

THE EDITOR

TORMEAD

An Independent Day School for Girls 4-18 years

A Letter from the Headmistress

Dear Parents

Your daughters have brought home the School Magazine that records last year's events and highlights. This term has provided a huge amount of material for next year's edition (it really is a non-stop job for the Editor!) and we are delighted to share some of the highlights and also some of the girls' external achievements.

One of the (many) joys at Tormead is the range of opportunities the girls embrace outside school and then bring into school in different ways with us.

Christmas began in school last week with the Drinks that I was delighted so many of you attended and has continued this

week with themed lunch and jumpers and, most especially, a moving and beautiful Carol Service at Christ Church. I wish you and your families a Happy and blessed Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

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Community

Tormead's Got Talent raises over £1,000 for BBC Children in Need

Well done to Wellington House for organising another successful Tormead's got Talent!

The ever popular show raised over £1,000 for BBC Children in Need. It was organised by the girls and staff of Tormead's Wellington House and was filmed by BBC South in preparation for broadcasting on their BBC South today news appeal show. You can view the feature on our website under news/TGT. This year, acts included singing, dancing, comedy sketches and much more. Even Pudsey made an appearance.

Congratulations to Tumi who delivered the winning performance by playing the piano and singing her own rendition of Jealous by Labyrinth and Stone Cold by Demi Lovato. 



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Congratulations to...

Every term at Tormead we have an abundance of students who deserve recognition for their fantastic achievements.

-  **Risa** has been selected for England Trials for her synchro swimming.
-  **Selina** has been offered a 2 week placement in the Easter holidays at the European Space Agent Astronaut Centre in Cologne, Germany. Great opportunity.
-  The European Commission runs a translation competition and our girls **Lauren** and **Elodie** have been selected to represent the school.
-  Four of our girls have been selected following trials at Charterhouse to represent the Guildford District Team in the Surrey Schools Cross Country Championships!
 - Julia**
 - Megan**
 - Darcey**
 - Emma**
-  **Annie** has been selected for the National Junior Squad and is the 1st British girl at the last two major events with her sailing partner.
-  **Izzie** has been selected to play Hockey for Middlesex.
-  **Natasha** passed her Field Moves Test Level 5.
-  **Josie** is in a drama group at the Yvonne Arnoud theatre and will be performing in a production of The Nutcracker.
-  **Ellenor** attended the British Summer Championships to swim the Age 17/18 800m free and the Women's Open 4 x 200 and 4 x 100 freestyle relays. The relay team got to the finals and came 4th in the Womens Open age group 4 x 200m free relay and 6th in the 4 x 100 free relay.

All the girls were 16/17 years old and up against open age group university and world class Olympic standard swimmers.

Ellenor was also invited to be part of Swim England's Sporting Excellence Award Programme. It provides 40 UCAS points on passing.
-  **Felicity** has been offered a place in the prestigious international programme of the English Chess Federation Chess Academy. This is a three year programme designed to prepare players to succeed in international tournaments. Each year there are 4 study weekends through the year which aim to not only improve chess knowledge but also the stamina and understanding of psychology needed to play at a higher level.

Well done to everyone!

Modern Foreign Languages

Languages Week at Tormead

Languages Week started on a musical note with the finals of Tormead's version of the Eurovision Song Contest: Year 7 performed their German song live, whilst Year 8 worked in lessons on their Spanish song and dance video. Next on the agenda was the French bistro, with a group of Lower School girls preparing croque monsieur and salade nicoise for their lunch.

The opportunity to try out a new language proved very popular with 60 girls attending the Arabic taster, and another room filled with pupils eager to learn some Italian. Students were also able to enhance their understanding of

language and culture by watching French and Spanish films and attending a Salsa class. Year 10 produced some impressive presentations on their forthcoming Activity Week destinations of Barcelona, Dresden and Tours, and learning more about Strasbourg via our partner school link.

