



MIDLETON

■ Lizzie and Sarah-Jane - Midleton House Captains 2023/24

Midleton has had yet another fantastic year, fuelled by brilliant House spirit. We have seen incredible participation from everyone in House events and our legendary House chant has continued to add to the enthusiasm in everything we do.

In the Autumn Term, House Netball commenced. The junior division succeeded in achieving a fantastic 2nd place. Although the Senior School division team did not place as highly, they still thoroughly enjoyed their matches. This was a great opportunity for the U3s to experience the comradeship within the house. 25th November marks St Catherine's Day. The Senior teams continued their joyful tradition of wearing glamorous outfits to compete in lacrosse; this year, royal blue tinsel and our Midleton swimming caps coming in handy to complete our chic look! The Seniors fought hard and successfully gained a place in the final, where they faced Stoner, the previous champions. Despite their strength and determination, and remarkable goals, scored by Natalie (L6) and Anna (U6), once again, we took 2nd place. Although not the result we hoped for, everyone's hard work and all that we have achieved is admirable.

Throughout the Autumn Term, House Drama rehearsals were also taking place. The theme was *A Night at the Opera* and Midleton was given the opera *Don Pasqual* to adapt. Our play was written and directed by our House Drama Prefect, Tabitha (U6). Huge congratulations go to Tabi for winning best script, Emily (L6) for winning Best Senior Actress, in her humorous role of Don Pasqual, and Tilly (U3) for

winning Best Middle School Actress, in her deceptive role of Norina! Despite winning three individual awards, we were awarded 2nd place overall. However, this doesn't take away from our achievements and we would like to say a big "thank you" to everyone involved and who stepped out of their comfort zones in order to take part.

Midleton's public speaking skills were also displayed through House Debating, which gave members of the house the opportunity to talk about important issues, such as "*Should the death penalty be legalised in the UK?*"

The theme for House Singing in the Spring Term was Space and Midleton was given the song *Starman* by David Bowie. Our performance was nostalgic for many of the teachers and we had lots of fun throughout the process. Our second song, chosen by the Music Prefects, was *Go West* by the Pet Shop Boys. This was met with a high level of engagement and included a beautiful rendition of Pachelbel's *Canon*, arranged by Ginny (U6). Unfortunately, it was not our year, but we still had a great time and gave it our all!

The theme this year for House Gymnastics was Royalty, to commemorate Her Late Majesty the Queen. Our gymnastics trio gained 1st place for their routine, performed to the song *Royalty* by Ezgod by Lilia (L5), Ottilie (L5) and Charlotte (L4) and was choreographed by Natalie (L6). U4 performed in Middle School Dance and were also victorious with their strong dance routine to the song *Get Down*, from the musical *Six*, choreographed by Olivia and Emily (L6). Our solo was

performed by Mabel (U3), who took 2nd place and showed an outstanding amount of skill and technique. We are so proud of everyone.

The warm weather lifted spirits as we kicked off our final term with more house activities! House Cricket allowed the girls to put the skills they have learned from year games into practice. The Senior cricket team played a round robin tournament, where Midleton achieved 2nd place! House Tennis was in full swing, with experienced tennis players taking to the court, in addition to those who had never played tennis before! The Seniors excelled in their division and finished triumphantly in 1st place! A special mention goes to Ella (U5) who stepped in to play in the final at the last minute and made it back in time to play in the cricket finals! Midleton also saw success in the House Quiz, where middle school won their form group category.

We would like to send our congratulations and a heartfelt thank you to our prefect team for all they have done for us as a House and particularly to Anna and Alice, who have led Midleton as House Captains from 2022-23. You have been such an inspiration to us and we wish you all the best for your plans in the future. We'd like to thank Mrs Wiskin and the tutor team for their continued support throughout the year. The successes of Midleton would not have been possible without you.