



DORSET HOUSE SCHOOL

SUMMER TERM REVIEW 2017



From the Headmaster

Dear Parents,

It is five years ago that the country was getting ready to host the 2012 London Olympics; some of you, particularly in the older year groups, will remember the anticipation and excitement. I just want to spend a moment recalling, for me, one of the most inspiring races.

It was the 800m final and it was won by Kenyan athlete, David Rudisha in a world record time of 1 minute 40.9 seconds, the first time that the 1 minute 41 barrier had been broken. That was amazing, but also running in that final was British athlete, Andrew Osagie. He finished 8th in that race and yet his time of 1:43.77 was a world record for the eighth-placed finisher in an Olympic 800m final and made him the 4th fastest GB 800m runner of all time. His time would have won the gold medal in the previous 3 Olympic finals. Andrew Osagie may not have won gold, but he produced an extraordinary personal performance, bettering any previous time that he had run.

As the silverware at Prizegiving, and conversations with colleagues demonstrate, there have been some fantastic achievements at DH this year. To everyone who received an award, whether it recognised a special talent, academic brilliance – or a superhuman effort – and those who did not; I want us to remember that you don't always have to come first or win a prize to be a success.

During a meeting with some prospective parents recently, I was asked what the school's KPI's were (Key Performance Indicators); after getting over my relief that I knew what KPI's were, my answer was simple... happy children and that for me, ultimately, has to be the most important thing. I wrote to you all in May, updating you on the exciting current and planned developments at DH. These are underpinned by our new whole school principle of "be the best that you can be". We are not entering into a facilities arms race with other prep schools, instead we are improving what we already have, we are looking at all aspects of the school and asking the question: 'How can we do things better?'

As an aside, as you know, we are re-constructing our menus and if two children in the pre-prep are to be believed, this is most certainly needed. A while ago, we received an email from a concerned parent asking for a copy of the menu because, according to her little ones, all they had to eat at school was tomato ketchup!

The principle of "being the best you can be" is also pivotal for the children; it covers all aspects of their school life and their personal development. It is not necessarily about being the best or number one, we have started asking them, for

example, 'How can you be the best friend you can be? How can you better your last set of exam results and even 'How can you help to make the world a better place to live in?' We want to be as good as we can be, and as good as any school can be, but this isn't about being 'better' than others. Competition is good as it reflects the world in which we live, but competition with oneself is more effective; success will happen if concentration is focused upon "being the best you can be".

This is certainly true of our Year 8 leavers who encapsulate exactly why, I believe, the final two years at prep school are so valuable. They have come a long way since the end of Year 6 and are now ready and although they may not admit it, I think more than a little sad to be leaving DH. As a group they have gained scholarship and academic success, but more than that they have matured into confident young people who, I think are more than capable of holding their own when they get to their senior schools.

I would like to thank you as parents for your constant support and for trusting us with the huge responsibility of the education of your children. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for giving us feedback via the recent parent survey; we had an 87% response. It is always heartening and welcome to have positive feedback but equally as important are your constructive comments and perceptions, which are extremely valuable in helping us improve as a school. The request for holiday boarding and cask ales at Parents' match tea will not, however, feature prominently in my development plan!

In the words of the well-known philosopher and sage, Bruce Lee: 'If you always put limits on everything you do, physical and anything else, it will spread into your work and into your life. There are no limits. There are only plateaux, and you must not stay there, you must go beyond them.'

I hope you all have a wonderful summer break.

Matt Thomas



Focus On...Extra-Curricular

At DH, we offer a wide range of extra-curricular activities. Some of these dovetail with or enhance subjects already covered within the curriculum and some provide an introduction to areas which children go on to enjoy at senior school and beyond.

Apart from the enrichment element, the importance of activities with regard to applications to Senior Schools and later, to university should not be underestimated. Indeed in a recent survey of 63 university admissions teams, commissioned by the gap-year provider, World Challenge, some 59% said that evidence of extra-curricular activities has become more pivotal in their decision-making. They are obviously focussing on academic achievement but at a time when many candidates achieve the same high grades at A Level, evidence of additional skills and interests are invaluable.

On our new website, (to be launched in September), we will feature a description of each of the activities we offer and of course, parents can speak to activity leaders, all of whom are well-qualified and experienced in their fields. Children are also welcome to experience a 'taster' session before committing to joining a group.

Next term, we will be adding Experimental Photography and Print Making, and Engineering Club to our repertoire - bringing the total number of activities offered to 16: Ballet, Band Project, Cookery, Cricket, Engineering, Experimental Photography, Football, Gymnastics, Judo, LAMDA, Mandarin, Multi-Sports, Performing Arts, Riding, Tennis and Yoga.

Our Leadership programme further enhances the children's all-round education fostering the teamwork and organisational skills which many employers now seek. (See Page 6 for details of this term's Leadership events).



Band Project offers the opportunity to perform outside school and complements school music

Entrepreneurship is also encouraged with our Year 8s always set a challenge post-CE. Last year, they had to plan a wedding and this year, it was a world cruise. As a small school, we are able to react to the children's own ideas in terms of entrepreneurship. This might be anything from organising a cake or craft sale for charity or, as happened this term, a pupil offering an aerial photograph of the school for sale, (which he took using a drone and which he markets via a website). (See overleaf).

When looking at scholarships, senior schools may look for evidence of participation in extra-curricular activities. Indeed, the prestigious Millennium Scholarship to Brighton College includes an element of 'Service' alongside Academic and Sporting or Musical achievement and three DH pupils have been successful in achieving this award, having organised collections of food and warm clothing for 'Off the Fence' - a Brighton-based charity.

