



## E-NEWS

### END OF SPRING TERM 2022



### CLAREMONT RAISES £9,280 FOR WAR CHILD

At the end of last term, the school united and took part in a peace walk. After multiple fund raising events and an incredible amount of donations from the school community via Just Giving, we are delighted to announce that £9,280.53 has been raised for the Ukraine crisis via charity War Child. Well done to everyone who took part and thank you so much to everyone who donated!

### MATHS CHALLENGE SUCCESS

Both the senior and junior maths challenges took place this half term. The junior challenge involves Years 7 and 8, while the senior one is for Years 10 and 11. This maths competition involves around 650,000 students from around 4,500 schools. Both competitions were hugely successful with students winning a number of gold, silver and bronze awards. In addition to this, 11 pupils from across both challenges made it through to the next round of the challenge, which is stragely called the 'Kangaroo' or the 'Junior Kangaroo' for Years 7 and 8. A special congratulations to Jasper S, Year 11, who qualified for the 'pink Kangaroo'. He achieved such a high score, that he was rewarded with a 'Certificate of Merit'. This is only given to the top 25% of students in this extended challenge.



### OVER HALF OF OUR LAMDA STUDENTS RECEIVE DISTINCTIONS

LAMDA (London Academy of Music & Dramatic Art) examinations were held on February 21 2022, however this half term, we received the results. We are extremely pleased with how well the students have performed in this examination session especially as for many of them it was their first LAMDA examination. Over the half the students (16) achieved Distinctions, which is a grade over 85%. Within the Distinctions group, 7 students achieved over 90%. A very impressive result. While everyone who participated received amazing results, a special congratulations goes to Year 7 Ben M, who got 98% in Grade 3 Verse and Prose Year 7, as well as Year 10 Ava P who got 91% at Bronze which is an incredible achievement.

# LAMDA

We are delighted to report that the number of students enrolled in LAMDA has gone from 18, when Mrs Zolinski first returned to teaching in person, to 45, as we go into the third term! It is lovely to see so many pupils participating and gaining confidence through LAMDA.



## SPIRITED ARTS COMPETITION

Our spirited arts competition returned this year. It is designed to encourage students to use multiple materials to make an art piece that combines creativity with theology. We had many impressive entries but the theology department could only choose one winner. Congratulations to Orla MC who came first place with her 3D whale interpretation piece! A special well done to Yael M, Maya K, Poppy B and Camila T who came 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th. The gallery below shows the winning piece and the runners up work. Well done to everyone who entered.



## STRING TEA

On Wednesday 26 May we held a whole school string tea event for parents and visitors. It was a delight to see fourteen pupils from across all three schools participate and celebrate music through their individual talents. This event was the latest in our series of instrumental teas. String instruments were showcased on this occasion in the Great Room in the mansion.

All the performers did exceptionally well, including the Senior School quartet. Many thanks to all those involved in making this a very enjoyable afternoon and many congratulations to our talented students, who continue to be inspired by our team of most skilled peripatetic tutors.





## CAREERS EVENING

Careers evening for our Years 10 – 13 was a huge success! Thank you to everyone who attended the event on 28 April 2022. It was the first in person careers evening since 2019, so thank you for your support and enthusiasm. We were able to invite a wide range of career representatives from, vets to DJs, engineers to lawyers... to name a few. The evening was widely attended by students and parents from Years 10-13 and included external speaker, Jane Marshall who helped demystify the UCAS process.

If you would like to contact any speakers to ask them additional questions or know someone who would like to be a speaker next year, or have any feedback please contact Ms Rosalind Seabrook (Alumni Officer), [alumni@claremont.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:alumni@claremont.surrey.sch.uk).



## YEAR 11 AND 13 LAST DAY CELEBRATIONS

This term saw the end of an era for many, as Years 11 and 13 move towards the next stage of their lives. GCSEs and A level exams have commenced and in the past few weeks students have suddenly had the realisation that they have had their last few lessons. We weren't going to let our Years 11's and 13's go into their exams without a bang! Both year groups' enjoyed a celebration of all of their hard work. Memory videos, delicious cakes and many hugs were shared. Emotions ran high as Year 11 signed each other's leavers shirts, a testament to the life long friendships that they have made at Claremont. Best of luck with your GCSE and A levels!



