

# SOUNDWAVE

Securing the future of deaf children & young people



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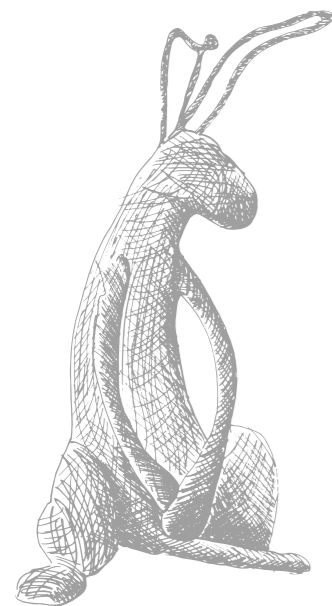
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## An Ambassador for Mary Hare School

In April 2013, Mary Hare School was delighted to welcome Pippa Middleton as an *'Ambassador'*. In this new role, Pippa will help bring the work of Mary Hare to the attention of as many people as possible. Raising the profile of the organisation is never easy, and there is no doubt that Pippa's support will mean that more families of deaf children will learn about the school. Our new Ambassador will also be helping with fundraising in the future, by lending her support to events and encouraging more people to support the charity with a donation.



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# Our Principal



The summer recess is fast approaching and another momentous year is drawing to a close. The school's ambition for deaf children has been demonstrated by the building of Murray House, a new boarding house for Year 11 pupils. Year 11 marks a rite of passage to advanced level study and beyond and we believe that in dedicated accommodation our GCSE pupils will be able to excel like never before.

According to our custom and practice the Mary Hare Primary School presented their School Production at Christmas and the Secondary School will shortly present their School Production over two performances on the final Sunday of term. Our interpretation of *'Mary Poppins'* and *'We Will Rock You'* just goes to show how versatile our pupils can be and how talent can shine through despite the challenge of deafness. The Arlington Arts Centre now has an enviable reputation as an entertainment venue in Newbury and when our secondary pupils perform for their family and friends they take to the stage in an auditorium which is used by professional artists throughout the year. The sense of occasion doesn't get greater than that.

Every pupil has a right to shine and it is the duty of a school to provide the range of opportunities that allow every pupil to awaken their talents. Just recently a group of pupils have become regular participants in the *'Park Run'* events held on Greenham

Common. This is a community based development that relies on volunteers to help organise and marshal a running event. I am very proud to report that Mary Hare School was the first school in Newbury to become not just participants but organizers of this event. None of this would have been possible had not members of our professional care staff been willing to share their passion for running with the pupils they care for. I have no doubt that you will find this as inspirational as I do.

As we lay plans for the next academic year, there are still many families who do not know if their Local Authority will support their child's placement at the school. There is currently a bill before parliament which could bring about a seismic change to this situation and it is called the Children and Families Bill. One provision within this Bill is to allow schools like Mary Hare to be *'listed'*. In layman's language this means that Mary Hare could ask to be placed on a list alongside Academies, Free Schools and Free Special Schools. Parents

can express a parental preference for schools in this category and the Local Authority's ability to say no is significantly weakened. I eagerly await the passage of this bill and recommend that you approach your MP and member of the House of Lords to ensure it gets through the Parliamentary process unscathed.

On this enticing note, I close by wishing you a wonderful summer holiday with your child or children at home. Thank you for the trust you place in us. In partnership I look forward to building on the successes that have characterized this year and make 2013/2014 even more fulfilling for every child entrusted to us in the year ahead.

Tony Shaw  
Principal



Our Principal

# The Mary Hare Year

## September 2012 Student Council Elections

The names of the pupils you have elected to be your representatives on Student Council for 2013:

### Key Stage 3

**Year 7** - Pollyanna Begbie & Jack Potter

**Year 8** - Claudia Davies & Freddie Barrett

**Year 9** - Annabelle Sonmez & George Bull McLean

### Key Stage 4

**Year 10** - Habiba Bernier & Adam Bishop

**Year 11** - Lexi Findlay & Cameron Cook

**Year 12** - Gemma Sanders & Josh Hutchins

**Year 13** - Kaia Meers & Sam Book

Every year we are impressed by the maturity, creativity and team-work shown by your representatives on Student Council. We would like to send a big 'thank you' to the following for their contributions last year: Freddie, Jadeine, Max, Jessica, Aaron, Kerri, Abid, Haleema, Toby, Sara, Wiliam, Kaia, Luke and Alex.

## Speech Day

Mary Hare School celebrated its annual Speech day on 29th November in Arlington Arts Centre. Presenting the prizes was Guest of Honour Mrs Bethan Hindson. Bethan, who is deaf, spent her earliest days at Mary Hare because her mother was a teacher at the school and she lived at Mary Hare. Bethan studied for a degree in History at Clare College, Cambridge and completed her Master's Degree at the University of Sheffield, before making a complete career change and undertaking study to become a vet!

The welcome address was delivered by Principal, Tony Shaw and Chairman of Governors, Mike Granatt.

Mr Shaw reported the highlights of the 2012 examination results which included a 100% pass rate at A\* to C in English Literature, Chemistry, Physics, Textiles, ICT, Drama, Media, Music, Music Technology and Business Studies.

The following students shared the limelight at GCSE:

Adam Coast: 6 A\* grades in English Literature, Maths, Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Geography, Grade A in English, grade B in Drama and grade B in Media Studies.

Zoe McWhinney: 3 A\* grades in Science, Fine Art and Photography, 4 A grades in English Literature, Maths, Textiles and Geography.

Gemma Sanders: 1 A\* grade in Photography, 6 A grades in English, English Literature, Maths, Science, Business

Studies, and French, B grades in Drama and ICT.

The A level examination results this year were characterised by an overall pass rate of 97% and the highest number of A\* grades ever recorded. The following students all achieved A\* A levels:

Arran Thomas, Luke Bryant, Rolf Choutan, Jeff Robinson, Russell Yeo, Alex Ruddick and Andrew Tolmie.

Bethan Hindson presented prizes to current and returning students for their academic achievements and for effort and progress.

The Hugh Ogus Award for Post Graduate achievement was awarded to a very special member of the Mary Hare Alumni, Lauren Tan, who left Mary Hare in 1997, won a silver and a bronze medal representing Singapore at this summer's Paralympic Games!

A special award was made to Jarvis Silvester, winner of the BTEC Business Level 2 award.

by Martin Herring of Banks & Co, a local accountancy practice in Newbury, who have generously sponsored this prize.

The vote of thanks was offered by Head Girl, Erika Lever Hogg and Head Boy, Mike Bush, who spoke of their sense of inclusion at Mary Hare and the friendships formed.

Bethan left her audience with this thought:

*"What I really want to do is encourage every one of you to pursue whatever you set your mind to. Anyone who says you cannot do it is ignorant... because you can. We may all have a disability but that will never define who we are, so whether you want to be a musician, a doctor, a poet or a traveller, just do it and ignore anyone who dares to say otherwise!"*



## November 2012

## Hot Dogs & Fireworks

The firework event took place on Tuesday 6th November in and outside Jean Camarvon Hall, it was organised by the Prefect team. The majority

of the students came to this event, which turned out to be a great night, better than I had hoped it would be! As well as the fireworks we sold hot

dogs that everyone loved. We also had a game of Hook the Duck which went well, along with other games.

**Mike Bush**





Christmas 2012

# Mary Poppins weaves her magic at Mary Hare Primary School

This year our Primary School put on an exciting production of Mary Poppins.

The cast was led by a starchy Mary Poppins played very convincingly by Hannah Allen. Her charges, Jane and Michael Banks (*Paris Palmer and Ben Priestley*) were a lively brother and sister duo, enjoying their adventures. Mr Banks (*Cameron Dyer*) was valiantly attempting to stay in control of his chaotic household, while Mrs Banks (*Annalise Hayes*) tried to keep him calm. There was a great deal of verbal humour from mad Uncle Albert (*Benedict Morgan*) as he attempted to hold a tea party, with comic turns from three waiters (*Natty Dean Grainger, Alex Groeger and*

*Alistair Slocombe*). The three kitchen staff (Elin Brant, Opal Lycett and Ruby Sandhu) gave very humorous performances, especially in 'A Spoonful of Sugar' when they attempted give medicine to the audience.

Jonny Geikie Cobb was a cheerful Bert, while Jacob Tyrell played a pompous banker very confidently. A dance scene with carousel girls on fairground horses was very effective, and the bank clerks and chimney sweeps' dances were very entertaining. Popular with the audience was the comedy duo of Admiral and sailor (Joel Greenfield and Alfie Johnstone)

with their cannon-firing routine. The youngest children as always were a star turn - this year as kites flying in the wind.

The backdrop was another masterpiece from Susan Tanner, and a clever night sky effect was created by Paul Harris. The music co-ordination and accompaniment, and pupil choir contributed to the quality of the production. All in all, this was another very successful team production from MHPS, with hard work by the both staff and children, and showed the audience how confident and talented on stage these children are.