Sarah O'Brien

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FEAST – Summer Update

When Father David Twinley first approached me about joining forces with FEAST last summer, I thought that it would be a brilliant opportunity for our children to make links with other children, less fortunate than themselves, and to contribute to a charity where they could actually see the difference that they were making to specific peoples' lives. The reality of having to meet our commitment to raise £800 a year (£100 for each of the eight Indian children we are sponsoring) did, however, fill me with trepidation. I need not have worried – pupils and parents at DH have risen to meet the challenge with enormous generosity and enthusiasm.

At the time of writing, we have not only raised the £800 needed for this year but will start in September 'in credit' thanks to the money raised by Charity Day.

Obviously, everyone has been involved but I would like to take this opportunity to pick out a few individual efforts from this term:

Inigo Portman and **William Featherstone** (Year 7) raised just over £150 by organising a raffle for two brand new fidget spinners.

The boys made posters advertising their fund-raising event and sold tickets to pupils across the school. The current craze for fidget spinners meant that their final total far exceeded the boys' expectations.

Father Jeremias visited Dorset House earlier in the term to thank the children at Dorset House for their support. As a result of what he had to say and some photos of 'our' Indian students in school, **George Redgrove** (Year 3) donated £20 of his own money – he actually wanted to give all his savings but we managed to persuade him to keep some back for himself! **Archie Cox** (Year 6) took aerial photos of DH with his drone and raised £20 for FEAST by selling one to the Headmaster!

And finally, **Ollie Godfrey** (Year 3) teamed up with his younger brother **Henry** (Year 1) in half term and the two boys spent a day selling drinks and other items from a stall outside their house. They raised just over £10 and inspired two other girls in Year 3 to issue the 'DH Summer Challenge' – encouraging every pupil in the school to find an enterprising and imaginative way of raising a little money for FEAST over the summer holidays.

Good Luck everyone! We look forward to hearing about what you have achieved when we come back in September.

Laura Hutchings

Prep

Who stole Dr Medley's Doughnut?

Year 6 returned from Christ's Hospital full of excitement after a wonderful Forensic Science Day. Pupils had the opportunity to learn and to use some scientific techniques which enabled them to solve a crime (and provide evidence in a Court of Law)

Evidence was collected and analysed in each of the Physics, Chemistry and Biology Labs. Tests included chromatography of ink samples, refraction tests on glass, finger print tests, pH tests on powder, flame tests on powder, microscopic analysis and blood testing.

Lancing Science Challenge

Special congratulations to the 9 Year 6 pupils who took part in this year's Lancing College science challenge and to Sebastian Darmon in particular as he won the Chemistry prize.

Positive comments were made about how well the DH pupils worked in each of their groups. We hope some of them will become our country's scientists and engineers of the future!

Paul Keane

Year 4

Year 4 have enjoyed a very busy term covering two topics which would not usually overlap: The Tudors and India. As ever with Year 4, this has involved bringing the subjects to life.

Mrs Athron visited to teach the children about the design of packaging for their own tea brands and Mrs Featherstone brought some Indian costumes into school including a wedding dress.



The children dressed up and as the Headmaster was passing, he did too. Year 4 found out how the church changed over Tudor times with a visit to St Nicholas' church. Reverend Twinley showed the different clothes worn and told the children how the services and building changed. Paloma found the Demon Traps really interesting. It was at this point that the two topics merged as the children had a brilliant time riding round Arundel in a Tuk-Tuk. Back at DH, the children cooked a curry and samosas. Arya said that it was great because you were able to eat the food afterwards.



Izzy loved chopping the vegetables and Lucy said that the samosas were hard to make as the pastry was so thin but they tasted 'really yummy.' The final trip of the year was to the Mary Rose in Portsmouth.

The ship was really spectacular and all the children were impressed. The cannon drill was fun and some children proved to be excellent master gunners as they had suitably loud voices. The surgeon's instruments obviously captured the attention of a lot of the children. **Janet White**

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Brecon Adventure

We arrived at the Bunkhouse packed full of energy and awaiting adventure. We set off on a huge walk up the largest mountain in southern Wales – Pen y Fan. We started the walk and as we got further up the mountain it started to get very windy – strong enough to sweep us off of our feet. The views at the top were stunning. There was a place with a stone which you wedged coins in and there was a monument to a five year old boy who went up and never came back. When we arrived back all our energy had gone. We had chicken korma for dinner with sticky rice which was almost as good as school food! We went to bed and fell into a deep sleep.

The next day we went rock climbing at a derelict quarry and we went into a really dark tunnel that trains used to go through – we had never seen anything as dark. The guide asked us if we wanted the light on. Most of us said yes – but it still got turned off!

After that we went gorge walking. The water was as cold as ice and we sat under a waterfall – it was amazing. This experience was great fun and brought our class closer together.

Katie Athron, Monty Burr, Archie Cox, Sebastian Darmon, Bruno Heggie, David Morley, Cosmo Portman, Natalya Smith and Maisie Taylor

Snowdon Expedition

Truth be told, it was a long journey in the minibus to North Wales! By the time we arrived at The Snowdonia Centre, a 19th century coach house at the bottom of Mount Snowdon, both the Bursar and the HM were suffering with an acute case of ‘Radio-1-itis’.



We were met by our two instructors, who duly whisked us off gorge walking up a boulder-strewn river bed, replete with caves and waterfalls. After an ‘indoor BBQ’, it was time to retire to the dorms in preparation for an early start the following day.

