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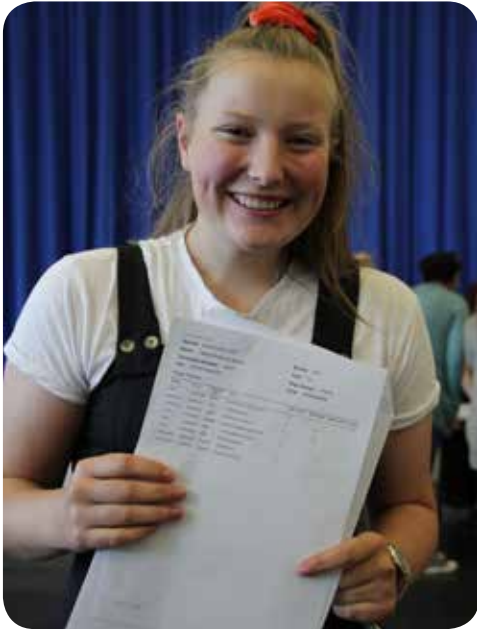
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Exam Success!

GCSE

This year saw 74 per cent of pupils achieve a pass grade in both English and Maths.

Praising their determination, Mr Lloyd said: "We are delighted with these results. I would like to congratulate the students on their excellent performance. It is a fitting reward for their hard work and the dedication and support that they have received from teachers."



Aimee Sharp excelled in her exams after gaining three 9s in English Literature, Art and Design and Geography.

'I really wanted to put everything into it,' she said. The 16-year-old was delighted to have scored an 8 in Maths, having found the exam challenging. 'I put a lot of work into Maths, but I thought I had failed,' she said.

Finley Paul exceeded his expectations after achieving three grade 9s - the highest grade, which equates to an A* under the old grading system - in Maths, Biology and Physics.

Throughout the challenging set of exams, he remained calm and focused.

'I don't really get stressed,' said Finley. 'It just comes naturally to me.'

Playing football a few times a week also helped to relieve the mounting pressure of exams.

'It's good to have a balance. It split up the time with something I enjoy,' he said.

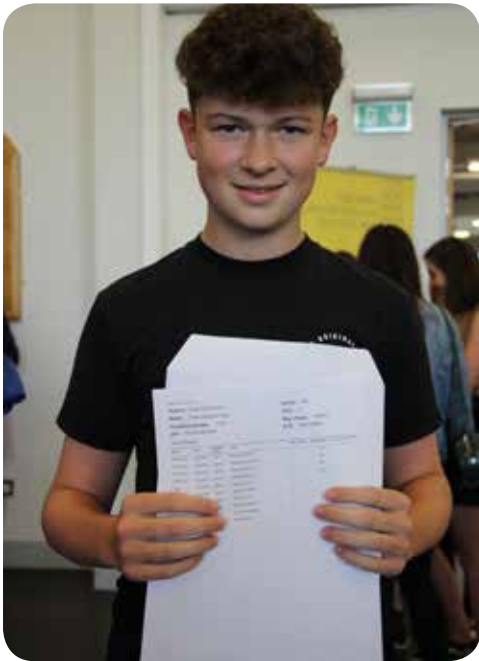
The 16-year-old is now looking forward to embarking on the next step studying A-levels in Maths, Physics and Economics.

Eager to match her siblings' success, *Nadja Bearn* was relieved to have scored two 9s in Religious Education and Geography.

'It's just a weight off my shoulders, which is really nice,' she said.

'I think my mum was happier than I was. It's just amazing.'





Fred Adams was relieved to have achieved an 8 in Maths and a distinction * in an Engineering BTEC diploma.

After completing his A-levels, the 16-year-old plans to study Forensic Psychology at university.



Daisy Houlden is delighted after scoring a 9 in maths.

Reflecting on the exams, the experience had proved pressuring for Daisy.

‘I did a lot of revision, but I didn't really manage it well,’ she said. ‘I panicked a lot.’

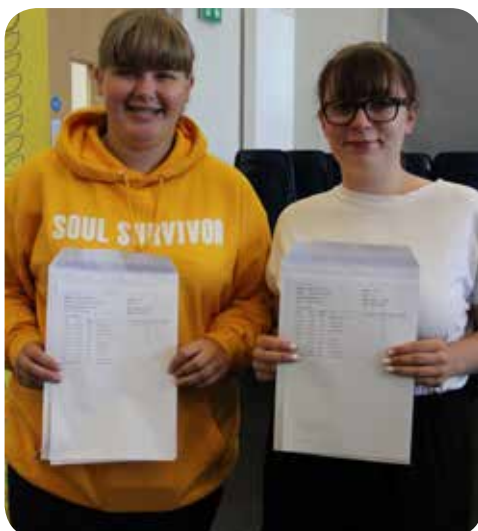
The-16-year-old was left pleasantly surprised after achieving two 8s in Chemistry and Physics.

‘I didn't expect to get anything remotely high in those,’ said Daisy, who has chosen to study Maths, French and Music at A-level.

Slightly apprehensive about the next step in her studies, she is gearing up for the next challenge.

‘I'm nervous, but I'm happy to go forward with it,’ said Daisy, who has become an accomplished musician since learning to play an instrument at primary school.

Passionate about languages she hopes to develop her skills at the University of Cambridge studying a dual honours degree, combined with accounts and finance.



A Level

“Once again, we are encouraged by the progress our students made with these results. This demonstrates our ongoing commitment to the young people of this area, through the high quality teaching and excellent support that the school has provided them with,” Mr Lloyd

The achievements of this year's Sixth Formers were particularly significant, explained Mr Lloyd.

"Students in this year group were the first to join us from their primary schools as Year 7s in 2014, following school re-organisation in Suffolk and have proved to be an absolute credit to the school and their families from first to last," he said.

Francesca Perkins-Taylor is thrilled with her grades after achieving an A* and two As in Philosophy, Maths and History.

She is gearing up to study Philosophy at St Andrews University in Scotland. She described her reaction to the grades as a mixture of joy and relief.

"I am grateful because I haven't disappointed my teachers," said Francesca. "And I guess that kept me motivated. I know how hard they work, so I wanted to pay

them back for that."

Olivia Kujawa is looking forward to the next step in her studies after gaining two Distinctions and a B in PE, Health and Social and Psychology.

The 18-year-old is delighted to have achieved the grades required to study Psychology at the University of Essex,

"I've been thinking about this day for so long," she said. "It's a huge relief to know that I have got into my first choice of university." Olivia is keen to gain further knowledge in a subject she is extremely passionate about.

"I don't think it will be a chore because that's what I would like to do in the future," she said. "And I'm looking forward to meeting people with the same interests as me."

Dylan Bailey-Knox exceeded his expectations after obtaining an A

and two merits in Photography, Media and IT.

"I didn't think I would get what I did," he said. "I was pleasantly surprised."

The 19-year-old has secured a place at Buckingham New University to study creative advertising in September.

"I'm looking forward to meeting new people and getting into the industry," he said.

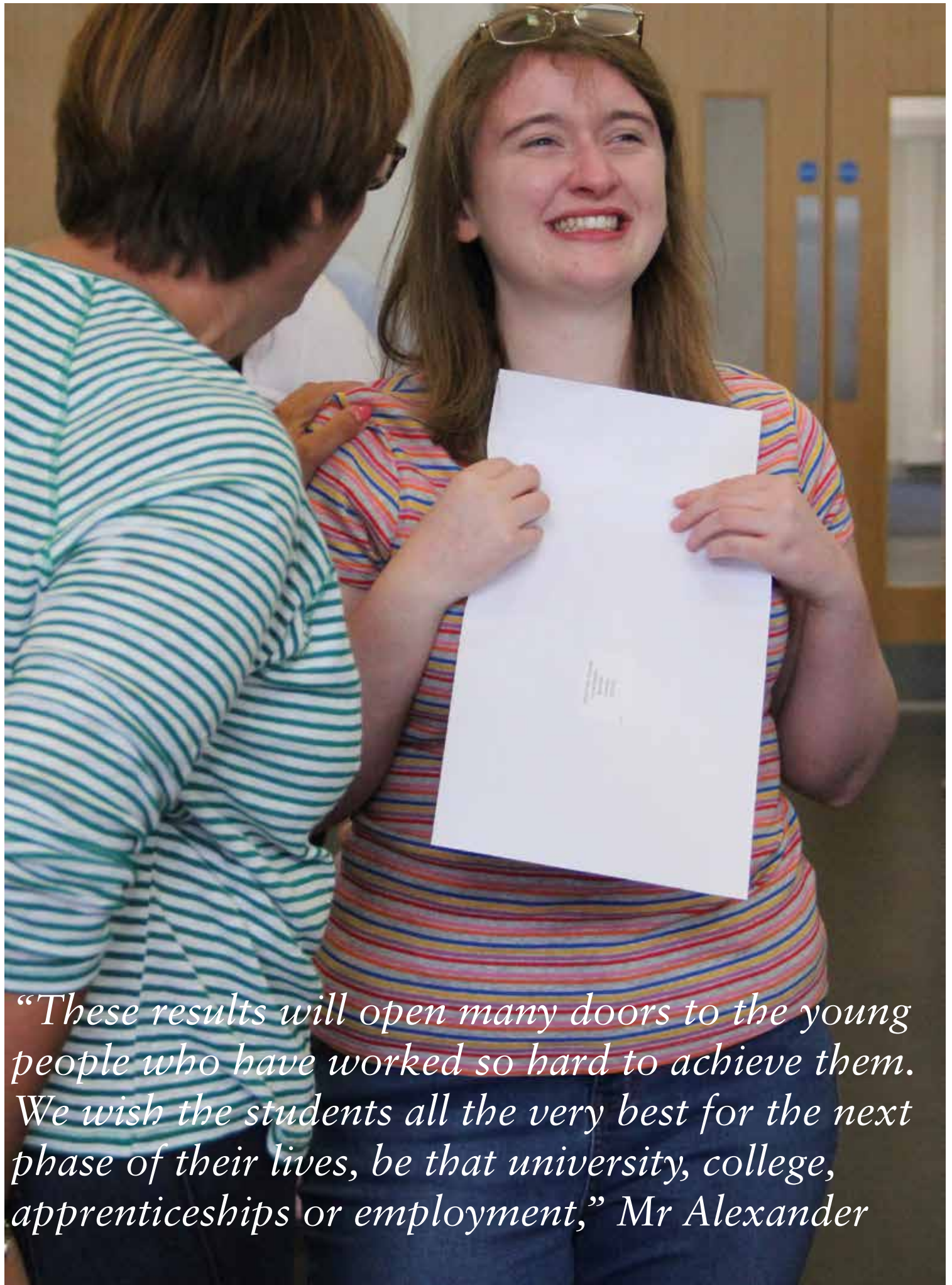
Alexander Weston is gearing up to study a degree in Mechanical Engineering at the University of Lincoln after achieving a Distinction in BTEC Computing along with a C and D in Maths and Physics.

"It's been my ambition since I was young," he said. "I have always been interested in building things."

The 19 year-old is relieved the hard work has paid off.

"I found the A-levels quite challenging," he said. "Obviously the pressure was there to work hard and I'm quite chuffed with what I have achieved."





“These results will open many doors to the young people who have worked so hard to achieve them. We wish the students all the very best for the next phase of their lives, be that university, college, apprenticeships or employment,” Mr Alexander

TRANSITION

Transferring from primary school to Thomas Gainsborough School is made easy by the time and care that the school puts into the process. When the school changed from an upper school (Years 9 -13) to a secondary school (Years 7 -13) the Head teacher, Wayne Lloyd, recognised the need for a more robust transition process and so working in cooperation with the primary schools he developed a model which has been copied by many schools and has also contributed to the school being oversubscribed.

