



Oxbridge Offers 2016

Rebecca Irwin

Congratulations to the 14 NHEHS sixthformers who have been offered places at Oxford and Cambridge Universities for September 2016.

This makes NHEHS the top GDST school this year for Oxbridge offers. With offers now flooding in from other very competitive universities NHEHS is also looking set to continue its five-year run as the top GDST school for girls achieving places

at Russell Group universities.

Leila Sackur who has a place at Cambridge to read History spoke for all the girls saying: "When you get the news of course you're excited, and of course there's a bit of relief too, but more than that, it's a feeling of huge satisfaction that something you've worked so hard for, and for so long, is actually finally becoming a reality."

Oxford

Eliza Argyropoulos:	<i>Engineering, Keble</i>
Annazita Barry:	<i>Maths and Computer Science, Worcester</i>
Catherine Farrow:	<i>Chemistry, St Anne's</i>
Sophie Greenstreet:	<i>Biological Sciences, Magdalen</i>
Georgia Lyons:	<i>Spanish and Linguistics, St Peter's</i>
Amy Swift:	<i>Biological Sciences, Lady Margaret Hall</i>
Jessica Wallace:	<i>History, Trinity</i>
Eleanor Williams:	<i>Maths and Computer Science, University College</i>
Rebecca Yates:	<i>Earth Sciences, Open Offer</i>

Cambridge

Grace England:	<i>History, Churchill</i>
Arabella Hull:	<i>History of Art, Gonville and Caius</i>
Naomi Lefroy:	<i>Geography, St Catharine's</i>
Parissa Moghanchi:	<i>Education with Religious Studies, Homerton</i>
Leila Sackur:	<i>History, Murray Edwards</i>

Hosting a Chinese Exchange Student

Mathilde Roca



Initially, I found the prospect of hosting a foreign student quite daunting, not really knowing who I was to going to have to take care of, or how far conversations were going to go (depending on how good their English was)!

However, the moment I met the group, my worries were set aside as I realised that, firstly, their level of English was amazing (much better than my level of

Mandarin!), and secondly, all the girls were extremely kind, funny and open-minded. The two weeks went by in a flash, and they were honestly two of the most exciting weeks of my life!

It was so much fun to share my daily life and habits with them because they were genuinely interested and keen on learning about every aspect of our culture. I also got to practice my

Mandarin from time to time!

Throughout their two weeks at our school, they prepared presentations comparing life in China and in England which they presented on their last day. It was wonderful to see them speak so confidently in front of such a big audience (all of Year 9 and 10).

By the end of the exchange, I made some lovely friends who I am still in touch with, and was also able to ask and learn more about what life is like in China- all I have to do now is go there and experience it for myself! I really looking forward to the day when I do, because being fully immersed in a country really is the best way to learn about its culture and its language.

So, I strongly encourage anyone to host an exchange student in the future to allow them to have this memorable and unique experience. I know I would definitely do it again!

Economics Society

James Adams

On 9 February the Economics Society welcomed Emma Duncan, Associate Editor of *The Economist* and Editor of *Intelligent Life*. She spoke about her role at *The Economist* and the several other posts she has held at the paper, including Deputy Editor, Britain Editor, Asia Editor and Chief Reporter. She also discussed the media business in general and how it has changed during her career.

Chinese Exchange

Katie Swift



This half term we were very excited to welcome 10 Chinese students and 2 teachers to NHEHS for our pilot exchange visit with Beijing No 80 High School.

Firstly, I would like to begin by saying an enormous thank you to the families in Year 11 and the Sixth Form who welcomed these students into their homes and gave them such a lovely introduction to life with an English family. All of the Chinese students are weekly boarders and they were fascinated by the many differences between their life in China and that of a student at NHEHS. It was clear that they are used to working much longer days and rather enjoyed the slightly later start to their mornings as well as the many opportunities for discussion and debate in lessons here.

We arranged a packed programme of activities and lessons for them, so they got a real chance to see how busy but fun life is at NHEHS. As ever, the NHEHS pupils and teachers were incredibly friendly

and welcoming and a buzz of excitement followed the Chinese students wherever they went! Food is always a highlight of life at NHEHS and that was the same for our visitors, who tucked into the offerings at break and lunch with great gusto, as well as enjoying a delicious afternoon tea hosted by Mrs Raraty.

