



■ Dani and Poppy - Merriman House Captains 2023/24



1. Sports Day, July 2023
2. Enjoying House Gym
3. House Music
4. House Drama

What a strong year Merriman had again! We are so proud of everyone's efforts and perseverance within the House, from a variety of sporting victories to raising a remarkable total of £1,407 at the annual Merriman Fair it is safe to say we have had a very successful year. Beginning with our successes in the Autumn Term, we would like to say congratulations to everybody who fought hard in House Netball and Lacrosse. We achieved the pleasing results of 3rd position in both Middle School netball and lacrosse, with so many people across the House taking part. In addition to this, last year's Drama Prefect, Hannah, with help from the House Captains (Poppy and Emilia), worked hard to write the House Drama script. A huge 'well done' to everybody within the house who took part both on stage and behind the scenes to put on a strong production. As Christmas came around, the Merriman Fair was back, for the first time since COVID-19. This brought great excitement to the School. It was a huge success, with all Merriman girls helping to plan and run the event, raising over £1,400. This money was donated towards The Matrix Trust (a Ukrainian support helpline), Save the Children and Barnardo's: all worthwhile charities that help to improve the lives of children from a

wide range of backgrounds. A special shout-out to Lily (L5) who won the Best Chairperson in House debating, and Sarah (L6) who won the Ellison Cup for consistent attendance at Debating/Public speaking.

With the Spring Term came further achievements for Merriman as we kicked off the term with an impressive 1st place in House Gym. Congratulations to Zara (U3) for coming second in the individual floor routine and Erin (L5) who was highly commended as an individual gymnast. We thank the L6 who helped to choreograph and run the House Gym practices. Following on from this, Merriman won second position for the Work Cup, Christine (U3) won the Music Practice prize and Anna (U5) achieved the Marilyn Banks Cup for Public Spiritedness.

We thank everyone who took part in the Summer Term's House events: Scarlett Webster (L5) achieved the best speaker of the Inter-House Debating Competition; Megan (U4) achieved the Best Chairperson and Merriman won the overall Public Speaking trophy in Middle School. The House Quiz, run by Dr Brindley, was successful throughout the whole of Merriman with both Middle and Senior School coming 2nd place and joint first with Midleton overall, demonstrating great

Merriman teamwork. Merriman were also awarded the Wendy Griffiths Mathematical Challenge Award. A special mention goes to Zirui (L5) who received the Dr Kinsella Practical Chemist Award. Merriman were not just successful in the academic field in the Summer Term; we also won Inter-House tennis. Further sporting achievements included Merriman coming 2nd in the House Athletics relay. Merriman pulled together as a team and won the House Athletics trophy! This is a huge achievement and everyone should be proud of all their hard work and effort. House Swimming was another great success; we came away with U4/L5 coming first and overall we won the House Swimming trophy, finishing off the year with a splash! End-of-term prizes included the Victor Ludorum, with Zara (U3) achieving Silver, Ruby (L4) achieving Bronze and Tamara (L4) achieving Silver. We would also like to thank the previous U6 who led and supported the House to such success. You were such an inspirational team and it will be hard to follow in your footsteps. Here's to another great year of Merriman achievements.