It does not start at the end of Year 6 but at the start of Year 6 when members of the leadership visit all the schools' feeder primaries to invite parents and students to the Open Evening which takes place in the third week of September. On Open Evening the whole school is alive with students and staff proudly showing off their school and the fantastic teaching and learning that take place. All parents are welcome at any time to come and have a tour of the school during the day also – an open door policy. Parents are booked in and a member of the leadership team will show them around. September and October are always very busy. After Offer Day in March the Head teacher writes to every student who has gained a place at the school to welcome them and they are also sent a Transition booklet which gives students and their parents lots of information about what will take place in the next few months. The Student Support Team immediately start making contact with schools to identify students who will need extra support

as part of their transition and this could include regular visits to the primary school to build relationships with those students and extra visits to TGS . Year 6 teachers are invited from every school that is sending a student to TGS to meet with the Student Support Team to go through the transition process in detail and to discuss students to help us get to know them and ensure that we build in any additional support that may be needed and to help make decisions about which Pathway they will follow. Year 6 teachers take back to their school the 'Passports' for their students to fill in. At TGS all students do not follow the same timetable. We have four pathways that the parents can choose from - Broad, Stem, Grammar and Access. They are designed to meet individual student needs and help fulfil their potential. We meet every parent and their child individually at primary school to get to know them, discuss any concerns, decide on Pathways and Houses and to go through the students' passports. All this information is used to make decisions back at school about which tutor group, House and teaching group students will be placed in. Before the SATs exams the Head teacher writes to every student to wish them good luck. Students are told which House and tutor group they will be in before they join the school ready for their Transition Week. Before the Transition Week we hold a Parents' Evening which is an opportunity for parents / carers to be informed about the Transition Week and for them to

meet their child's tutor who will remain their tutor throughout their time at TGS and who parents will meet regularly to review their progress. Transition Week is usually the last five days of the summer term. All the Year 6 students spend a week at TGS where they have the complete experience of life at our school. A timetable is put together for the week which includes House competitions and Sports competitions; they attend their tutor group, have assemblies, attend a concert put on by the older students and, of course, go to lessons. They also attend the TGS end of term assembly where the whole school gathers to celebrate our achievements and to award the House Cup. The last part of the Transition process is on the first day of term in September when Year 7 come back to school a day earlier than other students to enable reorientation and of course it culminates with the Year 7 Welcome Disco organised by the Friends of TGS.

Mrs H Yapp





ABBAS

Derived from Old English word
æpse meaning aspen, also
Abbas is Medieval Latin for abbot

Nec temere nec timide

Neither rashly nor timidly



I would like to begin by welcoming our new Abbas students in Year 7. After the excitement of Transition Week they have settled into the new term with confidence. It is delightful to be greeted in the corridors and Lightwell by the newest member of the Abbas team.

As a House, we enjoyed our Celebration Assembly on 16th

September. It gave me great pleasure to be able to shine a spotlight on the achievements of so many Abbas students. Abbas topped the attendance grid and I am really not surprised when 26 students gained 100% attendance for all three terms! It is so important to be here. Attendance and punctuality ratings are the first questions on any reference request that I complete. Did you know that 95% still means ten days or twenty sessions of school missed?

With great delight I would like to share details of the merits gained by our Abbas students. Last year there were 263 students in Abbas House in Years 7 – 11. 229 students achieved over 100 merits – 87% Bronze, 179 students achieved over 200 merits – 68% Silver, 147 students achieved over 300 merits – 56% Gold, 86 students achieved over 400 merits and 28 students achieved over 500 merits! We even had 17 students achieve over 600 merits with 4 of those achieving over 700 merits! This is truly remarkable and certainly shows the attitude that has made Abbas so successful. A sincere and huge “thank you” to each and every one of you. ABO gained the most merits as a tutor group, which again was a very close contest, only just beating KFR and KMU. Well done to you all and I hope that the chocolates were suitable recognition for that team effort. I was extremely proud to be able to congratulate so many Abbas students as they collected their new Half Ribbon badges, and I hope that their resplendent blazer displays spur on their peers who are close to completing one of the categories. Please do encourage

each other to take your evidence across to the Careers Hub to obtain those stamps towards each one. Abbas blazers jingle with pride!

Selecting just one person to award the Head of House Commendation to is honestly a really difficult and tough decision. For the summer term I decided to recognise the brave and intrepid attitude shown by Helena Read Luxton. She travelled to America to participate in a huge jamboree with thousands of other young people and took part in some amazing activities and service work. I think this shows tremendous courage and sense of adventure and Helena is a great example to others about the ways that you can use your time out of school. Well done, Helena!

Please encourage our students to let me know about the numerous activities they participate in outside of school. I really enjoy hearing about their commitment and successes, plus it can also lead to merits for demonstrating our core values.

Our House charity this year is Number 72. We feel that again we want to raise money for something local that provides an essential service to our community. You will soon hear about our fund raising activities and I thank you in advance for your brilliant support in all that we do as Abbas House.

Abbas students, remember that it is the valuable support that your family provides that allows you to “get involved and do your best”.

Mrs N Wilby



CHAMBERLAIN

In charge of the private
chambers of a nobleman

Prodesse quam conspicere

*To do good rather
than be conspicuous*



What a ball I am having in my initial half term as the Head of House for Chamberlain, and it is with great pleasure that I am able to write my very first Chamberlain news. Before I go any further, firstly I would like to thank Miss Hilson for handing me the reins of the current Chelsworth Cup Champions! All of your hard work, determination

and resilience during the summer term has paid off as, once again, we are the extremely proud holders of this accolade, and now we must aim to continue this success for the upcoming year, and retain the cup for as long as possible.

Already this year, we have held a fantastic celebration assembly, in which we celebrated 14 students obtaining 100% attendance throughout the summer term. We can also boast that 235 Chamberlain students achieved their bronze merit award (that's 85% of the entire house) with a further 175 Chamberlain students achieving their silver merit award (64%) and 125 Chamberlain students achieving their gold merit award (46%). A staggering 55 Chamberlain students achieved more than 400 merits, and a whopping 23 Chamberlain students achieved more than 500 merits. A special mention must be made to the 12 Chamberlain students who achieved more than 600 merits, particularly Megan Turner and Maisie Young, who both achieved in excess of 1000 merits each. Incredible, girls! And a reflection of how much time and effort you both put into contributing to the school community. Keep up the hard work, one and all.

We have also now been introduced to the careers ribbons awards too. Hopefully these will inspire you all to head down to the Careers Hub to update your Records of Achievement, and ensure you are displaying your amazing efforts, both inside and outside of school. I am also the only Head of House in the position to congratulate the subject ambassadors, as currently there are only two

subject ambassadors in the entire school, and these both belong to Chamberlain. So well done Brandon Howard and Rosy Morelli for becoming MFL subject ambassadors! We also saw EHa (formerly CKe) return to the top of the tutor group award. Will this change over the next term, I wonder?

The Chamberlain charity for 2019/2020 is Suffolk Mind, a local charity working on supporting the mental health of individuals within the Suffolk area. Chamberlain change pots will be back after half term, and all donations are very much appreciated. The entirety of monies raised through charity events will also be donated to this worthy cause.

The academic year has already started in an impressive manner. The re-scheduled Swim the Channel event took place on Thursday 26th September, and I am delighted to say that the event was well represented by Chamberlain House. A special thanks to Jensen Cooper, Lily Carvell, Oskar Howard, Yusuf Sargeant, Kai Thomas, Jack Osborne, Will Aldsworth and George Bowden for their participation in the event, and to Megan Turner and Charlotte Turner for counting lengths. There were also some fantastic cakes made by Chamberlain House students to celebrate International Languages Day, and all money raised from both charity events will be donated to the relevant beneficiaries. The impending house competition is developing a timeline to show the evolution of Chamberlain House. This is a great opportunity to ensure we work together as a house and work towards

preserving the orange ribbons on the Chelsworth Cup. Keep an eye out for the annual London-Brighton relay charity event also, which will be our first big event, taking place in November. We have had plenty of Value Nominations already, it has been so hard to select only one each week! House captain, Charlie Walder, took the first Value Nomination for his resilience shown whilst competing in the Eastern Young Athletes' League for his club of Colchester Harriers, even setting a personal best in the 800m. I am so proud to be Head of such a fantastic house and I look forward to getting to know you all better over the upcoming months. I am very excited to see what else we will achieve this year.

Remember to get involved!

Miss A Alston



LONDON TO BRIGHTON FANCY DRESS OBSTACLE COURSE FUN RUN

Get involved in Chamberlain's fundraiser by signing up and joining the team to complete the distance from London to Brighton in the **sports hall after school at 3.30-5.30pm**. All money raised will be donated to charity, and it is a great chance for you to get involved and dress up (or just come along in comfy/sporty clothes).



LONDON TO BRIGHTON FANCY DRESS OBSTACLE COURSE FUN RUN

We will set up an obstacle course in the Sports Hall.

Each lap will be 100m

The distance from London to Brighton is 46miles which is 76km, that is 76,000m.

So as a TGS team we need to complete 760 laps – the more people involved the easier it will be to complete.

Last year we beat this so maybe we could reach further than this?????



LONDON TO BRIGHTON FANCY DRESS OBSTACLE COURSE FUN RUN

In order to take part you need to pick up a Sponsor Form to be signed by home as permission to take part.

Then start collecting sponsors.

Forms will be available from Miss Alston in Room 114 or at Student Services shortly.



Good Luck!

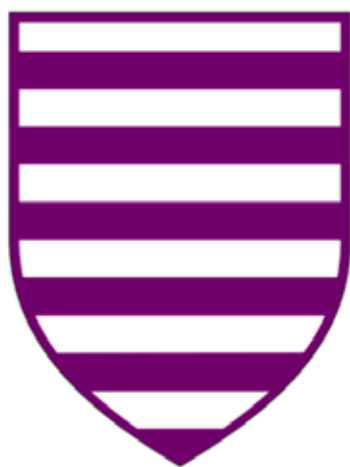


HOUGHTON

Derived from halh meaning nook
and tun meaning settlement

Honor virtutis præmium

*Honour is
the reward of valour*



Houghton has made an excellent start to the academic year. It has been wonderful to watch the 55 new Year 7 students integrate into their tutor groups, the house and to the wider school; they seem to have settled really well and are already making a contribution through merits, club attendance and competition entries.

Another illustration of the excellent start that Houghton students have made is through their overall attendance.

Houghton was the house with the highest overall attendance for September and I would love for this to continue for the whole of the school year. One of our school values is resilience and being able to make it through a school day when not feeling 100% is a real illustration of this.

Year 11 students, now only nine months from their GCSE examinations have returned with excellent learning attitudes in the main and attendance at intervention sessions has been high. The first staging post for these students is the mock exams in mid-November.

We have welcomed the new House Committee and they are already taking a leading role in ensuring that the whole house has a good awareness of our nominated charity for the year, The Salvation Army. They have been busy preparing a presentation that can be shared with each tutor group about the aims, mission and work of the Salvation Army as well as ensuring that they act as an effective link between the Student Parliament and their linked tutor groups.

