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TGS goes Stateside



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The first day of the Easter holiday saw a group of 39 students and 4 members of staff set off at 4am for a Golden West Tour in America, visiting several states and carrying out a packed itinerary of activities:

Day 1: Travel to Los Angeles

Staying in a very posh hotel with chill out time by the pool

Day 2: LA Sightseeing

Starting with a visit to Griffith Park and Observatory for a glorious view of the Hollywood sign and the whole of LA, we then travelled through Beverly Hills to see the houses of the rich and famous. We tried our hands and feet where the stars have left their prints outside the Chinese Theatre and walked down Hollywood Boulevard looking for our favourite celebrities. After a busy day of sight-seeing we had some time to relax on Santa Monica beach and walk along the pier where we got to see a camera crew filming for an upcoming film! Our day ended at Bubba Gump Shrimp watching the sun set over the sea.

Day 3: Universal Studios

A whole day going on rides, watching shows, seeing film sets and props, shopping for souvenirs and exploring the new Harry Potter world in 32° heat – amazing! Finishing with dinner at The Hard Rock Café.

Day 4: Travel to Las Vegas

What started out as a quiet day travelling finished with us walking the length of Freemont Street seeing the many bright lights and street entertainers of Vegas. We were able to compare the new strip with the old, stopping in Caesar's Palace to see the indoor sky and visit Planet Hollywood.

Day 5: Grand Canyon

Another coach trip later we arrived at the spectacular views of the Grand Canyon. It's too big for words and utterly beautiful. We had time to explore the area, walk down a bit into the canyon or just enjoy the views.

Day 6: Colorado River

Our most relaxing day yet cruising down the river enjoying the views and local knowledge.

Day 7: Travel to Phoenix

As our trip was drawing to an end we travelled to Phoenix for an afternoon relaxing in the pool and an evening of all you can eat pizza and arcade games. A perfect way to spend our final night.

Day 8&9: Shopping & Home

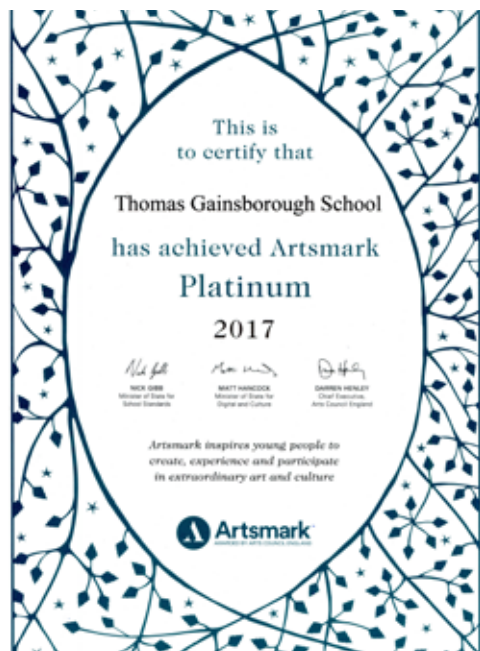
The day some girls were most excited about – the shopping mall! A chance to spend our last dollars before flying home.

"I loved every minute of the trip it was so much fun and we packed loads in. It was well worth the tired eyes."

"America was the best school trip I have been on, people ask me what day was my favourite but I haven't got one. Every day was an amazing experience."

"I think my favourite part of the trip was the variety of activities; one day we were melting in Universal Studios and a few days later we were floating along Colorado river drinking lemonade."

Artsmark Success



Thomas Gainsborough School has just been awarded the platinum level Artsmark award by the Arts council of England, the highest award recognising excellence in the provision of Arts and cultural education and experience.

Mr Clark has been working closely with Mr Lloyd and the rest of the leadership team to develop a comprehensive case study which effectively demonstrates the breadth and quality of the curriculum and the extra curricular work which takes place in subjects including Art and Design, Photography, Textiles design, Music, Performing Arts and Media. In response to the final case study submitted by Mr Clark, the awarding body said the following:

'The panel commended your school for the strategic focus placed on arts and cultural provision. The effective partnerships you have established and good use of local resources

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to ensure a broad range of offer and opportunity for your pupils were highlighted as strengths...Your school has been awarded Artsmark Platinum. Congratulations!'

In his response to the local press, Mr Clark said: 'It is a genuine pleasure to work in a school which demonstrably values the Arts in its curriculum and understand the positive impact the Arts have on the development of young people. The students at our school consistently demonstrate a high level of engagement with the Arts and impressive outcomes in their work at all levels. We are extremely proud to have been awarded platinum status and will continue to work to provide greater and greater opportunities and experiences for the students in the Arts.'

Now that we hold platinum Artsmark status, we will be hosting a celebration event towards the end of term for all the schools in Norfolk and Suffolk who have achieved, or would like to achieve the same status. We will also be working with more outside agencies, adding greater opportunities in the Arts and working with our partners across the Samuel Ward Academy Trust.





ABBAS



Head of
 ABBAS
 Mrs N Wilby

House Captains

Ben Wong

Evie Byott



Deputy House Captains

Rosie Young

Harry Freeman



Winners Again!

Abbas House are the proud holders of the Chelsworth trophy for the second term in succession. Once again a huge team effort from; the tutors, the committee, the House Captains and of course every individual student in the House. Thank you again for your continued support and willingness to get involved, every effort counts!

Our Summer term began with a Celebration assembly looking back at the achievements of the Spring Term. I was delighted with the huge number of Abbas students that achieved full attendance this term, over half of whom have 100% attendance for both terms. I hope to be able to award even more 100% attendance certificates for the Summer term.

We were able to celebrate fourteen students who have achieved their Gold Merit certificate and therefore a place on the Rewards Trip with a full term still to go! Congratulations, but keep going for that Platinum one too for your Employability folder.

JEZ (CSP) won the prize for the Abbas tutor group with the most merits this term. It was good to see yet another different group winning again.

Rosie Young was awarded the Head of House commendation for her commitment to the House Committee, and her continued support and effort for numerous competitions. Rosie is a busy person but always finds time to get involved in House challenges too. Thank you Rosie!

Although we haven't yet said "goodbye" to Millie and Sam, it was time to announce our new Abbas House Captains and, new for this year, House Deputies. I am delighted to welcome Evie Byott and Ben Wong as our incoming Captains and Harry Freeman and Rosie Young as our Deputies. I look forward to working with them next year to continue to build on the successes of this year with Millie and Sam.

Abbas are working with Houghton House on a charity event this half term. We have a stall selling various items of stationery and confectionary which can be packaged and delivered to another student with a message. This could be to say "hello", "thank you" or even "sorry." Such a random act of kindness can always raise a smile.

Finally I would like to draw your attention to another fund raising action Abbas have undertaken. Easyfundraising is a fantastic way for Abbas to raise money. Every time you shop online you can ensure that a donation is made to our charity total simply by registering with the website and going to your intended shopping site via the Easyfundraising page. So many everyday shops are listed such as: Expedia, Thomson and booking.com for travel, all of the supermarket brands, M&S, Next, John Lewis, Clarks and Debenhams – to name just a few.

Please sign up at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk> You will need to select your "good cause" as Thomas Gainsborough School Abbas House and simply remember to shop online as you may usually do but via the Easyfundraising page first. Thank you.