# Clubs & Societies



## SWIM CLUB

Our pool has reopened now that the summer term has begun. It is great to see students like Rachel, Calia and Chloe taking part in swim club twice a week where they get to exercise surrounded by beautiful trees, take in fresh air and soak in some sunshine. We can't wait to see our swimmers make a splash in future competitions!

## CHOIR

Choir runs during Friday lunch times, although at a reduced attendance rate, due to pupils taking their GCSE and A Level exams. However, this does not faze those who have joined in, as their voices continue to sound incredible. Recently the choir have been practicing songs and harmonies from the musical Les Miserables and songs by ABBA.





# SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS



Since March we have been taking part in 'Schools Golf Tournament'. We have a small team but the talent has paid off winning at the Frilford Heath competition last week. We took all the prizes at the tournament. Tristan G won over all with 45 points, with Max G coming second on 41 points and Cameron T in third place on 40 points. With the students all scoring, they won 1st place for the team prize. Max G won the competition with 1 over.

Congratulations to Jinny P who has become u14 pairs champion at the 2022 karate GB Open! At the same event, she also became a u12 silver medallist in a field of 25 competitors, as well as a u14 silver medallist, beating girls 2 years older than her. She narrowly missed out on the gold medal by just 0.2 points which is a testament of her talent.



Well done to the Year 7 and 8 girls who made it into the quarter finals of the ISFA U13 Girls Cup South East Qualifier at Alleyns School on Tuesday 10 May. The team were exceptional and unbeaten in the group stages, scoring a staggering 13 goals! Our brilliant girls did not even concede any goals. Well done to all the girls who played, they should be proud of their achievements!



Claremont boys who are part of Old Cranleigh Rugby Club (OC) have had a fantastic season. Three U13 teams made it to the Surrey finals and all of the Claremont boys in the group photo won their respective games. Mr Peacock's U12s won both their Surrey finals games that they took part in as well. In the Autumn, OC will attempt to get as many players onto the first round of trials for Harlequins Developing Player Programme.

Well done to Ruby MG, Year 11, on her dressage achievements! She has had an exceptional run with her horse, Templehill Sky, qualifying and competing in four national championships. In the Easter holidays, she competed in the British Riding Club's Winter Championships at Arena UK. They won their first championship class with a personal best score. They were also a runner up in this event in their second championship class.



Congratulations to Mia B in year 7 for her success in gymnastics! After winning 1st place at the London Regional Championships for Acrobatic Gymnastics on March 27, Mia has been selected to represent the London Region at the National Acrobatic Gymnastics Championships on May 13, 14 and 15 2022. This picture shows her upside down and training very hard. We are very so proud and wish her the best of luck in her competition!



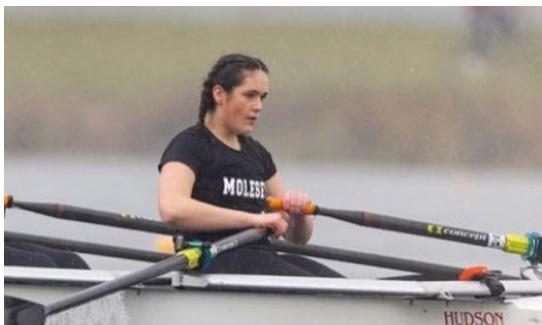
# MORE SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS



Well done to Noah D, who is in year 8, for being selected and representing the ISFA U13 South East football team at this year's Shrewsbury Festival. He participated in this football festival during the Easter holidays. It is a huge achievement to be asked to trial, let alone to be selected and represent Claremont Fan Court as part of the squad.



Congratulations to George L who played in a Middlesex U14 Barbarian rugby team against a touring team of Pontypridd Schools rugby players with the game played at Richmond Rugby club on Saturday 14 May. George was awarded "Man of the match" by the Welsh Coaches and received a team shirt.