A cockerel crowed and the rugged crags of Tryfan’s North Ridge beckoned; listed by the British Mountaineering Council as *“The most famous route...: a long and thrilling grade one scramble.”* In perfect conditions, it is technically challenging; add to that oven-like temperatures and relentless sun it becomes just plain challenging. Most of the group spent a decent amount of time outside their comfort zones, but they supported, encouraged and cajoled each other all the way to the twin monoliths of Adam and Eve (Siôn a Siân in Welsh); Shackleton would have been proud of the leadership qualities in evidence.

That evening could only be described as picturesque; sitting round a fire pit eating ‘s’mores’, listening to music, singing and telling rather dubious jokes.

The next day, it was Mount Snowdon’s turn to be conquered. The 1,085-metre pyramidal peak had a very different idea as to what weather it would throw at us, however; optimistically sunny at the bottom, turning to grey mizzle and then cumulonimbus interior. It was a rather bizarre sight to see approximately five hundred people trying to cram themselves into the Summit Café, most of whom had caught the train up and were not dressed for the mountains. Our lunch break allowed enough time for a rather unfriendly weather front to roll in. High winds and torrential rain did nothing to dampen the DH spirit, however; during the trek down the Pyg Track back to the Centre, morale was high despite being cold and utterly soaked; there was singing, not moaning...

After getting dry and warm again, it was time for leadership exercises and team-building games; who would have thought that competitively horizontally raising and

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lowering a pole as a team and threading a group through a string loop could be so much fun!
Many thanks to Mr Owens, Miss Thorburn and Mr White for giving up their time to accompany the trip. I would like to finish off by saying that it was a genuine and absolute pleasure taking the Year 7s away; they did themselves and DH proud!

Matt Thomas

What Year 7 thought:

'We got better at working as a team and helping each other'

Hugo Ormerod

'I think that this was a very good character building and leadership exercise. The weather [on the mountain] was so miserable that people could have got irritated and argued but they stayed cheerful.'

Tom Saunders

'Snowdon helped me to conquer my fear of heights.'

Lilia Gosden

'As well as enjoying it, I think that it was really character building, a great experience and really challenging. It helped us individually and as a class.'

Jenna Jackson

'It was such fun and a real adventure.'

Orla Williamson

'From this experience we learnt to always check everyone is okay, and to help and support everyone – even if they are on the other team!'

William Featherstone

'I learnt that if you can help each other and work as a team, anything can be conquered.'

Inigo Portman

Skern Lodge

After already getting the hang of kayaking in the pool and in the river, we all travelled to the beach and carried our kayaks to the sea.

First the instructor demonstrated to us how to catch a wave so we all got into partners and began the activity. It was difficult at first because the waves kept on catching the side of the kayak which made us all capsize. But eventually we got the hang of things and rode some good waves.

Afterwards we walked back to the bus to collect our surfboards. Everyone except Hayward had been surfing before which was a good start. We went into the sea with our boards and saw some spectacular waves. We all caught some amazing waves and actually managed to stand up on most of them.



It was so much fun and we were surprised that most of us had never done it before.

Benny Athron and Monty Gambetta

On Sunday morning we did the obstacle course. First we did a small team challenge. The challenge consisted of going down a zip wire and placing a cone into two different tyres. If the cone landed in the big tyre, 5 points were rewarded, but if it landed in the small tyre only 1 point was rewarded. Team 2 were winning by far as they all went for the bigger tyre but Team 1 took more risks. Near the end the gap was far but because of Cameron's good shot into the smaller tyre Team 1 won!

Next we split into two groups and we went around in different directions. The event was not a race but the group who touched the ground most, lost. Team 1 realized Mr Baldwin had no sense of balance what so ever. We were very unimpressed! In the end team 2 won with 2 touches. Team 1 lost with 10 touches, mostly because of Mr Baldwin! There were a lot of challenging obstacles on the course but everyone did well and work well in their teams. We think the instructor was greatly impressed, but who knows!
Rib Ride

On Sunday morning we went on a rib ride. Again we were split into our teams as the rib could only take 8 people. The team onshore bought ice creams and visited local corner stores. We were taken out to sea, which is rare because the weather has to be perfect. The instructor went full speed and when we found stiller water he did doughnuts and fast turns and twists. Overall Year 8 agreed it was our favourite activity. We also saw a rare mirage of an island out at sea.

Catherine Morley, Katherine Edge and Molly Thornton

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'Ye Ha!'

Year 3 and 4 went to the Wild Wild West for their summer production of 'Ye-Ha!'. The play was full of all-singing, all dancing cowboys, baddies, Native Americans and even a barber shop quartet. There was a no-good gang causing havoc in Splodge City and it was up to the new sheriff, Wilbur, to sort them out once and for all. Howling Mad Dog McNut was working in secret for the crooked Mayor, Mr Tex Truman, who was after the gold buried under the town. In the end they discovered Mayor Truman's intentions and all was put right in Splodge City. **Sarah Hobrow**



Pre-Prep



A Sunny Term

Reception have enjoyed their first year at DH and have been out and about a great deal during this term. Sometimes this has been on site—in particular in the Walled Garden (see above) They supported their learning about Water with a visit to Arundel Wetlands where they saw lots of wetland birds and their young. The children drifted quietly amongst the reeds on the boats and loved visiting the hides to use their binoculars. Good twittering all around! They enjoyed the workshop, learning about how the birds eat and then spent lots of time enticing them to show us as we had lots of grain to share. Term ended with a Pirates and Mermaid/Mermen treasure hunt around the school. Here we are in the office.