Christmas 2012

## Christmas Quiz Winners

6th form students dressed up to serve members of staff with their Christmas dinner, followed

by the usual Christmas Entertainment - which went down as well as ever.

This year the quiz was created and organised by Mrs Sullivan

KS3 winners	8L
KS4 winners	13D
6th form winners	13D

## House Dance

Mrs Barker missed the fantastic results of all her hard work with the house dance competitors as she had flu just before Christmas - but everyone was able to tell her what a wonderful show the Houses put on with their Olympic themed dance entries. Thank you to the House Captains for organising their groups and a special thank you to Mrs Hansen and Mrs McKenna who stepped in at

the last minute and judged the competition

Points were awarded for Talent, Performance and Participation. Choreography points were also awarded for originality (creating something new) and how well the dance went with the theme.

Braidwood were the winners of the main house dance in the Talent and Choreography category. Arnold were the



winners in the participation category. Mary Hare were the winners in the Open Entry Dances category.

The overall winners of the 2012 House Dance Competition were Mary Hare.

## Young Chef of the Year



Saturday 9th of February saw two Mary Hare pupils battling in the Newbury round of the National Inter-Schools Competition, for the title of Young Chef of the Year. Year 10 pupils, Daniel Chappell and Emily Moore, devised and cooked a three course menu with a healthy eating theme, to a budget of £15.

Newbury College hosted the competition and each competitor had to take not just their ingredients, but all the resources as well, requiring some extensive preparation and organisation by Daniel and Emily the night before. Both pupils had practised their dishes and received good feedback from our resident chefs in

Blount Hall, to help with presentation and execution of their work, some of which is technically quite challenging.

Standards on the day were high, and the three judges, among them The Vineyard's executive chef Daniel Galmiche, found a close field that was difficult to separate.

Unfortunately both Mary Hare pupils missed out on a prize. They did receive some very good feedback however, and both judges and Newbury College staff were full of praise for their approach to work and their determination to overcome problems during the competition, whilst still delivering some very appetising food.

February 2013

# Youth Speaks

Once again the Mary Hare teams have been presenting their arguments in Arlington Arts, and further afield, at the Youth Speaks Competitions, organized by the Rotary Club.

Back in November, the Senior team spoke on a subject dear to their hearts: Fairness. Adam Bishop was the Speaker. Henry Munro was the Chairperson and Liviie Browne delivered the Vote of Thanks. Adam received especial praise for his main speech because he presented a balanced argument and was one of the few speakers to do so. The judges said it was a very close and difficult competition to judge. We are very proud of our Year 10 team, they showed a lot of

commitment in their preparation for the event.

Our Intermediate team consisted of Andrew Harris as the Speaker, Claudia Davies as the Chairperson and George Dowsett as the Vote of Thanks. The team drawn from Year 9 and Year 8, spoke on the topic 'Should Humans Hibernate?'

The team was outstanding and very entertaining. The judges had no problem deciding that they were the winners in the Intermediate section.

Our Intermediate team went on to the next round in Reading in February and had a convincing win there too. In March they went on to the District Final in Maidenhead where the four top teams from Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire and Berkshire met to battle it out. The standard of the competition was extremely high. This time our team were not successful, but we are already looking forward to next year!



March 2013

# World Maths Day

WMD is an INTERNATIONAL competition with schools and colleges from all over the world taking part. This year the event took place on 6th March, although with so many different time zones involved the actual 'day' lasted for 48 hours!

114 pupils took part. Between them they answered 32,573 questions correctly!

The top ten best scores in 60 seconds were:

<b>Fayed Ahmed</b>	47
8MD	
<b>Francesca Lanfranchi</b>	40
9BK	
<b>Jack Potter</b>	39
7LB	
<b>Owen Rowley</b>	39
9BK	

<b>Natasha Lumley</b>	38
9BK	
<b>Sarah-Fay Adedeji</b>	37
9BK	
<b>Andrew McWhinney</b>	37
9BK	
<b>Lewis Hunt</b>	37
7LB	
<b>Eddie Cleere</b>	36
9BK	
<b>William Cuthbert</b>	35
9BK	

Well done to Fayed Ahmed who got the most correct answers in 60 seconds...47. But that still doesn't beat the record set by Terry Lim in 2011, who got 54 correct answers in 60 seconds!

The two pupils who answered the most questions during the course of the build up to, and the event itself, were:

<b>Jack Potter</b>	2075
<b>Sarah Fay Adedeji</b>	2035



# World Maths Day

On WMD itself, the top 5 with the most correctly answered questions were:

<b>Owen Rowley</b>	1331
9BK	
<b>Sarah-Fay Adedeji</b>	1035
7LB	
<b>Claudia Davies</b>	679
8MD	
<b>Fayed Ahmed</b>	646
8MD	
<b>Andrew McWhinney</b>	550
9BK	

All pupils had fun taking part and particularly enjoyed it when they were competing against their 'classmates' - the computer randomly selected who they would play against from all over the world.

The top 5 highest scorers and the top 5 fastest pupils each received a prize and a certificate. Fayed Ahmed, Natasha Lumley, Francesca Lanfranchi, Sarah-Fay Adedeji, Jack Potter, Claudia Davies, Owen Rowley.

Andrew McWhinney. Well done to everyone who took part.

*"It was a pity that the older students could not take part because of modular exams but Years 7 to 9 have done really well. Next year everyone should be able to take part as there will not be any modular exams in Maths; hopefully we will get the teachers involved as well!"*  
Mrs Papas

# Head Boy & Girl Hustings

March is the time for the Year 12 students to stand up and put their case forward to be elected as Head Boy and Girl. The following students gave particularly inspiring presentations.



**Sophie Page Newman**

*"Now I want to give something back for all the times I have had help. Mary Hare has given me this opportunity to show who I can be, something that I think may not have happened if I had not come here. I would now like the chance to give something back."*

**Thomas Irish**

*"This (role) gives me a good opportunity to contribute something to the school that has given me a lot of support, help, knowledge, education and confidence during my years at Mary Hare. I also want to give the same support to the students as well as staff at the school."*

**Isaac Harbord**

*"As a pupil who is relatively new to the school, and having gained so much, I feel a strong desire to give something back to the school."*

**Gemma Sanders**

*"I am presenting this in order to apply for the position of Head Girl because I feel as if I want to give something back to the school, as Mary Hare has provided me with my excellent education, friendships for life and made a huge impact on my life (in a good way of course!) It's safe to say, without Mary Hare, I wouldn't be the person I am now and I'm sure the same goes for all of you!"*

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April 2013

# Mary Hare Oscars

Headboy and Head Girl, Mike Bush and Erika Lever Hogg, welcomed everyone to the Mary Hare Oscars, explaining first of all that all the money raised from the Oscars would be going towards Mercy Ships. Mercy Ships is a charity which funds an enormous hospital ship, with medical facilities and staff, which travels to various different parts of Africa offering free healthcare to people who otherwise could not get it. **Total raised £535.93.**

## Year 13 announced the following awards:

Cleverest Junior:	Claudia Davies	Mischievous teacher or Care Staff:	Hollie James
Cleverest Senior:	Pau Johal	Most Addicted to Facebook Junior:	Georgina Drinnan
Cleverest teacher or Care Staff:	Mr Goodwin	Most Addicted to Facebook Senior:	Chloe Davies
Funniest Junior:	Jeremy Weekes	Most Addicted to Facebook Teacher or Care Staff:	Gwen Digby
Funniest Senior:	Je Je Gowman	Most Excuses, Junior:	Paige Barnes
Funniest Teacher or Care Staff:	Mr Hannam	Most Excuses, Senior:	Mica Knight
Bravest Junior:	Alex Ash	Most Excuses, Teacher or Care Staff:	Dr Papas
Bravest Senior:	Stephen Boyd	Best Personality Junior:	Beth Kelly
Bravest Teacher or Care Staff:	Mr Lee	Best Personality Senior:	Michael Massey
Busiest Junior:	Freya Connelly-Warne	Best Personality Teacher or Care Staff:	Mrs Barton
Busiest Senior:	Abid Mussa	Most Likely to Become Famous, Junior:	India Rose
Busiest teacher or Care Staff:	Mr Boyd	Most Likely to Become Famous, Senior:	Lexi Findlay
Sportiest Junior:	Andre Preston-Morley	Most Likely to Become Famous, Teacher or Care Staff:	Nicholle Barnhill
Sportiest Senior:	Ross Ward	Biggest Partier Junior:	Ivanka Pritchard
Sportiest Teacher or Care Staff:	Ms Colby	Biggest Partier Senior:	Chelsea Pritchard
Tidiest Junior:	Pollyanna Begbie	Biggest Partier Teacher or Care Staff:	Mrs Barker
Tidiest Senior:	Kaia Meers	Most Likely to Become a Millionaire Junior:	Kyle Henry
Tidiest Teacher or Care Staff:	Mrs Beckett	Most Likely to Become a Millionaire Senior:	Adam Bishop
Chattiest Junior:	Annabelle Sonmez	Most Likely to Become a Millionaire, Teacher or Care Staff:	Mrs Beckett
Chattiest senior:	Sophie McGee		
Chattiest Teacher or Care Staff:	Mr Baxter		
Mischievous Junior:	Ethan Crumplin-Hill		
Mischievous Senior:	Sean Murphy		



Oscar Awards



May 2013

# Lightmongers Dinner in London

Erika Lever-Hogg and Mike Bush achieved a very special kind of fame by being mentioned in the Court section of *The Daily Telegraph* on Thursday 16th May.

