



# Celebrate!

*Our students.  
Their stories.*



# Distinctiveness

## HEAD LINES



Welcome to our new-look, bumper edition of *Celebrate!* at the end of a joyful and momentous term.

As I watched our youngest male students ('No Girls Allowed') at our Cathedral Celebration of Christmas last week, I thought about how much we have achieved since September. More than 700 students joined our school and they feel absolutely as if they have always belonged here. I couldn't be more proud of them.

I'm also proud of our staff team. Their work in making the transition to a full high school has been magnificent – in class, at our catering venues, and around the school at breaks and lunchtimes. Thanks to all of them – and to Governors for supporting our mission.

Most of all, thanks to you, our parents and supporters. Your faith in our work and values keeps inspiring us, and we can promise much more in the way of opportunities and successes in the year ahead.

Before then, enjoy a break. From me and all of the team here – happy Christmas.

*Geoff Barton.*

Geoff Barton



Our school was honoured to be invited to send members of the Debating Society to the House of Lords to participate in a debate on freedom of speech. Nineteen students from Years 8 to 13 attended, and were thrilled when they met London Mayor Sadiq Khan at Palace Green.



## Launch of the Ogden Trust West Suffolk Schools Partnership:

In order to promote the teaching and learning of Physics, both in school and beyond, the Ogden Trust set up a West Suffolk Schools Partnership. We were delighted to have our scientific excellence noted once again by being asked to host the launch event. Teams from King Edward VI, St Benedict's, Culford, County Upper and Thomas Gainsborough (comprising 2 girls and 2 boys from Year 11), participated in different Physics-based challenges. All teams performed superbly in the challenge stage, tackling a difficult selection of practical and theoretical activities. St Benedict's were the eventual winners. Well done to everybody involved. It was an academically rigorous and enjoyable evening.

*Stewart Hall, Head of Physics*

## Debating

The start of the Autumn Term is always about training and practice - ready for the big competition season that started in October. This has been a momentous first term because we have seen so many new recruits - from Years 7 and 8, as well as from the Sixth Form. Friday attendance at the Society is reaching up to 80 per week - making for a joyful end to every week and creating a big run on the biscuit rations. We have got off to a strong start in competitions at Warwick University, Birmingham and the English Speaking Union tournament in which Year 12 students, Sam Chapman and Natasha Penford made it through to the next round. Last year they were in the final 20 teams in the UK and both students earned trials for a place in the England debating team. Well done also to Rory Collett, Patrick Gembis and Ellen Pryke, who have reached the regional finals of the Debating Matters tournament.



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Building on the success of Hannah Fleming-Brown and Hugh Poward who gained A-levels in Latin last Summer, September marked the introduction of Classical Civilisation A-level, which is in addition to Latin GCSE. We are the only state school in East Anglia to offer Classical Civilisation to students. This will be music to the ears of Lee Walker who, at Easter, will be taking on the Headship of King Edward VI School. His degree is in Classics.

*David Hopkins, Teacher of Latin*

## Suffolk Coast and Estuaries Conference

Year 12 students took part in the Suffolk Coast and Estuaries Conference 2016 at Snape Maltings. They attended talks and workshops delivered by local and national experts involved in managing our coastline. They also had the opportunity to speak to important stakeholders about their roles, and opportunities within the industry. Everyone learnt a huge amount.

*Helena Richards, Head of Geography*



For three days, 131 Year 11 Geography students went to Bradfield Woods National Nature Reserve to complete their data collection for their GCSE Controlled Assessments.

Students were given a guided walk of the woodlands and were informed about the various ways in which the ancient coppiced woodland is managed in order to encourage high biodiversity. They compared two different areas of the woodland to look at how the tree cover affected the micro-climate and the ground flora. Well done to all students involved, who displayed an excellent attitude to learning and were great ambassadors for the school.

*Helena Richards, Head of Geography*

## Super Science Saturday

More than 1700 visitors flocked to our school on 24 September for our first-ever 'Super Science Saturday'. The aim was to celebrate our remarkable success in science education. Ten student leaders supported the work of our specialist teaching team and, together, they enabled children of all ages to experience science, both in our purpose-built laboratories and outside, eating free burgers while basking in sunshine.