Janet Maultby

P.S. You can see some of our Artwork on Page 12



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'Science is Cool!'

Pupils from Reception to Year 3 were divided into mixed age groups and spent a lovely morning working in the lab and Pre-Prep classrooms on a variety of activities.

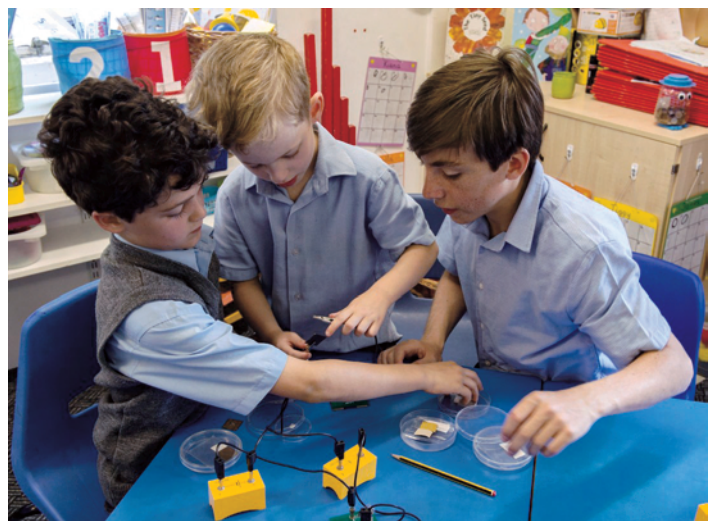
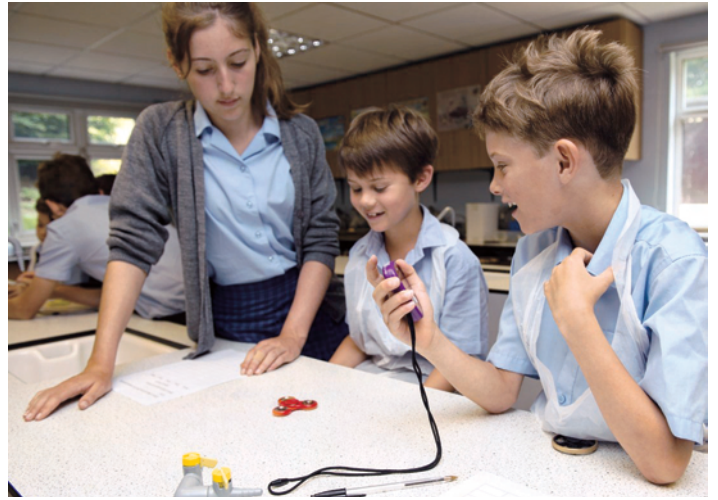
Comments such as "wow this is fun" and "science is cool" could be heard from excited pupils.

Activities included: separating salt from rock salt, testing everyday household chemicals to see if they were acid, alkali or neutral, testing the elastic strength of a spring and elastic band, using chromatography to separate a mixture of dyes and inks, investigating conductors and insulators of electricity. In the lab pupils investigated the velocity of fidget spinners and looked at the factors that affect the speed of a rocket using vitamin C tablets!! The pupils loved wearing their white coats for the more messy experiments.

Year 8 were on hand to run the whole event and supervising staff were very pleased at how patient they were with the younger pupils. They helped explain their discoveries and conclusions in a very professional way.

A special thanks to Year 8 and all staff who helped make this a very successful morning.

Sarah Hobrow



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Let's Go!

Year One came up with their own name for this term's topic about transport and journeys– Let's Go! We have enjoyed stories such as The Snail and the Whale and Oi! Get Off Our Train and written recounts of exciting journeys we have experienced ourselves. We went on a fast-paced, imaginary horse and carriage ride around the woods and playing fields – although we didn't have to imagine what it would be like to travel in bad weather as it poured with rain and we all got a soaking as we galloped back to Champs. We had a fabulous finish to our topic with a trip to The Bluebell Railway. It was a beautiful sunny day – just right for a steam train ride and picnic lunch (with ducks!). The children enjoyed the engine shed and museum and were able to stand on the footplate and see the hot coal glowing in the firebox.

Karen Bentley



African Adventure

Year 2 have spent an exciting term looking at the continent of Africa with the focus for the second half of term being Kenya. They have spent some time making masks, collars, silhouette pictures and printing on fabric as well as studying different countries and people. In ICT the children created, animated and then presented a PowerPoint to the rest of the class with the theme of Africa.

Sasha Place



Sport

Rounders

Rounders this term has produced rather a mixed bag of results. With glorious weather throughout, it was a nice change for most of the matches organised to go ahead. The U9As improved their fielding and batting skills throughout the season and had good wins against Pennthorpe and Lancing Prep at Hove. The last fixture of the season was against Bury Junior School where the girls had fun playing against a mixed team and realising just how far boys can hit the ball! The Most Improved Player for the U8s was awarded to **Bibianna Matthews** and the U8 Player of Season was awarded to **Eva Elliott**. The U9 Most Improved Player was awarded to **Izzy Hodgson** and the U9 player of season was given to **Lauren Wilkins**. The U10s worked tremendously hard throughout and played superbly well at the Windlesham Tournament, beating St. Andrew's and Oakwood but sadly losing to Westbourne in the quarter finals. The U10 Most Improved Player was awarded to **Matilda Simpson** and the U10 Player of Season given to **Phoebe Hughes**. The U11s faced some tough matches during the season but played with a positive approach and improved immensely. The U11 Most Improved Player was awarded to **Viola Rowell** and the U11 Player of the Season given to **Maisie Taylor**. The U12s played exceptionally well in the Handcross Park tournament, beating Lancing Prep at Worthing to reach the final of the Plate but just missed out against Handcross Park and finished Runners' Up. However, the U12s, playing as U13Bs, faced some tough games against Year 8 girls but with strong batting and fielding performances from **Amity Blowey**,