*The Lightmongers' Company held a dinner at Tallow Chandlers' Hall after their 164th Court Meeting. Mr William Wright, newly installed Master, presented awards of excellence to Fritz Bisau, Head Boy, and Alexandra Adams, Head Girl, New School, Worcester, and Michael Bush, Head Boy, and Erika Lever-Hogg, Head Girl, Mary Hare School.*

*Erika said: 'I had a spectacular evening with the Lightmongers' group in London. It was extremely smart and I had to dress up in my very best! I was very proud of myself when I was given an award for being Head Girl at Mary Hare as it was a great honour. It was such a lively atmosphere. I really enjoyed myself.'*

*'I went to the Lightmongers' meal in London. I had to*

*dress up very formally. I wore a bow tie and suit. Dr Papas and I got funny looks from people when we were travelling into London by train!*

*I was honoured to be invited to such a posh evening! I attended this event with Erika and Dr Papas and we collected our awards and shield, for being Head Boy and Head Girl here at Mary Hare!' said Mike Bush.*



Snappy dressers!

# The School Shop is open for business

The Life Skills group has opened up a school shop selling stationery, toiletries and other items.

The shop is open every morning outside the staff room before form. The shop will also be open in the Youth Club on a

Wednesday. If you are desperate Kirilynn might be willing to sell you something during the school day. Prices are reasonable and

exam pencil cases are available for only £2. Stock purchasing will follow demand so please let Kirilynn know what you need.



Can we help?

**School Shop Staff**

Yr 8 - Emma Jackson	Sam Dunstan, Max Taucher,	Yr 10 - Oliver Harknett
Yr 9 - Daiki Shrasugi,	Jessica Nijjer,	

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Gemma Sanders



Henry Munro

# Getting Active House Cross Country

On Wednesday 10th April 2013 the annual school cross country took place in excellent spirits, on a chilly but dry day. The running order:

Junior Girls 1 Lap		Junior Boys 1 Lap		Senior Girls 1 Lap		Senior Boys 1.5 Laps	
Key Stage 3 Individual Winners		Key Stage 3 Individual Winners		Key Stage 4/5 Individual Winners		Key Stage 4/5 Individual Winners	
<b>Girls</b>		<b>Boys</b>		<b>Girls</b>		<b>Boys</b>	
1st	Claudia Davies	1st	Will Cuthbert	1st	Zoe McWhinney	1st	Isaac Harbord
2nd	Maddie Hawes	2nd	Alex Ash	2nd	Chelsea Pritchard	2nd	Jack Moody
3rd	Bella Stone	3rd	Andre Preston-Morley	3rd	Kerri Mundy	3rd	Levi Choutan

### Highly commended certificates were awarded to

<b>1st Year 7 Boy</b> Ellis McClean	<b>1st Year 8 Girl</b> Claudia Davies	<b>1st Year 9 Girl</b> Fran Lanfranchi	<b>Fastest Debutant</b> Timothy Rosson
<b>1st Year 8 Boy</b> George Dowsett	<b>1st Year 9 Boy</b> William Cuthbert	<b>Overall Fastest</b> Lee Gollop	<b>Services to Sport</b> Lou White & Oliver Conway

### The overall House results

1st Braidwood                      2nd Arnold                      Joint 3rd Beverley & Mary Hare  
Well done to everyone who ran!

# Newbury Park Run

Back in November, Mary Hare students and staff took over an organisational role in the regular, Newbury Park Run. The event was a complete success and our students performed tremendously well. Event organizer Rachael Elliot said:

The kids did an absolutely fantastic job today. It's very rare indeed that the results upload without a hitch and we don't get any position tags going missing - testament to their meticulousness and dutifulness. A lot of people have said to me how brilliant they thought they all were.

They've also received much praise via the Parkrun Facebook page:

*'Great job Mary Hare. Can they come back again as they helped knock 10secs off my PB'* Brian Billington

*'Today sums up what Parkrun is all about. totally inclusive.'*

*'fun event where we all meet as friends.'* Paul Hendry

*'Brilliant group of people. Was so pleased to spend time getting to know them!'* Sandra Bowers

*'I thought the volunteers from May Hare all did a sterling job.'* Rosie Walker - ex pupil!

Students Involved			
Sydnie Slender	Odran Nelson	Alex Ash	Fayed Ahmad
Mark Ramsey	Stephen Boyd	Fran Allen	
Jack Moodie	Andrew McWhinney	Callum McGowan	

Many thanks to the staff on the day and Peter Gale for speaking to the public. The highlight for me was Alex Ash congratulating every single runner as Fayed patted them on the back.

Mary Hare Students continue to be active in the Park Run community. Since our first event in May 2012 we have nearly clocked up 900km which is a huge achievement. Alex Ash becomes the first student to complete more than 10 runs and was recently presented with his '10 events' T-Shirt by Newbury Park Run organizer Rachael Elliot. Park Run takes place all over the country, visit [www.parkrun.com](http://www.parkrun.com) for more information.

By Lee Gollop



Getting Active

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# Sports Day May 2013

For the first time in at least 10 years, Sports Day was cancelled due to the appalling weather we have had this 'spring'. The cold, wet and generally miserable start to 2013 has spoiled our fun this year, but we'll look forward to a better prospect for 2014.



*Dominic Bingham  
Michael Massey*

# The Duke of Edinburgh Award at Mary Hare

I recently had the pleasure of going to St James' Palace with ex student Jack Arnold who was receiving his Gold Award from HRH The Duke of Edinburgh. Two other pupils who have recently completed their Bronze Award and will hopefully also be moving on to their Gold Awards are Dominic Bingham and Michael Massey.

The aim of the award is to encourage participation in physical recreation and improve performances.

The award aims to encourage a spirit of

adventure and discovery and provide young people with the opportunity to do this.

A Duke of Edinburgh award shows employers that there is more to

you than just academic qualifications. It says something about your character and gives you something to write about on university and Job applications.

If you are interested in knowing more about the Award please speak to me or Liam Illies, Mansell Care Staff, who is the DoFE Leader.

**By Mr Askew**

# Swimming Gala

The school swimming gala took place in February. Miss Colby thanked all the competitors who supported their House by competing.

### Backstroke Winners

- Beth Kelly
- Fran Allen
- Sophie McKinley
- Henry Munro

### Individual Medley Winners

- Claudia Davies
- Max Taucher
- Kerri Mundy
- Levi Choutan

### Breaststroke Winners

- Iuanka Pritchard
- Jack Potter
- Chelsea Pritchard
- Levi Choutan - New School Record
- Both Chelsea and Levi won this event last year!

### Butterfly Winners Girls

- Maia Pauord
- Max Taucher
- Kerri Mundy
- Leon Du Plessis

### Freestyle Winners

- Sophie Cuerden
- Andrew McWhinney
- Sophie McKinley
- Odran Nelson

### Senior Top Boy/ Top Girl

- Kerri Mundy
- Levi Choutan

### Junior Top Boy/ Top Girl

- Sophie Cuerden and Claudia Davies
- Max Taucher

### Junior Gala Results

- 4th Mary Hare
- 3rd Arnold
- 2nd Beverley
- 1st Braidwood

### Senior Gala Results

- 4th Arnold
- 3rd Mary Hare
- 2nd Braidwood
- 1st Beverley

### Overall

- 4th Mary Hare
- 3rd Arnold
- 2nd Beverley
- 1st Braidwood



*Rosie Lopez & Chloe Norton*

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# Trampolining

Pupils received their Trampolining awards at Northcroft Leisure Centre in March. Caitlin Greenfield Yr 7 and Tom Denyer Yr 8 also received awards but are not in the photo.