By the end of their stay, their confidence had grown hugely and they even gave an assembly, in English, to Year 9 and 10. Their time with us, which included trips to Oxford and Cambridge and a tour of LSE with one of the student ambassadors, inspired them to think about studying abroad in the future.

It was sad to see them go as they flew back to Beijing to celebrate Chinese New Year but hopefully we have made some lasting friendships and some of our students will want to make the return visit to Beijing in the future!



Young Enterprise

Our teams have been taking their products to a variety of markets and fairs this term.



These give students the opportunity to test their business skills and sell to the public.



Spitalfields Market is the main trade fair for the teams and most London schools participating in the Company Programme were there.



Maths Challenge

On Thursday, 4th February, we had 150 students taking the UK Maths Trust Intermediate Maths Challenge.

Years 9 and 11 took the challenge during their maths lessons and over half of Year 10 came in at 8am in the morning to take part before their school day started and were hard at work before it was really light.

Helen Critcher



Model MUN

LEH was the venue for a Model United Nations Conference held over three days from Friday, 29th to Sunday, 31st January. Our team joined 184 delegates attending the conference, from 17 schools around the UK to represent 43 countries. It was a weekend of enthusiastic and intellectual debate on a range of topics from the question of the development of nuclear energy, in the Special Committee, to the protection of journalists and the issue of impunity in the General Assembly.

Lauren Eells

GDST Young Musician of the Year

Harriet Hardy



On Wednesday 10 February, students from the GDST national network of 24 schools and two academies performed in the final of the GDST Young Musician of the Year competition.

The first stage of the competition took place at Wimbledon High School and NHEHS was represented by Julia Flint (Year 11). Contestants performed in front of a panel of acclaimed judges including award-winning cellist and Oxford High School alumna, Jane Salmon, renowned pianist Peter Hill, and conductor, Hilary Davan Wetton.

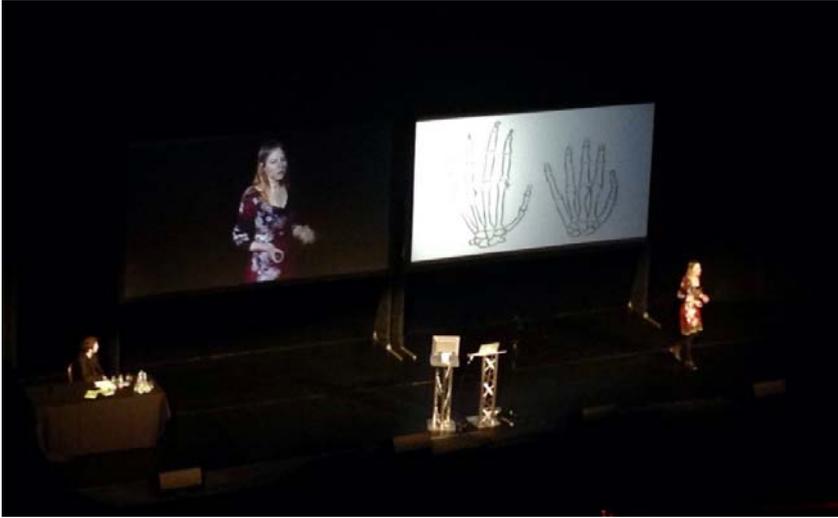
Julia performed the fiendishly difficult Tansman's *Sonatina Allegro and Aria* and Telemann's *Sonata Triste and Vivace*. She played with virtuosity and astonishing technical command.

Unfortunately, Julia did not make it through to the final round. However, she was amongst the youngest competitors on the day and did extremely well to be selected for the competition.

She did however take part in the final performance of the event which took place in the impressive surroundings of St John's Smith Square, one of the country's leading concert venues. This featured a world premiere of a newly-composed piece of music by Grace-Evangeline Mason commissioned especially for the event. Grace won the BBC Young Composer of the Year 2013 and has subsequently had her music played as part of the BBC Proms.

Science Live

Jenny Bushell



On Friday, 29th January, Year 10 attended the 'Science Live' lecture series at the Dominion Theatre, London. We were accompanied on the trip by our visitors from Beijing School Number 80.