Orla Williamson and **Jenna Jackson**, their matches went from strength to strength throughout the term. The U13As were successful against Lancing Prep at Hove, Bedales and Lancing Prep at Worthing, displaying some great batting from **Catherine Morley** and fielding from **Amelia Barkes** and **Molly Thornton**. The U13 Most Improved Player was awarded to **Coco Heggie** and the U13 Player of the Season went to **Amelia Barkes**. Dorset House hosted the first Old Girls v Present Girls rounders match on Sunday, 25th June. It proved a great success with the 'Old Girls' winning 16.5 – 12. Top scorers were **Flossie Blowey** for the Old Girls and **Amity Blowey** for the Present Girls.



Athletics

The first athletics match of the term was in May against Prebendal School. The torrential rain didn't dampen the Dorset House athletes spirits and it was great to see so many successes. In the sprints, **Hamish Skinner** came first in the 75m, **Phoebe Hughes** and **Ben Saunders** won the 100m and **Lauren Wilkins** and **Hamish Skinner** won the 200m. In the middle distance events **Lauren**

Wilkins won the 600m whilst **Sean Scrase**, **Ella Lawson** and **Tom Saunders** came first in their respective 800m races. In the field events Dorset House swept the board in the long jump with **Ben Saunders**, **Phoebe Hughes**, **Flora Skinner**, **Ollie Christiansen**, **Lauren Wilkins** and **Hugo Ormerod** all winning their category, and **Monty Burr** came first in the shot. To finish the evening off, the U10 and U12 girls and boys won their relays. On Thursday 18th May, DH hosted their second U9 athletics track meeting. With eight schools each entering four boys and four girls into the competition, there was a great atmosphere. DH athletes displayed some potential talent and the outstanding performances came from **Hamish Skinner** in winning the hurdles and **Finn Blunden-Hare** the 200m. The Dorset House girls and boys also won their respective relays. **Flora Skinner** came second in the 200m and **Sofia Thompson** came second in the 75m to add to Dorset House's success. Dorset House girls were delighted to win the overall Girls Trophy, **Prebendal** came second and **Great Ballard** third. The Boys Trophy was also won by DH, **Prebendal** also second and **Lancing Prep at Hove** coming third. It was a wonderful afternoon and a huge well done to all the athletes. Towards the end of term, DH took 20 pupils to the Area Athletics Championships at **Hurst School**. With hot competition as well as hot weather, the athletes performed well. The most notable individual achievements were gained by **Ben Saunders** and **Phoebe Hughes** who both came third in the long jump and **Ella Lawson** who came third in the high jump. The highlight of the afternoon was when Dorset House U11 girls; **Ella Lawson**, **Phoebe Hughes**, **Molly Ormerod** and

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Matilda Simpson stormed around the track to pick up the gold in the relay. A group of Dorset House athletes competed in the Year 5-8 Area Athletic Championships at the K2 in Crawley. It was a tough day and all DH competitors tried hard. **Tom Saunders** came second in triple jump and **Sam Green** second in discus. **Monty Burr** came a creditable third in shot. On the track, DH had one finalist - **Alex Leech** came 7th in 100m final. **Sam Green's** throw qualified him to compete in the National IAPS in Birmingham and we wish him all the very best.

Cricket

The 1st XI played some wonderful cricket at times and looked particularly good when bowling and fielding. The side had one of the strongest bowling attacks it has ever had, with the likes of **Benny Athron, Tom Saunders, Charles Anscombe, Monty Gambetta** and **Sam Green**. Between them they picked up 40 wickets throughout the season. Add **Benji Jackson** and **Hugo Ormerod** to this equation and one can see the strength in depth of this team. It was their fine bowling skills and some fantastic fielding, that saw the team to victory against Lancing at Worthing, Prebendal, Seaford and Pennthorpe. Although the batting was not as strong, there were some fine individual performances from **Sam Green, Charlie Manger, Benji Jackson** and **Hugo Ormerod**. With plenty of Year 7s in the side the outlook is promising for next summer! The Colts A had a very good and enjoyable season. They played some fantastic cricket, with everybody in the team contributing at some point to their success. There were wins against Cottesmore, Lancing at Worthing, Duke of Kent and Great Ballard. The champagne moment goes to Seb Darmon for his outstanding catch which will live long in the memory. Cosmo Portman led the team very well, and also contributed the most runs, scoring two fifties during the course of the season. Ben Chaloner was the most consistent bowler and it was fitting that he finished as joint top wicket taker in the school. The 2nds and Colts B teams both grew in confidence as the season progressed. Charlie Woodage put in some fine performances in the 2nds with the bat and earned himself the occasional call-up to the 1st team. In the Colts B Bruno Heggie stood out with some good batting and bowling displays, which helped the side to wins against Belmont, Oakwood and Seaford.



Colts A team: (Back row, left to right: Sean Scrase, Alex Bailey, Ben Saunders, Jack Woodage, Ben Chaloner, Maisie Taylor, Front Row, left to right: Sebastian Darmon, Zachary Alun-Jones, Cosmo Portman, Monty Burr and Charlie Ashworth

The U9As and Bs both made good progress throughout the season. There were some strong batting performances in the A team from **Zach Alun-Jones** and **Isaac Blowey** produced some great bowling.