Year 9 spent a profitable Wednesday afternoon competing in the European Marketing Challenge, drawing on foreign language and design skills, together with some impressive teamwork, to bring their new brand of chocolate to market.

The week ended with a glorious array of national costumes on display for our International Mufti Day.



Year 10 linguists competing in a business language challenge.



French cooking



Year 9 Marketing challenge



International mufti day

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Sciences

New Rooftop Observatory launched at Tormead Scholars' Evening

Our annual Clayton Society Scholars' evening took place this term and we were very privileged to be joined by Dr Carolin Crawford of the Institute of Astronomy and Fellow of Emmanuel College Cambridge, and Emeritus Professor of Astronomy, Gresham College.

Dr Crawford gave a fascinating lecture into the developments of astrophysics with topics including black holes, the James Webb telescope, worm holes and the expansion of the universe.

This was followed by a formal opening of the observatory.

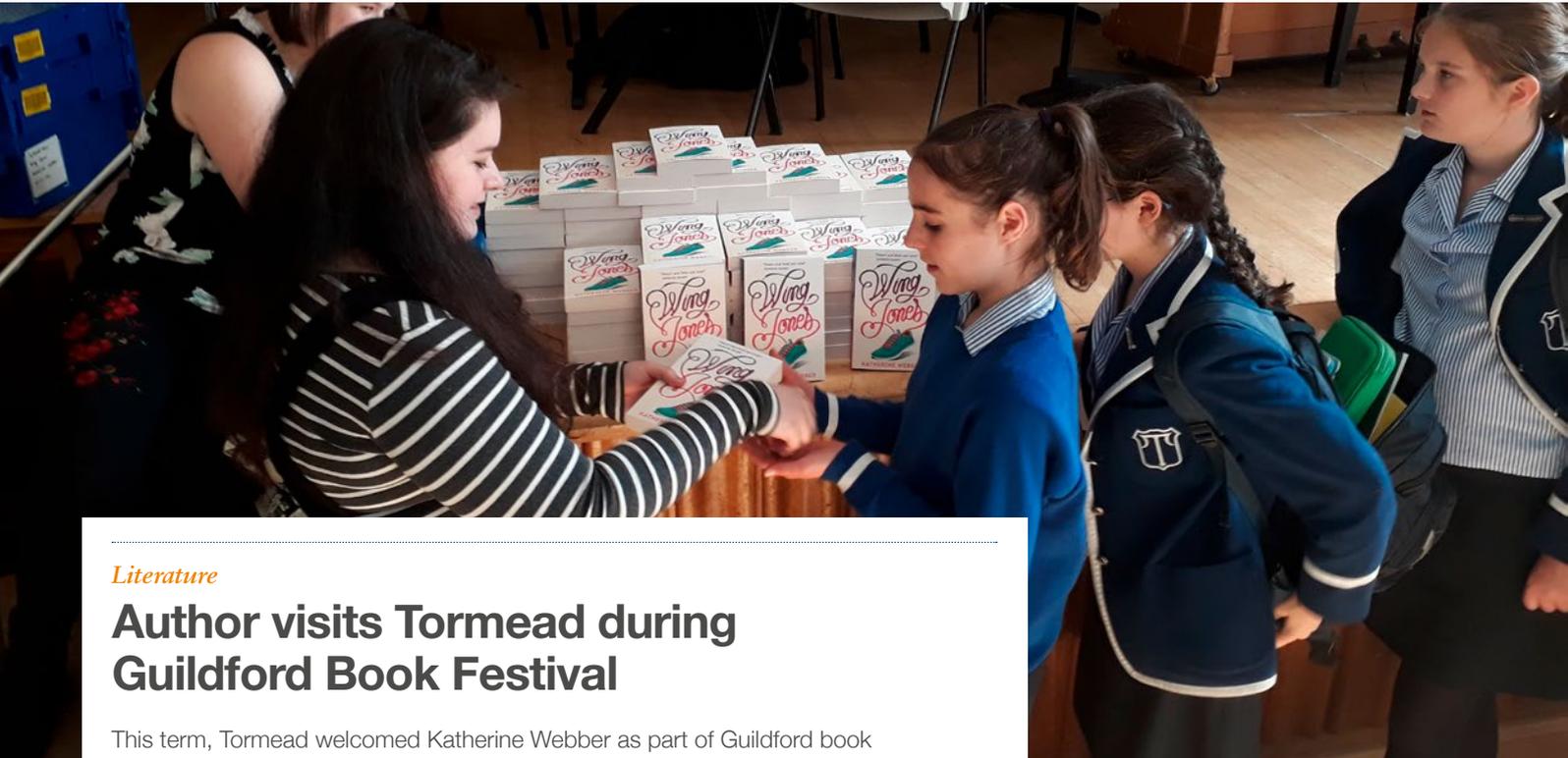
The observatory features a reflector telescope which is connected to the school's computer system so that groups can share observations and develop skills in astro-photography.