We were lucky enough to hear some outstanding science communicators who are experts in their fields. Dr Kate Lancaster began the day by describing the process of nuclear fusion to us – an amazing alternative to fission power which has the potential to release large amounts of energy without creating harmful gases or radioactive

waste. She also outlined the challenges her research group has faced in developing this technology for large scale energy generation.

Professor Mark Miodownik (who presented the Royal Institution Christmas Lectures in 2010 and is the author of popular science book 'Stuff Matters') next challenged us to think about the materials of the future – in particular smart cities and the possibility of constructing materials that mimic living matter by being able to 'heal' themselves.

A highlight of the day was the

opportunity to hear Professor Robert Winston. He fascinated us with a talk about sexual reproduction and human fertility. It was particularly exciting to hear about the IVF fertility process he is famous for having pioneered.

After lunch we heard from Professor Alice Roberts (pictured) who spoke about ways in which we can prove that evolution has happened without using fossil evidence. It was interesting to hear about the DNA which we share with other organisms – even ones such as fish which are very different from us, demonstrating that we share a common ancestor.

We finished with Professor Andrea Sella, who is an incredibly dynamic speaker. He showed us why zebras have stripes, with the help of some surprising chemical reactions and interactive analogies. All in all we had an inspiring and thought-provoking day. Thank you to Ms Johnson, Mrs Duns, Mrs Cranmer, Ms Barbosa and Mrs Maynard for accompanying the trip.

Year 12 Psychology Lectures

Imogen Davies

Year 12 Psychology students attended lectures linked to their course held at the Cambridge University Union. Dr Paul Wilkinson (Dept of Psychiatry and Consultant in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at Cambridge) spoke on Depression and Anxiety, Dr Lucy Cheke (Research Fellow at Girton College) on Memory, and Dr Lucy Blake (By-fellow at Churchill College and Cambridge University Centre for Family Research) on Attachment.

Year 7 Art Trip to Tate Modern

Elisa Cagnino



The Art Department took all girls in Year 7 to the Tate Modern at the beginning of February to visit the exhibition of kinetic sculpture and other work by Alexander Calder.



They were also able to investigate works in the permanent collection including Gustav Metzger's light installation which the girls particularly enjoyed. Here, projections across the walls of a blackened room show the psychedelic effects of inserting heat-sensitive crystals into glass slides and rotating them in projectors controlled by a computer programme. The resulting sumptuous colours and shapes glow and engulf the viewer.

Science Museum

Philip Sheldon



Year 9 went to the Science Museum to learn about some of the more applied aspects of Structure and Bonding which is part of their programme of study. The main focus of the day was the time spent in the Materials Hall.

This trip is an annual event for Year 9 students and we usually also spend a significant amount of time exploring the History and Culture of Medicine but, since most of these Halls were closed for refurbishment, we spent time visiting the Antenna section looking at a temporary exhibition on Food and Cravings. We also enjoyed the Who am I? section, where our images could be transformed, for example in age and gender.

To end the day we viewed a new film at the IMAX, entitled *Mysteries of the Unseen World 3d*. This well-produced and imaginative film fitted in very

nicely with the main theme of the day: Materials and their Properties. Using a range of techniques for imaging, we were given insights into the worlds seen by certain animals using infrared and ultraviolet radiation. The cinematography then zoomed into microscopic worlds and eventually we were shown virtual reality graphic simulations at the atomic level.

We were accompanied throughout the day by our visitors from School 80 in Beijing and as the girls were working in groups we were able to arrange for our Year 9 Mandarin students to chat to and accompany the Chinese girls as they too completed worksheets and enjoyed the various activities and exhibitions.



Senior Netball

Good luck to our senior netball team who will be attending the GDST Rally at the end of February. For three of the girls, Pooja Gupta, Amy Swift and Sarah Ashraf, who have been such loyal and talented NHEHS team members, it will be their last major tournament as NHEHS players as they will be leaving us for university this year.

Diane Dunkley



Netball

Our Year 8 netball team have been putting in extra lunchtime sessions to prepare for the defence of their title of Conover Hall Champions. The girls will play again in this year's tournament organised by the GDST at Conover Hall a residential activity centre in Shropshire. The venue will be host in March to girls from GDST schools enjoying teambuilding exercises, matches and non-stop activities. Our Year 7 squad will be attending along with the Year 8 squad.