### Back row

Taaseen Choudhury	Yr8
Alexander Prizeman	Yr7
Jessica Hungbeme	Yr7
Olly Goodman	Yr8
Alex Kearney	Yr 9
(working towards his award)	

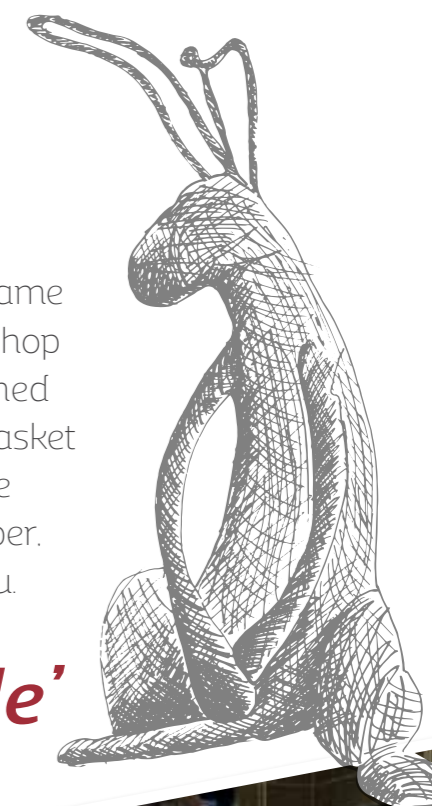
### House Dodgeball results

<b>1st</b>	<b>Mary Hare</b>
<b>2nd</b>	<b>Arnold</b>
<b>3rd</b>	<b>Braidwood</b>
<b>4th</b>	<b>Beverley</b>

# Arts News

## The Mary Hare 'hare'

In April, just after the Easter break, sculptor Tom Hare came to Mary Hare for two days to engage pupils in a workshop to build a large willow hare. The workshop and finished sculpture was funded by The Worshipful Company of Basket Makers. The sixth form students who took part in the workshop were: Ross Ward, Zoe McWhinney, Max Barber, Mark Hamill, Bryony Tanner and Dominique Sotuminu.



## 'Tales of the Unfinishable' at The Corn Exchange

In February Students from Mary Hare School and Corn Exchange Stewards created wirework and textile baskets, or 'pods', in a workshop led by artist Louise Patey. In response to the theme of the complete versus the incomplete, the pieces are an exploration of how we decide when something is finished, and the reasons behind our thinking.

Some pods look more complete than others, incorporating personal items that participants brought to the workshop or materials that represent occasions on which participants did not, or could not, complete an activity.

The patchwork textile that forms the centre of the piece is the unfinished item that the groups were given as a stimulus for creating their pods. The creative process has resulted in highly personal pieces that have been brought together to

form this whole piece as part of the community exhibition at the Corn Exchange.



Arts News

# Music

Congratulations to all the following pupils who passed their external music examinations this term

**Jonathan Robertson:**  
Prep exam

**Thomas Irish:**  
Grade 3 Descant recorder

**Kirsty Wise**  
(member of staff):  
Grade 1 Alto Sax

**Diarmuid Lauerty:**  
Prep exam

**Daiki Shiragsugi:**  
Grade 1 descant recorder



People News

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## Mary Hare Staff Reunion

The annual BATOD conference on Saturday 9th March turned out to be a bit of a reunion for Mary Hare colleagues past and present. Mary Hare staff presented two workshops on Technology to Support Learning, as well as having a stand in the exhibition space. Viu Ogg said that it was good to catch up with colleagues, and past students from the Brookes and Newport course.

**Paul Simpson**

Head of French (now BATOD secretary)

**Susie Cranko/Page**

Teacher of Maths (now TOD in Norfolk)

**Nicky Goodall/Povey**

PE (now in TOD in Hants)

**Theresa Robinson**

English/French (now TOD in Telford and Wrekin)

**Viu Ogg**

Geog / Audiology (Mary Hare staff)

## We must say good bye to

### Lisa Bull

16 years has gone by in a flash! When I arrived at Mary Hare in 1997 there were no interactive whiteboards in the classrooms (we used OHPs), the old group aid had 'twiddly knobs' on it and took an age to set up for each pupil individually. Cross-country was run in December when there was frost on the ground (and on the lips of the runners by the time they had finished the run) and we used to all stand around the huge Christmas tree in the Manor to sing our Christmas Carols at the end of the Winter term.



Lisa Bull

Times have changed, things have moved on and now it is time for me to do the same... From September 2013 I will be working for the Sensory Consortium in Berkshire as a peripatetic Teacher of

the Deaf, supporting children and families from the point of diagnosis of hearing impairment up until entry into the workplace. It will be a very different role to my current one but I

am very excited about the new challenges ahead of me.

It is with a heavy heart that I leave Mary Hare as I have had some very, very happy times here. I

leave some very good friends and even more dedicated colleagues and I look forward to hearing all about the continued successes of the pupils that pass through Mary Hare in the future.

### Karen Negus

I arrived very apprehensively at Mary Hare in August 2010 and was immediately struck by the lovely welcoming atmosphere from the staff during the Inset days. Then I got the chance to meet my pupils, they were all lovely groups, but some pupils inevitably tried to hoodwink me a little being the new teacher! My Year 13 was great and soon put me straight about some of the things my other classes claimed! We certainly had a few laughs.



Karen Negus

I also met the lovely Mrs Whitehead and my form who have grown in numbers and size over the past three years! I have enjoyed teaching all the pupils, even staying on in the evenings and helping pupils as they needed it.

I had to train to become a Teacher of the Deaf and part of my course was to teach hearing impaired

Primary School children. So last summer I went off to Salisbury to teach for 3 weeks. I really enjoyed it and when the Head teacher asked me to consider becoming Head of the Hearing Impaired Unit at the school this year I was torn and found the decision very difficult, should I stay or should I go? In the end I decided to rise to the

challenge and accepted the position.

I feel very sad to be leaving, I have made some lovely friends and really appreciated the support of all the professionals here at Mary Hare. I hope to stay in touch and will be really keen to read all about the continued success of the school and all its pupils.

## Pauline Whitehead

How I got here... I first came to Mary Hare in 1990 – it seems just like yesterday. I trained as a History teacher as soon as I left university, and I later trained as a Teacher of the Deaf. It was a dream come true to get a job here, where I could use both my skills and teach History to deaf students!

I have never regretted it. I have enjoyed every moment (well almost every moment!!)

What has impressed me most ... I am always astounded by the achievements of the young people who come to Mary Hare. They have to work hard, concentrate and be determined. But every year, they exceed my expectations, not only in their academic work, but also in their overall development. Somehow they grow and develop into sensible, caring and mature young adults, a credit to

themselves, their families and the school. It is an amazing journey to witness.

What I will do next ... I have been in teaching since 1974, so I'm sure you can understand that it is now time to move on, and retire. But don't worry, I won't get bored. I will continue my travelling. My next big adventure is the Trans Siberian Railway – I will be travelling 8000 km from Beijing to Moscow, and stopping at many interesting places along the way. I'm looking forward to having more time with my friends, playing bridge, singing,

going to concerts and festivals and so on. And, of course, I will have lots more time for ME, to do some reading, research and music.

Goodbye ... Of course, it is going to be difficult to say goodbye to everyone. I shall miss all the staff who have made me laugh every single day, and I shall miss teaching. I wish you all the best for the future. I will be following your progress – I have spies within Mary Hare who will keep me updated!

Goodbye and Good Luck.



Pauline Whitehead

## Barnabé Spriet

We also said Goodbye to Barnabé Spriet from Lille who worked with us as a French Assistant between October 2012 and May 2013. Barnabé has now gone back to France to work as a surveillant in a French school while training to teach French as a foreign language.



Barnabé Spriet

## Michael Price

At the end of January 2013 we said Goodbye to Michael Price, Head of Housekeeping. After 15 years of dedication to his work as part of the Mary Hare organisation, Michael has retired so that he can concentrate more fully on travelling, supporting the Welsh rugby team, and the occasional "flutter" on horse racing.

Director of Finance and Business, Paul Jackson, thanked Mike for the tireless effort Mike has put into managing the efficient housekeeping at Mary Hare – often at very antisocial hours of the day and night. Paul spoke of the legacy that Mike leaves behind: "An efficient, smooth

running team, providing an essential service that is much valued and appreciated."

Among the gifts presented to Michael was a suitcase to help with his packing for a forthcoming cruise holiday, a framed print of the Racing

Post and an engraved goblet.

Michael said: "I was overwhelmed with the send off I was given today, thank you all so much. It has been an honour to be part of such a fantastic organisation."



Michael Price

## Nita Hansen

We said Goodbye to Nita Hansen at the end of the Christmas Term, and when we came back to work in the January snows. Nita was beginning her Odyssey (as she prefers to call her early retirement) with a six month stay in Venice!

Nita had worked at Mary Hare for 20 years and we miss her friendly smile, her readiness to listen to and support colleagues and, of course, her dedicated teaching in her time at Mary Hare. Nita taught Business Studies, travel and Tourism and at one stage Music! Many of us will remember Nita's Travel and Tourism lessons in which she supported quaking sixth form students as they visited local 5 Star establishments

to assess the level of service. For many students this was a completely new and daunting experience and for the staff it was a reminder that young people are not always as confident as they appear on the outside.

