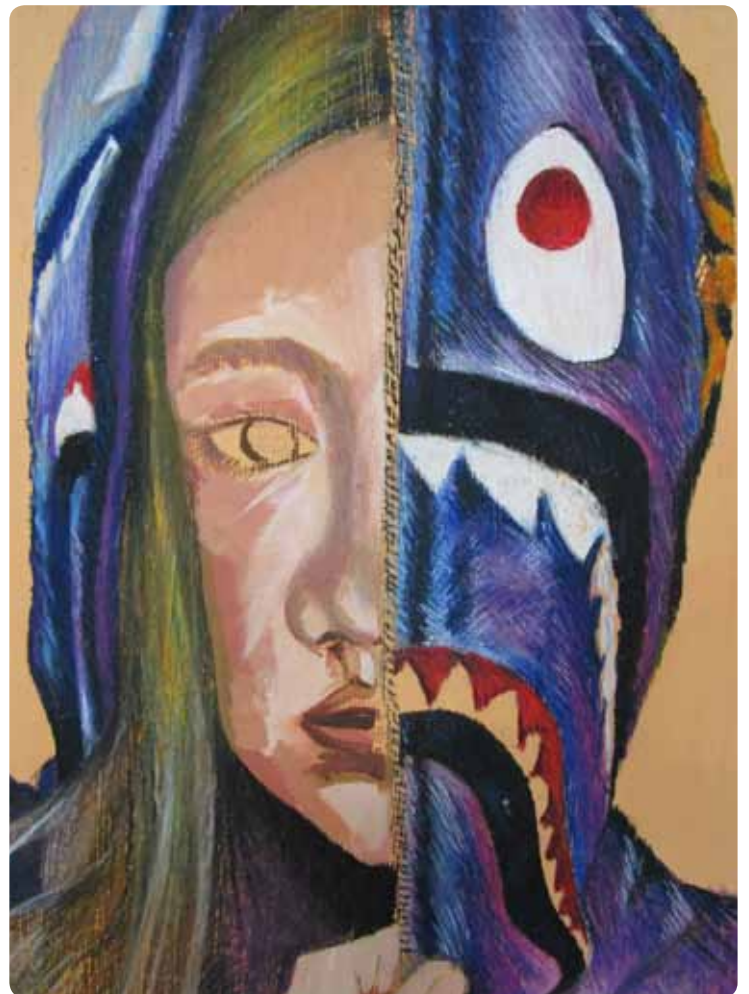


### Artist of the week

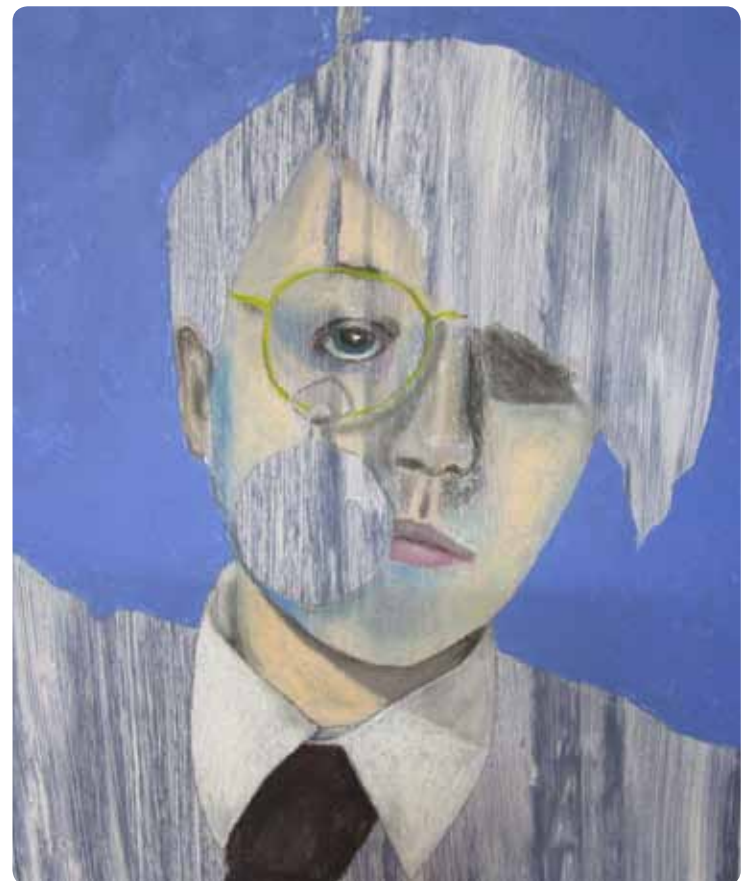
Jade Ye is producing some fabulous GCSE Fine Art exam preparation based on the theme of 'Contrast'. Her little dog is a lovely source of inspiration! Well done, Jade!







Year 10 make a great start at their GCSE Fine Art coursework. Images by Alex O'Brein, James Graham, Yujo Liu and Megan Hopper.