Mrs N Wilby





CHAMBERLAIN



Head of
Chamberlain
Miss J Hilson

House Captains

Bethany Ireland-Whittaker

Josef Thompson



Deputy House Captains

Daisie Houlden

Reuben Devereux



I hope you all had a lovely break over Easter and welcome back to the final term of this year – hopefully this will be our best term yet!

Congratulations are in order to all those who received certificates for their achievements last term. We gave out 96 Bronze certificates for students who have now earned 100 merits, 46 Silver certificates for those who have a total of 200 merits or more and 15 Gold certificates for students who have exceeded 300 merits. On top of that Niamh Bailey & Daisie Houlden received Platinum certificates for achieving over 400 merits – well done girls!

We have a further 53 students who had 100% attendance in the Spring term with 20 of these having full attendance since starting the year in September. 76 students are on track to receive an Exemplary Behaviour award for having never received a negative behaviour point this year, and a huge well done to tutor group ECK for having the highest average merit total for the Spring term.

I am a very proud Head of House at the moment with a lot of great achievements in the Spring term and as many of you know we narrowly missed out winning the Chelsworth Cup by a few merits – much better than our 5th place position in the Autumn term. May

the efforts and positive involvement continue throughout the Summer.

Last week saw the conclusion of the Chamberlain charity event Revenge Against the Teachers raising £106 and resulting in Miss Bowman eating a delicious combination of toothpaste, lemon and chilli powder! Keep a look out for Revenge Against the Teachers returning again later in the term!



As our Yr 11 students prepare for their exams it is time to hand over their House Captain responsibilities to the new candidates. I am very pleased to announce:

House Captains: Bethany Ireland-Whittaker & Josef Thompson

Deputy House Captains: Daisie Houlden & Reuben Devereux

I look forward to working with you all – well done!
Miss J Hilson





HOUGHTON



Head of
Houghton
Mrs F Raleigh

House Captains

Oscar Edwards

Ella Keep



Deputy House Captains

Connor Crowley

Mollie Pratt



Congratulations to Mrs Hurtado who recently gave birth to her beautiful second son. Thank you to everyone, staff and students for welcoming me as the temporary Head of House. Houghton has a great group of students who have achieved many wonderful things within the school curriculum. They have achieved this with the help and support of their tutors and subject teachers. We recognised the achievements of a great many of our students during the celebration Assembly which was fantastic. The Houghton captains gave out 94 Bronze certificates for students who have now earned 100 merits, 40 Silver certificates for those who have a total of 200 merits or more and 13 Gold certificates for students who have exceeded 300 merits. We have one student Mollie Wingate who received her Platinum certificate for achieving over 400 merits – well done Mollie you are a credit to the House!

We had a further 67 students who have 100% attendance. This is an excellent practice to maintain and a good employability skill to maintain in your record of achievement. As is the Exemplary Behaviour Award. 71 students are on track to receive an Exemplary Behaviour

Award for having never received a negative behaviour point this year. I have noticed our personal presentation is very good as well. This sets a high standard for the other houses.

A huge Well Done to MKI/FRO tutor group for having the highest average merit total for the Spring term. Remember every merit gets us closer to the Chelsworth Cup. Let's not let Abbas win a third time.

During the Spring term I hosted the Dragon's Den Competition which was very successful. There were some creative and well prepared presentations. The Dragon's thought the students put their ideas across eloquently. This gave the headmaster food for thought on ways to improve our school environment.

I have been delighted with the participation of our house in school competitions. Keep joining in on the competitions: it is great fun and well worth the effort. Currently Houghton and Abbas are running a charity event called Random Act of Kindness. The idea is you can buy a gift of sweets or stationery to someone in need in your tutor group or a friend. Money is pouring in nicely so thank you for your kindness to others.

As our Yr 11 students prepare for their exams it is time to hand over their House Captain responsibilities to the new candidates. We wish them well in their forthcoming exams and thank them for all their hard work in the house. I am very pleased to announce the new House Captains are Oscar Edwards and Ella Keep. Deputy House Captains are Connor Crowley and Mollie Pratt.

I look forward to working with you all – well done!

Mrs F Raleigh





PEYTON



Head of
Peyton
Mr W Ponsford

House Captains

Jacob Miculob

Zara Hearnden



Deputy House Captains

Mason Boggis

Chloe Cowlin



A huge well done to all our recent award winners for their efforts last term. Special mention needs to go to Esther Shrubsole for her Head of House Commendation. Esther seems to have been involved in everything last term. She had a large role in our Show, Little Shop of Horrors, gained a huge number of merits and almost reached her Platinum award, took part in many of the House Competitions, gained an exemplary report, and above all is always smiling and positive around the school.

A huge thank you needs to go to our outgoing House and Sports Captains: Sean, Francesca, Charlie and Beth. They have done a sterling job this year and have my gratitude for their support.

Two House Captains and two Deputies have now succeeded them. Jacob Miculob and Zara Hearnden have been chosen to lead the house, ably assisted by Mason Boggis and Chloe Cowlin. 2 further pupils will be chosen as sports Captains by the PE department and 4 more will be added to complete the Peyton House

Committee in the near future. Watch this space for great things to come!

Mr W Ponsford





TOLLEMACHE



Head of
Tollemache
Mr J Oliver

House Captains

Thomas Dudden

Emma Crossley



Deputy House Captains

George Dunn

Mabel Frost



Students have embraced the start of a new term and following successful Easter reports are determined to reach those goals. I have been delighted to hear of so many successes as outlined below in the Awards assembly. Good luck to Year 11 and 13 students for their important term ahead. Remember the techniques for keeping calm under pressure, the key is preparation! Use your time wisely, eat and sleep well. Get organised.

To all years, make the most of our support and enrichment programme. We are here to make your time at school valuable and exciting. As we embark on the term ahead, I am making an appeal to all students in the House. Get involved with the competitive spirit, support each other and showcase work you are proud of. Let's hope that your contribution will bring the House success.

Commendations/Awards

I was thrilled to see the outstanding contribution our House has had over the last term. There is clear focus, dedication and commitment to succeed. Please keep this up Tollemache House,

make the most of every opportunity given to you.



100% Attendance - 75 Students in Tollemache House achieved this 100% attendance - well done!

No Negatives - A new award recognising 79 students who have a perfect record!

Bronze Awards - 65 Students achieved this.

Silver Awards - 52 Students achieved this.

Gold Awards - Congratulations to: Louise Brice, George Dunn, Bethany Gerrish, Maxi Webster-Coles, Summer-May Humphreys, Aimee Sharp, Thomas Dudden, Lois Pilgrim and Charlotte Hall.

Platinum Award - Congratulations Olivia Hockley in DHa achieving this outstanding award.



Head of House Commendation

Congratulations to Olivia Hockley who received the Head of House Commendation award for her positive and proactive commitment in many aspects of school life as well as her outstanding Merit attainment.

Tutor Team Merit Award

Congratulations to Mr Partrick's tutor group who collectively gained the highest number of Merits for the term, edging ahead of last term's winners from Miss Harman's group. I admire the competitive spirit between tutors!

