

# HILL HOUSE

INTERNATIONAL JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a short but very busy term. The next nine weeks are filled with trips, concerts, Parents' evenings and, for our older pupils, exams and interviews.

Music lessons and ensembles begin on Monday, and Friday clubs begin on 19 January. The first Parents' Evening of the term is on Monday in Founders Hall. This is for parents of Pupils in Lower Sixth Hans and Radnor classes. An email about this was sent earlier in the week. The monthly secondhand uniform sale is this Tuesday in Cadogan Gardens, please see the attached flyer.

On Tuesday the first of this term's ski groups depart for Glion. For those visiting the chalet from now on the experience will be a little different from years gone by. On 31 December, after forty-nine years of continuous service to the school, Madame Tomba our Housekeeper retired. She began working for us not long after the chalet in Glion was built and for generations of boys and girls, and indeed teachers, she has been one of the mainstays of a visit to Glion. Her porridge is legendary and when old pupils come back to visit one of the questions they invariably ask is if Madame Tomba is still working at Hill House. We will be making a presentation to her later in the term. She continues to live in the village with her husband, Silvano, who will continue to look after the house.



On Thursday 25 January at 6.30pm there will be "An introduction to Boarding Schools" in Founders' Hall. This talk is primarily for parents with boys in Upper Beta & Gamma and Lower Senior School and will be given by Mr Andrew Shedden, Registrar of Winchester College and Mr Sam Hart, Housemaster. An email with more details will be sent out next week.



Details of all showcases, fixtures and talks can be found on the calendar page of the website.

Earlier today the pupils in Lower School all took part in a workshop with the drama company Perform. The workshop was based on the theme of Space and as you can see they had a wonderful time.

Below is a message we have been asked by the Met Police to share with parents.

**Police have become aware that UK private-school fee payments are actively being targeted by cyber-criminals.**

*The attack begins with an email sent to parents stating the latest payment details for school fees. The email appears official and at times is being sent from the schools own compromised email system. The new bank details belong to the hackers and results in all school fees being diverted into the criminal's accounts. All parents need to be very cautious if you receive any emails stating a change of payment detail or containing unexpected attachments. You should telephone the school on the usual telephone number, not one contained within the email and double check the validity of all information before making any payment. If you believe you have fallen victim to fraud please contact Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/have>*

We are not aware of any Hill House parents having been targeted by this. Likewise, our email system has not been compromised.

Best wishes,

*Richard Townend*

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HALF PRICE

UNIFORM SHOP

RAISING MONEY FOR CHARITY

FULL RANGE OF  
UNIFORM AVAILABLE

NEXT SALE IS THIS

TUESDAY 16TH JANUARY

3.30PM – 5.00PM

CADOGAN GARDENS

ALL ITEMS WILL BE SOLD AT 50% OF THE CURRENT BILLINGS & EDMONDS NEW UNIFORM PRICES.

CASH PREFERRED

ALL DONATIONS OF GARMENTS IN GOOD CONDITION WILL BE GRATEFULLY RECEIVED. ANY ITEMS TO BE DONATED TO THE SECONDHAND SHOP MAY BE DROPPED OFF ON ANY SCHOOL DAY IN YOUR CHILD'S BUILDING. ANY ITEMS WE RECEIVE THAT ARE NOT IN GOOD ENOUGH CONDITION TO SELL WILL BE SENT TO TEXTILE RECYCLING.