Diane Dunkley



Nepal Relief Fund

When the terrible earthquake hit Nepal in 2015 thousands of people lost their lives and thousands more were injured. Dr John Moore, who was Assistant Deputy Head at NHEHS until 2007 and is now Head of The British School (TBS) of Kathmandu wrote to us about the destruction of Sungava, a day school in the Kathmandu valley which focuses on rehabilitation and basic life skills training for young girls with learning difficulties, especially Down's Syndrome.

TBS has had a longstanding relationship with Sungava and have raised funds for many of its projects. They were now attempting to raise sufficient money to rebuild the school.

NHEHS was happy to help and girls organised a special 'own clothes day' with all proceeds going to this tremendous cause. We were delighted to hear that on 7th February, TBS staff and students attended the opening of new buildings at Sungava. There are 5 new classrooms, a staff room, and an open-plan communal area that will be used for the day to day needs of the students of Sungava. Dr Moore wrote to us to say "The completion of this school building would not have been possible without the donations from our supporters around the world. The positive effects of this new building will be immense and will be felt throughout the whole Sungava community."

Anousha Baboolall

Charities



This half-term it has been Year 9's turn to run their charity weeks.

They have chosen to raise funds for Shelter, Centre Point, Forward and GOSH with highlights including a lot of very impressive cakes, a chance to re-gift some of those less-loved Christmas presents via a tombola, a teachers' bleep test and a competition to guess which member of staff is which from a selection of baby photos.

GDST Chrystall Prize Final

Many congratulations to Lydia Buckroyd who won her semi-final in this GDST wide public speaking competition at South Hampstead High School in January. Along with competitors from Newcastle High, The Royal High School Bath, Putney High and Sydenham High Lydia will now be taking part in the final on Friday 11 March here at NHEHS.

Our judges this year will be Sarah Montague (Journalist and BBC Radio 4 Presenter), Rageh Omaar (ITV's International Affairs Editor) and Lorraine Heggsey (Ex-Controller BBC 1, founder of Boom Pictures and Chair of The Grierson Trust).

The standard of the final is always remarkably high and our speakers are guaranteed to provide an enjoyable and stimulating afternoon.

If you would like to come along please email n.zaharia@nhehs.gdst.net for more information.

NHEHS Wins National Mandarin Speaking Competition

Paula Luo



We are delighted to announce that our team of Cassia Fillingham, Gabby MacConnol and Bella Szczech (Year 10) and Flossie Morris, Eshana Sarkar and Dhruvi Vijay (Year 9) have won the final of the national British Council / HSBC Mandarin Chinese Speaking Competition – and an all-expenses-paid trip to Beijing in the Easter holidays, where they will have the opportunity to put their Mandarin to good use and experience Chinese culture at first-hand.

The girls have been learning Mandarin since Year 7 and they were among teams from more than 70 schools from across the who UK entered the competition. After impressing the judges with their language skills in a regional heat in London in December, the

NHEHS team went on to compete against 11 other schools in the grand final which was held at the British Museum on 9 February 2016.

The girls wrote amusing, original scripts for both the heat and the final. These featured a visit to China, a lost tourist, an artist, a magic lantern, a dragon and a monkey. The girls are pictured above with some of their props.

Lucinda Hunt, Head said “I am absolutely delighted by the team’s success in this very prestigious competition. The girls have been working hard to prepare but, more importantly, have thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience and are extremely excited about winning. I am so proud of them, and of the Mandarin department. At

NHEHS we believe that speaking a foreign language is enormously important for social and economic reasons, but that true communication comes from an understanding of the culture, history and context that inform a language. With our new world Languages Pathway we offer Mandarin from Year 1 and German, Spanish and French from Year 7, giving girls opportunities like this one, to become excellent linguists and confident global citizens.”

The girls all agree that taking part in the competition has been a great experience saying: “Although it was hard work and we rehearsed practically every morning before school we really enjoyed it and got the most out of it that we possibly could. Our confidence in speaking, especially our pronunciation, has improved a lot. It was such fun and we’ve won the most amazing prize. We are so looking forward to going to Beijing!”

Their trip, which is being organised by the British Council, will include meeting students from the High School affiliated to Beijing University (BeiDa FuZhong) where they will sit-in on some classes. They will also visit the Great Wall and Beijing's main tourist sites.