# Careers Week Speakers



Lynne Carter & Josh Fairweather  
Graduate Trainee Solicitors at Gaby Hardwicke.



Emma Buckley  
Internal Recruitment Manager, Guidant Group (Recruitment Outsourcing Specialists)



Matt Latimer  
School's Coordinator  
– Gap 360 Ltd



## BADER

Danielle Lee, one of the Canadian students from BADER who came in to BAS last term, was a delight to have in class. She really engaged with our pupils, helping to work with some of our Year 9 class 1-1 as well as stretching our Year 13 French A2 students in preparation for their Speaking Exams.

Danielle said; 'I loved my time at Battle Abbey! I learned a lot from Mme Johnson, and truly experienced what it is to teach/be at an upper-level school. Thank you so much everything.'

## EPQs AOK!

This week's EPQ results for the Upper 6th students were seriously impressive:

Our pupils achieved 7 A\* grades, 5 As, 1 B and 2 Cs. Well done!

The EPQs are a valuable part of pupils' applications to University and in many cases completion of a successful Extended Project see the grades needed by Universities to accept students drop considerably. Project titles from this years cohort included:

- Uncommon musculoskeletal, neurological and cardio respiratory conditions and how they affect the way we move and exercise
- Submitting a retrospective planning application
- US failure in Vietnam
- Was Hitler's invasion of the USSR destined to fail before it had even begun?
- Should a football club be run to make a profit like any other business?
- Prison systems
- Graffiti used as Art Therapy
- To what extent is the legal system effective in limiting ground level urban air pollution?
- To what extent was sovereignty the most important issue in Britain to leave the European Union?







## Careers' Fair 6th March







Ice, Ice, Baby!



**'Mes Chers Voisin' - French Theatre Play for pupils in Year 9-11 (Sixth Form French Speakers and all other French Speakers welcome!)**

**Date: Friday 16 March, period 6 and 7 in Abbot's Hall.** The MFL department is delighted to welcome the French Theatre Company Onatti Productions to our school. This excellent opportunity for our pupils to attend a French Theatre play has been made possible thanks to FOBAS. The MFL department is very grateful for the generous funding provided by the Friends of Battle Abbey School. Pupils will be able to attend and enjoy the play during the school day with no extra costs or travel involved. The forthcoming performance is pitched to complement the learning of pupils in Years 9-11 and a future play for pupils in Years 6-8 is also in the pipeline.

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# Sport News

## Netball

### BAS U13A v Buckswood

A really close game which just saw fitness levels hit BAS hard in the third quarter.

Some amazing interceptions still couldn't contend with footwork mistakes and inaccurate passing. Imogen Wheatley and Olivia Mullarkey were on fire! Mattie Doran Jumaili cemented her place in the team with a great performance having been promoted from the B squad. Unfortunately the third quarter allowed Buckswood to establish a lead we just couldn't bring back in the final quarter. BAS just lost out 14-11.

**GOTM:** Olivia Mullarkey  
**Played well:** Imogen Wheatley

### BAS U13B v Buckswood

Our first win! The game started well with both teams scoring equally and both making the same mistakes!

From quarter 2 onward BAS started to pull away - becoming a more organised and structured team. Ellie Cocks and Jess Gregory-Lilley began to get the most amazing clean shots in from all areas of the circle. Evie McCabe was solid in the keeper role - intercepting pass after pass. The team came away victorious 14-7

**GOTM:** Ellie Cocks  
**Played well:** Evie McCabe

## Senior Netball

### BAS v LOGS

Unfortunately a slow start from BAS enabled Lewes to stretch out a lead in the first quarter. Second quarter onward saw BAS switch on and put some goals on the scorecard. Defensively we were the stronger side and in the third quarter Daisy Chitty Williams (GK), Alice Leary (GD) and support from Emily Everist (WD) saw Lewes without a goal for the entire time! The attack managed to pull back some goals (in fact over the last three quarters of the game BAS scored more goals!) but we came away with a loss of 8-13 - all down to that slow start at the beginning! Well done girls!

**GOTM:** Katy Melville  
**Played well:** Emily Everist, Alice Cleary

## Sports Success

### Bertie and William qualify for the British Youth Championships in Sheffield.

On Sunday 25th February, Bertie Lambert (Year 9) and William Ashenden (Year 11) both fenced in the South East Sabre Championships at Tonbridge School. Bertie was fencing in the Under 14 age group and William in the Under 16 category. Both boys faced some difficult competition, but they fenced well and fought hard. Bertie came 5th out of 18 in his age group, narrowly missing out on a bronze medal and William came 2nd out of 8 in his, earning himself a silver medal. As they were among the top fencers in their age groups, they both go forward to fence for the South East Region at the British Youth Championships in Sheffield which takes place in May, where fencers from all over the country fight each other. Congratulations to both of them and good luck in Sheffield!



### County Champs Breaststroke success for Jemimah!

Jemimah continues her breast stroke success. She is the 2018 Kent County Junior (16u) and Age 14 County Champion for 50,100 and 200m breast stroke and she is also the ladies senior silver medallist in all 3 events.