Our celebration assembly in September was a wonderful opportunity to share the achievements of students in the last school year. 119 students in Houghton House earned 300 or more merits, thereby being invited to take part in the Rewards trip. Incredibly, 57 earned over 400 and 19 over 500. There were even two students who earned 700+ merits in one school year. In addition, we used this assembly to introduce our new badges for meeting the standard required for half ribbons in the Record of

Achievement and for becoming Subject Ambassadors; long may this continue!

Taylor Preston and Edward Aldsworth collected the Values certificate for their community work on the River Stour and the Head of House Commendation was awarded to Tom Hellaby-Pearson for a tremendous year of study and contributions to the house.

You may be aware that we celebrate the achievements of our students outside school on our Wall of Excellence. There have been a number of nominations already this term;

Esme Turner (Year 7) for outstanding performances in regional gymnastic competitions.

Oliver Race (Year 10) for having his photographs selected to be shown on the Instagram page of the Eden Project in Cornwall.

We also recognise students that exemplify the school values of Happiness, Resilience, Honesty, Positivity, Respect and Confidence. Tutors are asked to nominate students each week for recognition with a Values Award. Not everyone can win, but to date this year, there have been over 20 nominations for students who are really demonstrating the value of living by the values.

Finally for this issue, I wanted to congratulate all the students who made entries to the European Day of Language cake competition. The originality of their ideas and the quality of the baking was excellent and delicious!

Mr M Gibson



PEYTON

A place name, Pæga's town,
pæga is an Old English name
of unknown meaning

Patior, potior

I persevere, I enjoy



During our recent Celebration assembly, we had the pleasure of celebrating the successes of last year and to recognise some major achievements within our new 'half ribbons' awards.

I need to say huge congratulations to Millie Simon who received the last term's Head of House commendation. She received this award due to her excellent effort and commitment to House activities and charity work as well her hugely positive attitude to life at TGS. Well done, Millie!

Mr Bennett's tutor group continued their dominance in our 'Most Valuable Tutor Group' award by being the Tutor group with the highest average number of merits in Peyton House. However, Miss Birch's tutees ran in a VERY close second. Huge congratulations to them!

A massive 52 Peyton students were awarded our highest Merit award certificate for achieving 400 merits last year with Jasmine Brown and Izzy Ansell topping the table at over 600 Merits. Well done to you all for gaining your Platinum Award!

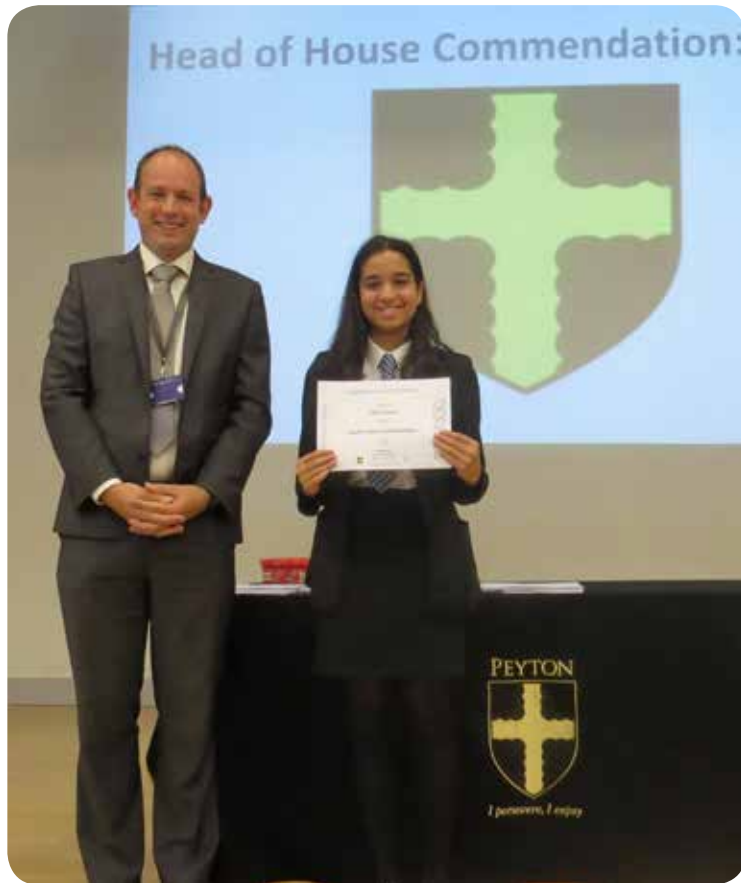
My new House committee has arranged our first charity event of the year, which is taking place on Halloween 31st October will see TGS 'Thomas Goes Scary!' happening for the third time. Pupils will be allowed to come to school with a "Halloween head" for a minimum donation of £1. Full school uniform is required but the array of amazing zombies and make up last year was a remarkable sight! Further details will follow via parent mail and to students via their school email. With the launch of our new half

ribbons we need to recognise the first recipients who are now able to wear their badges with pride. Jasmine Brown, Warren Dew and Oriel Hopkins gained their sports ribbons; Harriet Sayers, Ella-Grace Wells and Rachael Wren gained their 'employability' ribbons; and Lauren Martin, Harriet Sayers, Melanie Smith, Eleanor Thompson, Joe Ward, Maisy Williams and Rachael Wren all gained their 'Commitment to Learning' ribbon. Isaac Jones deserves special mention as he gained 3, with the 'community', 'creativity' and 'commitment to learning' ribbons. Well done to you all!

A huge congratulations also goes to Mollie Blowers who was the only member of Peyton house to have achieved all 5 of our ribbons and is comfortably on track to graduate from TGS as a 'Full Honours' student. Well done indeed Mollie!

At the recent KS3 Awards Evening, the Peyton House Tutee award went to Rachael Wren for her outstanding efforts both in and out of the classroom. She ended last year with over 500 merits, has represented the House during Sports Day, has entered numerous House competitions, including the Imagination Art Challenge and is also a regular at our Dance club. Rachael was nominated for School Values awards on a number of occasions last year and is an amazing positive influence around the school, as she epitomises Mr Lloyd's desire for pupils to "Work Hard and Get Involved".

Mr W Ponsford

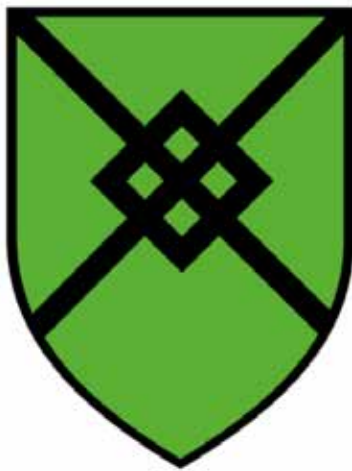


TOLLEMACHE

French for a person who
wore a knapsack

Confido conquiesco

I trust and am contented



Welcome back Tollemache from a long summer holiday. I hope you all had a good break and are refreshed ready for a new term. A new academic year is very similar to a new year as we make promises to ourselves of what we are going to do differently from the previous year. Maybe we want to build on our successes or maybe we need a fresh start, just like New Year's resolutions?

Visiting the Tollemache tutor groups, I saw the promises the tutees had written on post it notes to themselves. The notes were shared and discussed with the group. The targets made me smile with pride to see how determined the Year 11 students are to succeed this year. How seriously they are all taking their studies and preparing for the next stage of their education, whether it will be in the Sixth Form, on a college course or in an apprenticeship. The lower school were planning when to complete homework and attend enrichments. School is all about having that balance of work and play. Making sure you get involved in aspects of school life, from open evenings, school productions, sports events and charity work. Recently students have had assemblies illustrating the expectations of our school; we call this the TGS way. At Thomas Gainsborough we are keen to praise hard work which has been highlighted in our celebration assembly.

Last term there were 272 students in our House in Years 7 – 11;

231 students achieved over 100 merits – 85% Bronze.

177 students achieved over 200 merits – 65% Silver.

134 students achieved over 300 merits – 49% Gold.

63 students achieved over 400 merits.

25 students achieved over 500 merits!

We even had 9 students achieve over 600 merits and one of these scoring 750!

Congratulations to Ruby Marsh, Jasmine Crick, Sasha Preece, Carys Preece who completed their half ribbons for their Record of Achievement. You will see them walking around the school with all five enamel badges on their blazer lapel.

I would also like to mention the Sports Leaders Zachary Brazier, Atlanta Hemson, Sasha Preece, Carys Preece, Ruby Marsh and Jasmine Crick.

Wow! Congratulations everyone!

Working hard, getting involved and being proud of your achievements is the TGS way.

Hope you all have a great Autumn term!

Mrs F Raleigh





Here at Thomas Gainsborough School we support a range of local and national charities where we encourage the students to take an active part in planning and engaging in fund-raising activities.

2018-2019 Review

Throughout this year we carried out a wide range of events raising in total over £8,700 for several different charities.

All the five Houses have worked together to raise money in support for MacMillan, Children In Need, the Indonesia Tsunami Appeal and Cancer research through our *yearly cake sales, non-uniform day and Race For Life*.

Each House is assigned an individual charity for which the House Committees help plan and carry out activities. Together the Houses did run several events as a collaboration to raise money for these charities: *TGS Goes Scary, Christmas Market, Christmas Jumper Day, Penny Wars and an Easter Raffle*.

Then each House planned their own separate events:

Abbas: Headway Suffolk



Headway Suffolk came into an assembly early in the Autumn Term to fully explain their role in our community. We were able to fully grasp the importance of the support Headway provide to people that have suffered with brain injury or illness. This could be practical help and advice for daily living or respite care in a special centre, or even a companion dog to help encourage confidence when getting back into the routines of life. Sometimes it is simply a friendly conversation and a coffee in a safe environment.

As a House we worked hard to raise over £2,300, simply an amazing amount! Our events included our regular *Munchy Monday* monthly cake sale, our *Three Peaks Challenge* sponsored event, bag packing at Sainsburys and several raffles. We are really looking forward to making a difference again this year with valuable service in our local community.

Chamberlain: Friends of TGS



The Friends of TGS spend their money on the students for things they can enjoy outside of the classroom - lunch benches, 3D printer, curtains for the main hall stage and our large Christmas tree each winter. Throughout the year Chamberlain tutor groups collected their loose change in pots to put together and at the end of the year this came to a huge amount: £217. Our big event was our annual *London-to-Brighton Relay Race* where students were sponsored to complete as many laps of an obstacle course hoping in total to cover the distance from London to Brighton. The students were again very successful this year covering just over 80km (12km more than our target). Unfortunately, in the Summer term, our sponsored swim event, where we aim to cover the distance across the English Channel as a team, had to be postponed due to the unpredictable English weather. However, now that our pool can stay open longer we hope to hold this event in September instead - fingers crossed the sun stays out! With a few extra chocolate raffles throughout the year we managed to raise just over £800 - well done team!



Houghton raised money for The Smile of Arran Trust during the last academic year. The Smile of Arran Trust is a brain tumour charity that was set up in memory of an extraordinary and inspiring young man Arran Tosh who lost his life to a brain tumour at age 13.

During each one of the events that our Houghton committee organised, we had the opportunity to share the amazing work that the charity does as well as promote and sell their merchandise.

In the Autumn Term we did a *cake sale*, which was very well received by our students and members of staff.

We also knitted over one hundred covers for Ferrero Rocher chocolates. These were sold as Christmas presents and given its popularity among our students at TGS, we decided to do it again at Easter time; we knitted covers for Easter Eggs chocolates and they were sold out in just a couple of days.