Minimus is Back

Eve Harrington and Joanna Mooney



Minimus is back and this year for the first time, Year 11 Latin students have been given the opportunity to join in and volunteer for the Minimus Course, which entails teaching girls in Year 4 some introductory

Latin through stories about a family living in Roman Britain.

Every Monday, we arrive at the Junior School at 7.45am to set up for the lesson, and each week one person is assigned to take the register and introduce what we will be doing in the lesson. Then we split up into smaller groups of two or three to translate stories and do other activities such as making Roman birthday cards or writing acrostic poems about the myth of Medusa, which the Year 4 girls thoroughly enjoyed.

We have even started to teach our students some grammar – adjective and noun agreements. They found this especially entertaining when one of the sentences that they had to translate was ‘Minimus obesus erit’ which means ‘Minimus will be fat’.

Despite the early start, we have all found teaching Latin to the girls an incredibly rewarding experience, and we are really looking forward to filming their Latin play next term, which this year will be about Medusa.

Visit to Jaguar Landover

James Adams



Sixth form students of economics were joined by sixth form geographers on a trip to the Jaguar Land Rover factory at Castle Bromwich in the Midlands. This plant has been in operation for over 60 years and has seen many examples of engineering technology and innovation from the manufacture of the Spitfire



and Lancaster aircraft to the very latest Jaguar saloons and sports cars.

The trip was an excellent opportunity for the girls to see manufacturing, operational management, product design and innovation in one of Britain’s leading firms. There were some

Hands-on tasks to give us an insight into the challenges of running a production line and quality control such as working as a team to build a dozen miniature Lego cars and a chance to try programming a robot.

As Jaguar Land Rover is a foreign owned entity, the visit also highlighted the significance of foreign direct investment and the role of multinationals in an economy, which is relevant to the issues discussed in both A Level Economics and A Level Geography.

Parents' Guild Burns' Night Supper

Michelle Levman

The Parents' Guild Burns' Night Supper held in the Senior School Hall was a great success. Revellers came and dined and danced the night away. The food (and traditional nip of whisky!) were enjoyed by everyone.

The Parents' Guild Social & Fundraising Committee would like to thank our guests who attended and supported the event, and also our parent helpers on the night.



Year 10 Shadowing

Rebecca Irwin



Year 10 girls have been having a taste of life in the sixth form. They shadowed a sixthformer; going to lessons, relaxing in the common room and café, and getting to see what Sixth Form life is like.

The girls have enjoyed the

seminar based lessons, hot chocolate in the common room and having a chance to mull over what subjects – including new ones like Economics, Politics, History of Art and Psychology – they might like to include in their A Level choices.



Water Polo and Swimming

Congratulations to the NHEHS U15 water polo team who have successfully qualified for the finals of the English Schools national competition this coming March. In the qualifying rounds the girls put in an excellent team performance which resulted in us winning three of our four matches against very tough opposition in order to go through.

The Team are : Hermione Morris, Rinda Naresh, Uma Shah, Olivia Williams, Cleo Cooper, Anika Dhawan, Jasmin Hall, Imogen Barter, Jenny Read, Issy Blackwell, and Caitlin Brazell.

The U13 team will be in action next, at the end of February, and we hope they will also be successful in qualifying

Our swimming squad has also fared very well so far this term with victories over St Augustine's and Francis Holland, Clarence Gate. There has also been a superb performance by the Year 7 & 8 teams in the London Swimming League competition held at St Paul's pool.

Rob Bent



City Visit

Our Year12 Economics students visited The City at the end of January.

They began the day at the Bank of England where they learnt about the work of the Bank, its role in the UK Economy and also attended a presentation directly supporting their work in macroeconomics. They also had the opportunity to visit the Bank's newly renovated museum.

We then moved on to Bloomberg, a leading market information company, and from there to the Museum of Brands, to learn about how firms market to consumers and to attend a seminar on the importance of intellectual property in a market economy.

James Adams

Bletchley Park

Phil Nelkin



As part of A level Computing, girls learn about computer architecture and how computers work and a visit to the Computing Museum at Bletchley Park definitely brings to life the history and development of the computer.

