



# RUSSELL BAKER

■ Sophie and Shua - House Captains 2023/24



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

Russell Baker accomplished another great year of achievements! We would like to congratulate all the girls in the House for all their contributions and House spirit, with Maddie and Hannah doing an outstanding job leading the house.

We hit the ground running in the Autumn Term with House Drama rehearsals written and directed by Anousha to the theme of 'Opera', where we performed our rendition of *The Magic Flute*. We are proud to say we received the award for Most Creative Design. We came 2<sup>nd</sup> in Senior Netball and joint 5<sup>th</sup> in Middle School Netball. We excelled in U4/L5 Lacrosse, achieving 1<sup>st</sup> place. House Debating was one of the many activities that took place during the term where several girls represented the House and everyone else enjoyed supporting them from the side line. To round off the term, we were delighted to receive the House Music Progress Award.

Starting off the busy Spring Term, we immersed ourselves in House Singing and House Gym rehearsals. As U6 were beginning to focus on their A Level exams, the L6 stepped up to the role of choreographing the House Gym dances. This was a fun-filled activity as everyone got involved and everyone was able to choose which House Dance they wanted to participate in. The L6 really enjoyed working with younger years and getting to know them. Each group performed exceptionally well, given the theme of 'Royalty.' Special congratulations to the U5 Senior Dance Group where they achieved first place with their incredible dance to *Prince of Bel-air*. Special congratulations also go to Elsa

(U4) for being Highly Commended in the Individual Gymnast Competition.

Alongside the House Gym, we were also working on both of our songs for House Singing which were arranged and conducted by our House Music Prefect, Amy (U6). With lots of motivation, she managed to develop our skills with the challenging songs of *Talking to the Moon* by Bruno Mars and *Revolting Children* from the musical *Matilda*. Although we did not win the competition we were proud of our performance and the fact that we were placed 3<sup>rd</sup>. We were also very proud to have Amy being awarded Best Conductor for this Competition showing the effort and enthusiasm she put in during the performance.

The Summer Term is always good fun with all the sports that we play as everyone loves getting involved in the cricket, tennis and athletics that is on offer. Russell Baker swept the board for Senior sports at the beginning of the term, coming 1<sup>st</sup> for cricket and tennis! Russell Baker also won the U3/L4 and U4/L5 Cricket! Middle School started off the House Public Speaking against Ashcombe discussing 'Can art be separated from the artist?'. Well done to Sophia who gave a brilliant speech on this complex topic. In the House Quiz, Russell Baker came 3<sup>rd</sup> in Middle School and 6<sup>th</sup> in Senior School. On Sports Day the weather was lovely until the downpour: good old British weather! We performed very well and everyone had a very enjoyable day. Well done to everyone for all they have contributed to the House this year and we cannot wait for another great year to come.