Mark Chandler spoke fondly of Nita at her 'Farewell Presentation' as he recalled her precise organisation behind the scenes at countless school productions and her

culinary expertise whilst involved in small business enterprises at Mary Hare over the years. We wish Nita, and her husband Malcolm, all the best in their travel adventures.

Here is a picture of Nita in her local neighbourhood of San Giacomo. Nita tells us that they are actually avoiding most of the tourist hotspots and trying to see how it is just living like a local!



Nita Hansen

## And hello to

### Helen Nelson in the Training Division

My job title is Senior Lecturer. I will be working on the MA Course for trainee teachers of the deaf and other Mary Hare courses and also carrying out assessments within the Burwood centre. I previously worked for Cheshire West and Chester as a peripatetic Teacher of the Deaf working with children 0-19 years with responsibility for Early Years and Foundation Stage. Prior to that, I have worked within primary and secondary HI resource base provision in mainstream schools. I trained on the 4 year teacher of the deaf course at Manchester University and I have also undertaken the Early Years PG Cert course at Mary Hare.



Helen Nelson

### Pam Swift

Has now become Head of Housekeeping.

# News from our Alumni

## Asher Pearl

We were pleased to receive an update on Asher Pearl who left Mary Hare in July 2011 to go to Sixth Form at St. Bede's School in East Sussex.

Asher is currently studying for A2 examinations in Mathematics. Further Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry and the STEP examinations in Mathematics, which he takes in May and June of this year. He hopes to go to Warwick University to read Mathematics in September.

Asher continues to be very

happy at Bede's School but his family will always be extremely grateful for the wonderful opportunities he was given at Mary Hare, particularly by the academic staff who encouraged and nurtured him during the five years he was a student there. Without that start in life, none of his achievements would have been possible.

Asher is very ambitious and aspires to succeed in gaining a Masters degree in Maths at Warwick. He has recently taken his Grade 8 clarinet - which he passed with 110 marks! Asher enjoys taking part in the school orchestra, which he hopes to continue as a recreational pastime at university.



Asher Pearl

## Daniel Clements

We recently received news of ex Mary Hare student and Headboy, Daniel Clements, now a trustee of the Jewish Deaf Association, who acted as sign language interpreter during a tour of the Nightingale Hammerson care home in Clapham. Former pupils of the historic Residential School for Jewish Deaf Children came to see Wandsworth Mayor, Cllr Adrian Knowles, unveil a plaque marking the site of the school, which offered an education to deaf Jewish children from 1899 to 1965.



Daniel Clements

## New Website

During the summer we will be launching a new website, which will include a new section for our Alumni. When it is launched, you will have the opportunity to keep your contact details up to date online, which will make it much easier for us to communicate with you all. We'll also be looking for volunteers to appear in video clips for the new site. We'll send you an e-mail once it is ready.



## Lauren Tan

Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games. Double Bronze medalist. London 2012 Paralympic Games. Bronze and Silver medalist



Lauren Tan



Lauren Tan

*At the end of April, ex Mary Hare student Lauren Tan came to speak in our Friday assembly.*  
*'Hi, my name is Laurentia Tan and I am a full-time Paralympic Medalist. I have two Bronze medals from Beijing (2008); and from London 2012, a bronze and a silver medal. I was at Mary Hare for 7 years after which I went to Oxford Brookes University. I also went to Florida International University in USA as an exchange student and I graduated with an Honours degree in 2002.*

*I started riding at aged 5 as part of my physiotherapy. Due to my Cerebral Palsy, I was really floppy and could not sit up properly, let alone stand or walk properly. As a little girl, I could not run, but I always enjoyed swimming as well as riding as they gave me the freedom and energy that my own body could not. For many years, they were mainly therapeutic activities.*

*After I left Mary Hare, I continued with my swimming and went on to the British Nationals in Manchester. However, I stopped riding for 8 years, because of my studies at university and then I was working as a mental health worker in London. It was in Autumn 2005 when I took it up again, and my trainer*

*suggested that I try Dressage. I did well in the in-house competition, and progressed quickly to the Regionals and Nationals in the UK in less than 5 months!*

*In 2007, Singapore invited me to represent them at the World Championships and it was there that I qualified for the 2008 Beijing Paralympic Games. However, it wasn't until March 2008 when it was confirmed that I was going to the Games! I continued working as a mental health worker while training, until I decided to train full time about 5-6 weeks before we were due to fly out to China, so it was hard work! And the rest, as they say, is history!*

*Dressage is also referred to as 'horse ballet'. Dressage, literally translated means 'training'. It is a competitive sport, defined by our international federation as 'the highest expression of horse training'. It is the ultimate partnership between horse and rider where the fundamental purpose is: 'to develop a horse's natural athletic ability and willingness to perform.'*

*This means the horse responds smoothly to a skilled rider. In other words, the rider will be relaxed and appear not to do anything while the horse willingly performs the requested movement.*

*In para equestrian dressage, riders are classified according to their disabilities. Grade 1A is the most disabled class. Grade 5 is the equivalent of an able-bodied rider. I am a Grade 1A rider and amongst the very few who can walk unaided. Some of you may notice that I ride without stirrups and with special looped reins. As a Grade 1A rider, I do all my tests in walk only... although I can trot and canter in training. I am the only deaf rider at international level.*

*My Freestyle performance in London 2012 gained me my highest score of 79% and resulted in my Silver Paralympic medal. Being a deaf rider, the Freestyle (to Music) is the more difficult one of all my tests, as marks are given on compulsory movements, choreography and music interpretation!*

*I would like to leave you with this thought: teamwork is important. I would not have achieved this without my horses, my coaches, physiotherapists, vets, the grooms, my family and friends and my sponsors.*

*'One may choose one's own destiny in life, achieve own goals, reach dreams, but no one can do it on their own...a lot of things in life are achieved through teamwork.'*

## William Ogden

"Since leaving Mary Hare School, three years ago (already!), I've won the lottery and am currently living the high life in Las Vegas... Only joking!

After Mary Hare, throughout my three years at university, I have studied Media and Cultural Studies. I have thoroughly enjoyed learning about different aspects of the media landscape and how many media related issues impact on our society.

I did not enjoy my first year at university in Leicester however. Although the support services I received were excellent, my social life was very limited as people did not understand how to 'approach' me, in other words, they did not know how to communicate with me, even though I communicate very well! However, this did not affect my studies and with the excellent support of the De Montfort University support team I passed my first year.

I decided to find a different university to transfer to, so after a lot of research, university visits and applications I was lucky to be able to transfer to Kingston University. The course allowed me to start in the second year as I had passed my first at Leicester. This was by far, the best decision I have made. The support that I continue to receive at Kingston is phenomenal, the work is really hard but having someone to help with note taking and a one to one tutorial a couple of times per week has really

helped me to achieve my 2.1 degree. I have made so many new friends and kept in touch with all my deaf friends. Kingston town offers band nights so I get to carry on my favourite hobby of music and going to gigs to see 'up and coming' bands. Unfortunately, I do not play my guitar as much as I would like - too busy working! I do still play for my own relaxation and after university, I am hoping that I will get the opportunity to play again.

I graduated in October 2012 and am now currently studying for a Masters degree, in Media and Communication. I am also undertaking British Sign Language Stage 1 at college once a week. I think this will help me with my future career. I have not really decided what my career will be yet but I would like to pursue something in the Arts, charity sector or possibly support services. This will allow me to use my media and researching skills.

I've been asked to discuss my personal experiences with various Cochlear Implant based companies to give an opportunity for young people to listen to my experiences and to share with them the positives and negatives of being at university. I recently spoke at the annual conference for the charity, The Ear Foundation at Centre



Will Ogden

Parcs. I am also involved with The Ear Foundation, speaking in Nottingham to adults about listening to music, and playing an instrument as a cochlear implant user. The Cinema Exhibitors' Association has also asked me to undertake a test of a new product. This allows deaf people to view subtitles transmitted wirelessly to a special set of glasses. I'm not sure how this is going to work as yet, but watch this space.

After my Masters Degree, I am planning to go travelling with my very good friend, Ross Grant, to Australia, Sri Lanka and Thailand. I haven't had the opportunity to be able to travel until now, so after completing four years at university, I think it's about time I gave myself a proper big break! On our travels we'll be including some voluntary charity work, working with deaf students. After broadening and developing a wealth of skills during my time at Kingston University and on successful completion of my studies and experience, my aim is to look for a career in which I can make use of my media and communication skills."



## Helping Others Ear Aid Nepal 2013, Chainpur

Joy Rosenberg responded to an urgent appeal to join an EarAid Nepal Earcamp, in western Nepal, in April.

Swa swa sunena. At least one of us from the audiology team could be heard repeating this oft-repeated audiometric instruction in the bazaar when lost for words, or even in our sleep. This was understandable considering that in seven days of ear camp 595 patients were seen (118 ear surgeries, 254 audiological assessments, 75 hearing aid fittings, and 460 dental appointments).