Greg Weaver

Swimming

Although our children only swim during the summer term, DH does reasonably well against other schools at swimming galas. This may be due to the fact that a large proportion of the pupils swim out of school. This term, we took Year 3 & 4 pupils to Handcross Park for a swimming match and had some pleasing individual performances:- **Xander Boyce** not only swam the very challenging Individual Medley as his first race but came second in the U8 Freestyle event. **Hamish and Flora Skinner** both competed in the Individual Medley, the two length Freestyle and the relays. **Jay and Ollie Christiansen, Rowan Byrne** and **Lucy Featherstone** all finished second in their individual events.

Sport

Sports Day

The climax of the athletics season was Sports Day, held on Saturday 1st July in fine weather. This year we combined Years 3 and 4 with the Years 5 to 8. All the pupils competed in at least three events and they also had time to cheer on their siblings and classmates. With the track and field events running throughout the morning, there was a lot of action and some outstanding performances. In total there were 11 school records broken.

Field event records:

Katherine Edge in Javelin,

Molly Thornton in Shot

Matilda Simpson in Rounders Ball Throw

Verity Leggett in Long Jump

On the track we saw four new records for the 60m hurdles (previously 75m) in different age groups from:

Alice Crowley

Ben Saunders

Molly Thornton

Monty Gambetta.

Phoebe Hughes in 100m & 200m

Catherine Morley in 100m

Lauren Wilkins in 600m

Amelia Barks in 800m

Verity Leggett in 200m

There were also records broken in the relays with Munro now holding the junior boys' record, Sims the intermediate girls' and Hutchinson the intermediate boys' record. It was a great day and a huge well done to all the pupils.

Susan Wightman



Sport



Triathlon

We entered five pupils into the IAPS Triathlon Championships, held at Dulwich School in June. In the Year 5 event which consisted of 120m swim, 2000m cycle and 1200m run, **Ella Lawson** came a fantastic fifth and **Ben Saunders** 27th out of a field of 76 athletes. In the Year 7 event which consisted of 200m swim, 4000m cycle and 1800m run **Jenna Jackson** came 12th, **Tom Saunders** 17th and **Benji Jackson** 24th. A great achievement by all.

Other News



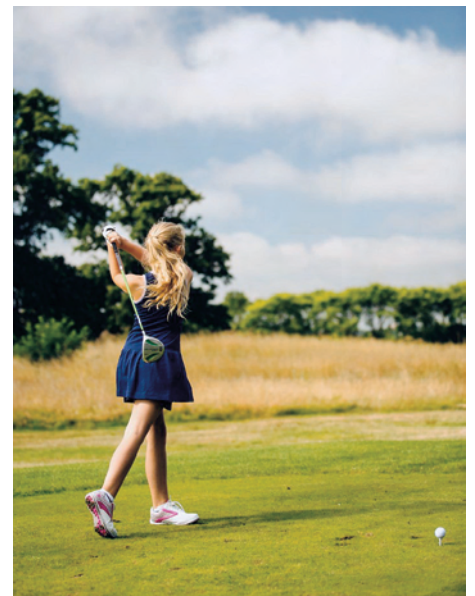
Rose-Marie Moncrieffe – (Year 6) has won the U11 Girls British Schools Cycling Association (BSCA) national championships 'Best All Rounder' (BAR) competition 2016/17. Over the year, she has been competing against girls in her age group from schools across the country as part of a national series of cycle racing disciplines including: Cyclo-Cross, Hill-Climb Time Trial; Hard Track Omnium; Grass Track Omnium and Mountain Bike.

Following trials in November, **Jack Woodage** (Year 5) has been selected to play football for the South Central Prep School Squad representing the UK in the largest international youth tournament, The Gothia Cup. In July, Jack will travel to Gothenburg, Sweden. Whilst playing 'up' a year, he is the youngest member of the U11 squad. His first matches will be against teams from Sweden, Jerusalem and France.



Additionally, **Charlie Manger, Charlie Woodage, Tom Saunders, Benji Jackson** and **Hugo Ormorod** will also be returning to Sweden to play in the U12 groups which will consist of 168 teams from 37 different countries.

Xander Boyce in Year 3 has continued with his tennis success in both the 8 & under and 9 & under categories. This term he has played 25 matches and he has won 20 of them and has done well in his tournaments. In April, Xander won the County level Pavilion and Avenue Spring Tennis Open 2017, Hove (U8). In June, he won his first grass tournament in the regional South East Junior Tour at West Worthing Club for U9s and was runner up in South East Tournament at Angmering on-Sea Lawn Tennis Club (U8). There are lots more matches and tournaments this summer so hopefully some more successes to come.



Natalya Smith in Year 6 has been playing golf at Goodwood since February 2015. She has made a great start and is already making huge strides in her lessons every Saturday morning and then playing in the Junior League from the Ladies tees every Sunday afternoon. Natalya is the only girl in a group of 10 boys and is regularly beating them in their competitions. She has also featured in a number of posters promoting Goodwood Golf.