There is a great deal to see including the world's oldest working computer (pictured)! The museum's displays also include Colossus - the world's first electronic, digital, programmable computer which British code-breakers used to read secret German messages during World War II. There is also a room full of game machines which Miss Baboolall, who accompanied us on this trip, found particularly interesting as she has been teaching game making and coding to Year 9. Any parents

who were children in the 80s, would have felt at home in the last session of the afternoon where girls were given the chance to code a simple game on the old BBC computers!

The displays made it clear how fast computer science has evolved in such a short time. Teaching has certainly moved on from when coding was taught only at university level (and at only a few universities) and in schools we were just beginning to teach our pupils how to use some simple software. Now many of the girls in Year 9 have opted for the new GCSE in computing which we are offering next year for the first time, we have thriving and successful A Level computing groups and our girls are going on to study computing or related subjects at university.

Careers Convention

Christine Maynard



Overall the event provided a unique opportunity to find out about the world of work, entry requirements, appropriate university courses and discussions on networking and work experience. It was interesting to observe how students increasingly seem to understand this more clearly and conversations between them and advisers were both focused and explorative.

This year the Annual Careers Convention- 'Jobflix'- was an outstanding success. The Parents' Guild Careers Committee produced an event which was exciting, vibrant and relevant. Year 9-13 students are most fortunate to be able to access this resource with such a wide range of top calibre advisers drawn from our Old Girls, parents and friends.

In addition to the magnificent array of over 90 enthusiastic, supportive advisers in the Main Hall, there was the popular 'Box Set' event where seven specially chosen advisers pitched their career journeys in 90 seconds in the Drama Studio. This year these included women whose careers had shifted from finance to operations, banking to legal work and recruitment to interior design.

The school would like to thank the longstanding, experienced members of the Committee, who have been joined this year by some newer members, and of course everyone who came along to the event as advisors. You made it a fabulous evening for the girls. Long may it continue!

A message from Simon King-Cline the dedicated, hardworking, 'supremo' behind the event and Chair of the Career's Committee.:

JOBFLIX, The NHEHS careers convention was an incredible success with over 90 advisors and 250 girls attending! Please ask your daughters about the event....I am sure they will tell you how energising and informative it was.

There is now a pressing need to refresh our advisor database and many of you may not have volunteered when your daughter started at the school. So, if you enjoy your career and want to inspire the girls in regard to your specialty, then please contact me. All I need is for you to email your career discipline to me at simonkingcline@icloud.com

Don't worry, you are not volunteering for anything now; you are just allowing the Parents' Guild careers team to refresh the database of potential advisors and guarantee similar successful evenings in the future.

Ancient Civilizations at London Museums

Catherine King and Hannah Happawana



On a Wednesday in the middle January, the Latin department took Year 9 to the British Museum and the Museum of London. The weather was definitely dull; however, the buzz of Year 9s delighted by a lesson-free Wednesday and a trip to London clearly lightened the mood. The journey on the tube didn't take that long and within no time we were ready to start our trail around the museums.

Mr Smith's classes started off at the Museum of London while Miss Nicoll's classes went to the British Museum; half way through the day the groups would swap museum locations. Everyone was given the same worksheet to work on. However, it wasn't just a 'fill-in-the-

questions-as-you-go-along worksheet' it featured a photo challenge for which you had to search the museums for objects from either Ancient Egypt or Ancient Rome. It was a fascinating activity and the fine art and beauty of the weaponry, jewellery and pottery of the ancient worlds competed well with thoughts of lunch (we are NHEHS girls after all and lunch is always the highlight of any trip!)

We followed a trail to find specific Roman statues and items in the British Museum. This was designed to help us learn more about relationships in Roman families. We saw the valuable expensive jewellery that Roman woman would wear to make

themselves more beautiful and to show their status in the Roman world. We could also see how the Roman occupation changed Britain by making it more civilised and more like the Roman's own culture. We were also reminded of how much remains of their presence in England and which we can still see today. We also learned about Egyptian life in city and country and the life of Greek women.

Following the trip we made videos showing some of the interesting objects we saw and describing the things we had learnt. Some videos featured imaginative acting and were very enjoyable to watch.

Year 12 Geography in Devon

Olivia Christie-Miller



On a wet and grey February Friday a group of nine Year 12 Geographers gathered at Paddington station, along with Miss Parr and Ms O’Leary. Laden with bags and armed with coffee we set off for Totness in Devon.

