

# pf: junior boarding

## Junior Boarding News: Mrs Roberts-Barter reports:

Last weekend the boarders visited Gunwharf Quays in Portsmouth. Some of the girls trekked up the Spinnaker Tower which, at 170 meters high, is taller than the London Eye, Blackpool Tower and Big Ben! The view from the tower is spectacular and the girls enjoyed walking across the glass floor which gives the impression of 'walking on air'.

On Wednesday we gave the Fifth Form boarders a study leave send-off in the form of a Chinese meal at Mrs Purkiss's house. We have thoroughly enjoyed having them in junior boarding and will miss them as they move over to the Sixth Form House – we hope they will find time to visit us!

This weekend is set to be another busy one; on Friday the girls have been invited to visit the Rikkyo Japanese School for a Tea Ceremony and demonstrations of Japanese culture, on Saturday some pupils from Rikkyo will be coming back to PF for Afternoon Tea and to learn how to play Croquet (if we can figure out the rules ourselves!) and on Sunday we are off to Thorpe Park!

Room of the week this week goes to Amelia Dangerfield!



## Sixth Form: Miss Picken reports:

The Lower Sixth start study leave today signalling a time where the house pulls together more than ever to ensure everyone is in the right frame of mind for the task ahead. Exams affect everyone and the house staff are on hand to support, comfort and celebrate. By Sixth form most of the girls have a good idea of how they study best – whether they are an early bird who gets up with the sun, or have a more relaxed approach involving Mrs Picken encouraging (nagging) them to be up in time for weekend brunch! We have learnt that the way to calm any stressed teenager is to have a good stock of food – chocolate, sweets, cookies and junk food not normally given house room – but for a short period we fight as few battles as possible. Someone is always around when the girls finish as exam – to listen to the moans of 'How could they put a questions like that in?' but more often to reassure and tick off another exam, and watch as they realise the summer holiday is really on its way!