



MORE HOUSE SCHOOL

## Newsletter

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2011

*Dear Parents,*

*We've had a tremendous week this week, filled with activities which showed More House at its best. Saturday saw members of our Alumnae Society in School for their Annual 'Open House'. Monday saw the announcement of the names of the new School Officers and the first meeting of More's Household. Wednesday was, of course, Saint Thomas More's Day with all that this entailed (despite the rain!), whilst Thursday was a double event day, with the morning devoted to the baseline testing of next year's Year 7 and the afternoon and early evening given over to the outstanding Annual Art Exhibition. I'm always mildly amused to watch our own Year 7s' reaction to the Induction Day ~ they seem to grown several inches on that day, as they adjust to the fact that their year as 'minis' is coming to an end and they realise that they really have become 'More House'. Throughout the week there has been the backdrop of girls and Staff rehearsing for the Summer Concert next week. As I write this on Friday morning, with the day opening, I know that this is going to be another busy one in that we have one Year out on a History trip, and two more involved in a Theatre in Education event run by the RS Department and dealing with complex and sensitive moral and philosophical issues. All this and the Race for Life to look forward to tomorrow. We certainly are living up to the view that it is better to be busy than bored.*

### *Singing in the rain*

**F**or the first time in 4 years Saint Thomas More's Day experienced heavy rain. Some of us suspect that this was because for the first time for some time the 22<sup>nd</sup> June coincided with both Wimbledon and Glastonbury! Surely this was just asking for weather trouble. That said, it was a joyous day, as is only right and proper, with Mass in the morning followed by the first part of the Inter-House Rounders which went extremely smoothly thanks to the expert organisation of Ms Maher and the new School Officers. It was also great to see Frankie, our ex-Sports Captain, who turned up out of the blue to help. As the rain started to fall at lunch time the Houses were not deterred, thanks to the wonderful food in great quantities provided by Chef and his team ~ this really was a 'Saint's Feast'. It was great

to see a number of parents who turned up to support and also to enjoy the picnics produced by Mr Fyfe and the members of the MHPA. It was noted somewhat ruefully that they had gazebos to shelter them from the rain, whilst the rest of us made do with trees.

**A**fter lunch the rain persisted, although tantalisingly it would appear to lift at what seemed like 10 minute intervals. Regretfully Mr Carlyle took the decision to withdraw back to school before the second half of the Rounders competition could be completed, and the coaches were called back early. At it turned out this was the right decision, because the heavens then opened, particularly on Santiago and Walsingham as they walked back to the gate to wait for a pick up. The day was completed by the start of the planning for this year's House Entertainment which has meant that the Houses have got a head start on this project, however it has also left us with the challenge of finding a time in the busy schedule between now and the end of term to fit in another morning or afternoon to be allocated to the second part of the rounders.

### *Put yourself in the picture*

**T**he School has been approach to help in a new photographic project being created by one of our Alumnae, Araminta de Clermont. She is undertaking a year-long project to record the bedrooms of teenagers as an exploration of how this most private of spaces reflects their personalities. This project is open to 13 ~ 18 year olds and contact details are to be found around the School if you want to become involved in the project. Ms de Clermont's website address is [www.aramintadeclaremont.com](http://www.aramintadeclaremont.com)

### *The sound of Music*

**A**brief reminder that next week sees the last of the open access events in the concert programme for this year, in that it is the Summer Concert. It should prove to be the usual great event so it is important that you book your tickets whilst there are still some available. Tickets can be requested via the School's website.

### *Breathtaking Art*

**T**hursday saw the Annual Art Exhibition and what a show it was. Once again the quality of the Art and Textiles, particularly at senior level, was easily up to the standard of that of an Art College show. As usual there were a range of innovative projects on show, including, for the first time, some animation as part of some work on books and the joy of reading. It was not surprising that our Guest of Honour was completely overwhelmed by the quality and sheer quantity of the art on display. The Art Prizes were

distributed at the end of the afternoon (a full list is to be found in *More In Depth*) and this year's Outstanding Achievement in Art went to Jessica Ryan.

### *Going around the Houses*

Readers will note that there are no House results this week. At present the outcome of the House of the Term, and House of the Year competitions are too close to call, particularly with the Inter-House Rounders competition still unresolved and the House Entertainment still to come. There will be a full Final Recording next week.

### *Music Tour to Spain*

Please return the form and a deposit of £80 (cheques payable to More House School) to Mr Keeley by **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June** in order to secure your daughter's place on the tour.

### *In the weeks to come*

<b>Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Race for Life event</b>
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>A2 Examinations finish GCSE Examinations finish All day Year 8 RS trip 6.30pm: UVIth Farewell Party (hosted by MHPA)</b>
<b>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Rehearsals for the Summer Concert ABRSM Music Examinations</b>
<b>Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Deadline for Music Tour deposits Rehearsals for the Summer Concert Mass for St Peter and St Paul 7.30pm Summer Concert</b>
<b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>pm: House Entertainment rehearsals</b>
<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July</b>	<b>All day: Choir trip to Thorpe Park</b>
<b>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	<b>am: Prizegiving at St Mary's Hampstead: The Headmaster as Guest of Honour</b>

<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>pm: House Entertainment rehearsals</b> <b>7.30pm Music Captain's Recital (<i>by invitation only</i>)</b>
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>pm: House Entertainment rehearsals</b>
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>am: House Entertainment performances and</b> <b>End of term business</b> <b>School ends at midday for pupils ~ start of the</b> <b>Summer Leave.</b>

**With best wishes for a peaceful weekend**

*Robert Carlyle*



# SUMMER CONCERT



MORE HOUSE SCHOOL  
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We would like to invite you to our Summer Concert on  
Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2011 at 7.30pm at St Barnabas Church Pimlico.

St Barnabus Church Pimlico, St Barnabus Street, London, SW1W 8PF

To request tickets please visit our website or contact the School Office.

Tickets are complimentary. We look forward to hearing from you!

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