Finally, in the Summer Term the Houghton Committee was very busy organising *TGS Got Talent*. We auditioned over 30 students showing different talents, from dancing, singing, playing instruments to drawing and motocross. It was great to see so many Houghton students helping out during the auditions and during the final as well as all the parents and members of the community who came to support the contestants. We all felt very proud! We truly believe that there is plenty of talent at TGS.

We really enjoyed working closely with Alison Tosh (Arran's mum) and other members of the charity, who continue doing an excellent job.



We registered as an official fundraising partner of Help for Heroes last year which allowed us to access great support from the organisation. The committee really got involved with the events we organised and finished by raising nearly £600 to go towards this worthy cause.

Our Thomas Goes Scary Halloween event was as well supported as ever with some amazing creations on display.

The Christmas Market was a great success with some wonderful stalls to behold. The creativity and enthusiasm shown were fantastic.

We were then able to get collection boxes around the school so spare change could be donated by both students and visitors to the school.

Our year culminated in our *'Mud Run'* at 'The Playground' near Bury St Edmunds. A decent sized group arrived at the 1km course to be greeted by some huge obstacles and a massive trench of the smelliest mud I have ever smelt! After a few hours we had run ourselves into the ground, got covered in mud and attempted 'The Wall'; some of us even got up it! We had also raised over £150 for our wounded veterans.

Tollemache: EACH



Lantern Walk: The students walked around the perimeter of the school at dusk. The students produced their own lanterns with images of the charity to illuminate the Each Course. Afterwards students drank hot chocolate and sang Christmas carols in the Lightwell.

Random Act of kindness stall: This stall promoted respect and happiness to her peers at TGS: two values held dear to the school. Students could buy sweets

or stationery for friends thus giving them a random act of kindness.

In the summer term the students ran an ice cream parlour for a week selling a range of flavours on the field.

2019-2020 Planning

Abbas: Number 72



Based in North Street, Sudbury No. 72 provides family support services including bereavement support, parenting and money management as well as addressing other relationship issues around family life. Their vision is to provide support to young parents and families of all kinds as they encounter the normal 'highs and lows' of parenting and family life. Many of the students in our school have made valuable use of these services so it is great for us to show them our support and help these services continue.

Chamberlain: Suffolk Mind



Suffolk Mind offer services all over Suffolk including Sudbury, Bury St Edmunds, Hadleigh & Ipswich. They offer a wide range of services to assist with well-being and mental health and to educate others about it.

One in four people will experience a mental health problem each year and at Suffolk Mind we want to make Suffolk the best place in the world for talking about and taking care of mental health.

Houghton: Salvation Army



The Salvation Army expresses its faith through charitable action by working at the heart of communities across the UK and the Republic of Ireland. We have 750 community churches and social centres where we offer friendship, practical help and support to some of the most disadvantaged people in our communities. They offer a wide range of services to tackle issues such as homelessness, modern slavery, poverty, addiction and support for older people.

Our vision: "we will be a Spirit-filled, radical, growing movement, with a burning desire to lead people into a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, actively serve the community, and fight for social justice."

Peyton: St Nicholas Hospice



St Nicholas Hospice Care is a local charity providing help, advice and support to people in West Suffolk and Thetford in the final chapters of their life, who are living with long-term and life-threatening illnesses.

They provide emotional support and advice on pain relief. They encourage their patients to make the most of every day and continue to educate others and carers to improve their quality of life.

Our vision is to ensure that more people living with dying, death and grief receive compassionate support. We will focus on three ambitions: to equip people with tools and knowledge so they are better prepared, to continue to provide direct care to people who need it and to continually strive for something better so the hospice can move forward

sustainably, is well-run and makes the most of your donations.

Tollemache: WWF



WWF is the world's leading independent conservation organisation. Our mission is to create a world where people and wildlife can thrive together. Globally we are using the planet's resources faster than nature can restore itself so the WWF are working to protect the environment, stabilise and increase the stock of endangered animals, change our food systems to make them sustainable, educate about the dangers of, and campaign against, climate change.



On Thursday 26th September students at TGS celebrated European Day of Languages by taking part in the first house competition of the year - The Great European Bake Off! The challenge was to design and bake a cake with a European theme and students certainly showed off their bakery skills by coming up with creations which would have earned handshakes from Paul Hollywood himself. With designs ranging from a large Brexit themed cake to a pizza design to homemade Baklava, the variety and choice were endless. And to make it even better...? Students very kindly donated their cakes to charity which were sold the following day to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. With so many fantastic cakes displayed the job of judging was exceptionally hard. However, I am very pleased to reveal the results:

1st place - Violet & Betsy Devereux - Houghton

House winners:

Abbas	Olivia Hand
Chamberlain	Gracie Rush
Peyton	Isabel Wright & Poppy Ayers
Tollemache	Freya Upton

A huge thank you to everyone who took part and especially those who donated their cakes raising a total of £230!

Mrs H Frid



REWARDS TRIPS 2019

As always it is an amazing start to the year – to celebrate our students' achievements and success last year. This year we invited 660 students to come along to one of our Rewards Trips for gaining 300 merits last academic year.

THORPE PARK

This year saw TGS take over Thorpe Park with our biggest visit yet – with 540 students attending! Luckily the rain managed to hold off for most of the day meaning that most of us stayed dry – unless you braved Tidal Wave ride.

With queuing times being a maximum of 20 minutes students were able to try out the range of rides on offer and many of them did so multiple times.

Some students showed off their sporting talents coming away with various stuffed toy prizes – but no body managed to 'Hang Tough' for 2 minutes – not even the staff!

Stealth was by the far the most talked about ride and certainly one that all of us were brave enough to try!

Miss J Hilson

FREEPORT

The day started at 8:30am. We all made our way to Braintree, Freeport on a double decker bus and began by going to the cinema. We got a cinema screen all to ourselves and we each got a munch box (which contained popcorn, chocolate milky stars and a drink). The film was Horrible Histories the movie - it was cleverly put together and made a lot of people laugh.

After the movie had finished we got two hours to have lunch and do some shopping around Freeport in small groups. Cadbury and Lindt were among the favourite shops! When we returned we had bags filled with chocolate and goodies.

At the end of the day, we headed to the bowling alley, where we got into teams of 6 to bowl. After our group had finished we got a little bit of time in the gaming section on the 2p machines.

Holly Samways

LONDON

This year we experienced three different tube trains—the DLR (who needs Thorpe Park when you can sit at the front and drive your own train?)- the old central line and the new more roomy circle line.

Our trip this year involved the usual snacking at every opportunity including the McFlurry.

Along the way we visited the Maritime Museum at Greenwich and the Observatory at the top of the hill to see the meridian line. (Every place on the Earth is measured in terms of its angle east or west from this line). We walked under the Thames in a 370m tunnel opened in 1902.

After finally crossing the road at Tower Hill we walked round the Tower and visited St Katherine Docks where we saw the royal barge from the Diamond Jubilee and went on HMS Blazer (an Archer-class P2000 Fast Patrol Boat).

Another taste of what London has to offer was enjoyed by all.

As always it was a pleasure to take so many students out for the day and to see their happy faces enjoying their rewards. We hope to see many more of you join us next year.

Miss T Barfield





AWARDS EVENINGS





What a fantastic event to start the year - it is always really exciting to see students rewarded for their hard work and progress across all subjects. On Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th October both students and parents joined us to share their achievements and success across the curriculum and their involvement in whole school life.

On both evenings we were delighted to welcome Colonel Jason Etherington to present our awards. Jason worked his way through many senior leadership roles in the army over a career of 25 years attaining the rank of Colonel and being awarded an OBE from the queen. He is now Chief of Staff at East Lodge Capital Partners, an asset management firm and he was able to share his journey and some key words of advice to our students. Curriculum leaders announced the winners for Academic Excellence, Outstanding Effort and Progress and Leadership for all subjects in their areas.

The Heads of House were delighted to hand out House Tutee Awards for students who have gone above and beyond to support their tutor group and house. The Abbas Award went

to Holly Samways, Chamberlain to George Bowden, Houghton to Dylan Cook, Peyton to Rachael Wren and Tollemache to Daisy Driscoll.

Special whole school prizes were also presented to a number of well deserving students. The Shelley Baisden English Award for Learning went to Charlie Fairbanks for exceptional talent as a writer and his hard work on his own novel. The Paul Dainty Award for Character was awarded to Amelie Kingston, an inspirational student who took the leading role in our Grease production having only been at TGS for such a short time.

We were honoured that Mr Kiely came back out of retirement again on both evenings, specially to present this award to Callum Orme (KS3) and Brandon Howard (KS4) who have both consistently demonstrated a fantastic level of understanding, hard work and passion for all their languages.

The Good Citizen in the School Community Award went to Maisie Young for her work both inside and outside of school supporting local events. The Betty Cocker Award for Volunteering was awarded to Reuben Rumsby

for his tireless work improving the recycling system in school. The Jan Wait Award for Overcoming Adversity went to Olivia Pomphrett and the Paul Dainty Award for Services to School to Kaitlin Riddle – both fantastic role models to other students. The Rebecca Goss Creative Writing Award was presented by Rebecca Goss herself to Callum Ryan for his fantastic creative writing last year and the The Platinum for Contribution to the Arts went to Megan Turner for consistently demonstrating a passion for her work in the Arts and always supporting others and subject. This year we had another new award – the Headteacher Value Award – awarded in both KS3 and KS4 to a student who consistently demonstrates the core values across all aspects of school life and continually get involved with so many different events. KS3 went to Sam Clayton and KS4 to Davit Rickards – a huge well done to you both.

A fantastic evening, lots of success and proud parents all round. Well Done!

Miss J Hilson

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
Debate Club All Years- JWO - 202	ICT drop in All Years - GCU - 219	ICT drop in All Years - GCU - 219	Dodgeball - All Years - LDA	ICT drop in All Years - GCU - 219
ICT drop in All Years - GCU - 219	Music Practice Rooms available for booking from NRE	Music Practice Rooms available for booking from NRE	ICT drop in All Years - GCU - 219	Music Practice Rooms available for booking from NRE
Music Practice Rooms available for booking from NRE	String Ensemble - NRE - 112		Music Practice Rooms available for booking from NRE	Wind Ensemble - NRE - 112
	UK Linguistics Olympiad Club - All Years - LHU/LRE - 311			
AFTER SCHOOL	AFTER SCHOOL	AFTER SCHOOL	AFTER SCHOOL	AFTER SCHOOL
Fitness Suite - Yr 9+ LDA	Board Games - All Years - LHE/RCA - 006	6th Form Yoga - JAR - DH	Badminton Participation TOB KSE	Art Club - All Years - LNI - 317
Football Performance - MGA & Football Academy	Creative Writing - GED - 214	Animation & ICT club - All years - GCU - 219	Badminton Club 4.15-5pm (Pre-paid club)	Cricket Club - WPO MGI WLL
N-Vision - All Years - Chaplains - 101	Football Participation - KS3 - BRI	Chess - all years - SPE - 213	Cipher Challenge Open to all Years including sixth form - BMI - 105	Knit & Natter - all years - JHI - 315
	Games Design Yr 10 & 11 Invite only - CTO - 113	Choir - all years and staff - Mrs Rayner and NRE - 112	Exploring Christianity - All Years - Chaplains - 101	Running Club LDA
	Hockey Performance (Invitation Only) - Sudbury Hockey Club	Gymnastics 4.15-5pm (Pre-paid club)	Girls Football - KYG	
	Homework Club run until 4pm LSC	Hockey Participation - DCH	Homework Club run until 4pm LSC	
	Kinball - RMY	Homework Club run until 4pm LSC	Production Rehearsals - NRE/JAR - Hall	
	Lego Tec Yrs 7 - 9 - PBE - 003	Maths Club - Yr 7 - 9 - CHF & SST - 103		
	Netball Participation - CBR VBR KYG	Scrabble Club - All Years - NWB - 204		
	Netball Performance 4.15-5pm CBR RMY BRI	Trampoline - IEL KYG		
	Science Surgery - Yr 7 & 8 - EHA - 115			
	TGS Orchestra - all years and staff - NRE - 112			
	Warhammer Club - all years - MHa - 302			

All afterschool clubs will run from 3.15-4.10 unless otherwise stated

Invitation Only - Clubs where staff will have specific entry requirements and they will have targeted specific students to attend these. These clubs are not available for sign up but if you are interested in attending one please speak to the member of staff in charge to discuss the required skills.