Charity Events

We raised £87 for the Thomas Gainsborough House Charity. Activities included a Bunny Hunt and the giant Easter Egg raffle. Thank you to the organisers and to all who participated. Mac Davey-Medleycott (TPi) was the lucky winner. See photo below!



Thanks

I would like to thank this year's House team, consisting of Ed Rust, Anna Bruce, Nicole Scanlan, Oliver Ince, Bethany Gerrish, Thomas Dudden, Will Rigby and Sevrina Morrison-Rice. They have been a great asset to the House supporting in a wide variety of areas to inspire, motivate and develop the ethos of the House. My sincere thanks to you all for your commitment and contributions.



I am of course very happy to announce the new House team, consisting of new roles for 2017.

New House Captains

Awarded to Thomas Dudden and Emma Crossley

Deputy House Captains

Awarded to George Dunn and Mabel Frost

Whips

Awarded to Joshua Thackeray, Bethany Jarvis, Lauren Weavers and Morgan Brain.

Congratulations to the above team, I look forward to working with you.



Performers and Participants

Performances for the assembly have been fantastic, thank you, especially to those whose first time it has been. All performers are a credit to the House and to the school. Should you wish to perform, please email me, it would be fantastic to see you support the House.

Values

I have received some fantastic stories about students who demonstrate the core values of the school. Please remember to discuss with your tutor or me, we'd love to recognise your achievements.

Success stories

Recently I was thrilled to hear of the success Bethany Jarvis achieved, (Year 9 in CLY/SCO). Bethany is a talented young dancer. Recently she attended a dance convention called Can You Dance? and

Tap Attack, a renowned tap dancing company, who put on a series of master classes. There were 100 people who took part in the master classes. At the end of the day an award was given out for the person they believed strived and shone.

Bethany was selected as the overall winner and won a tap board worth £100. Whilst there she also received a free audition to Italia Conti Academy of performing arts worth £40. Bethany told me that it was “a massive achievement to receive the free audition because only a few were given out to the hundreds of people who took part in the other master classes (commercial, musical theatre, lyrical) and for me to win the Tap Attack award is also amazing because there were people in higher grades than me who could have been picked but they picked me!”

Bethany has demonstrated that through hard work, determination and striving for the very best, efforts are rewarded. Congratulations to Bethany for her fantastic achievement and I look forward to hearing about future success.



Competitions

Simply put - Get Involved and get some Merits for the House! All entries count. Let's try and make this Tollemache House Winners!

Mr J Oliver

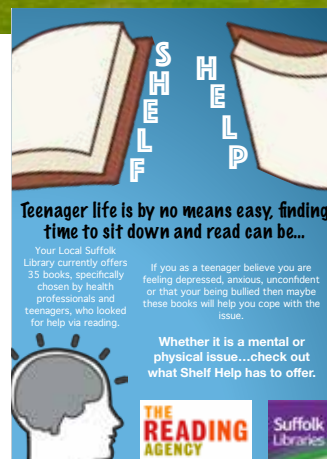
Shelf Help

Thomas Gainsborough school have released balloons to raise awareness of Shelf Help, a reading scheme to help combat the ever rising number of teenagers who struggle with mental health. The balloon release was organised by Thomas Dudden, a Year 10 student who had 100 emoji balloons held on the field by a Year 7 group. The congregation stood on the field in the shape of the letters TGS and released 50 balloons into the air.

Shelf Help is a scheme set up by the reading agency that puts 38 books, chosen by teenagers and health professionals, in every Suffolk Library. These books are about topics such as depression, anxiety, eating disorders and many other issues that face young people today.

Bec, a representative for OneLife who saw the balloon release said “[It’s a] Great scheme, all schools should be adopting this fantastic scheme. OneLife are working with the schools of Suffolk to help them recognise the strong links between obesity and mental health which include lack of physical activity, lack of self-esteem, body dissatisfaction, bullying and the list goes on.”

Josef Thompson



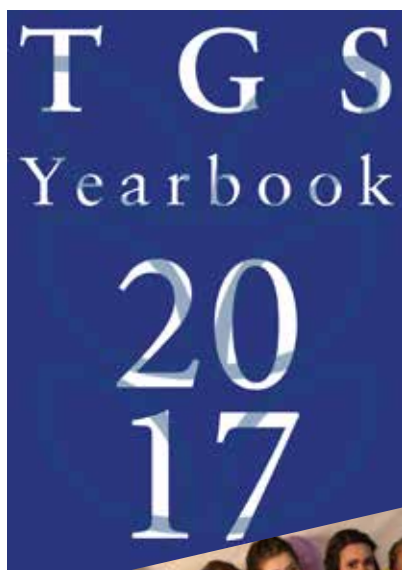
Year 11

Graduation, Prom, Yearbook and Hoodies

As the end of Year 11 approaches, we have put together a program to celebrate success and commit memories of TGS into permanent reminders of school life.

Yearbook

Students have been asked to submit a comment and a photograph in order for us to put this year's yearbook together. They are available to order until Friday 9th June at a cost of just £5. Order forms have been sent via email to all students and are also available at Students Services. Yearbooks will be available to collect at the end of the graduation ceremony on 23rd June.



Hoodies

We are working with Fizz Hoodies to produce Graduates Hoodies for pupils to purchase at a cost of £18.50. Again, order forms have been sent to all students via email and are also available at student services. Deadline for orders is Friday 26th May. These will be also available to collect at the end of the graduation ceremony on 23rd June.

Graduation

Our annual Graduation Ceremony is taking place on Friday 23rd June from 10:30-12:00 in a marquee in the grounds of the school. Invitations have been sent to parents and replies are coming in fast. Replies must be in to the school by Friday 26th May to guarantee tickets. There is no cost for this event.



Prom

The Year 11 Prom takes place at Colchester United Football Club on Friday 30th June. Arrival is 7:00 for 7:30 with carriages at 10:30pm. The dress code is formal (dress to impress!). Tickets are on sale from Students Services at a cost of £30. This includes entry to the event, a welcome drink, a buffet meal, a DJ for the night, exclusive use of the Suite at CUFC, a group photograph taken in the stands of the stadium and a memory stick that contains approximately 500 photographs as a memory of the evening. It is always a great night, so get your tickets soon!



Busta Rhymes in Wonderland

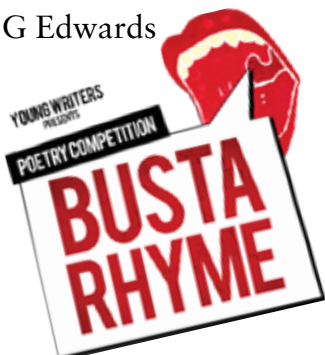


Well done to all those listed below who entered the Busta Rhymes poetry competition and the Wonderland 100 word mini saga competition. The standard was very high. Both these competitions were run by the Young Writers organisation and something they do is to put the entries into a book – so you have the pleasure of seeing your name in print!

Busta Rhymes: Emily Mowles, Jessica Print, Anastasia Giusca, Alec Muskett, Isabella Robinson, Phoebe Robinson, Isabelle Hand, Jacob Woollatt, Oliver Race, Rosy Morelli, Daisy Houlden, Ella Keep, Amelia Lee, Kaitlin Riddle, Gemma Dix, Grace Hines.

