

HILL HOUSE

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Dear Parents,

On Wednesday we held our annual Sir John Betjeman Poetry Recital in Founders' Hall. It was a splendid evening and we were delighted to have Dr Joseph Spence, Master of Dulwich College, to adjudicate once again. He was greatly impressed by what our budding actors produced. Over the years we have had a very good relationship with Dulwich College. They have always enjoyed having our boys and continue to do so, in no small part due to the breadth of opportunity both curricula and non curricula we give our pupils at Hill House. Congratulations to all who took part in the evening and especially to our prize winners:



- Elina Vilar-Hadjipanayiotou – Outstanding vocal performance
- Emilia Sandewall – Outstanding vocal clarity
- Iman El-saie – Outstanding physical performance
- Riyana Mardam-Bey – Outstanding Ensemble Role
- Victoria Vishko – Outstanding Characterisation
- Lia Seidenfaden – Outstanding Overall performance



The weather has turned colder and it is imperative that all pupils come to school suitably dressed. We try to take the children outside if at all possible which means they will occasionally get caught in the rain or the snow. This is not a problem if they are properly dressed. Please ensure your child comes to school wearing a coat, hat and gloves. They will need these if they are going out to games during the day. A number of children have been coming to school wearing non-uniform hats, scarves and gloves. This is not acceptable. When any child is wearing the uniform they are representing the school and how they are turned out is important as it reflects both on them and on Hill House. I hope that every pupil will take pride in their appearance and their school.

Last week I let you know about the *Fit For Sport* after school club. I have been asked to pass on to you that they operate a "walking bus" from Cadogan Gardens. We treat children attending *Fit For Sport* in the same way as those going home by the afternoon bus service *SC Transport*. That is to say, parents must let their Senior Tutor or Head of House know that their child will be collected from school in this way.



The second of this term's ski courses are in Glion this week. Here is a picture of them at the top of the Rochers de Naye enjoying the snow and the sunshine.

Next week has a full list of sports fixtures and we also have our first Parents' Evenings in Cadogan Gardens on Tuesday and Thursday. The first Lower Senior School Parents' Evening is on Wednesday in Founders' Hall. Details of these have been sent out separately.

If you are looking for a cultural event to go to next week you might like to go to the Royal Festival Hall on Wednesday evening. William Townend will be singing in a performance of *Dido and Aeneas* with Sir Roger Norrington and the London Philharmonic Orchestra. *Dido and Aeneas* is considered the first English opera and was actually written for a girls' school in Chelsea!

A reminder that the Parent Portal is up and running on the school website. You will need to register to access this. Registration is very straightforward and once registered you will have access to the termly curriculum overviews. The portal can be found on the top right-hand corner of every page of the website.

Best wishes,

Richard Townend