Get involved!

ENRICHMENT

DEBATE CLUB

Debate Club is held every Monday Lunchtime in room 202 and is open to all years. We come together to discuss topics that interest us and have (occasionally heated) disputes. It is a great place to meet new people and learn how to articulate your views.

Last year, we discussed a wide range of topics such as, feminism, vaccines, climate change, inequality, animal rights and some sillier topics too! While most sessions are informal, we sometimes set up proper debates with rehearsed arguments. It's a really enjoyable way to spend your lunchtime and I highly recommend you come along!

Callum Ryan



CENTRE FOR ADVANCED TRAINING (CATS) - DANCEEAST

"I never paint dreams or nightmares. I paint my own reality" - Frida Khalo

On 18th May, I auditioned for the Centre For Advanced Training at DanceEast. This programme includes an intensive set of ballet, contemporary health and creative classes, focusing on technique and performance skills, preparing CAT students for auditions for world-wide dance companies.

Over one hundred young people aged 10-17 from all over the East of England auditioned to become one of the 30 (approximately) who were able to be part of the CAT scheme. Also, it was mandatory to partake in an interview (along with the auditions) to confirm that CATs was the best option for us.

The CAT scheme requires an hour and twenty minutes of contemporary and ballet during the week days, then six hours on Sunday with ballet, contemporary, health and creative.

I am extremely grateful to now be part of the CAT scheme, which has taught me so much just in the last two weeks. Admittedly, it has been very tough both mentally and physically, but we can already see drastic changes to our dance ability. The CAT scheme has taught me to be resilient and demonstrate

dedication throughout my classes, and this skill will most definitely be useful in the future.

All new CAT students will say that returning students are kind, welcoming and understanding, which has allowed us to make some talented friends, who were in our positions not too long ago.

The CAT process prepares students to take auditions in the future. Whether that is a path I choose to take, I am certain the the CAT team will enable me to be audition-ready.

Along with my GCSE Dance, I am looking forward to a year of progress in my performing career, that allows me to make wonderful friends and advance as a dancer.

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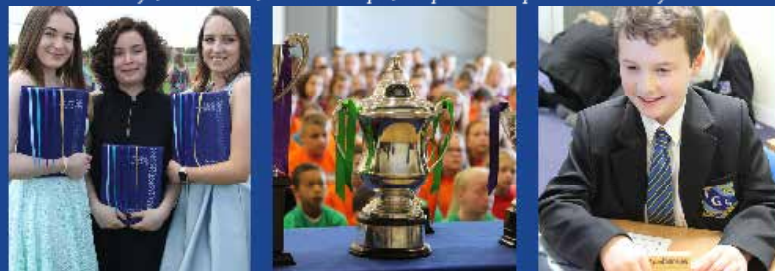
Millie Simon

DANCE EAST

Open Evening

Thursday 19th September 2019
5.00pm-8.00pm, for families and pupils of Year 6

Talks with Mr Lloyd, Headteacher, will be at 5:30pm, 6:30pm and 7:30pm in the Assembly Hall



We also welcome visits to the school at anytime, please contact us for a personal tour

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HORSYPUS CLOCK SADDLE

The Sunset is magical
The clocks bend time
They have been washed up from the sea
Melting in the sun
twisted, spun and bent into impossible shapes.

The sunset reflects against the water
Animals like the clocks,
The crystal clear blue seas shine
as the sun reflects down on it.
So many falling clocks.
Inaudibly, the waves hit the seashells.

The colourful sunset lights up the sea,
making it sparkle, like a million diamonds.

A broken tree hanging wildly
and a brown thick swamp surrounding it
with the scarlet sun setting over the hills.

The sun sets
It is starting to get dark.
Mountains go to shadows in the
It feels like sleep is taking over,
Time is slipping away.

Students created this poem from collecting sentences from visitors during Open Evening.

Mr G Edwards

Our much anticipated annual Open Evening was a fantastic success!

Attended by record numbers of prospective students and their families, they were treated to an insight into life at Thomas Gainsborough School.

All subjects created an array of activities to demonstrate TGS learning.

We look forward to next July when we welcome Year 6 for Transition week.





KARTING

Readers who have followed the successes of the TGS 2019 karting team can be forgiven for thinking they had missed the race report on last years BSKC final. The final of the British Schools Karting Championship, which was held at Whilton Mill on the 29th of June, was an incredibly exciting if not controversial event, with the results only being announced in late July. One of the hottest days of the year saw extremely competitive racing and tempers flaring. The team, consisting of Max Herbert, Josh Twitchen and Connor Palmer, all made an impression on the competition with some rivals overheard saying "Who are TGS?" in awe of the times and overtaking that were being performed by the boys. This was one of the most competitive teams that TGS has fielded at the BSKC and it showed, with Max Herbert claiming the fastest lap trophy on the day. As always the boys heeded the advice of driving consistently and staying out of trouble. However other teams were gaining disqualifications due to poor driving and this caused some heated arguments in the paddock. Race 8 out of 10 had to be postponed whilst one spectator associated with a team was asked to leave the course due to his poor behaviour off the track. This delay led to the karts overheating in the baking sun and ultimately the final races had to be cancelled. The teams were sent home as the BSKC organisers had to consider the option of cancelling the day's results and rescheduling the final. Two weeks later, on the day that the school broke up for the summer, it was announced that the BSKC had decided to count up the points of the first 7 races and announce the winners. TGS came an amazing 2nd place out of an estimated 400 teams who competed in the BSKC last year, narrowly missing

out on the top spot by just 4 points! The school fully intend to enter two teams again this year with hopes of maybe reaching the top spot next summer.

Mr A Cameron



MAX HERBERT RACE CAREER

Having always shown an interest in Motorsport and speed, Max became involved in Kart racing in 2014. Competing in the highly competitive Honda Cadet Class (Drivers aged 8 to 12 years old) it didn't take long for Max's natural abilities to become apparent and in his very first year of racing he won numerous races throughout the East Anglia region and finished a very respectable 2nd in the Ellough Park Kart Club Honda Cadet Championship.

During 2015 the local success continued again, with many race wins, fastest laps and topped by securing the Ellough Park Honda Cadet Championship. Along with the overall Championship, Max was also voted Driver of the Year and presented with a special award by Martin Donnelly (Ex Lotus Formula 1 driver). Other developments during the year included a Factory Supported drive with Gillard Racing Karts, when Max was asked to test and develop new race chassis for them.

In 2016 the decision was taken to move up from regional to national level in the sport and in early 2016 Max joined a professional race team DK Karting, to assist with the transition. The first national event of the year was the Honda Cadet British Open Championship at Bayford Meads Circuit in Kent. Max didn't fail to impress and finished an amazing 5th Place in the main Championship final against the best 36 drivers in the country. This result really set Max on his way and mid season he was asked to join the Factory Project One racing team. This particular team is somewhat of a household name in the sport, so it was a great honour to be asked to join. Max really excelled in his first year of MSA national events, winning the Bayford Meadows Honda Cadet Championships and also the PF International, Honda Cadet Rookie Championship.

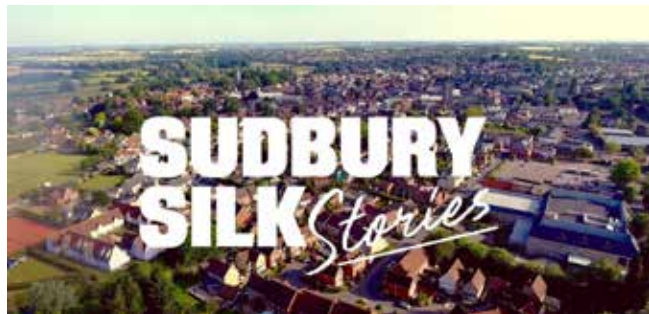
In 2017 Project One Racing appointed Max as their lead driver and it was planned for Max to compete in the MSA British Super One Championship. As the pinnacle of the sport the Super One Championship awards the drivers with "seeded" race numbers to reflect their Championship finishing position and subsequent ranking in the country. Max was very much in the running to win this Championship, but things ended very abruptly for him after picking up a very awkward back injury during a crash in the early part of the year. Sadly the injury ended the season early

for Max and as a result he then took a break from racing until July 2019.

In 2019 Max returned to Karting in a new class "Junior Rotax". At his very Rotax race at PF International, Max took the "clean sweep" by qualifying Pole, winning both heats and winning the main final in style also setting fastest lap of the day. In 2019 Max also became involved in founding a new professional race team with his father "Project One Racing – East Anglia". Max is very much involved as Race Coach and Data Analyst using his skills and experience to coach and tutor young children in the Honda Cadet Class. Currently Max has continued his coaching role within the Project One Racing team and, with his help, the team has already won major national titles this year and continues to grow from strength to strength. Max himself also plans to return to racing again during the winter, but in the meantime he thoroughly enjoys representing TGS at the BSKC events.

Mr Herbert





Miss Gammon, Mr Clark and students in Year 9 are extremely proud to have been involved in a significant piece of heritage research for the 'Sudbury silk stories' project, in partnership with the local council, Ormiston Academy and Offshoot Media and funded by the Heritage Lottery fund. The project was led and coordinated by Carole Creasey of Babergh District Council.

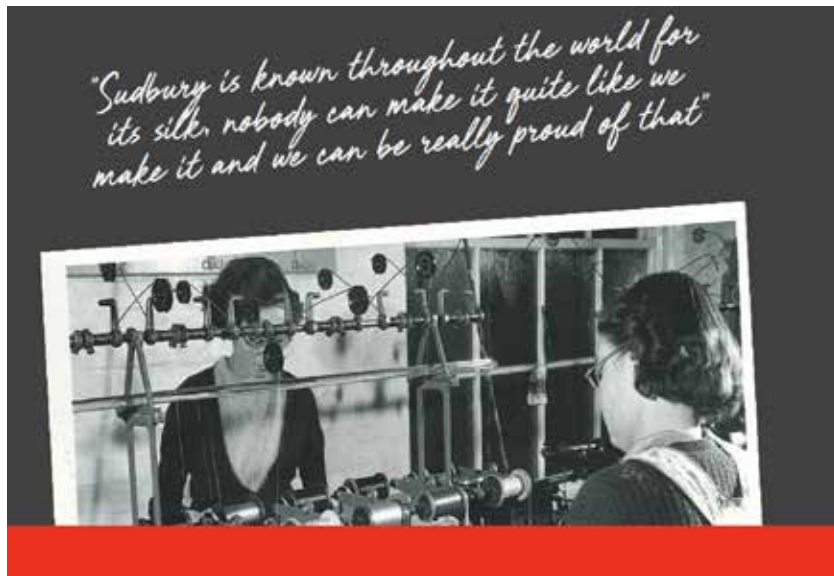


'Sudbury silk stories' explores and records the history, legacy and contemporary relevance of the silk industry in Sudbury through interviews with current and former members of the industry. Students from Thomas Gainsborough School conducted interviews, recorded and edited footage and helped to craft the final sixteen minute film. In addition, an archive of interviews exploring various elements of the trade, historical and modern can now be found on the Sudbury silk stories website. As well as conducting filmed interviews, a small group of students and teachers from our school have also been trained as formal oral historians as part of the project, a capacity that the school now retains. The final video for the project was produced and edited by Dan Newman, a former Thomas Gainsborough School student. Of the project, the website says the following:

'Throughout the 20th century the silk industry in Sudbury not only survived but thrived and it continues today carrying on

this proud and long tradition.