Wonderland: Blake Wood, Pheroza Mottram, Lucy Bowes, Kiera Blowers, Gregory King, Charlie Pettit, Alanah Reeve.

Mr G Edwards



Crucial Crew

A group of GCSE Drama students were invited to take part in a young people's awareness course called Crucial Crew. We were approached individually by our teachers about the project which seeks to educate children from the neighbouring primary schools about vital skills, along with advice from Suffolk Police and the Council. Our role would be to act as if we were at a party where we would be drinking alcohol and taking drugs. We went to the Gt Cornard Football Club at the beginning of the school day dressed in casual clothes befitting of a party. We were briefed and shown where we would be performing. Over the next few days we would act out a party scene which we would try to get the primary school kids to come and join in with. Then, a Police Officer called Laura would come out and pretend to arrest us!

It was great fun, and we learnt a lot from Laura and her fellow Officers about substance abuse and peer pressure. Over the 2-3 days we felt a real connection to our community and felt extremely lucky to be able to help our younger peers face the obstacles they may meet as they get older.

I would recommend anyone who gets the opportunity to help out at Crucial Crew to take it, as it is such a unique opportunity. Get involved!



Design a Rocket

When Thomas Tullin was inspired by a technology exhibition that included a stand from the Bloodhound SSC land speed record team, he approached Mr Lloyd and the Science Team at TGS and asked for the school to be involved with a competition that they were running. The brief was to design a rocket powered model car within strict parameters and race against other schools in order to find out which design was the fastest.

The school sent Thomas with Rebecca White and Megan Hermon to Claydon High School on 24th March with their finished designs. All three cars qualified the team for the regional final that was held at RAF Honington on 28th April. This time the students had to begin

from scratch and build a car to the same spec as before, but this time against the clock. Upon completion the cars were raced against the other regional finalists.

The team were delighted when Rebecca White's car scored the fastest time overall in the senior class, clocking in over 42mph through the timing gates. When asked how she had come up with her winning design Rebecca replied, "Megan's car had been our fastest at the local event so I used that as my template. I then tried to make the car as light and streamlined as possible." This win secures the team's place in the national final to be held at Santa Pod raceway. As national finalists, the Thomas Gainsborough school name will now be used as part of a Union Jack word collage on the tail fin of the actual Bloodhound SSC car when it makes the land speed record attempt in South Africa.

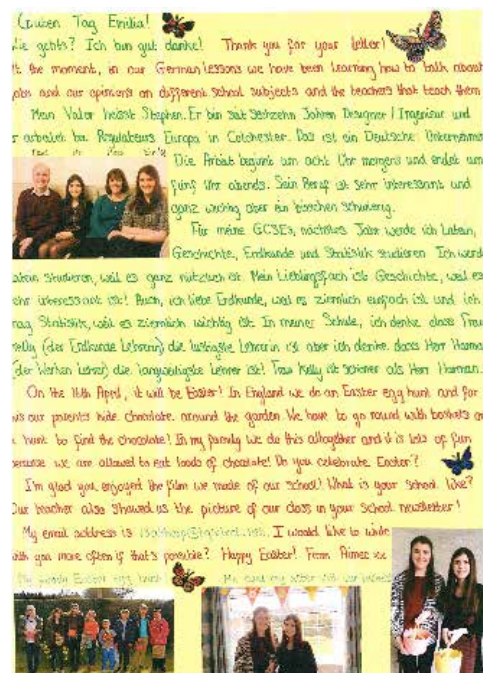
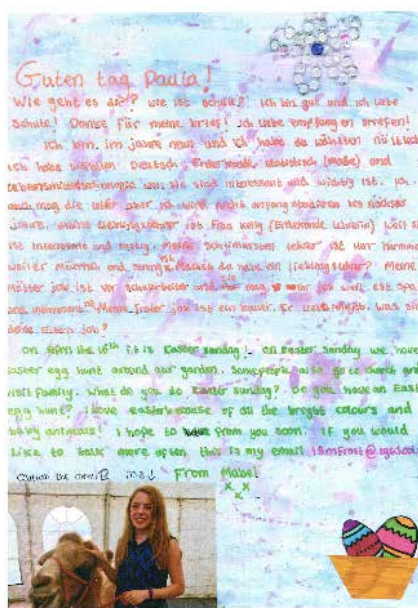
Mr A Cameron



German Penpals

My Year 9 Grammar 2 group have been exchanging letters with a school in Germany for approximately a year now and we have just sent some fantastic letters over, written in both English and German. The students explained about Easter traditions in English and used their recent classwork to describe, in German, school subjects, staff (!), their opinions, their options for GCSE, their parents' jobs, their own personalities and plans for their future careers. Included were lovely illustrations, stickers, photos and drawings. We are already looking forward to a reply after Easter!

Mrs K Young



Announcing the winners of the numeracy competitions

Pi Sculpture

Lottie Cooper	KFR	Abbas	1st
Alec Muskett	BRI	Chamberlain	2nd
Hollie Bromley	KYO	Chamberlain	2nd
Louie Bromley	NRE	Peyton	2nd
Ella Crawford	RMc	Abbas	3rd

Pi Song

Phoebe Robinson	SPE	Abbas	1st
Jessica Wilby	KFR	Abbas	2nd
Emily Harness	SST	Abbas	3rd

Pi-Ku

Rosy Morelli	SHI	Chamberlain	1st
Lottie Cooper	KFR	Abbas	2nd
Phoebe Robinson	SPE	Abbas	3rd

Pi Cartoon

Bronwyn Bubb	MKI	Houghton	1st
Phoebe Robinson	SPE	Abbas	2nd
Annabel Hitchcock	AHA	Chamberlain	3rd

Treasure Hunt

Amelia Butters	CHF	Tollemache	1st
Hayley Provis	GCU	Tollemache	2nd
Holly Bunter	ABO	Abbas	3rd

Maths Eyes

Eloise Nottage	SCA	Houghton	1st
Kiera Blowers	NBY	Houghton	2nd
Connor Wade	ACA	Abbas	3rd

Pi Poster

Tegan Cudmore	SOV	Houghton	1st
Ella McCrory	SIB	Abbas	2nd
Hannah Malseed	FRA	Peyton	3rd

Ms R McAndrew

Celebrating the third month's, 14th day, Pi day, was numeracy week, a celebration of maths. There were lots of Pi themed competitions like writing your own Pikus - haikus about pi, sculpture and cartoons. Mrs McAndrew who ran the numeracy week said that the sculptures were her favourite entries. Students and teachers may have noticed little bugs appearing in classrooms, these are numeracy bugs that show that numeracy has happened in this classroom. The winners of the competitions have been announced. Mrs McAndrew said: 'Everyone does maths every day and sometimes it's nice to highlight that.'

Josef Thompson



Enrichment Focus

Please take time to have a look at the new Summer term timetable – we have some new clubs appearing – numismatic & sports leadership to name two. Remember attendance at an Enrichment session earns you a merit!

NEW: End of The Week Club:

A chance for any student to come and enjoy getting any outstanding homework or revision tasks complete, with support, from Mr Ryall and some Sixth Form students. Perfect for students who want to get their work complete before the weekend starts. Particularly good if you want to work on Maths, PE, media, computing science or IT, in room 119 with computers, paper pens and every resource you might need.