Other News

Dance

Miranda Labuschagne, former principal ballet dancer, teaches the Cecchetti method of Ballet which is a technique and rigorous training method devised by the Italian ballet master and pedagogue Enrico Cecchetti (1850—1928). Children are encouraged to develop self-esteem, musicality and creativity through their dancing; leading to a 'joy of dance'. They are encouraged to take exams and have the opportunity to showcase their talents and performance skills at the annual Summer Show in Chichester. *Here are Molly Ormerod, Eliza Hayward, Emilie Manger and Phoebe Hughes enjoying the show.*



Showjumping

All the children have competed at some point during this academic year. The DH team comprises: **Sebastian and Sean Scrase, William Dales, Verity Leggett, Alice and Bella Crowley, Vicky, Bella and Saffy Rowell, Harry Wilkins** and newest starters **Matilda Simpson and Anaïs Hafner**.

Some exciting moments were had by **Lauren Wilkins** and **Alice Crowley** who rode brilliantly to qualify for the National Championships to be held next term. I wish them lots of luck for that event.

All the children have a wonderful team spirit and I think will be very successful with their new manager Vicki Wilkins and assistant Tamsin Simpson. **Alison Leggett**

We cannot let this moment pass without saying a huge 'thank you' to Alison Leggett who introduced Showjumping to DH and who has worked so hard on the organisation of many events.



Art & DT



Smoking Pots

We made thumb pots. I decorated mine by splashing slip onto the pot. This meant that the smoke couldn't get to the pot, leaving it white. The pots were fired in dustbins. We crunched up newspaper and put it into the bins with the pots. Then we lit it. When we took the pots out and put them in the water they sizzled. We washed the slip off and some parts were white. These were our designs. **Tom Saunders (Year 7)**



Art & DT

Annual Exhibition

Throughout the year, children enjoy seeing one another's art work displayed in the Dining Room.

However, everyone looks forward to the Art and DT exhibition which takes place alongside the Summer Concert.

This gives children, staff and parents the opportunity to see what pupils have been creating over the past few months.

Mrs Harrison and Mrs Farley put in a huge amount of effort to display work produced by pupils from Reception to Year 8. The results are always striking and this year was no exception.

Some of this work is to go on display at a 'pop up' gallery in Petworth over the summer. The exhibition runs from July 15th to the 19th, in The United Reformed Church, Golden Square, Petworth. The organiser, Christine Parker came to our exhibition and remarked, 'in fact I found it difficult to believe the all work was done by youngsters under the age of 13.'



Boat Lamps

Year 8 have worked very hard over their final year creating these wonderful lamps. The starting point was looking at work by a German Ceramic Artist called Christina Weise. It has been an excellent project to include art and DT skills with both rooms being a hive of activity. There have been many stages to this project and before beginning the final hulls, sails and bases Year 8's have drawn and made torn paper collages, made models, tested pieces of clay for texture and colour and tried different treatments on the metal.

Their final results are outstanding and we hope everyone in Year 8 is proud of their work.

Wendy Farley



Music

During the first half of term, our younger choristers were lucky enough to attend two events outside school. Year 5 went to the Lancing Chorister Experience and Year 6 and 7 enjoyed a day out at Brighton College's new Music School.

The latter half of the Summer term in Music is all about preparation for the concert, as well as music grades. It's a fun and exciting time, as well as being a lot of hard work! As a child, I remember my predecessor arranging *Nessun Dorma* for the choir, which at the time was the theme music for the World Cup (remember that – Italia '90!?!), and how excited we all were to learn and perform the piece. This year we had a Kiwi Haka performed by Mr Berkley's drummers, a nice nod to the Lions tour, and a fortunate twist of fate saw us choose two pieces by Glastonbury's Sunday headliner Ed Sheeran (the songs were chosen and arranged before the festival line-up was announced!). Garry Barlow has been on our screens a great deal in the last few years, and while it may be the parents' generation that experienced Take That the first time round, our children certainly enjoyed performing the whole-school song too. Who is to say whether the music being 'relevant' to the children gives them a greater connection? Perhaps it is just a case of a good song is just a good song! A mention to four pupils who were given the coveted solo spots: **Verity Leggett** on the clarinet, **Catherine Morley** on the flute, **Cameron Stevenson** on the bagpipes and **Tom Ellis** on the piano.

P.S. While the programme also featured some Pink Floyd, Lukas Graham, The Beach Boys, ABBA, Metallica (yes, Metallica on four cellos!) we also had Elgar, Purcell, Mozart, Gershwin and Vivaldi which were all equally well received...



Year 5 choristers at Lancing College



Tom Ellis (Year 5), one of our concert soloists

Boarding

Summer Term is busy all round and boarding is no exception! We're enjoying our new surroundings in the boarders' common room as well as being able to use more of the school facilities in this summer weather. The pool has been in almost constant use this term - particularly loved when Miss Oland provides some music! There has also been plenty of opportunity to practice our cricket and rounders skills out on the pitches. We've been on some exciting excursions as well this term. Thursday night boarders went to support Mr Howell and Bognor Regis Football Club at a local match; and get a selfie with the manager! Miss Higham planned a night of exploring and games in the warmer weather at Climping Beach; which the boarders said was a highlight of the term. During the final week, we enjoyed supper cooked by our very own Head of Boarding, **Jasper Kennedy** and a colour run organised by Miss Higham. We also had an exciting boarders' party with the Year 8s going to FlipOut and a water themed party for Years 5 to 7. We're saying 'goodbye' to Miss Higham this term. She has been an excellent addition to the team and has made Wednesday night boarding amazingly popular; she is now moving to a new school where she will be a Year 4 teacher. We wish her good luck and good times ahead. Thank you to all the boarders for such an enjoyable term and we look forward to an exciting autumn term with you and with our new Year 5 boarders.

Milena Thorburn



Other News

Goodbye!