Producing fabrics of the finest quality, they have been used for the wedding dresses of Princess Anne and Princess Diana, lining the Queen's coronation robes, creating a gown for Michelle Obama and the list of prestigious projects continues to grow.



Sudbury Silk Stories is bringing heritage to life to demonstrate just how silk is shaping Sudbury today. The project began in January 2019 and is allowing people a glimpse inside the world of Sudbury silk. The project team talked to current and former staff, young and old to record their stories. Exploring the history and changes that have taken place in the industry to ensuring it continues to hold its position creating some of the finest silk produced in Europe, sought after by royal palaces, top fashion houses and luxury hotels.

With generous support from the National Lottery Heritage Fund the project brings together film, oral history and an education resource pack to promoting awareness amongst local people and visitors to Sudbury of the fantastic work taking place on the town's doorstep.



Supported by two local schools, the four silk companies of Sudbury and their locally employed staff; Sudbury Silk Stories has worked with local people and organisations to gather stories and anecdotes, clips of which have been used to create a short film and the full interviews, filmed, recorded and written available on the website.'

The website, archive and video went live on Friday 6th September and the students involved were invited to a private screening at the Quay Theatre. We would like to say a massive well done to all the students involved who conducted themselves so well and worked so hard on the project, and to Carole Creasey, Paul Press and the others from Offshoot Media for the opportunity to work on such a significant project. We hope everyone will take the time to visit the website (link available on all of our social media accounts) to see the film and accompanying archive.

Mr E Clark.



Students from across Thomas Gainsborough School will be taking over the Mill Tye gallery in Sudbury for the whole month of October and exhibiting a variety of work from painting and drawing to constructed textiles and plastic sculpture to digital editing. The exhibition forms part of a new partnership between our school and the gallery and is led by Miss Nichol. Works from the last year's 'Sudbury as our canvas' and 'Beyond plastic' exhibitions will be showcased, along with new works by Year 11 and Sixth Form students. The exhibition begins on 5th October and will be opened throughout the autumn half term to give everyone the opportunity to visit. This will be an outstanding showcase of our students' work and we hope everyone will visit to support them and the gallery.

Mr E Clark

Year 8 students create outstanding work during the summer for the Arts Award

Year 8 students from TGS have taken on a challenge for their art homework to go towards their Bronze Art Award Qualification. Throughout the summer holidays, they have been given the task to visit an art exhibition, gallery or museum and then record and review that event. This has taken the pupils from Thomas Gainsborough School well and beyond to create amazing things to go toward the award. This task has also been able to expand the imaginative boundaries of the students.

For the arts awards, students went all over Europe to do their work. People even went as far as Italy! Other places were France, Cornwall, Isle of Wight, Wales and Dorset. However, some people stayed local and went to places such as Colchester, Dedham, Ipswich and Sudbury.

Olivia Cartwright and Jas Brown, 8G

The Art department is particularly impressed with the calibre of entries for the Arts Award 'Part B' section produced by members of Year 8 this year. They demonstrate commitment, thought and ambition and deserve to be recognised by the whole school for their quality. Students have visited local, national and even international galleries and exhibitions in the development of their work and have been innovative in the way they have reviewed them. Our school (and Miss Nichol in particular)

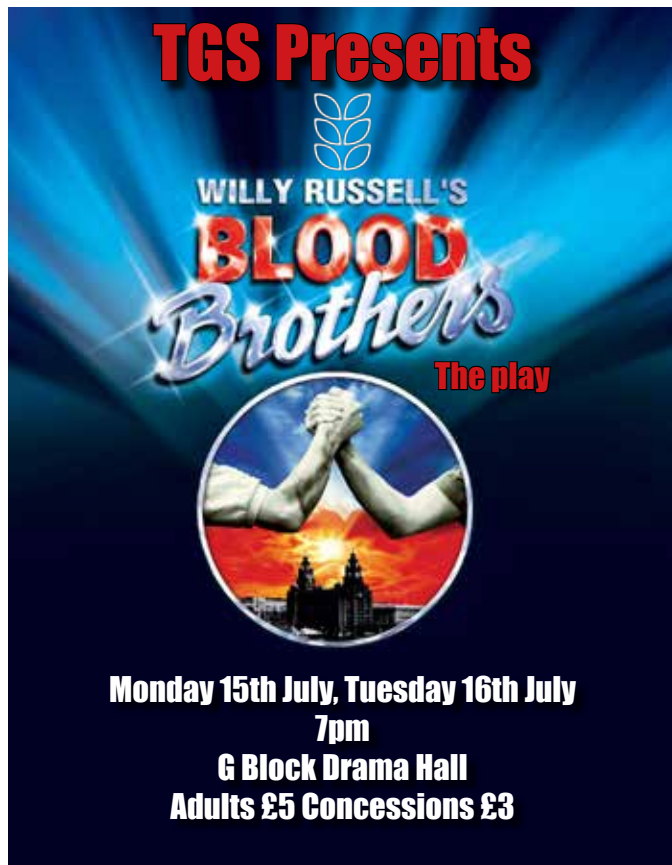
has been awarded 'Trinity Champions' for the high quality and quantity of the work we do with the Arts Award, and we intend to pass on this year's part B work as exemplars of outstanding practice to Trinity College so that they can use it as an exemplar to other schools. Once again, we would like to say a big well done to the students who have worked so hard. Keep up the good work through the rest of the award!

Mr E Clark

TRINITY
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★ Trinity Champion Centre 2019-2020





Whilst some people were starting to think about their summer holidays a group of hardworking students were preparing to perform in a production of Willy Russell's Blood Brothers the play. It tells the story of twins separated at birth who go on to lead very different lives but are constantly thrown back together. The play ends in tragedy with both losing their lives. We prepared the whole play in 6 weeks and it would be impossible to name any one student who deserves more credit than another as it was a true ensemble piece. Students took a lead in shaping group pieces and helping each other with props, line learning and character work.

When reviewed in the Suffolk Free Press the performance was described as thought-provoking, inventive and entertaining. Well done to all involved for your effort and hard work!

Mrs K French





Summer Reading Challenge 2019

Libraries everywhere celebrated 50 years of the moon landing in 1969.

The Summer Reading Challenge is an annual challenge for children up to 12 years old to read 6 books during the long summer holidays. Great Cornard Library ran a very successful Summer Reading Challenge this year with 187 children participating. This was part of almost 8000 children across Suffolk taking part! Last weekend, the children who read 6 books were presented with a medal and certificate. Some students from TGS took part in the challenge. These students will all receive 6 merit points each. Suffolk Libraries always need the support of volunteers and there were 13 amazing young volunteers from TGS who helped by volunteering their spare time

to talk to the children about the books they've been reading and help with summer activities.

These were;

Megan Turner

Charlotte Turner

Rosie Bray

Dane Gonzales

Roxanne Balin

Kaitlin Riddle

Rosie Young

Maisie Young

Isabella Ludlow

Harry Bird

Esther Troughton

Evie Manning

Maisie Higg

The students volunteered a fantastic 186 hours and were all awarded a certificate for their achievements. It was great to see the students' confidence increase and add to their skills with valuable work experience to increase employability and add to UCAS forms in the future.

Mrs H Welch





CALLING YEAR 7'S

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2020

July 2nd-3rd



HAVE AN ADVENTURE SLEEPING IN THE WILDERNESS AS WELL
AS LOTS OF OTHER ACTIVITIES!

EDUCATE AGAINST HATE – WEBSITE

The Government has created an ‘educate against hate’ website as it ramps up its drive against extremism in schools. The website warns parents and teachers about excessive time spent online or on mobile phones as well as being wary of children with a susceptibility to conspiracy theories and a feeling of persecution.

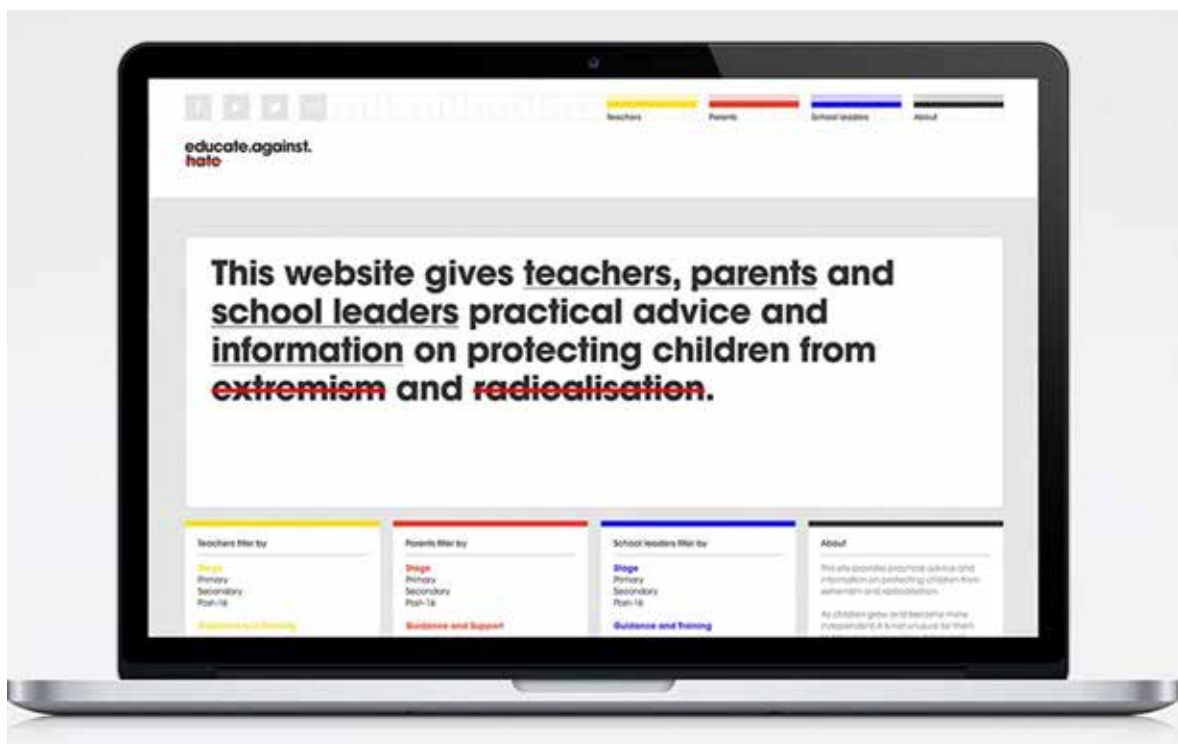
The website draws attention to warning signs that children may be at risk which may include showing a particular interest in what is happening overseas and also wanting to shut down debate or pursue the path of segregation, not something that we want to see in this country.