Ear Aid Nepal ([www.earaidnepal.org](http://www.earaidnepal.org)) organises these camps twice yearly under the leadership of Mike Smith, Hereford ENT consultant. The camps are staffed not only by the visiting UK team comprised of ENT surgeons, anaesthetists, audiologists, scrub nurses and dentists; but also by a delightful Nepali team of managers, nurses, orderlies, drivers, engineers, and interpreters working for International Nepal Fellowship (INF).

Armed with donated earmoulds (many from Arlington Labs!), hearing aids and hearing aid fitting kit, as well as EarAid Nepal's audiometric and insta-mold kit, we travelled to rural western Nepal. We set up clinic in the dusty bare cement rooms of Chainpur, Bajhang District Hospital in a mountain valley of the western Himalaya. From our clinic window we could view breath-taking snow-capped peaks, but also dealt with fly swarms, generator noise, or smoke from burning surgical rubbish.

### Challenges

When it came to hearing aid fittings, the lack of accessible ear mould manufacture meant custom earmoulds were limited to Insta-fit materials, and therefore donated earmoulds were carefully fitted and adapted, if needed, to suit our purposes.

### Highlights

Apparently profuse thank yous are not prevalent in Nepali culture, but we each saw the gratitude in the smiles and 'Namaste' greetings when hearing aids were fitted, or in the queue of 118 post-op patients on the last day. The mother of 10 year old Chakra with cerebral palsy and severe sensorineural hearing loss was so pleased to see him smile and turn to her voice with his new hearing aid, and was encouraged to know that her careful work with him had been useful.

### Next Steps

Ear camp will return to Nepal in November and next year they will set up in a village two hours further north along the road as it is built up the valley. All the team members seemed keen to return in the future. We will stay involved with development projects contributing to sustainability, gathering information and equipment resources.

**By Joy Rosenberg, Mary Hare Training Services**



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Bake off tension

# The Great Mary Hare Bake-off for Comic Relief

The teaching staff were asked back in January if they'd like to take part in a bake-off to raise money for comic relief. 20 able bakers put themselves forward. Mrs Barton and Mr Hogan agreed to be our very own Mary Berry and Paul Hollywood. The competition was judged 'blind', so they weren't allowed to see who baked what.

The competition had 4 heats over two weeks and a grand finale the night before Comic Relief. The staff were told that everything would be provided for them to bake but they were allowed to bring extra decorations or special ingredients. The contestants all took this very seriously and many brought in secret weapons for their baking.

In the first heat the contestants were Miss Kennett, Mrs Ellwood, Mrs Sullivan, Mr Davies and Paula Bartlett. They were asked to bake cookies. Paula and Mrs Ellwood almost came to blows when they had to share an oven! The judges then had the 'awful job' of tasting 5 different cookies. They enjoyed

them all but chose the neat triple chocolate cookies which were Miss Kennett's creation.

In the second heat the contestants were Mr Hannam, Miss Colby, Lou White, Sam Beynon, Leanne Sheldon and Yolanda Mans-Cornwall. They had the difficult job of baking brownies in just one hour. Miss Colby came impressively dressed for the part, wearing a black chef's outfit. Mr Hannam provided the fun and games but dealt expertly with all his near disasters and managed to remain calm...just about. The judges then returned to try all the brownies and with Mr Hogan eating most of Sam's brownies and Mrs Barton eating most of Lou's it was

time for a dramatic rule break: they put both contestants into the final.

In the third heat the contestants were Liesl Britten, Mrs Howe, Miss Gibson and Mr Dennington. The stress levels were high! This time it was an iced traybake (sponge). After some squabbling in the Science department, it was still unclear if Miss Gibson had 'copied' Mr Dennington, or was it the other way round?! Liesl made excellent decorations causing Mrs Howe to have 'red nose envy'. The sponges were tasted by the judges and Miss Gibson's lemon sponge came out top.

In the fourth heat the contestants were Mr Askew,

Kirsty Wise, Sophie Gilmore, Nikki Davey and Mr Gale. They had to bake muffins. After turning up to have a look at all the previous contestants' bakes, we were anxiously awaiting Mr Gale's showstopping muffins. All the contestants pulled out some extraordinary decorations. Mr Askew's chocolate coated, popping candy in a caramel shard was particularly impressive. Nikki brought in a wonderful bird-cage style cake stand. Sophie had some excellent muffin cases. The judges had another difficult decision to make and chose Kirsty's muffins with a chocolatey surprise to go through to the final.

After a tense night of baking, the finalists all baked some excellent treats and it was a tough call for Mr Hogan and stand in judge, Liesl. After much deliberation they finally chose the beautifully iced vanilla and cinnamon cakes which were Miss Gibson's.

### Congratulations to Miss Gibson!

A full version of the DVD is available for £2 (proceeds go to Comic Relief) with more mishaps, contestant interviews and the judges top tips on baking.



Carefully does it...

## Toy Appeal

Staff at Mary Hare donated presents for the Swift 2012 Toy Appeal, which the Year 7 pupils presented to Father Christmas, who popped in to collect the gifts so that they could be given to those in need.



## Belinda Holley is the punk! Comic Relief March 2013

I would like to say a 'Big Thank You' as some of you were really generous, giving me large amounts of money, for appearing as a 'punk' for Comic Relief. The good news is that you all contributed to a grand total of £161.00. This amount would buy 32 Mosquito Nets!

**The overall total that the school raised was £500**



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Les amis



Destination Dorset

# Getting Around Year 8's Dorset Coast Geography Trip for Comic Relief

On Monday 13th May 2013 year 8 went to Dorset Coast on a Geography trip. When we arrived at Poole we went straight onto a boat tour taking us to look at Old Harry. We all enjoyed the boat ride and only a couple of us felt a bit seasick! The strong wind was whipping our hair and the sea current was powerful. We were all pretty cold as well, even with coats.

I learnt that the harbour is the second largest harbour in the world and that if you walked all along the edge it would be a total of 105 miles!!

After the chilly boat tour we got off and ordered a lunch from the fish and chip shop opposite us. It was delicious!

After lunch we got back into the mini buses and drove for half an hour to reach our next destination, Hengistbury Head. We did some field work there

and took a little walk. By this stage, the weather was a bit warmer which we were all very pleased about.

We left Hengistbury Head around 5pm and headed back to school. We arrived back at 6:40 having a late supper at Blount Hall. I really enjoyed it, it was certainly much better than normal school work!

Freddie Barrett: 'When we got back to the bus we had a little treat: a penguin chocolate

biscuit and a nice drink. What a day out. We were tired. My favourite bit when we went on the boat, it was fun.'

George Dowsett: 'We did lots of hard work but it was worth it.'

Beth Kelly: 'I would like to say Thank You to all the Geography teachers for taking us on the trip, it was great fun.'

By Claudia Davies 8GH

## I love Paris in the springtime (even in the snow)

On March the 8th this year, almost all students in Year 11 and those studying triple Science and/or French in Year 10 headed off to Paris for 4 days.

The outward journey was very long indeed, but on arrival at the amazing Château de la Grande Romaine we were immediately treated to a highly delicious, three course meal and large, comfortable rooms! The following day started well with mouth-wateringly-good, warm croissants and pains au chocolat, and just got better.

First on the itinerary was the Eiffel Tower, and the students were absolutely stunned by it. Many said it was the high point of their trip. After a quick lunch we walked through Paris along the Seine with 17 degree sunshine and blue skies - unbelievable. We visited Notre Dame Cathedral, the Musée du Louvre and the Pyramid and the Place de l'Etoile, where we stood under the arch and looked at the flame on the tomb of the unknown soldier. Back on the coach we also took in the Champs Elysées, Place de la

Concorde, Paris Zoo and the Musée d'Orsay, among many other attractions. After supper that evening the students took part in crêpe making organised by the staff at the château.

Sunday saw us head to the Cité des Sciences et de l'Industrie for the morning. This was yet another major hit with the students where they got to indulge in dozens of hands on activities involving mirrors, lights, water, air, cameras, butterflies, cars and magic carpets. They were also able to walk through a genuine submarine and were thrown around (gently) in a rotating circular room whilst trying to walk in a straight line whilst throwing and catching balls!

The afternoon was spent in the delightful area of Montmartre where the students visited the beautiful

Sacré-Cœur before enjoying some free time to shop, have their portrait painted in the Place du Tertre or indulge in a crêpe or a gaufre au chocolat! From there we went to the Auberge du Père Louis in the theatre district for an evening meal.

Day 4 took in the Arc International glass making factory, not far from Calais. We toured the factory floor and learned all about how glass and other associated products are produced by this very successful family business and shipped all over the world. The snow had really hit hard by this time and our final journey up to the ferry was difficult and slow.

Extreme weather conditions in Dover meant we finally arrived back at Mary Hare at 4am, making this trip one that will be hard to forget!



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## Skiing in Switzerland

We left on the first Saturday of the Easter Holidays for La Plagne in Switzerland. Our hotel was in an excellent position. There were different groups for the skiers: Beginners, Intermediate and Advanced.