Mini Bus Wednesdays:

We have had another two successful visits to Arger Fen this month looking at invertebrates, spring flowers & trees. It is clear to see now why Arger Fen is also known as 'Bluebell Wood'.

Unfortunately, we had to postpone our Stream Dipping trip due to bad weather but this should be running again on TUESDAY 27th June. Please collect a letter from Student Services if you wish to join us.

Keep a look out for more information about our next trips:

7th June – Thetford Forest Cycling

21st June – River Stour & Lock Trip

Miss J Hilson



Model United Nations Trip

On 29th April, a group of students travelled to The Royal Hospital School in Ipswich to participate in the first Model United Nations conference in the school's history. Model United Nations (MUN) is an extracurricular activity in which students role play delegates to the United Nations and simulate UN committees. The 9 delegates who attended were members of the MUN club run by Mr Hempel. The committees we were assigned to were: Political, Economic and Social; Human Rights; and Ecology and Environmental. The issues our committees would debate included religious extremism, the drugs trade, harsh interrogation methods and responding to rising sea levels. After receiving our delegations and committees we began researching our committees' issues and how they apply in our countries.

When we arrived at the venue we were given the opportunity to participate in initial lobbying. Lobbying is the process of showing other countries your resolutions and seeking their support. The more support you have for your resolution, the more likely it is that it will be passed in the vote at the end of the debate. We then dispersed into our committees, and the debates began. At the end of the debate a majority vote is taken on the resolution. If it passes, then the debate on that issue will end, if not, then a new resolution will be submitted and the process repeats.

Myself and Josef Thompson won the Commended Delegate awards at the end of the day and Josh Thomas won the Highly Commended Delegate award. We were the only comprehensive school in attendance to win so many of the awards offered. Overall, the experience was incredible. I would recommend joining the MUN club to anyone who enjoys getting their voice heard and making a difference to the wider world. Feel free to come along on Thursdays after school, room 202!

AJ Simms Year 10 students and MUN member



Book Mastermind

The Final of Book Mastermind took place on Friday 5th May at Stratford St Andrew. Katherine Chapman was one of eight contestants who had competed in school across the county and area finals to get to the Suffolk final.

This was the 22nd year of the competition and Katherine did tremendously well to answer 17 correct questions on her book choice, 'The Clockwork Angel' by Cassandra Clare. The other contestants were also well prepared answering questions on a variety of books including 'Gangsta Granny' by David Walliams, 'Divergent' by Veronica Roth and 'Goodnight Mister Tom' by Michelle Magorian. The scores were so close after the first round and it all rested with the general knowledge round.

Following the book round and the general knowledge, Katherine finished 4th with Emma from Debenham High School crowned as the winner. The other finalists were from Farlingaye High School, Pakefield School, Ipswich High School, Sybil Andrews Academy, Ixworth Free School and Ormiston Sudbury Academy.

After the competition, the students were entertained with talks by children's authors Dave Shelton and Ruth Fitzgerald of how they got to be writers.

Krystal Vittles of Suffolk Libraries was really impressed by the students and said: "The standard was so high this year, with all the

students showing a superb knowledge of books."

Huge congratulations to Katherine for her commitment to this competition. Many thanks also go to the English department for their support in the competition, and all the students who took part.



Comic Relief



The Library raised £45 for Comic Relief in a raffle of chocolate! The lucky winner was Isabelle Hand who was going to share the prize with her family. Many thanks to all who entered and helped raise money for this worthwhile charity.

Summer Reading Challenge

It's nearly time for The Reading Agency's Summer Reading Challenge 2017. We're inviting children to maintain their reading skills over the summer holidays by:

- Reading 6 books of their choice from our libraries
- Talking about them with our Summer Reading Challenge volunteers
- Receiving stickers and other incentives along the way.

This year's theme is Animal Agents. Horrid Henry illustrator Tony Ross has created a host of furry, slippery and feathered creatures who are ready to solve all kinds of crimes with their skills and natural instincts especially for the Summer Reading Challenge. Children across Suffolk will become very familiar with the characters as they rack up their rewards!

The Summer Reading Challenge will be running at all Suffolk Libraries including the Great Cornard Library located in Head Lane, Great

Cornard.

The Summer Reading Challenge helps to get $\frac{3}{4}$ million children into libraries nationwide during the summer holidays, when children's reading can otherwise 'dip', causing problems when they return to school. The number of children taking part in Suffolk has been increasing every year since 2013. Last year, 8,250 children took part in the county, supported by hundreds of volunteers.

We are looking for volunteers to help deliver this exciting initiative. This is a great opportunity to add to your CV or Personal statement and can help with college and University applications. To volunteer, you need to be aged 12 years and over. If you can spare 2 to 8 hours per week, please contact the Library.

For more information about the Summer Reading Challenge, visit the Summer Reading Challenge website.

Mrs H Welch

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animal-agents.org.uk



Karting

On 26th April Ben Maxim, Nico Palmer and Ben Tatum travelled to Daytona Karting in Milton Keynes to compete in the regional final of this year's British Schools Karting Championship. Each member of the team competed in two sprint races against competitors from the East of England and the Midlands. The competition as always was fierce, and the team drove to the best of their ability at a technical track that is usually reserved for over 16's and the racing elite. However very changeable weather conditions hampered performance with hail stones causing one race to be run at half pace and making the already challenging hairpins extremely difficult to navigate without spinning. In the end luck was not on the team's side but they should be proud to have come 8th overall out of 13 teams. The top four teams this year will go on to race at Whilton Mill in the summer final.

Mr A Cameron



New Sixth Form Student Leadership

I am Cerys Duke, and I have been appointed Head Girl for the next year. Currently I am studying A-Levels in Philosophy, History and English Language. I hope to get a degree, but I am still undecided as to whether I attend university to gain it or through a higher apprenticeship. As head girl, I hope to improve the school in as many ways as possible. First of all, I promise to make myself as approachable as I can. I want people to look at me and feel reassured that I will listen and I can help. Secondly, I hope to improve every students experience here at TGS, however this may be - the students are the heart of this school. And finally, I hope to leave a long lasting impression on both the school and sixth form. I hope to make Mr Alexander, Mr Lloyd and the rest of the team proud.



I am Alex Nightingale, and I'm your new head boy. Thank you for accepting me into this role, I hope to fulfil your expectations and the standard set by the head boy before me. Know I am ready and open to talk to any of you in the school community about

any issues around the school. I hope to perform this role well and provide a friendly and honest bridge between the sixth form leadership and the students.



My name is Katharine Rose, and I was lucky enough to be given the role of President of Student Parliament, for the rest of this academic year and next year. Throughout my time at Thomas Gainsborough School, I have been very passionate about trying to make a difference and being a voice for the students. This role therefore was perfect for me, I am really looking forward to working closely with the student parliament, Cerys and Alex and Mr Lloyd to make a difference and help keep the student voice heard. My predecessor Callum has done a great job previously with this role and I hope to keep the same good reputation and representation within the school community.