Of course children will spend time online, but the question is “What are they looking at?” That’s a conversation for all of us, but as parents we also need to make sure we do know as much as we possibly can when it comes to what children are looking at.

This is a difficult issue to discuss as parents but the site gives many useful ideas, please see the link below.

<http://educateagainsthate.com>

Mrs E Wilson-Downes





Need someone to talk to?



**Wellbeing Drop in
Fridays Lunchtime
Student Services**



The start of the new academic year we have had very eager Year 7s coming in to learn about Records of Achievement and what they need to gain their half ribbons and badges.

The new half ribbon badges are proving very popular and many students have already achieved their half ribbons. Congratulations to the following students for achieving full half ribbons this year :

*Gabriel Bailey
Mollie Blowers
Abigail Booth
Lottie Cooper
Jasmine Crick
Chloe Forth
Madison Gardiner
Paige Gardiner
Anastasia Gardiner
Ruby Marsh
Finn Morris
Carys Preece
Sasha Preece
Vahan Rickards
Kaitlin Riddle
Callum Ryan
Holly Samways
Alfie Sheridan
Megan Turner
Jessica Wilby
Jessica Williamson
Maisie Young*

A few students have already been on work experience and many are putting in requests for placements. The following have completed their placements:

*Ryan Shrubsole: Ardmores Vets
Amelia Lee: Ardmores Vets
Oliver Sage: Accelerate Racing Team
Takara Webster: Ardmores Vets
Kate Ablitt: Colchester Archaeological Group
Becky Carter: Little Garth School
Jacob Miculob: NHS, West Suffolk Hospital*

TGS would like to thank all the employers who gave the students this opportunity. Please note that Year 10 and Year 12 students are encouraged to complete work experience. If you would like to complete work experience please visit Miss Perkins in the careers hub to arrange this.

Year 10 students are busy submitting their final draft of their CV and letters ready for their mock interviews on October 31st with a real employer; they will be given Record of Achievement folders to view as part of the interview.

Year 11 students who require information, advice and guidance to help them make important decisions regarding progression are encouraged to book an interview with Mrs Baker our independent careers adviser. Please visit the Careers Hub and Miss Perkins will book an appointment for you for a Tuesday or a Wednesday.

Open events for Year 11 students

Make sure you check the further education websites for the open events for the sixth forms and colleges of choice. We advise that you attend at least two events to help you make comparisons.

The careers hub has a list of open events for you to collect.

Upcoming events

West Suffolk College Employer Workshop: Wednesday 30th October in the careers hub from 1pm to 1.30pm. Any students who are interested should come to the careers hub to sign up. This workshop will be especially useful for Year 11 students planning to progress to the College. We will be inviting other colleges and training providers in to share valuable information.



Suffolk Skills Show

The Skills Show is taking place on Wednesday 16th October and all Year 9s will be attending this popular event. If you haven't returned your reply slips make sure you send them in as soon as possible.



JOSH CATES & ROXY HINTON RIDE FOR GB

Josh and Roxy were selected to represent GB in BMX riding in Belgium at the world championship. The 1-week competition was split into 2 days of racing, and both riders had to qualify through moto's, coming in the top 4. A week in a different country and away from home, having to deal with the 45 degrees heat, even stopping for 4 hours as it was too dangerous to race. Both TGS students achieved some fantastic results.

Josh rode in 2 categories, the cruiser and 20 inch. Josh finished 62nd cruiser, and was eliminated in round 2 in the u13 & u14 age group. Josh was competing as the younger of the age group in the category. Josh finished 140th in the 20 inch qualifying races males u13. Josh said 'a fantastic opportunity to compete against some very very talented riders. The competition was so high, however I loved every minute of it, and thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience.' Josh has already qualified for the Europeans, Dessel track, Belgium in the male u14, 20 inch and the cruiser and he will be

the top age of the u13/14 group.

Roxy competed in the female u14/u15, 20 inch category. Roxy finished a fantastic 56th in 20 inch category. Roxy said 'A great opportunity for me to compete against some of the best riders. I loved every second. A fantastic experience for me at such a young age.' Roxy has already qualified for the World Championships in 2020, this time in Texas, USA in the u16 age group.

Both students are looking for sponsorship. If you are available to support in any way please contact Mr Myhill rmyhill@tgschool.net



FOOTBALL

U16 Football County Upper 1 TGS 4

Mallinson, Brown, Dudden, Fenner, McKnight, Clare, Scanlan, Gooderham, Dormady, Bowen, Thompson, Subs Arnold, Gooderham, Stocker, Haygreen. On a overcast blustery day the TGS team made their way to Bury St Edmunds to take on County Upper in the regional league.

TGS started brightly with the home goalkeeper making several good saves to keep James Dormady and Harvey Clare at bay. There was an early setback with TGS losing Lewis Bowen to injury but it didn't take the momentum away with TGS scoring two quick goals both going to James Dormady. With TGS secure at the back James Dormady completed his hatrick just before half time from an excellent through ball. The midfield of Scanlan, Clare, Gooderham and Arnold pulled the County Upper midfield apart with their excellent movement and passing. A more subdued second half with each team adding one goal left the final score at County Upper 1 TGS 4 with all 4 goals to Dormady.

Samuel Ward 0 TGS 2

Mallinson, Brown, Dudden, Fenner, McKnight, Scanlan, Clare, Stocker, Thompson, Gooderham, Haygreen, Subs Arnold, Gooderham. With both Lewis Bowen and James Dormady injured for our second league game we went with a different formation across to Haverhill. On a pitch more suited to Rugby

the first half was an even affair with very few chances. The second half TGS came out with more energy and direction and put the Samuel Ward defence under more pressure but the first serious chances fell to the home team with Ben Mallinson making two outstanding reflex saves within a matter of seconds and as the loose ball broke TGS countered quickly with Right Back Kyle Brown now playing as striker latching on to a through ball and placing beyond the keeper. It was now all TGS with Jacob Fenner and Harvey Clare going close before Fenner made it 2-0 from close range after a goal mouth scramble.

Another excellent result against a top quality side leaves us unbeaten and top of the league with games against Sybil Andrews and a local derby against OSA to come.

U13 boys Football

TGS had a slow kick off to the defence game conceding an early goal caused by the ball bumping up off a rogue mound and bouncing off the striker's knee and rolling into the goal. After ten minutes TGS started to get into the game countering the Mildenhall defence and creating handfuls of chances, with Jakob Bloomfield shooting from distance and narrowly missing the post by an inch. The front three caused havoc for defence and created chance after chance, but did not execute the opportunities. Mildenhall were up and down the pitch and pressuring the defence but the defence kept strong, keeping TGS from conceding. After half time TGS made a change bringing on Ethan

Gold, with his touch bringing a stronger attack to TGS. TGS kept attacking and making chances but not yet scoring. After punching holes in the Mildenhall defence, Charlie Coot stepped up and executed a messy ball in the six yard box, tapped the ball in the net narrowly passing the line. After ten minutes Mildenhall tried one last vital attack; a free kick narrowly brushed past the post and onto the outside of the side netting. The end result was 1-1.

U13 Football Match Review – TGS 2-2 Sybil Andrews Tuesday 17th September

The Year 8 football team started their 2019/2020 season with a home match draw against Sybil Andrew Academy from Bury St Edmunds. We had the advantage being on home turf but it was Sybil Andrews who settled in to the match quicker. The teams were pretty evenly matched but with both teams playing a long ball game from end to end we needed to get our grips on the game and keep possession firmly with TGS. However, it was Sybil Andrews who capitalised first, with a kneed ball over the keeper's head ending up in the back of the net! Sybil Andrews were 1 nil up.

After the first goal went in some of our heads started to drop but a captain's duty is to try and lift those heads and to encourage strength and fight. We unfortunately made a mistake in the defence that led to another goal to Sybil Andrews. They were now celebrating a 2 nil lead which had come from numerous counter attacks and we were caught napping.

In the final stages of the match we were all fighting to get that winning goal and had some great shots throughout the match from Jakob Bloomfield, Coady Smith and

Bailey Spall
Year 8 Football Team Captain



NETBALL

U12 Netball

On Monday 23rd September we played away at St Benedict's School in Bury St Edmunds. It was a very successful game with the outcome of 7-0 to TGS. We played very well and communicated well and made sure we were positioned in good spaces. The player of the match went to Ruby for her shooting and brilliant movement. She was excellent at scoring and got many goals throughout the game. Overall our whole team worked really well together and for our first ever game we are really happy with a win!

Liberty Rayner



U14 B team Netball v OSA

On Wednesday 18th September, TGS A and B U14 netball team played a match against OSA. As the game started it took a while for someone to score because our B team and the opponents were making silly errors. TGS scored the first goal and OSA gave it a good go, but unfortunately, they were unable to score. In the second half of the game, we scored our second goal and OSA were yet to score. It was difficult because OSA were very good at defending and finding spaces, but TGS managed to win and the final score was 2-0! Well done girls!

Harriett Hesketh



U16 Netball

On Tuesday 17th September the U16s A team were victorious, winning their match against St Benedicts. In the 1st quarter TGS faced very few challenges, showing off their brilliant shooting skills, quick movement in attack and hard-to-beat defending. However, in the 2nd quarter, St Benedicts came back hard and strong, fortunately not too tough for our TGS team consisting of Millie Pearson, Mia Lavergata, Emily Downs, Chloe Ecuyer, Ella Bloomfield, Natasha Guy, Tilly Motts, Louise Hollywood, Katie Chambers and Evie Prager. Tilly Motts (GD), Louise Hollywood (GD/GK) and Evie Prager (GK) worked hard to defend their attackers who were tall and quick. Chloe Ecuyer (C) and Ella Bloomfield (C) played speedy movements down the court to get the ball into our end and made some good interceptions, of course it couldn't be done without our skilled wingers: Emily Downs (WA), Natasha Guy (WD) and Katie Chambers (WD). The third quarter was an excellent one, as all the girls used tactics and performed both successful attacking and defending leaving us with a brilliant score of 15-7. During the last quarter we played to our strengths as we all desperately wanted to keep hold of the win, which was done at ease with the amazing shooting skills of Mia Lavergata and Millie Pearson. The person of the match went to Millie Pearson, for consistent and successful shooting bagging 15 goals alongside Mia Lavergata. Other nominees for person of the match went to: Louise, Mia, Tilly and Chloe. Well played U16s!

Kaitlin Riddle



U16 & U19 Western Area Netball Tournament

On Thursday 26th September the U16 and U19 netball teams participated in the Western Area Netball Tournament.

The U16 team, which consisted of students from both year 10 and 11, were placed in a very challenging pool against schools such as Finborough and County Upper. The girls played their absolute best in every game and came away with one huge win against Newmarket (19-2), a near loss against KEGS and two losses against Finborough and County. I was very impressed by the team work and perseverance of the team considering they have not been playing together with combined year groups for very long. The U19 team also had a very challenging draw against a lot of tough opposition, however the girls gave their absolute best efforts and played their own games.

Miss C Bryan



UPCOMING KEY DATES

- October 9th – u14/u15 Western area Netball tournament
- October 10th – Cross Country Round 1 – RHS, Ipswich
- October 15th – Secondary schools swimming competition

ATHLETICS

Charlie and Alex took part in the Eastern Young Athletes' League (EYAL) in Bedford. They competed for their club 'Colchester Harriers'.