We arrived at Totnes station, to find, much to our dismay, that the weather had not improved, rather worsened in fact, as Storm Imogen began to build. We met our expert guide Andrew and headed to our first destination to conduct our fieldwork focusing primarily on rural rebranding in South West Devon.

In Totnes it was clear the awful weather had not affected the morale of the locals and the majority of independent cafes and stores were bustling. We were amazed to find out that the small town of Totnes even has its very own currency ‘The Totnes pound’.

The following day we headed to the city of Plymouth to carry out fieldwork measuring the success

of urban rebranding strategies. There was a remarkable disparity of wealth between the inner city centre and the Barbican –once home to the historical dockyards– almost as if it were a different city entirely. We also looked at Royal William Yard a multi-million pound development on the outskirts of the city. The Yard is home to stylish apartments, restaurants and galleries. The preservation of historical character and charm of the buildings was uncanny – many girls so charmed they would even be willing to live there!

The next day we continued to battle the rain and 80mph winds and intrepidly carried on with our fieldwork in the traditional coastal resort of Torquay. On our last day we proceeded to Slapton Sands beach where our final piece of fieldwork was cut abruptly short due to the potentially dangerous weather conditions!



Year 12 Fieldwork

Our Year 12 Geographers spent the weekend of 5-8 February at the Slapton Ley Field Studies Centre in South Devon.

Despite the challenging weather the girls tackled their study of Crowded Coasts and Rebranding Rural and Urban Settlements with enthusiasm and precision.

They visited Start Bay, Plymouth and Torquay in their research, collecting fieldwork data and analysing this back at the Centre in the evenings. This work is an essential part of their AS examination this summer.

The girls were ably led by Andrew MacKay from the Centre and Ms O’Leary and Ms Parr.

Christine Maynard



Bach to Brubeck

Our visiting music staff resumed their ongoing recital series at the end of January with an evening of music entitled 'From Bach to Brubeck'.

The concert featured performances by Nancy Cole (soprano), Tom Crehan (violin), Pete Shelley (saxophone), Chris Draper (drums), Jozef Janik (piano), Samuel Queen (baritone) and Nina Robertson (flute).



Music Dates for Your Diary

Tea-Time Concert: Wednesday 2 March, Recital Hall, 4.15pm. Tea and biscuits provided.

Evensong, St George's Chapel,

Windsor: Wednesday 9 March, 5.15pm. Choral Evensong, NHEHS Chamber Choir

Spring Term Concert: Wednesday 23 March, St Barnabas Church, Pitshanger Lane, 7.00pm.

For details and tickets please contact the school

Chamber Concert

Paul Jeanes



On Wednesday 10th February, an enthusiastic audience were treated to an outstanding chamber concert given by the girls of NHEHS. A characteristic of the evening was the selection of pieces by less well-known composers. Olivia Dickins gave an assured performance on the piano of Edward Macdowell's *By a Wild Brook* from *Ten Woodland Scenes*. Although Macdowell is a much neglected composer, he is most famous for the melody *To a Wild Rose*. Lydia Buckroyd captivated the audience in a performance of Chabrier's technically demanding *Habanera*, and Bea Farrell wowed us all with an excellent performance of Monti's infamous *Czardas*, all from memory!

Other highlights included a

performance of the Mozart Flute Quartet, on this occasion with piano accompaniment, by Orianna Akker, making her debut performance in a chamber concert. Lily Johnston sang with clarity and poise in a performance of the *Agnus Dei* from Mozart's *Coronation Mass*, and Maya Caskie performed two works she had composed herself – one, a work for A2 Level Music, based on the theme of 'darkness into light', which was very evocative, complex and tricky to perform, renamed *La Vague* and a second, much lighter piece called *Le Lutin*.

The Chamber Orchestra opened and closed the evening with excellent performances of two works in the key of G Minor; the first movement of Mozart Symphony No 25 '*The Little G Minor*' with gave all the musicians involved the opportunity to revisit those scales they had practiced over many years, and the well-known *Adagio for Organ and Strings* attributed to Albinoni, but actually composed by Giozotto, popularised by its use in many films over the last 50 years.

Congratulations to all who took part in an outstanding evening of music making.