This new facility enriches and extends the Physics that we teach. We are delighted with this addition to the science department.



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Literature

Author visits Tormead during Guildford Book Festival

This term, Tormead welcomed Katherine Webber as part of Guildford book festival. She spoke with Year 7 and Year 8 about her first novel; the joys and hardships of writing; and the importance of enjoying what you write by drawing on experiences. The girls enjoyed all the tips and have been putting them to practice in their own writing!

Eco

Tormead achieves reaccreditation



Tormead Eco team are proud to announce that we passed our reaccreditation with flying colours again. The assessor was bowled over by the sheer amount of evidence and the Eco committee talked with knowledge and enthusiasm on a range of Eco topics.

The girls took the assessor on a tour of both the Junior and the Senior school to see the bird boxes, wormery, willow structures, green roof, biology pond and much, much more. You can see the new flag flying at the front of the school.

English

Keeping links, with our local school programmes

As part of our ongoing programme with local schools, we have run two sessions at St Edmund's Primary School in Godalming, with visiting pupils from Busbridge, St Thomas and The Chandler. Focusing on developing their creative writing, two wonderful afternoons were spent in the company of sixteen Year 6 pupils. Sharing knowledge, skills and expertise between schools is a vital part of developing education in its broadest sense, and we learned as much as the children did!



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Tormead's musicians have been in full swing this term!

What's been happening this term?

The Senior and Chamber Choir sung Choral Evensong at Southwark Cathedral

Our Jazz Band played in Guildford for the 'Christmas lights switch on'

The orchestral concert took place and was a great success



Music & Arts

Music and Arts evening a great success

A wonderful time was had by parents and the girls at our annual Music and Arts evening. It was a chance to show some of the girls many talents.



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Music

Tormead Choir sings live on BBC Radio 4

Tormead Choir Year 6 – 8 travelled to Manchester for two days of singing.

The main event of the trip was to sing at a live broadcast on BBC Radio 4 of the Daily Service – one of the BBC's longest running programmes.

The service is listened to by an estimated quarter of a million people and the standard of singing required is high. The girls rose to the challenge and worked hard in the weeks leading up to the broadcast to perfect their tuning.

This tour has now been part of the annual music programme for four years and is a happy collaboration of both the Junior and Senior School music departments. We all had a great time and can't wait to go again next year!



Events

House Fashion and Dance show, ends term in style

The House Fashion and Dance show is the big event of the term and a school favourite in the calendar. We are delighted to announce that Livingstone House were the overall winners this year. Great effort from everyone involved.