They both managed PBs, Charlie for the 800 and 1500 metres and Alex for the hurdles.

Helen Walder



23red

On Friday 20th September, a group of lower Sixth and Year 10 students embarked on a trip to the offices of 23red - a marketing and advertising firm based in London.

After fuelling up with tea and biscuits, the students went straight into a presentation by employees from different departments, who talked about 23red: its policies; what they do; and what the possible entry routes into the industry are.

Throughout the morning the students learnt about marketing and the various advertising techniques; who they are aimed at, and most importantly, what the intended outcome is. They were also talked through some of 23red's previous campaigns - how they were produced, and what various people's roles were within that.

At 2 o'clock everyone stopped for a delicious lunch kindly provided by 23red. During this time, both the students and teachers had an opportunity to meet more employees and ask questions about their jobs and personal experiences of the industry.

Sadly the trip ended there, and the students had to return to school. It was a very positive experience - all involved learnt a lot from this visit, and are very grateful to 23red for the generous donation of their time in order to encourage the next generation of young people to work in marketing and advertising.

Kaitlin Riddle and Rosie Bray



THE STUDENT ACADEMIC COMMITTEE

Earlier this term I had the opportunity to meet with the Sixth Form student Academic Committee. This is a team of students - Gemma, Grace, Caitlin and Ryan - who have elected to contribute to the academic development of students and are all role models for academic achievement in their own right. It is their intention to provide opportunities for guidance and support for Sixth Form students to help them with their studies, not just in individual subjects but in their overall approaches to their academic life in Sixth Form.

Led by Gemma they have discussed ideas for advice that could be accessible and visible, from students for students, and that made good use of the information sharing platforms that we have available. With this in mind, they have currently embarked on producing a study survival guide for Sixth Form students and we look forward to seeing their fruits of their labour soon.

Mr M Harris



GUEST STUDENT ANTOINE GUIOT

Hello everyone, I am a Belgium student welcomed into the Sixth Form at TGS at the start of term, for a period of 10 weeks. At the start of the year my English was really weak, my goal being to improve by discovering a new country and another style of education. Despite improving every day, one month in I am not bilingual and still have a lot to learn! I am currently studying Maths, Science and French, which helps me to improve my English, particularly grammar and technical aspects. I have already noticed several differences between the educational systems. Firstly, in the Belgium system

there is no Sixth Form to help you prepare for University, and lessons are very general with less specifications. What I find great here is morning registration, which introduces you to the day and provides information, with a form tutor or in assembly. I also find the number of students in a lesson quite low, which invites everyone to participate more. I would like to thank everyone for the welcome I have received and motivating me to discover another language.

Antoine Guiot



DRAMA TRIP TO IPSWICH

On 18th September we went to Ipswich where we took part in a 'clowning' workshop at the New Wolsey Studio. During the workshop we did a number of activities to engage our focus as actors. Here we established what makes someone enjoyable to watch: big gestures and exaggerated facial expressions. This then helped us to work on our main task which was to improvise a comical scene from the script of the play we were going to be watching in the afternoon. The scenes required a lot of physicality as they were slapstick comedy.

After the workshop we had a few hours before watching the play. Therefore, we visited the Ed Sheeran: Made in Suffolk exhibition, where his work and awards throughout and before his career were displayed. They even had his lego and videos of him as a toddler. Once the museum tour was over we had lunch in the park, luckily it was sunny!

Once it was time, we headed towards the New Wolsey Theatre ready to watch the main performance: One Man, Two Guvnors. The play had an astonishing set which really suited the era the play was set in and to keep the audience engaged, a musical interlude was played by the actors during the transitioning of the scenes. Despite being set in the 60s, the humour of the play was well received and comedic to the audience of all ages.

Overall, the trip was an amazing opportunity to learn more about physical comedy and opened my eyes to the different styles of theatre and the diversity in the industry.

Yola Lohr
Year 12





Young Driver Course at TGS for Yr12 & 13



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ON-SITE FREE YOUNG DRIVER COURSE AT TGS FOR YRS 12 & 13

EZE School of Motoring offers Years 12 and 13 extra curricular enrichment in the form of the free Young Driver Course, held on-site at TGS.

The course offers students an insight to the DVSA driving curriculum in which they have an opportunity to take part in theory and practical sessions.

Fun discussions are had in the classroom covering topics such as theory test questions, Highway Code, hazard perception clips, what can influence driving capability and possible outcomes for example the effects of recreational and medicinal drugs, alcohol, peer pressure, lack of concentration, phones and much more.

Time is also spent in the car learning the basics of cockpit drills, clutch control, gear changes and steering around a small course.

This type of pre-17 course is similar to those offered by national driving schools at various locations around the county and equivalent to about the first 3 hours spent with a qualified driving instructor (ADI). However the difference is that unlike the other courses, the TGS Young Driver Course is held on site and is free of charge!

Al and Chris (both qualified ADI's with extensive driving experience) from EZE school of Motoring have been running the course at TGS for 5 years now. They are also sponsors of the TGS Football team. Courses run for 3 weeks, on a Monday from 3.15-5.15pm (G Block) and all you need to do is sign up with Mr Alexander or Ms King.

No provisional licence is required and there is no expectation for students to sign up with EZE. However if students enjoy their experience and like the teaching styles of Al and Chris and wish to continue their driving tuition with EZE, they will benefit from a special TGS discount.

The course is designed to be fun, informative, interactive and what's more it's free and delivered on-site at your school.

So why not get off the starting grid, and sign up for the course today - it's your first step towards independence.

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ISABELLA JOHNSON YEAR 12

Isabella started to take an interest in cycling in 2015, and joined Boxford Cycling club where she was accompanied by her parents on Sunday morning rides, it soon became evident that she had a natural gift and hidden talent.

It wasn't long before what started as a leisure activity started to turn competitive.

She joined local club CCS Sudbury and entered some local time trials (TTs).

By 2016 her reputation as a time trialist was growing as her personal records got faster and faster.

By 2018 she was well established and was entering regional TTs. After winning the regional championship she qualified for the National Junior Championships in Norfolk where she finished in 7th place in her age category.

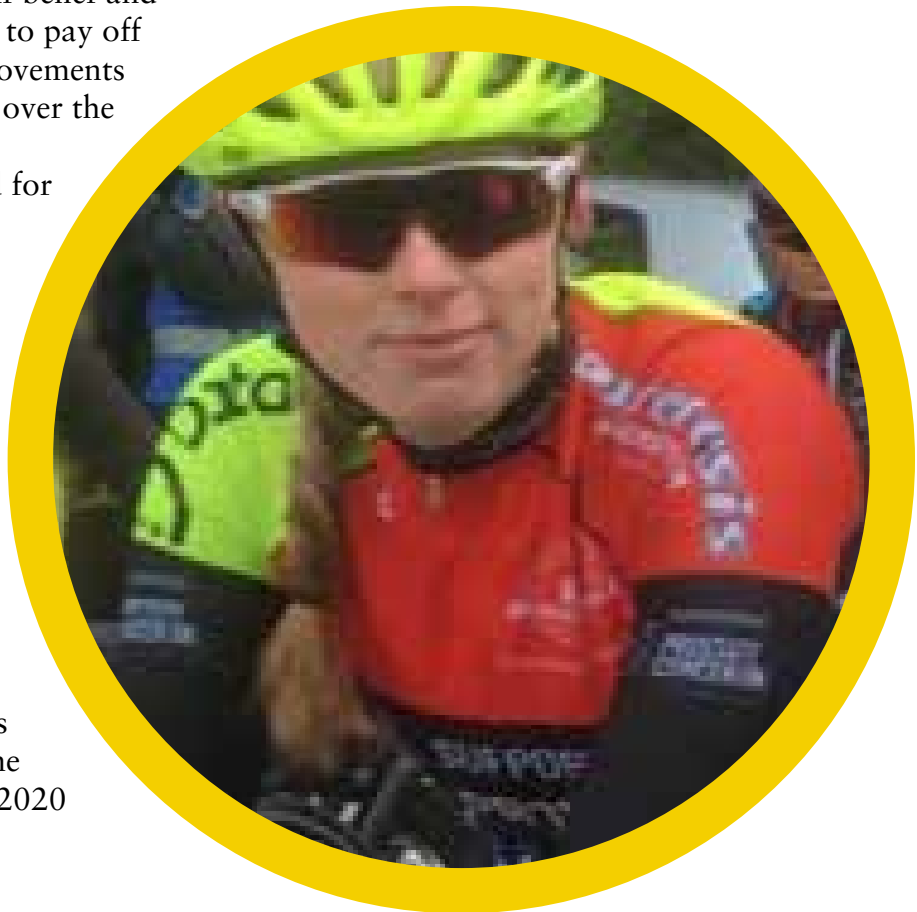
The improvements kept coming and in June 2019 she won the UCI time trial in Cambridgeshire (unfortunately there was no world championship qualification as she was still only 15yrs old).

After attracting the attention of local cycling stalwart Simon Daw it was decided that she would turn her attention to road racing. She joined a road racing team as a development rider (Datlynx Parenthesis) where she found the transition extremely difficult but her self belief and motivation started to pay off with massive improvements becoming obvious over the season.

She again qualified for the national youth championships, this time at the Croft circuit near Darlington and finished third in her age related category and 5th overall.

As the season draws to a close there will be no rest for Isabella who has a rigorous training programme to prepare for the 2020 season.

Gary Johnson



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MACMILLAN BAKE SALE

The Macmillan bake sale on the 27th September was quite the success; raising over £80 for Macmillan! Although we sold lots of cakes we had plenty left over too due to the mass of cake donations from everyone. So thanks to everyone who donated or helped!

Mabel Frost



Year 12's Chantelle Chaplin, Megan Priest and Bethan Jenkins received their Level 2 Health and Safety Certificate this week.

Well done girls!

Mrs T Hunt

SIXTH FORM DAY TRIP TO AMSTERDAM

Following on from our successful day trip to Venice last year, on the February 2020 enrichment day, Year 13 Sixth Form students have the opportunity to travel to Amsterdam for the day. Students will leave on an early morning flight from Stansted, travelling into the city by train, and enjoying the cultural delights, including a visit to the Anne Frank Museum and a river boat tour.

Mrs King



We have been extremely lucky to have David Kogan come again to talk to our students.

David Kogan has had an extensive career in the media industry as a journalist, senior executive and businessmen.

He will be presenting on 1st November.



Following on from a hugely successful event last year, the Sixth Form Team are gearing up again for this year's Open Evening on Wednesday 6th November. In addition to informative talks by Mr Lloyd and Mr Alexander, we will be offering prospective students and their parents the opportunity to speak to subject teachers, Sixth Form partners such as EZE Driving School and University of Suffolk and a whole host of student subject ambassadors. We look forward to seeing you all there!

OPEN EVENING



THOMAS
GAINSBOROUGH
SIXTH FORM

Wednesday 6th November
Sixth Form Centre
6-8pm

AUTUMN TERM 2019

Wednesday 4 September - Friday 20 December 2019

Half term: Monday 21 October - Friday 25 October 2019

Non Pupil Day: Friday 18 October 2019

SPRING TERM 2020

Monday 6 January - Friday 3 April 2020

Half term: Monday 17 February - Friday 21 February 2020

Non Pupil Days: Monday 6 January 2020

SUMMER TERM 2020

Monday 20 April - Monday 20 July 2020

Half term: Monday 25 May - Friday 29 May 2020

Non Pupil Days: Friday 17 July & Monday 20 July 2020



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