



Our Computational Thinkers who are off to the next round at Oxford University



A letter from the Headmistress

Dear Parents,

This week has been packed full of activities and I am so pleased that I was able to come back to school to enjoy it.

It has been great to see so many girls taking part in all that's been on offer this week. We've had lots of Christmas outfits on the lacrosse pitch, Santa fun run, and even in the dining hall where the girls, and staff, got to enjoy their Christmas lunches. It's been fantastic to see such happy faces and a much more festive way to end the term than last year's early departure.

Both the Carol and Christingle Services were brilliant, and I'm sure those of you who were able to come, will agree how well all the girls performed.

Every girl has been involved in a festive sporting event with the lower years in their Santa Fun Run, Interhouse Netball, Christmas Lacrosse and even an Interhouse Bench ball.

On Wednesday, I attended Lodge's Perriss Knight awards and yesterday we held our final assembly of the term for Main School, and what was evident from the many hands I shook, was how hard the children have worked this term. Mr Whitworth asked the girls in Main School to raise their hands if they had achieved something unexpected and it was so wonderful to see almost every hand raised.

Finally, I want to thank you for all your support throughout this term. It has been greatly appreciated and lovely to see so many of your at our events this term.

I wish you, and your families, a happy and healthy Christmas break and I look forward to welcoming you back in January.

End of Term Awards

Boarder of the Term

Walker	Princess N Ruby D
Turner	OJ A Arabella de Q-A Alice O
Highlands	Blanca O Ava M Seraphine M

Excellence in Music

Form I	Arabella T
Form II	Michaele A
Lowers	Kimberley Y
Middles	Seraphine M
Uppers	Rhea S
IVs	Vivienne Y

House points Winner

Franklin House	75.5 points per girl
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It has been a very busy and successful term for Lodge and Nursery! All the staff have been impressed with how well the children have settled into their new classes, and their hard work and enthusiasm this term. It has been lovely to see how many of the children have grown in confidence and arrive at school with a big smile on their faces! We have been particularly proud of the performances of 'Wriggly Nativity' and 'The Forgetful Angel' in recent weeks and we were so pleased that parents were able to attend these events. This week has continued to be Christmassy themed, as we all enjoyed our Christmas lunch on Monday and were then treated to a surprise visit from Father Christmas himself! Our term culminated with our Perriss Knight Awards, where we were able to celebrate some of the achievements of the children.

Please remember to save used stamps from all the Christmas cards you receive and send them in with your children next term.



Sports Results @GodstoweSport

On Saturday, the U13 Lacrosse squad played two matches at Marlborough College.

The first match was against Marlborough's U14A team and we played extremely well to win 4-2.

The next game was against St Mary's Calne U14's and the result was 14-0 to Godstowe.

Well Done to all girls who took part. Players of the matches were Evie vR, Georgina E, Sienna R, Lola S and Stella B.

There have been lots of festive sports events this week, including U11's and IV's Christmas Crosse, Middles Interhouse Netball, Lower Interhouse Benchball and a Santa Fun-Run for Lower School.

Thank you to all the staff who make these events happen, the girls really enjoyed the events.

In our final assembly, lots of girls were awarded with half colours for Netball and Lacrosse. These girls were:
Junior Netball: Bella O, Holly H, Kiana K, Olivia C, Annie C
Senior Netball: Evie vR, Otilie S, Amelie S, Angel M-I, Stella B, Olivia I, Lola S, Lucy B, Holly H
Senior Lacrosse: Olivia I, Stella B, Evie vR, Lola S, Annabel H, Arabella de Q-A, Anointed E, Georgina E, Yimika O, Otilie S, Amelie S, Annika S, Angel M-I, Sienna R, Holly H, Molly B-A, Lucy B



Lower School's Fun Run

Our Santa Fun Run on Monday was a fun-filled affair!

With several stand-out fantastice costumes, including the 'hare's' inflatable santa-suit, a magnificent set of marshalls drawn from all areas of the school, and every girl Lower School taking part, this was a super occasion. Everyone enjoyed hot chocolate at the end and a special "Well Done" from Santa to those girls who ran around 4km.

Who won? Well Santa of course.