The beginners group was very big and had a very unsympathetic instructor. Luckily the organisers took pity on us and gave us an extra instructor who was very good!

On the second day, we finally got fed up with Harry Potter and Diarmuid Laverty moaning about being too good for the beginners group so in the afternoon the two of them plus Dominic Bingham tried out with the Intermediate group. In the first run down, they managed to cause chaos, taking out nearly the whole group. Harry perfected a particularly good technique of spinning around

uncontrollably, enabling him to take out several people at the same time. Luckily they quickly got better and by the end of the week they came down a black slope.

All the beginners made excellent progress. Jack McHugh, Jay Jay Cann, Mark Hamill and Otto Hempel were skiing particularly well by the end of the week. Ruby Lycett also made excellent progress during the week and quickly moved up three groups - she ended up skiing in the advanced group.

During the last few days we had some very snowy weather. It was great to ski

on fresh snow. Sometimes it was difficult to see where we were going but it was very good practice.

I would like to thank the staff: Mr Thompson, Miss Kennett, Mrs Papas and Gwen Digby who worked hard to make it a great week.

Most of the students were very good company, with only the occasional blip and some students were superb all week. So, the staff would like to thank: Mark Hamill, Erika Lever-Hogg, Rachel Mallard, Dominic Bingham, Lexi Findlay and Jack Moody for being absolute stars!!!

**Dr Papas**

## Marwell Zoo

Year 7 went to the Marwell Zoo by coach on Wednesday 3rd October. It was a one and a half hour drive. We went to the Education Centre first and we stroked a corn snake and a desert rat which was named Buzz. His skin was so soft and his tail too! But the corn snake was slippery and smooth. We also saw a baby python snake, a hissing cockroach from Madagascar and six rats in different boxes.

We went around Marwell with Miss Gibson and Barnabé, the French assistant. We went to a tropical place and it was full of plants. Some were poisonous and some weren't. We saw grasshoppers, emperor scorpions, crocodiles, cockroaches, leafcutter ants and army ants, piranhas and other types of fish. When we left, we went down the road and saw a duck, we ran after it and we saw Macaques. Then we saw deer and antelopes, wallabies, kangaroos, kookaburras, meerkats, locusts, penguins, red pandas, coatis, zebras,

giraffes, sand cats, tigers, cheetahs, leopards, ocelot, poison arrow frogs, poison dart frogs, wood frogs, lizards, servals, fox, rhino, hippopotamus, porcupines, lions, flamingos and we think we saw newts!

We saw a tiger, which was massive and also many other animals in trees like monkeys. We saw land animals like rhinos and lastly we saw cute penguins under water and on land. Ellis was quite disappointed that we didn't see any elephants but he still liked the zoo. Paige and Sarah

really adored the penguins because they were really funny and we saw the way they swam underwater. We also loved the cats, they were very cute and lovely, but we were disappointed because we didn't stroke them.

Last of all we went to the gift shop, where we bought lots of stuff and it was quite expensive!!

**By Ellis McLean, Jeremy Weekes, Alexander Courtney-Guy, Alexander Prizeman, Ivanka Pritchard, India Appleton, Sarah Fey Adedeji, Pollyanna Begbie and Paige Barnes.**





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Beautiful view



Year 9 get active



Active Group

## Year 9 accounts of the Malvern Trip

### Alexi

On 1st of October we went to Malvern with my year and Dr Rocca, Dr Papas, Liam Iles and my PE teachers. My impression when I arrived wasn't very good. I saw a small ugly building. The rusty windows were discoloured. The roof was covered in moss. I could see a bed through the dusty window. "Are we going to sleep that old, ugly building?" I thought.

But fortunately my friends walked to the next building. The next building looked much better than the old building. It was bigger and it wasn't that old. I was relieved. Nick was my instructor. He told us that we were going to walk 24 hills!! (9 1/2 miles) I couldn't believe that. I walked the hills. The view was so beautiful. I enjoyed it but when we reached the last hill it was the worst thing I had ever experienced. I walked

up the long hill which had a very steep slope. I was so hot that I wished I could die and I wanted to give up. But I didn't give up and I still walked. Finally I walked the top of it. We all had a rest for few minutes. I drank a lot of water. I will never go up that long, steep slope again but I was proud of myself that I did it! The best part of the whole week in Malvern was probably the King Swing. At the start I was so scared when I was

on platform by the top tree. My legs were shaking and I didn't want to jump. When I jumped I actually screamed but then, it was amazing and I wasn't scared anymore. It was really fun. The scariest bit was high level rope. I'm not scared of heights but I am scared of height when I am only hanging on or holding something. I was so slow and so terrified but it was fun. I am so happy that I did so well even although I was so terrified.

### Natasha Lumley

My favourite part of the whole week in Malvern was probably the Quad Pole. King swing, Zip wire and the high level ropes. The King swing was the most terrific thing that I had ever done. I had to climb up almost to the top of a really tall tree. When I landed on the platform by the tree. I felt my legs were shaking when I looked down. I had never felt so scared in my life when I dropped. But it was fun when I swung off really high and back. I screamed when I swung back because I thought I was going to hit a tree. By the time we left, I missed Malvern but I was so proud of myself that we did many activates and achieved many challenging activities.

### Will Hobbs

My favourites were two activities, the high ropes and the quad-pole. The one that scared me the most was the tunnel as I am very claustrophobic and hate being shut in small places. Since we did this at night, it was pitch black inside which made me terrified especially the fear that someone who was in front of me could get stuck which would make us all stuck in the pitch black tube.

### Andrew McWhinney

The activity I didn't like was archery - but it wasn't so much as I didn't like it but I came last at it, it wasn't till after I came last. I found out that I was shooting with a right-handed bow when I should have got a left-handed bow but I swallowed my pride and managed a smile and clapped at everyone who did better than me - which, I have to say - was everyone!



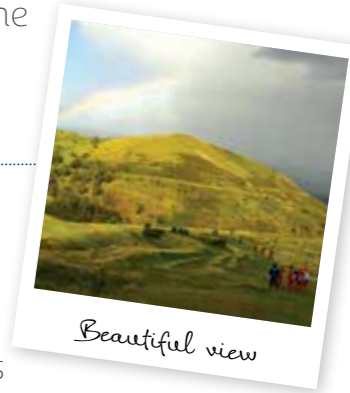
Andrew on the high ropes

### Andrew Harris

The best thing was probably the nine and a half mile, 24 hill hike. It was exhausting but it was really good fun and I spent most of the time chatting with my friends. It felt so good when we climbed the tallest hill, which was 1395 ft. tall and when we finished.

### George Bull-McClean

My favourite part of the week was the King-swing. This was a platform 30ft above the ground, you sat on a small seat that was attached to a pivot and jumped. It was scary but fun. Some of the girls screamed and then claimed it was the rust, but when the boys went, all was quiet. Hmm! My least favourite thing was the raft making and team building. I didn't like this because our team kept mucking about and not actually getting on with it. Our raft came last. Partially this was down to our raft being so small that everyone kept falling off it, and partly it was down to the girls being silly. Overall the week was a lot of fun and I learnt many useful skills.



Beautiful view



zig-zagging our way      hitching a ride



extreme mud      extreme effort      extremely tired



Fundraising

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# Money Matters

## Ways to travel on the Isle of Wight

At the end of April volunteers from Happy Days: Mikey Massey, Dom Bingham, JayJay Cann and Hannah Miller spent 48 hours on the Isle of Wight along with Gwen Digby, Yolanda Mans-Cornwall, Liam Iles and myself. The challenge was to travel as much of the Isle Of Wight as possible using different types of transport to raise money for the Youth club & Happy Days.

The Isle of Wight is on the south Coast, it is 23 miles x 12 miles and all the way around about 70 miles. We managed to use a total of 34 different ways to see or travel around the isle.

We walked 19 miles

We took the ferry, chain link ferry and floating bridge for 19¾ miles.

We drove 63 miles in the mini bus.

We zig zagged down a road and walked up and down lots of steps for 2 miles.

The Isle of Wight train took us 8 miles along our route.

We rode over 22 ½ miles by bus, including 11 ½ miles on the

Island Breezer and it was breezy!

3 ¼ miles were covered by tea cup, lift, car, horse, crazy golf and a long pier!

We also managed to jump on board the following for a total of ¼ mile:

a digger, tree swing, tipper truck even an exercise bike!! Pool, stone bridge and skate ramp.

We climbed and grabbed a ride on a boat trailer

We got carried and hitched a piggy back ride.

We walked along a wall

and rode a mini mini bus!

Finally we sat on a wishing chair, saw a sea slug, found a giant and a magic carpet!!

In total we travelled 149 & ¼ miles across the isle and we raised £1439.76

We would like to thank Gwen, Yolanda and Liam in joining us on the trip and a big Thank You to you all for your support and kind donations!