The photo is of her Junior County 50br Title presentation from the Presidents of Kent and South East Swimming. She travels to Edinburgh at the end of February for the British Championships. Congratulations to Jemimah!







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| 0 Small & medium jumpers/hoodies | 0 Toothbrushes   |
| 0 Gloves, scarves, hats          | 0 Hand sanitiser |
| 0 Tents                          | 0 Shampoo        |
| 0 Tarpaulin                      | 0 uk-eu adaptors |
| 0 Baby wipes                     | 0 Stationary     |
| 0 Books age 13+                  | 0 Board Games    |
| 0 Emergency foil blankets        |                  |

# Collection Items

Please bring collection items to PE office or Main school office  
Thank you to everyone that has kindly donated so far

## In Science this week...

In this A Level practical, students have been studying halogen displacement reactions and used silver nitrate to identify and distinguish between halide ions (group 7).



## Musicians in residence

Jada Marsh, Donya Rafati and Kristian Thorkildsen performed at Eastbourne Hospitals Musicians in Residence event on Sunday. It was attended by the High Sheriff amongst other notable VIPs.



		FILM ★	EVENT ☆	MUSIC ☆			
Thu 01	2pm	THREE BILLBOARDS OUTSIDE EBBING, MISSOURI ★			Drama	2017	115Mins
	7.30pm	PETE ALKIN ☆			Live Music		
Fri 02	2pm	THREE BILLBOARDS OUTSIDE EBBING, MISSOURI ★			Drama	2017	115Mins
	5.30pm	GALLERY SESSION: THE AFTERMATHS ☆			Live Music		
	7.30pm	THREE BILLBOARDS OUTSIDE EBBING, MISSOURI ★			Drama	2017	115Mins
Sat 03	2pm	THREE BILLBOARDS OUTSIDE EBBING, MISSOURI ★			Drama	2017	115Mins
	7.30pm	SUNRISE ★			Drama	1977	130Mins
With An Original Live Soundtrack By Steve Ebersford, Blanca Regue, Ole Brice & Paul Khimasia Morgan							
Sun 04	11am	COFFEE CONCERT: THIS IS A WOMAN'S WORLD ☆			Live Music		
	1pm	THREE BILLBOARDS OUTSIDE EBBING, MISSOURI ★			Drama	2017	115Mins
Tue 06	7.15pm	ROSE: CARMEN ☆☆			Live Stream		
Wed 07	2pm & 7.30pm	THE POST ★			Thriller	2017	124
Thu 08	2pm & 7.30pm	THE POST ★			Thriller	2017	124
Fri 09	2pm & 7.30pm	PHANTOM THREAD ★			Drama	2017	130Mins
Sat 10	2pm	PHANTOM THREAD ★			Drama	2017	130Mins
	7.30pm	ROGER HUSBAND ☆			Live Music		
Sun 11	1pm	PHANTOM THREAD ★			Drama	2017	130Mins
Wed 14	2pm & 7.30pm	RISH WEEK: CARDBOARD GANGSTERS ★			Drama	2017	18
Thu 15	2pm & 7.30pm	RISH WEEK: CONNOR MCBRESLIN: NOTORIOUS ★			Doc	2017	15
Fri 16	2pm & 7.30pm	RISH WEEK: BREAKFAST ON PLUTO ★			Comedy	2005	15
Sat 17	2pm & 7.30pm	RISH WEEK: DANCING AT LUGHNASSA ★			Drama	1998	95Mins
Sun 18	1pm & 4pm	RISH WEEK: THE JOURNEY ★			Drama	2016	124
Wed 21	2pm	DARKEST HOUR ★			Drama	2017	124
	7.30pm	THE BARNARD BAR ☆			Talks Event		
Thu 22	2pm	DARKEST HOUR ★			Drama	2017	124
	7pm	NIL: JULIUS CAESAR ☆			Live Stream		
Fri 23	2pm & 7.30pm	DARKEST HOUR ★			Drama	2017	124
Sat 24	7.30pm	SAMAO ☆			Live Music		
Sun 25	11am	COFFEE CONCERT: ACADELLA BELLAS ☆			Live Music		
	5pm	DARK DEEDS ☆			Live Performance		
Tue 27	7.15pm	ROYAL BALLET: BEETHOVEN CENTENARY ☆☆☆			Live Stream		
Wed 28	2pm & 7.30pm	THE MERCY ★			Biography	2018	124
Thu 29	2pm	THE MERCY ★			Biography	2018	124
	7.30pm	QUANTICK'S QUIN ☆			Quiz Event		
Fri 30	2pm	THE MERCY ★			Biography	2018	124
	7.30pm	WENDY MAY'S LOCOMOTION ☆			Music Event		
Sat 31	2pm & 7.30pm	THE SHAPE OF WATER ★			Fantasy	2017	115Mins
Sun 1	1pm & 4pm	THE SHAPE OF WATER ★			Fantasy	2017	115

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