Marian Scott joined the Governing Body in 2010, shortly after retiring as Headmistress of Lavant House School for Girls. It was a particularly apt appointment as we had just made the move to co-education. Marian has been brilliant at focussing on the needs of girls, in curriculum, sports and boarding as well as devoting significant time and support to the Pre-Prep which she visits regularly.

Alan Gordon joined us, even longer ago in 2005, following a distinguished career in the Royal Artillery and then as the Bursar of 'Wolfson College Oxford' where later he was elected Emeritus Fellow. During Alan's time, we have entered into and recovered from the significant downturn in the economy, to build a stronger school. We owe a huge debt of gratitude for all his insightfulness, patience, yes – necessary caution and risk assessment – but fantastic advice and inspiration over the past decade and more. Alan, I know that successive Headmasters have also valued your huge input and your support both behind the scenes and at the many school events which you have attended. We hope to continue to spot you in the audience in the future!

We also bid farewell to **Lucy Oakden** who has been such a help and support to parents - especially in the Pre-Prep and a constantly sunny presence in the Staff Room. We will miss you Lucy and wish you, Monty, Clemmie and James all the very best at Hatherop Castle where James is taking up the position of Deputy Head.

Pippa Higham has spent her PGCE year with us and has been a popular member of the Pre-Prep and of the



Boarding team where her ideas and enthusiasm have been enjoyed by the Wednesday boarders. Miss Higham is taking up the post of Year 4 teacher at Twyford Prep.

And finally...**Jill Bentley**, who 'retired' 18 months ago, has decided to reduce her time at Dorset House further. Jill is our longest serving member of staff - having joined the school in 1981! She has had a hugely positive and lasting influence on the lives of the many children she has worked with in our Learning Development Department.

There are four members of staff who are celebrating anniversaries this year and whose loyalty has seen over 100 years of service between them! **Mr and Mrs White** – have been at DH for 30 years this year, **Mary Lamb**, who also joined us 30 years ago and Paul Keane who joined 25 years ago. Congratulations to all of them and thank you.

Charity Day

The Prep children walked about eight miles over the Downs. They used a map to find the route, followed grid references to locate ribbons for their Houses and solved puzzles for a quiz. Romilly: 'I liked that we worked as a team' Flora (with Mr Nield's group!!): 'When we got lost we went through two fields to get back. Miss Thorburn found the way!'

The Pre-Prep took a slightly shorter route along the riverbank towards Amberley. They had a lovely day and were back at DH in time for a picnic lunch.

Thank you to everyone who sponsored the children. We are still counting as money is still coming in but it looks as though we will have raised well over £1000 for Feast.

Janet White

Parents' Association

Another year done! This year has been a very interesting one from the PA's perspective. We've had changes to the events we organize, been asked our thoughts on how best to assist in fundraising, had the opportunity to work with parents on 2 new events (wine tasting and Love DH) and contribute to a project that we all support 100%, the reading room in the Walled Garden. It's a constant learning curve for us and can occasionally be as frustrating as it is fulfilling. But we've always come back to our remit which is that we are a fundraising body. We are there to raise extra funds for the school in as many fun and helpful ways possible. So that effectively enables us to throw

any frustrations out of the window. Especially when we see the reading room being used and helping so many of the children at DH. The people who are currently on the committee all have many, many other commitments. And I'd like to take this opportunity to thank each of them for being so diligent when it comes to helping to organize the events, emailing parents, rallying the troops in their classes and giving of their time, effort and, occasionally, money. It's been a pleasure working with you and I look forward to another very successful school year.

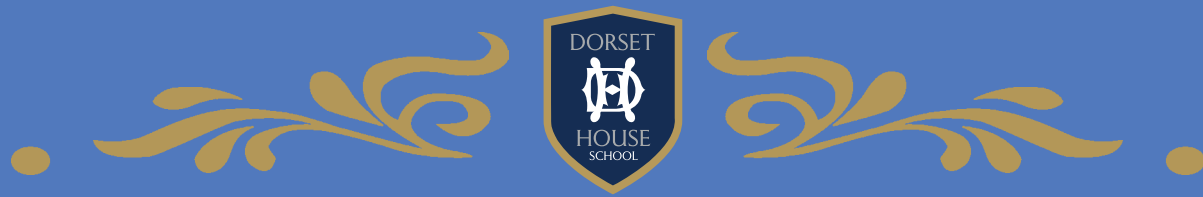
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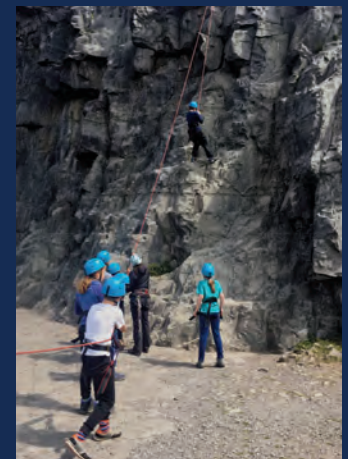
Bury Manor Pre-School



This term the children have been learning about sea creatures. They have been singing new songs about the seaside including an old favourite "Oh, I do like to be beside the seaside", (the best bit being "tiddly om pom pom"!) They have crafted beautiful wooden fish using a hand drill to create an eye, made glittery handprints for their giant fishes' scales and wibbly wobbly jelly fish. They have made good use of the 400m athletics track where they love racing each other and have enjoyed the walled garden and woods where they set free their butterflies which they had watched metamorphosise from the caterpillars that Sam's granny very kindly gave to them. They will end the term with a farm trip and tractor ride and a seaside themed sports day in the summer sun!
Tracey Brooks



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