Alongside a bouncy castle, the science of the bounce was demonstrated by A-level Physics students, a pair of catapults hurled water balloons into crowds of gleeful children and a Top Gear-style racing track (complete with fearless drivers) created data for average speed checks. A Biology laboratory, normally home to our A-level classes, was filled with mini beasts, microscopes and chromatography displays.

A host of people came together to inspire the next generation of scientists. Most popular with our youngest visitors was the paddling pool filled with non-Newtonian goo that is neither a solid nor a liquid. Our aim was to share our love of Science, and we did just that.

*David Thompson, Head of Science*

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'Thank you for such a fun and informative day... my daughter loved it!'

'Our family had a fantastic morning. Thank you'

'Such a brilliant idea...our grandson Arthur was really engaged'



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## Emma Holloway Festival:

Eighteen of our students contributed to a successful mini-pentathlon in aid of children with physical and learning disabilities. Around fifty students attended from across the county, and everyone took part in twelve activities, planned in collaboration with The Priory School.

The festival itself was held in memory of former King Edward VI student Emma Holloway, who was a passionate student and sportswoman, while also having a strong interest in sports leadership - particularly helping students with disabilities.

This festival was also the first project that our 'Play Unified' ambassadors contributed to. Thank you to Haaris Khan, Amber Delglyn, Kieran Bedford and Ben Whitman for your help and support, along with the other fourteen leaders who made the event a success.

**Danny Burton, Director of Community Sport & Student Leadership**



## Duke of Edinburgh

Enthusiasm for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme is at an all-time high. No fewer than forty-two students are taking part in the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award this year. A further 14 are working towards the Silver Award. Particular congratulations go to Year 13 students Gemma Grose and JW Hepper, who completed their Gold Award, and in doing so, became inspirations to younger students. Gemma and JW had to complete 12 months of the Volunteering section, 12 months of the Physical and Skills section, a 4-day and 3-night expedition and a 5-day and 4-night residential.

**Natalie Punchard, Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award Coordinator**

## Midwifery



Five of our Sixth Form students visited West Suffolk College for a Nursing and Midwifery introduction day. Our students were engaged from start to finish and asked meaningful questions. It was an inspirational visit.

**Maria Pieretti, Information, Advice and Guidance**

## Cambridge University

We were pleased to welcome thirteen trainee teachers from the University of Cambridge's Faculty of Education, and their course leader Jennie Francis, to school on 27 September. They observed a Year 7 Music lesson and had a look around the department. We value our link with the Faculty of Education hugely, and enjoy working with their PGCE students across a variety of subjects.

**Jess Nixon, Professional Tutor**



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## Christian Connections

Back in September, James Thomas (Director of Music at St Edmundsbury Cathedral) asked Year 10 student Tom Upton to serve as the Cathedral Choir's Head Chorister. His deputies are Sam Vernon, Nathan Brinkley and William Lowden, all of whom started at King Edward VI School this year. We are building on Bury St Edmund's rich tradition of boys' singing by launching 'No Girls Allowed' – a vocal group for boys in Years 7 to 9.

**Zoë MacLachlan, The Only Girl Allowed**

Thank you to Year 7 students Freddie Rose and Katie Pettit, and Year 13 students Patrick Gembis and Charlotte Rampley, for representing the school so wonderfully at the annual 'Diocesan Service of Thanksgiving for Schools' at St Edmundsbury Cathedral.

**Geoff Barton, Headteacher**

We are delighted to announce a ground-breaking partnership between CAKE (Christians at King Edward's), St Mary's Church, Bury Christian Youth and St Edmundsbury Cathedral. In November we launched 'Exploring Christianity': seven sessions in which students in Years 11 to 13 can discuss, and reflect upon, the Christian faith.

**Rob Johnson, Staff member of CAKE**

On 9 October, at the annual County Harvest Festival service at St Edmundsbury Cathedral, we said thank you for the food we eat and for those who produce it. Once again we were proud to play a central role in this service, alongside pupils from our neighbouring school, St Edmundsbury Primary. Year 7 students Zach Kydd and Jessica Mariott carried gifts and assisted the Bishop and Dean. Head Boy Harry Stonebridge and Head Girl Beth Mottram read prayers.