All the money raised will help the youth club here at Mary Hare, and Happy Days Autistic club for children like my son Finn

**By Kirilynn Gardner**

# Tough Mudder Madness

Three members of Care Staff Blue Nolan, Lee Gollop and Liam Iles are taking part in a number of physical challenges to raise money for Mary Hare. On Saturday 8th June, they tackled the Tough Mudder which meant completing the 12 miles extreme 21 obstacle race. We saw them hang on the funky monkey bars, climb up Everest and get zapped by the Tasers! It was a lovely day and the students who went were very supportive of the runners shouting and waving the banner. The trip raised £110.

**Thank you for a great day out and well done! By Kirilynn Gardner**



High fashion & dinner



Duck!



Loud hairdressing



Loud support

## Wear It Loud

During Deaf Awareness Week, the first week in May, Mary Hare encouraged as many people as possible to 'Wear It Loud' for Mary Hare. Pupils and staff at Mary Hare School joined in with the usual colourful results.

Members of the fundraising team teamed up with Mary Hare Hearing Centre and set up a stall in Weaver's Walk to raise awareness and collect donations from the people of Newbury. They were joined

by Mary Hare Primary school children and staff who helped to distribute cakes and raise funds for the School. Local businesses joined in, including Tash, Charmaine and Lerner (who all work at Charmaine's

Hair and Beauty salon Hambridge Lane, Newbury) and wore it loud for us to raise funds.

Our thanks also goes to Maxx design and Apple print for being great sports by getting involved.

## Mary Hare Supporters

Every year we are grateful to the many people who undertake events and challenges to raise funds for Mary Hare.

We cannot mention everyone, but want to thank you all for your efforts and generosity. Here are just a few:

- Antonia & Tim Lewis & Alice & George Vickers raised £400 by running in the Blenheim 7k and 1 mile junior fun run on 28th April 2013
- Elly Crew raised £300 by doing a bungee Jump on 28th October 2012
- Boys from Bradfield College raised £1,000 on a 'Hell Run'
- Brockhurst & Marsden Prep School raised £700 from their Christmas Fayre's Raffle and Tombola

## Clay Pigeon Shoot & Fashion Show

On Friday 21st September 2012 The Mary Hare Foundation hosted their second Charity Clay Shoot at The Royal Berkshire Shooting School, with a twist, a 'Really Wild' fashion show by The Really Wild Clothing Company.

The all day event started with the 'guns' arriving at 9:00 just in time for a bacon buttie. A fabulous morning was then spent shooting in teams of 4 where the 'guns' had the opportunity to see the stands which had been so generously sponsored by Kleinwort Benson, Strutt and Parker, Sir Robert McAlpine, Create IT Group and Apple Print & Creative who very generously donated all of the printing for free. James Hearne from Apple Print & Creative said 'We were delighted to be able to support Mary Hare in their fundraising and look forward to a continued relationship with further fundraising events.'

120 ladies arrived to a Taittinger Champagne reception where they were able to browse and purchase items from The Really Wild Clothing Autumn/Winter 2012 collection and Lulu B jewellery. Really Wild were kind enough to donate 15% of clothing sales on the day to The Mary Hare Foundation.

Once the guns had finished shooting they joined the ladies in the marquee where Mike Bush, Mary Hare's Headboy was eagerly waiting, camera poised. The fashion show was a roaring success and thoroughly enjoyed by all. The guests then sat down

to a 3 course meal cooked by Michelin Star chef Mike Robinson where the wine and conversation flowed freely.

Fundraising Events Manager Antonia McAlpine said 'the whole event was a thoroughly enjoyable day and the support we have received has been incredible. I would like to thank the committee, all of whom dedicated themselves to this particular event, the sponsors, donors and of course the guests who attended. We were thrilled to have raised £21,500 in the auctions which led us to raise just over £42,000.'





Murray House

Murray House

# Murray House

There is no doubt that the major development in 2013 has been the building of Murray House – the new boarding accommodation for Year 11 pupils.

The appeal to raise the necessary £2,000,000 to build Murray House was launched in 2009. It seemed a daunting task to begin with, as the world hit an economic crisis and cuts in sources of funding were more normal than generating funds. Nevertheless, the trustees of

the Mary Hare Foundation rallied to the task ahead and have worked closely with the fundraising team at Mary Hare to achieve £1,800,000 as we go to print. A final event on 4th July 2013 at Newbury Racecourse will aim to make a big dent in the remaining £200,000 required to

complete the funding for this important development.

**Murray House fundraising:**

- 2009 – £404,000 legacy from the late Mrs Margaret Murray, whose great niece, Emily Troddyn, attended Mary Hare School

- Fundraising events have included: A dinner and concert at the school, 2 Clay Pigeon Shoots, Christmas Fair, Dance 4 a Day, West Woodhay Garden Festival, Wear It Loud, Mad Hatter's Non-Tea Party and together raised over £260,000 towards the final total.

- Our supporters have run, jumped, raced, organised tea parties, dressed loud and thought up all sorts of ways to raise funds for the appeal
- We have had the generous support of major donors, trusts, foundations and companies to help us achieve our total.

- Friends and supporters of the Mary Hare Foundation trustees have shown their unfailing generosity and support once again for Mary Hare School

Murray House was officially declared open on 23rd April by our new Ambassador, Pippa Middleton.



*Jamie Harrison shows his room*



*The finished hare*

# Mary Hare School 2012/13 in pictures

Murray House

Mary Hare in pictures



Climb every mountain



Jumping for fun!



Bon appetit!



when the going gets tough



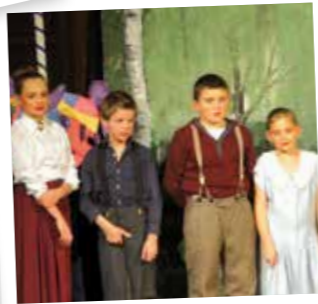
the tough get going



The Care Team with Pippa & Kirsten Loyd



A special guest



Mary Poppins is magic



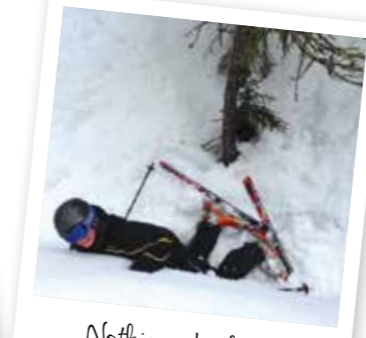
A living picture



Head Boy relaxes



January 2013



Nothing broken!



Cutting edge technology



Lord Mayor's parade



Snowball fight



Georgina and the snowman



Camouflage head



Pomegranate



Fusion

I hope, like me, you will enjoy looking round and talking to the pupils about their experiences here. The work carried out by everyone at Mary Hare is so important to young deaf people and is of national importance, being one of only two such schools in the UK. Giving deaf children the opportunity to choose what they want to study means they can choose what they want to do in the future.

Mary Hare pupil Michael Massey summed up what the new boarding house means to the Year 11 pupils:

*'Ladies and Gentlemen and honoured guests, I am privileged to say a few words on behalf of year 11 about what Mary Hare and Murray House means to us.'*

Mary Hare means a lot to all of us. In year 11 we are almost reaching the end of our journey and looking forward to the next chapter of our school careers. However we have 1 big hurdle left coming soon, our GCSEs exams. Murray House is an amazing environment to live and study in. We get to have more support after school from the teachers and the teaching assistants in our dedicated study room. We can all focus without any distractions and make sure we all can reach our potential.

*On behalf of year 11 and all the year 11s of the future I would like to thank you for your contribution no matter how small - it has made a huge difference to us.'*

Kirsten Loyd, Chairman of the Mary Hare Foundation summed up how 'dreams are made' through the work of Mary Hare School, the support of the Mary Hare Foundation and its many friends and supporters and the determination of the young people attending Mary Hare School.

Murray House seemed like a dream in 2009, but is a very real development on the Mary Hare School site in 2013, offering probably the very best facilities for deaf young people in the UK, where they can learn, study, make friends and prepare for their future on leaving school.



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Mary Hare in pictures

Mary Hare

# WHAT MAKES US DIFFERENT?

Well, I am  
pretty good  
at Art

My friends tell  
me I'm funny  
and should be an  
actor!

I am  
**ace**  
with a football!

I have  
a  
mathematical  
brain



One thing that does not define us at Mary Hare School is our hearing loss. If you want to stand out for the right reasons then come and have a look at our school.

**Year 7 Entry Information Day, 20th September**  
**Sixth Form Information Afternoon, 17th October**  
**Open Day 2014, Bank Holiday Monday, 5th May**

For more information about the above events or to arrange an individual visit at a more convenient time, then please contact Natalie Ross ([n.ross@maryhare.org.uk](mailto:n.ross@maryhare.org.uk) or 01635 244215) or visit our website [www.maryhare.org.uk/school](http://www.maryhare.org.uk/school)

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