Dorset Fieldtrip

Year 12 Geography students with Mr Bennett and Ms King visited the Jurassic coast in Dorset for 4 days to widen their understanding on coastal systems for their A level course. Students visited and completed surveying on Chesil Beach at Portland and Abbotsbury while also studying the flood defences there. Students studied the striking landscape of Portland Bill, Lulworth Cove and Durdle Door while studying the coastal erosion and defences at different sites around Weymouth. The sand dune ecosystem at Studland Bay completed the visit. Some excellent team work was shown as well as important fieldwork skills being developed.

Mr N Bennett



Oxbridge

On 27th April, a group of year 12 A-level students attended an Oxbridge conference at Northgate High School, Ipswich. The day consisted of a series of talks involving the admissions process to both universities and preparing for an interview. We also participated in either a Science or Humanities workshop depending on the subjects we were interested in studying. These were insightful as to the type of questions we may be asked when attending an Oxbridge interview.

All talks were led by liaison officers from both Oxford and Cambridge universities, who made us feel at ease throughout. They were confident and inspiring, as well as dismissing some myths surrounding the universities. We all thoroughly enjoyed the day and would like to thank Mrs King and Mrs Buckle for accompanying us on the trip.

Emily Sharp and Katharine Rose



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Othello Trip

On Thursday 20th April a group of Year 12 and 13 English Literature students watched a performance of Shakespeare's Othello at the Sam Wanamaker Playhouse on the site of the Globe Theatre, in London.

We were all looking forward to the performance as the reviews had been extremely positive, and it certainly did not disappoint! We had amazing seats in the front rows and seeing it performed right in front of us was incredible. The theatre space itself was small and enclosed, suiting the performance perfectly. With this intimate atmosphere enhanced by the use of candles to light every scene they created a lovely ambiance and a more authentic feel.

The performance was powerful, provocative and very female-focused, with Cassio, a prominent male character played by a woman. This gave a completely different outlook on the text which will be useful to consider in our further studies. The actors were incredible and the staging breath-taking, with symbolic and powerful messages about love and prejudice ever-present in the performance. We were glued to our seats throughout due to its sheer intensity and passion.

We all thoroughly enjoyed the trip and would like to thank Mrs Arrow for organising such an amazingly memorable experience.

Emily Sharp



SPORTS NEWS

TGS Tough Mudders raise funds for Macmillan!

Thinking of setting yourself a fitness challenge for the summer? A Tough Mudder is not for the fainthearted.

At 5.30am on Saturday 29 April 2017, a group of staff set off bound for Henley on Thames to participate in this popular team challenge in order to raise money for a charity very close to the school's heart, 'Macmillan'. For those of you who have not heard of a 'Tough Mudder', it's a 5 or 10 mile obstacle course designed to drag you out of your comfort zone by testing your physical strength, stamina and mental grit. It's not about the podium finish, or how fast you can cross the finish line. Instead, it's a challenge that emphasises teamwork and camaraderie.

Our 'tough' team of eight was comprised of Angela Bowman, Amie Butcher, Liz Clements, Connor Clements, Kerry Fuller, Callum Fuller, Gail Forster and Debbie Harman. Scott Gibson accompanied the group to ensure it was all captured on camera. Teams were set off in waves of 100 competitors every 15 minutes. And after enduring the varied terrain and a range of challenging obstacles we crossed the finish line a little battered, certainly bruised and exceptionally muddy approximately 2 hours later.

A number of obstacles stood in our way including:

- 'Mud mile 2.0' which was a number of deep trenches full of mud and steep angled mounds which needed to be carefully negotiated to ensure we weren't 'stuck in the mud' for the rest of the afternoon.
- The 'Block Ness Monster' where we had to push, pull and roll their way through 60ft of slick rotating barriers in neck high freezing cold water
- The final obstacle we were faced with was 'Everest 2.0' where team work really mattered. It was a quarter pipe over 4.5 meters tall where, despite every muscle in your body aching or numb with the cold, we achieved our goal of completing all the obstacles whilst other motivating Mudders were extending their helping hands to assist our ascent.

The following quote was taken from the Tough Mudder website, 'the strength of one person is nothing compared to the power of a team'.

If you would like show your support and be part of the team it's not too late, please follow the link below:

<http://www.justgiving.com/owner-email/pleasesponsor/Gail-Forster3>

Alternatively, you could deliver a donation (cash or cheque made payable to Samuel Ward Academy Trust) in an envelope to Student Services labelled 'Macmillan Tough Mudder'.

Congratulations must go to our brave team, we'll update you on our final fundraising total in the next edition of Portrait.

Anyone interested in the 10 mile Mudder involving ice and electricity?

Ms G Forster



SPORTS NEWS

Basketball at the O2

TGS students had a fantastic opportunity to watch high quality basketball at the O2 Arena in London on Sunday 16th May.

The day started off with a closely contested and exciting WBL final between Nottingham Wildcats and Sevenoaks Suns. The match started with fantastic plays and long-range shots from Nottingham Wildcats which left Sevenoaks trailing behind. The match could have gone either way, but in the second half, Sevenoaks found their stride and ended the match with the win of 70 - 61. The match was a great opportunity for our students to see high quality women's basketball played in England and an inspiration for all.

During the interval students got to watch wheelchair basketball, VIP celebrity basketball, including the likes of David James and Jordan from multiple reality TV shows. The final entertainment before the men's match began, was a performance by Tinie Tempah. Also during the interval, a great opportunity arose for Ella Pearson and Cameron Taylor-Willis, two of our students who are working hard to represent the England at U15 in Basketball. The girls were interviewed by a member of BBC Sport and asked to discuss their perceptions of English Basketball and also what level they have played at within the English Basketball setup.

The final match of the day saw Leicester Riders and Newcastle Eagles play against each other in the final of the men's BBL competition. It was very clear from the start that Leicester were the stronger side, as they managed to gain a very early lead over their opponents and never lost that lead. Despite this, students were entertained with blocked shots, long range 3 point shots and even a few dunks! The final score for the match was 84 - 63 to Leicester.

Overall, the trip to London provided students with a great learning opportunity and the inspiration to play basketball and learn about this great sport.



Ella Pearson & Cameron Taylor-Willis represent England!

The girls played Scotland U16 girls twice, over two consecutive days. They won the first game and lost the second. Ella and Cameron were part of the starting 5 on one of the days and Cameron started on the second game. This is not a true reflection as there were so many subs on the second game.

The next camp is at the beginning of June. Dates yet to be confirmed. However, if they are both successful and make the final team they go to Copenhagen on 15-18 June to play in a tournament representing England U15 girls.



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4 TGS students, Ella Pearson, Anna Bruce, Cameron Taylor-Willis and Chloe Adamson were in the Ipswich team who qualified for the final 4's. The girls travelled to Manchester with the team for a full weekend of basketball. The girls had the most amazing weekend filled with determination, passion and great team skills and enough dynamic performance to lead them to be National runners up. The final score, all of which is on the Basketball England website, was 46 - 52 to Harringay. This was an incredible victory- 2nd in the country and they came home with pride, medals and great memories of being part of a team. They did us proud!



James Rowley – Eastern Region Swimming Competition

James will be competing in the 100m freestyle (qualifying time was 1:09.11) at Norwich on Sunday 28th May. He also narrowly missed out on qualifying for 50m freestyle and 50m backstroke by about 0.4 seconds.