Lottie C in Year 9 rowed in the National Schools Regatta on Friday 27 May. She rows in competitions for her club, boat 'WGT'. The event was livestreamed online for supporters to watch remotely. We wish her the best of luck with her upcoming events.



Amazing news from Lucas DLT in Year 8, who has just become Surrey javelin club champion! He threw 41.4 metres which is an incredible achievement.



## ATHLETICS

It has been a pleasure to host several athletics meets this half of the summer term. It is a fantastic opportunity for multiple schools to come together, meet new friends and compete in the glorious sunshine on our bottom field in front of the mansion. The pupils love cheering each other on and getting hyped up for their events by the upbeat music playing. Well done to the Year 7 and 8 boys and girls athletics A teams who came 1st in the competition two weeks ago. A special congratulations to the following pupils for breaking school records.

- Rachel R: New Yr. 8 girls 800m record - 2.34:21
- Lucas DLT: New Yr. 8 boys javelin record - 35.10
- Genna L: New Yr. 8 girls hurdles record - 11.99
- Leo L: Yr. 9 boys 300m - 42.94
- Ben A: Yr. 10 boys 309m - 40.23



## HOUSE UPDATE

With just weeks to go until a champion is crowned, all five houses remain firmly focused on the battle to lift the House Cup this July! Even with exams, the students have still been finding time to clinch some vital final points for their Houses as we enter the final straight of this year's competition!

The Languages Department hosted a fiercely competitive vocabulary showdown, where students between Years 7 and 9 were dabbling in Deutsch, spelling in Spanish and being generally fabulous in French. The focus was also on our photographers, who were out and about in the early summer sunshine to snap some shots of some of the wonderous wildlife that can be found in our own homes!

With just a few weeks left, Stanmore still currently lead in the house standings. However, with the small matter of House Sports Day coming up this half term, and all four houses remaining hot on their heels, anything could happen! Who's going to write themselves into Claremont history books? Will Esher be elevated? Will Norwood nudge in front? Can Radnor rally? Can Longcross lift the cup? Or will it be Stanmore snatching the crown for the first time? You'll just have to wait and see!

# PTA UPDATE

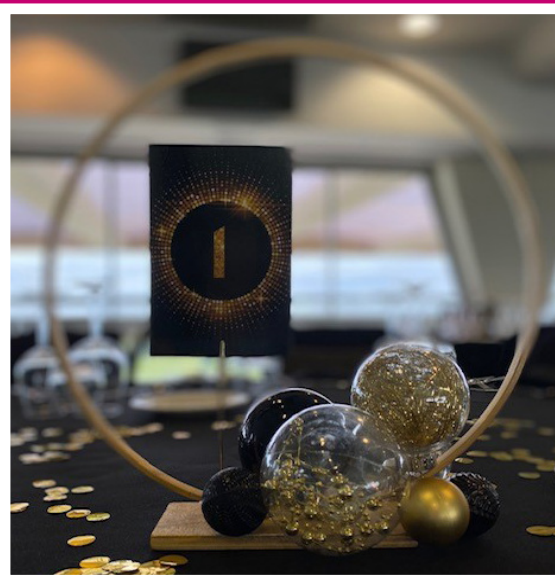
## STUDIO 54 BALL

The Studio 54 Ball took place on Friday 13 May and was a fabulous opportunity for the Claremont community to come together and enjoy the chance to dress up, dance and enjoy being together again. It was wonderful to see so many people embracing the theme, which was beautifully enhanced by the decorations, and having a great night. The band had everyone up and dancing the night away and the casino proved to be very popular.

Our thanks to everyone who bought tickets for the event, took part in the auction and raffle and helped make the evening a great success. So far it looks like we have raised an incredible total of about £11,500 (tbc!).

And our special thanks to all the volunteers who devoted so much time and energy to bring together a night for the whole community to enjoy.

A special thank you to all the parents who helped to organise this huge and fun event. It must have been a lot of hard work and we are sure that the school community greatly appreciate it.



**TICKETS FOR FUTURE PTA EVENTS ARE AVAILABLE AT:** [www.claremontconnect.co.uk/events](http://www.claremontconnect.co.uk/events)