Each House picks a theme and is required to make 5 costumes using recycled materials. The girls work across the year groups to design and make exquisite outfits for the 5 models to parade on our catwalk during the Fashion Show. The models are accompanied by dancers and the dances are choreographed by the girls and House staff. Increasingly we are seeing more staff presence on the dance floor and this is a great way of showing unity among the Houses. 📸

Events

House Bake Off

We have also enjoyed the delights of the House Bake Off, in which girls are challenged to prepare a dessert that could be served up to the school for lunch. The judges thoroughly enjoyed tasting all the desserts but Livingstone's Salted Caramel Cheesecake stole the show. 📸



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Beacon has kicked off this term with a new theme! The aims of something new, different and challenging stay, but this year we've added inspiring to the mix. Our recent assembly with Lower School asked the girls the same question that sits at the bottom of their new-look Beacon Passport, "What's your best?"

Drama

Award winning actress visits Tormead to kick off the Beacon Programme

Old girl Lara Lemon came to visit the Upper School and Sixth Form this term to discuss with the girls her career as an award winning actress. The girls were treated to an honest and insightful discussion on the acting career, a workshop on Meisner techniques and a chance to hold an extended Q&A about all things since leaving Tormead.



Science

Beacon Demo - dissection

This term's Beacon Demo was put on by Kytos, bringing over 50 girls to observe a dissection of a uterus. With a new camera on hand, the girls got an up close and intimate look at the science behind the uterus.



Community

Tormead's #ReverseAdventCalendar Gives Back To The Community

The girls at Tormead Junior School have created 'The Twelve days of Christmas Reverse Advent Calendar' in the entrance hall for their Christmas display. Behind each of the twelve doors is a class photo and a picture of a gift which will be donated to Guildford and Leatherhead food banks. Each day a different class brought their gift into School and the House Captains organised the goods ready for collection.

The Sixth Formers have also been working towards their own reverse advent calendar and are collaborating with the Junior School to create gift bags for the residents of Leatherhead Start.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this great new initiative.





Business

Tormead's Team Apex come 3rd place in Young Enterprise challenge!

Lower Sixth girls from Team Apex presented their business plan for producing, marketing and selling 'Recipes for Success', an innovative cookbook for a healthy student lifestyle, to a panel of Young Enterprise judges at the Royal Grammar School in Guildford on 19 November. Team Apex from Tormead was the only girls' school to win a prize that evening, taking home the Third Place prize of £40 to put towards their business. Congratulations!



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Drama

Lights, Camera, Action!

There has been a busy Drama Programme this term, with theatre visits, visiting speakers and workshops for Years 10 – 13. These include:

- A Frantic Assembly Workshop
- A splendid theatre workshop on Brecht and Berkoff
- A questions and answers session with Director, Sam Clemens, and actor Gary Turner, of 'Strictly Murder', who came to talk about their experiences in theatre
- Theatre trips to 'Strictly Murder', 'People, Places and Things' and 'Heisenberg: The Uncertainty Principle.'



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Geography

Lower Sixth explore Weymouth on Geography trip!

The intrepid Lower Sixth Geographers took to the south coast to explore the array of coastal features that adorn the Dorset coastline. The students experienced a wide range of field work techniques, including field sketching, pebble analysis, socio-economic profiling, environmental quality assessment, dune profiling, species diversity analysis, and stakeholder interviews in a packed 3 day programme. We visited Barton on Sea, studland, Boscombe, Bournemouth, Swanage, Weymouth, Portland and Chesil beach. We also managed to sample the tourist attractions that Bournemouth offers at the Rock Reef climbing wall where competition was fierce for the speed climbing competition! The girls had a great time and learned a host of fieldwork techniques that will stand them in good stead for their individual projects that they will undertake in the summer.



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Classics

Greece trip

Tormead Year 8-12's were fortunate enough to go on a Classics trip to Greece during the October half term. Visiting various places such as Athens, Delphi and Ancient Corinth.

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What's new in our Sixth Form this term?