Athletics ESAA schools cup competition

TGS took four teams ranging from Year 7 through to Year 10 to represent the school in athletics at Bury St Edmunds track. They all took part and represented the school very well on the day. We had some standout performances from Oscar Edwards who came first in high jump and Cameron Taylor-Willis who came first in shot put. All of our teams finished 6th in the overall competition out of nine schools which was a very good achievement. Well done to all involved and have been turning up to athletics club on a Tuesday and Thursday after school!



Sports Centre swimming pool is open from 5th June



SPORTS NEWS

Ellis Braybrook, Roller Hockey

Ellis was selected to represent the Eastern Counties Roller Hockey team in Peterborough. They won all their games beating Northern and Southern counties. Ellis scored a couple of goals so all in all a good weekend.

They played at Peterborough on 29th April. The first match was against Southern counties and drew 3-3. A very close game which we only equalised in the final seconds with a penalty. The Northern game was earlier winning 4-2 with Ellis scoring 2 and setting up another goal. So Eastern counties were the under 15's winners. The rest of the team are from all over this region and aren't used to playing together. This seasons Sudbury under 15's have come second place, which considering Sudbury is a small team in comparison to other larger teams is a real achievement. Ellis will be attending a roller hockey camp in Portugal in December for development.

students Tchoukball through drills and advice. When taking part in these activities, the students learnt about how team work is essential in a game of Tchoukball, and in other sports as well. Learning a new sport certainly stretched the students and every single one of them left with a smile on their face.



Gifted and Talented Event

On Tuesday 9th May Thomas Gainsborough School had two very important visitors from Great Britain's own Tchoukball ladies team. They came to teach a group of Year 7's who have been selected to be part of the Gifted and Talented programme in PE. Those involved get to take part in numerous sporting events to challenge them further.

Laura Attride and Lois Rollin taught these talented

SPORTS NEWS

Girls Football

On 25th April, Madison Gardiner, Kaitlin Riddle, Chloe Ecuyer, Jess Egan, Holly Gooderham and Emily-Jane Brett went to St Georges Park, the home of England football. There all six of them learnt how to inspire a new generation of female footballers. They polished their leadership skills doing numerous football drills and learnt how to encourage young girls of all abilities to take up football. It was a great experience and this summer the talented six are hoping to transfer their skills to those at Thomas Gainsborough School and at primary schools within the community. Madison Gardiner and Kaitlin Riddle have already been leading at Sports Leadership Club to share what they learnt. Well done to all involved!

Miss N Buchanan



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Dance

A few girls from TGS attended the ISTD dance competition in Sudbury recently – Amelia Leeder, Mabel Gregory, Holly

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Gooderham, Lucy & Louise Watling, Izzy Griggs, Annabelle Hitchcock, and Maisy Berridge.

Amelia Leeder came 3rd place in solo and joint 1st place in the pairs dance with Mabel Gregory. Amelia Leeder and Lucy Watling achieved 2nd and

3rd places respectively in the set dance which means they have both qualified for the national competition in Guildford in October. All of the girls danced so well and have worked so hard for this achievement.

Mrs A Butcher

SPORTS NEWS

Alice Retains the Suffolk Ladies Matchplay title to become Suffolk Champion

Alice Barlow, 18, member of Hintlesham and Newton Green has become the Suffolk Ladies Matchplay Champion for the second successive year defeating fellow Suffolk team mate Sharon Luckman in a tight final at Aldeburgh Golf club. The Competition starts with 36 Holes of Medal play on Friday for the stroke play title where Alice finished 4th, with the top 16 qualifying for a weekend of knockout match play for the Championship Title.

Alice said "this year's win topped last year's as it was a tough test on the Aldeburgh Links with some tricky pin positions and very dry fairways, it was all about position. I played some great golf over the weekend and it wasn't easy with a rematch of last year's final in the quarter finals against Lottie Whyman which was a great game in itself with us both sharing seven birdies and an eagle; a 3 & 2 win."

The semi final on Sunday saw Alice take on former Curtis cup and ex England International Fiona Edmond. "It was a very close and enjoyable match, probably my toughest match ever coming out with a last hole victory," Alice said.

The final against Sharon saw them both struggling to strike top form, probably due to fatigue setting in with nearly a hundred holes played over the three days. The match went to and fro, but by the time they got to the short par 3 seventeenth Alice managed to find the green and Sharon leaked right into the greenside bunker meaning Alice's par was good enough to go 1 up. A good shot from a buried lie on the left side of the par 5 eighteenth saw Alice in a good position to make par and Sharon had a 12 footer for birdie to continue the match down the 1st extra hole, but unfortunately it slid past the hole.

Alice said, "I was delighted to win again and it might take a few days to sink in. My dad Mark who caddied, helped me greatly again and kept me in good spirits throughout. I'm now looking forward to County week in June where I think we stand a great chance of doing well at Hunstanton Golf Club."



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Archery

Year 7 Maisie Higgs set the record for the under 12 Bare Bow in a competition at Hedingham Castle.

Well done Maisie!



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CAREERS CAREERS CAREERS

The Careers Hub has been extremely busy as usual. During April and May we have recorded 1117 students visiting the careers department for work experience enquiries, record of achievement folders and career interviews.

As the graduation draws nearer Year 11 students have been busy adding evidence of their achievements to their ROA folders in order to gain their graduation ribbons.



Year 9 students have started on their application letters and C.V's in preparation for their mock interviews. Many thanks to the English and I.T. departments for working closely with careers in aiding their progress with this task.

On 27th March, Chris Taylor from the United Nations came to the school to speak to the sixth form students in their assembly about what his work entails as an employee of the United Nations, and how one could progress within a similar career path.

On 26th April, five sixth form students accompanied Miss Brown on a visit to Nestle Purina on a tour around the factory.

The visit included a health and safety induction and a company presentation. Chloe Arkesden, Ricky Reader, Hayden Willis, Jasmine Brooks and Harry Adams all took part on the visit and represented the school positively.

Haydon Willis wrote the following report:

As part of the Thomas Gainsborough School's career program, I and four others were chosen to represent the school on a small tour of the Nestlé Purina factory located in Sudbury. We arrived at Nestle, we were given an overview of the factory, we viewed some of the equipment used to create dog and cat food, explaining packaging, and were given an overview of all that goes at other Nestle factories. At the start of the tour we were briefed on the health safety requirements. I completely understood this, because these factories are hazardous places, culminating in a small test to make sure we were paying attention. We all received goody bags filled with Nestle products.



On 8th May Mrs Baker and Miss Perkins delivered a presentation at the Quay Theatre. The subject of the presentation was on networking within careers, how the school organises and

carries out work experience for the students and the lead up to graduation, explaining how the students and department go about collating evidence for Record of Achievements. The companies who attended were very impressed with all the careers guidance the department provides for its students. The evening was also a brilliant opportunity for the department to make new contacts opening new doors for possible work experience placements and workshops in the future.



In April sixth form students accompanied Mrs Baker to the Radiography department at West Suffolk Hospital. This visit included a complete tour of the department and the students had the opportunity to watch the equipment being used on patients. It proved helpful and interesting to all those interested in following a career path in medicine.