Boarder's Corner

Waving from Walker

It's certainly safe to say that this term has been jam-packed in Walker and we've had so much fun both in and out of school. It seems like years ago that we were back in September welcoming 15 new faces to Walker House for the first time as well as a small but lovely bunch of returning Godstowe Girls. No time was wasted in letting the experience begin and we all got to know each other with a lovely trip to the Rye in the sunshine. Since then we've been on various trips out including Brighton, the cinema and Waddesdon Manor. Last weekend we went on our final trip of the term, going to Windsor where the girls got their festive groove on in the ice skating rink. We would like to say how proud we are of the Walker Girls for being such lovely representatives of the school when on these trips. Staff have been complimented on the girl's behaviour everywhere we have been; on one occasion, they were even given free hot chocolate to say thank you for how splendid the girl's manners were!

Speaking of how proud we are, it has been a delight to watch the girls grow into Godstowe Girls over these last few months. The wonderful Walker crew have become a small home away from home and it's with a heavy heart that we say goodbye to our cross-country champion, Ines, it has been a delight to have you in Walker House and we hope to see you again in the Summer term. Another sad goodbye we must make is to our wonderful GAP, Miss Donald, as she leaves us to go travelling in Costa Rica. We do hope that she keeps in touch as I'm sure the girls would love to hear about her exciting adventures to come. But as we say a few farewells, we also look forward to welcoming a brand new boarder in the Spring term!

We've had so much fun this term, but as they say, all good things must come to an end. We hope you all have a restful and joyous Christmas Break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in the new year. All that's left is for us, is to wish you a very Merry Christmas, from all in Walker House.



[Click here to watch our video from 27th and 28th November](#)



[Click here to watch our video from 4th and 5th December](#)

Christmas in Turner

It might seem strange to people reading this, but Christmas has been in full swing in each of the three boarding houses for weeks now!

Two weeks ago, our Douglas fir tree was delivered and decorated. After supper, all of the boarders had their Turner House Christmas photo taken in front of the tree in Reception: at the time of writing, house Christmas cards have been produced at the local printer, signed by the staff and children and were delivered on Tuesday.

The previous weekend also saw 80 full-time borders and staff playing their role in attending the FoG Christmas fair. On the Sunday, they visited the historic town of Windsor, where they went ice skating by the river Thames, before enjoying an early supper at Brown's restaurant.

And so this was the warm-up to the big closed weekend which has just passed. It saw individual house end of term meals take place on Saturday lunchtime - ours was at the local restaurant The Polecat Inn. It was followed by the now famous Christmas High Tea on Sunday afternoon, preceded by our house Christmas party to celebrate the end of term and to say goodbye to our Gap Assistant, Miss Kingston. The girls were visited by Santa, who left Amazon Echo speakers for each of the dormitories, along with a dynamic mood lighting system in the main Common Room, which is sound sensitive and should make the movie night experience in 2022 more like being at the cinema! But, there is still so much to do...not least of all packing up 32 children for their journeys home!

Wishing the entire Godstowe family, and in particular the families of Turner boarders, a peaceful and relaxing Christmas holiday....we look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

Goodbye from Mrs Olliver

Wow! It is hard to believe that we have come to the end of the Autumn term, always viewed by school staff and pupils as the longest of the academic year, but what a term it has been! The girls in Highlands House have been a total credit to their families and guardians; as House staff, we are delighted that we have had the opportunity to share some great experiences with them over the past weeks and months. The weekends have been jam-packed with scavenger hunts, walks to the local parks such as Hughenden and The Rye, as well as on-site activities, such as skateboarding and Street Dance. Due to the somewhat relaxing of Covid-19 guidance back in September, we have also been able to leave school site and enjoy the delights of Brighton and Windsor, not to mention the totally stunning Waddesdon Manor. A definite highlight of the term was our penultimate weekend when the whole boarding community took Windsor ice rink by storm, and there is no doubt that even the infamous Torvill and Dean would have been impressed by some of the shapes that our boarders were throwing on the rink!

As I take my leave of Highlands and Godstowe at the end of this term, I leave with very fond memories of my year here. I wish all the Highlands House girls, their families and guardians a very happy and peaceful Christmas and much health and happiness for 2022 and beyond. ¡Hasta la vista!

Our Week in Photos



This year we are donating some of our Christmas Trees to Ryevier Manor Care Home in High Wycombe, specialising in demetia care. Our Grounds team deliver the trees to the very grateful staff and residents, ensuring we spread the Godstowe Christmas Spirit as far as possible.



Merry Christmas!

from all at Godstowe