Volunteering

Lower Sixth continues voluntary work by helping out at St Joseph's Specialist School and College in Cranleigh



Community

Celebrating Diwali

Nishi, Millie and Elizabeth (U6) - danced in Trafalgar square for the Diwali celebrations. T



Guest Speakers

This terms Horizons speakers

James Ketchell [climbed Everest, rowed the Atlantic and cycled around the world]. Dr Kathryn Harkup published author and authority on poisons, Animal Aid, Nigel Revell who was instrumental in setting up the Teenage Cancer Trust. T

Facilities

New Sixth Form café is popular with our girls

Our new Sixth Form café launched this September. Designed by last year's Year 10 girls, the newly refurbished space is very popular with the girls. With this comes a new cashless catering service, enabling Sixth Formers to use a 'top-up' card to purchase an array of drinks, snacks, salads and sandwiches! T

Extra Curricular

New clubs launched

- Feminism Society
- Social Committee
- Volunteering Committee
- Debating Society T

Community

Raising money for Challengers

Year 12 Volunteering committee raised over £70 for Challengers by holding a bake sale. Well done Team! T

Social

Christmas Social for the Sixth Form

Girls organised a new Christmas Sixth Form Social which happened on a Friday night in December.

There were canapés, music and lots of dancing. The girls wrote a quiz for the event too. A great night was had by all. T





Modern Foreign Languages

Sixth Form head to Normandy

October 2017 saw another successful Sixth Form French trip to Normandy. The tailored-made residential experience, which takes place every other year, enabled the girls to put into practise and expand on their knowledge of the topic areas we study in the language. A lot of French speaking took place and the week culminated with mock oral examinations for every girl involved, with our dedicated teacher of the week, Estelle.

The planned activities and work included some lessons, a formal interview with a local politician then with local people on the issues of immigration and integration; an exchange afternoon with post-A Level students in a local school (comparing the two school systems, as well as hobbies and interests); a day in the internationally renowned “Mémorial de Caen” War museum (inclusive of a workshop in French dealing around the topic of “une famille dans la guerre” to enhance our knowledge about France and its people during the Second World War), and of course the unavoidable shopping trip.

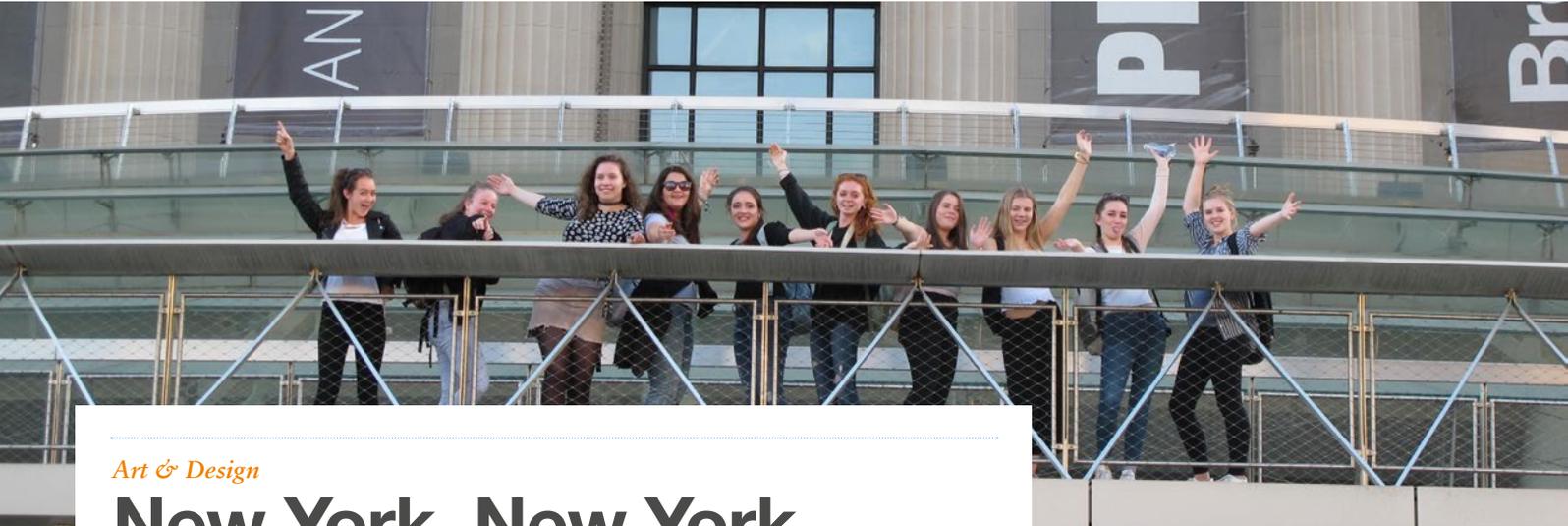
We also had many opportunities to unwind and we enjoyed a meal in a “Crêperie”, bowling and cinema outings, as well as our “Cheese and Wine tasting”. “Escargots” also made an appearance on the dinner table, too.