Year 10 have also been visiting the Careers Hub regularly to organise their work experience placements. The following students went on these placements: Ella Keep – Nayland Primary, Hannah Cowley – Neptune Interiors, Phoebe Smith – Waddington Brown Recruitment, Becky Carter – Peake Fitness, Josh Every, Jake Ratcliffe, Ben Robson

and Bradley Carvell – Delphi Diesel Systems, Luke Lipscombe - Domestic Appliances, Chloe Adamson – Essex Police Force, Ryan Gooderham – Pedal House, Zara Hearnden and Gemma Deacon – West End Music, Chloe Tills Lines – Taylor Made Joinery, Evie Byott – Whittles, Jake Leeks – Walker Crane Services, Chloe Hart and Holly Mills – Ardmere Vets, Joseph Doyle – Performance Chemicals, Alice Foster – The Swan Hotel, Isabel Hall – Sound Research Laboratories, Millie Clare – Fatal Attraction.

Emily Sharp in Year 12 completed work experience at Lavenham Primary School, this week Georgia Knights is working at Pot Kiln Primary School and Harry Adams is working with the accountant firm Walter Wright on a fortnightly basis. In June Rebekka Bryant will start at Anglia Sunshine Nurseries, and in the summer holidays Jade Fisher has secured a placement with Kersey Solicitors.

Year 12 Health & Social Care students have nearly completed the 100 hours of work experience required for their qualification. They will complete the remaining hours the week commencing June 26th with a block week at a second placement within the care sector. Many thanks for their continued support goes to, Age UK, St Gregory's Primary School, Hillside Special School, Catchpole Court, Number 72 and Glemsford Primary School.

On March 23rd Simon Pickering from Dot To Dot Training visited the school to complete a fun and informative careers session with a group of Year 9 students to provide them with careers information for the future.



The Pedal House is a small independent bike shop based in Hadleigh, Suffolk and specialising in quality bikes and accessories. We are the main Pinarello dealer for East Anglia, and carry the full Pinarello range of road bikes, including the Pinarello Dogma F10 which is ridden by Team Sky and Team Wiggins. We have also recently added e-Bikes to our range, with some great options available from Raleigh. In addition, we also have a full workshop and are happy to service and repair all types of bikes. For any further information or enquiries, please contact the shop on 01473 828129 or e-mail info@thepedalhouse.co.uk."

Rob Bate

My work experience was at the Pedal House a bike shop in Hadleigh where I got to know all about running a small business with a work shop. In my time there I got to work with the mechanic Adam working on all types of bikes doing repairs, building bikes and learning all about different parts on a bike and how to work on them. I also got to work with Rob the owner who gave me an insight into running a small business and building relationships with customers. I really enjoyed my

week work experience and would recommend it to anyone interested in bikes and seeing how a small business works.

Ryan Gooderham



Parents' Safeguarding Bulletin

Prevent focus

What is the Prevent strategy?

Prevent is a government strategy designed to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorist or extremist causes. The Prevent strategy covers all types of terrorism and extremism, including the extreme right wing, religious extremists and other causes.

How does the Prevent strategy apply to schools?

From July 2015 all schools (as well as other organisations) have a duty to safeguard children from radicalisation and extremism. This means we have a responsibility to protect children from extremist and violent views in the same way we protect them from drugs or gang violence.

Importantly, we can provide a safe place for pupils to discuss these issues so they better understand how to protect themselves.

What does this mean in practice?

Many of the things we already do in school to help children become positive, happy members of society also contribute to the Prevent strategy.

These include:

Exploring other cultures and religions and promoting diversity
Challenging prejudices and racist comments
Developing critical thinking skills and a strong, positive self-identity
Promoting the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of pupils, as well as British values such as democracy.

We will also protect children from the risk of radicalisation, for example by using filters on the internet to make sure they can't access extremist and terrorist material, or by vetting visitors who come into school to work with pupils.

Different schools will carry out the Prevent duty in different ways, depending on the age of the children and the needs of the community.

Where to go for more information

Contact the school

If you have any questions or concerns about the Prevent strategy and what it means for your child, please do not hesitate to contact the school: 01787 375 232

Please ask for Mrs Wilson-Downes or Mrs Yapp.

See our policies

You will find more details about British Values on our school website, in the policies section. Information relating to the Prevent Duty can also be found under the safeguarding section of our website.

External sources

The following sources may also be useful for further information:

Prevent duty guidance: for England and Wales, HM Government

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/445977/3799_Revised_Prevent_Duty_Guidance_England_Wales_V2-Interactive.pdf

Frequently asked questions, Prevent For Schools

http://www.preventforschools.org/?category_id=38

What is Prevent? Let's Talk About It <http://www.ltai.info/what-is-prevent/>

Frequently Asked Questions

How does Prevent relate to British values?

Schools have been required to promote British values since 2014, and this will continue to be part of our response to the Prevent strategy.

British values include:

Democracy

The rule of law

Individual liberty and mutual respect

Tolerance of different faiths and beliefs

Isn't my child too young to learn about extremism?

The Prevent strategy is not just about discussing extremism itself, which may not be appropriate for younger children. It is also about teaching children values such as tolerance and mutual respect. The school will make sure any discussions are suitable for the age and maturity of the children involved.

Is extremism really a risk in our area?

Extremism can take many forms, including political,

religious and misogynistic extremism. Some of these may be a bigger threat in our area than others. We will give children the skills to protect them from any extremist views they may encounter, now or later in their lives.

KEY TERMS

Extremism – vocal or active opposition to fundamental British values such as democracy, the rule of law and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs

Ideology – a set of beliefs

Terrorism – a violent action against people or property, designed to create fear and advance a political, religious or ideological cause

Radicalisation – the process by which a person comes to support extremism and terrorism

Please do not hesitate to contact the school: 01787 375 232
Please ask for Mrs Wilson-Downes or Mrs Yapp.

EDUCERE "TO DRAW OUT FROM WITHIN"

The focus of **Mental Health Awareness Week** is on steps we can all take to look after our mental health. The good news is that there is a strong evidence-base for what works.

Building on the work of world experts in neuroscience, psychology and psychiatry, economics, genetics, social sciences, learning, development and systems analysis, the New Economics Foundation (NEF) has produced its **Five Ways to Wellbeing Framework** – the mental health equivalent of the "five a day" dietary advice. These are:

FIVE WAYS TO WELLBEING

- CONNECT** (with others)
- GIVE** (to others)
- TAKE NOTICE** (of the world around you)
- KEEP LEARNING** (about yourself and the world)
- BE ACTIVE** (in your life)

Further details at <http://www.sec-ed.co.uk/best-practice/five-great-ways-to-promote-wellbeing/>

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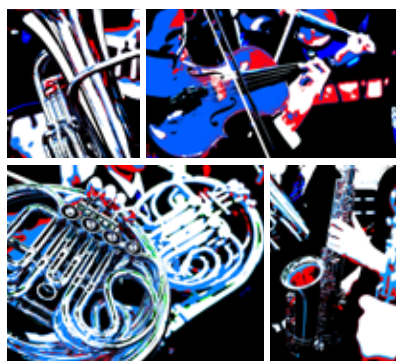
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