We stayed in our own accommodation in “La Baie du Mont-St Michel” - a beautiful area which offers all that we need in terms of French work and fun.

Ellie, Maddie, Elodie, Natalie, Kate and Katie really threw themselves in all activities and did us proud.

Watch this space. We are already planning the 2019 edition.





Art & Design

New York, New York

Sixth Formers led by Ms Hetherington, Head of Art & Design, travelled to the bright lights and soaring buildings of New York City over half term. New York has a thriving art scene and hugely important museum collections. During their stay they visited Brooklyn Museum of Art, Museum of Modern Art, Guggenheim and the Rockefeller Centre. A ferry trip to the Statue of Liberty and Broadway show 'We Will Rock You' were also highlights. They ended the trip with a visit to the 9/11 Memorial Plaza. A tribute to the past and a place of hope for the future. This was a thoroughly rewarding and unforgettable school trip for all the girls and staff.



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Geography

Year 8 take a trip to Kew

Year 8 girls were treated to a day out at Kew gardens to support their studies of Ecosystems this term. There were a number of specially adapted plant species that the girls had to study throughout the day, and they also completed their own primary data collection. Amongst the species of interest were the variety of cacti, the mangrove tree, the tropical palms and Madagascar periwinkle - the source of a medicine which has had a big impact on the treatment of leukemia. We also had a chance to see Kew preparing for its Christmas celebrations and explored the tree top walk to examine the canopy layer of the trees. A memorable day was had by all and the classroom lessons were brought to life.



Gymnastics

Tormead U10 and U11 gymnasts win the IAPS National Finals

Over 450 gymnasts competed at the biggest gymnastics IAPS event and we are delighted and very proud that Tormead won the IAPS National Finals. T

*Gymnastics*

Christmas display



On the 5th December all squads involved from Reception to Year 13 performed in our Christmas display. T

Netball

Tour of Condover

The Netballers had their most successful tour to date at Condover with the U14's finishing 4th/19. The U13As runners up in the cup and the U13Bs runners up in the plate. T

The Elite Athletes Programme

We currently have 26 girls identified and supported on this programme. The girls continue to meet once a week on a Friday morning for their contact time and Strength & Conditioning review. Both our sports psychologist and nutritionist have been in twice this term to work with the girls before school and with their parents after school.

The two seminars we have hosted were 'Fuelling for Sport' and 'Coping with Pressure'.

Swimming

U14 relay team success in the pool

Our U14 relay team came 2nd in the regional ESSA finals, qualifying for the National ESSA finals at the aquatic centre. We entered the finals in 22nd place to finish 11/100 with a PB. Great result. T

Hockey

Success across all Hockey age groups

The U14 Hockey players won the St Mary's Hockey Tournament. The addition of indoor hockey on a Wednesday evening led by Mary Booth has been excellent and one that is paying dividends in the outdoor game too.

The U13 Hockey players came back from Northampton tour unbeaten and the U12s came back with Hockey knowledge improved and relationships developed. T