**Rob Johnson, Staff member of CAKE**

Many thanks to everyone who baked cakes, scones, biscuits or other treats for St Edmundsbury Cathedral's cake sale which took place during the Christmas Market. We had a huge response from students, parents and staff and, when combined with the goodies which Year 8 students made in their Food & Nutrition lessons, more than 100 sweet treats were delivered to the Cathedral, raising a total of £1086.73.

**Rebecca Taylor, Head of Melford College**

## Remembrance Day 2016

Five hundred students sat silently and respectfully in St Edmundsbury Cathedral to remember those who died in wars. They were joined by members of the Old Burians' Association, Governors and parents. Our students took it in turn to read the names of more than 100 former King Edward VI students who died serving their country (please visit our website for the full list of names). Our choir, Ex Silentio, sang 'Valiant for Truth', by Vaughan Williams, and John Ottley's 'For the Fallen'.

**Geoff Barton, Headteacher**



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## New Senior Student Leaders:

Congratulations to our new team of Senior Year 11 Leaders - headed by Zoe Pettit and Johann Hasselder. The team comprises Ellen Pryke, Liberty Corrie, Josh Watkins and Lucy Cooper. Together with our Sixth Form Head Boy/Girl team, this is the new Senior Leadership of Students. They will advise, give feedback, oversee School Council, and help more students from all backgrounds to achieve their best at our school. Congratulations to the new team, and thanks to everybody who applied for the roles.

**Andrew McLellan, Coordinator of School Leadership**



Since September, students from Year 7 to Year 12 have been attending History Club every fortnight. So far we have baked cakes from different eras of history, looked at various objects and watched films based on historical events! New members are welcome to join us in the New Year.

**Liz Harvey, Head of History**

Having high aspirations for every one of our students, regardless of their background, is one of our principle aims. We have, therefore, just taken the first of four groups of Year 7, 8 and 9 students to visit the University of Suffolk. Students spent the day exploring the campus, attending lectures and learning more about university life. The students behaved brilliantly and fed back that they were amazed by the number of courses on offer.

**Nickie Young, Achievement Leader**

## Storehouse Collection Day:

This year was our best-ever. We collected so much food that it had to be taken away by truck. Thank you so much to all who donated. Your simple acts of kindness will make a real difference to people in our town. Newly-appointed Wyken leaders quickly got to work boxing up the food donations going far beyond the call of duty. Particular praise goes to Millie O'Driscoll, Hannah Gauld, Aoife Coveney, George Coope and Sam Cockman. Lastly, our thanks to Josh Watkins who has been a dedicated College Leader for two years, and who is now serving for a third.

**Penny Quintero-Hunt, Head of Wyken College.**



## Clash of the Financiers:

Year 13 A-level Economics students were the runners-up in the Target 2.0 Bank of England Challenge in Cambridge. The feedback they received was superb. Congratulations to the team: Presenting: Harry Stonebridge, Patrick Gembis, Marina Spilman and Freddie Stewart-Hogg. Researching: Jess Durrant, Helen Jones and Dom Palmer.

**Steve Tidball, Teacher of Economics**

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## Young Farmers



I was honoured to be invited to the AGM of the Lark Valley Young Farmers Club. More than half of the club's members are students at our school. Congratulations to the following award-winners: Sinead Durell (Year 7) and Jack Groom (Year 10) and Caitlyn Holdgate (Yr 11).

**Sue Sweny, Pastoral Manager**

On 7 October we were delighted to welcome poet Jemima Foxtrot to our school. She worked with A-level English Literature students and, together, they developed some wonderful, heartfelt poetry.



**Natalie Punchard, Head of English**

Having taken part in the University of Cambridge's Higher Education Field Academy (HEFA) programme last year, our Year 9 Open Minds students spent a considerable amount of time and effort producing a lengthy report of their archaeological fieldwork. The report was marked by lecturers at the Department of Archaeology, who made particular mention both to the high standard of our students' work, and to their professionalism. Congratulations to everybody involved.

**Stewart Hall, Open Minds**

For the tenth year running, our school took part in the Bar Council's Mock Trial tournament. Teams from different schools act as lawyers and witnesses to defend or prosecute real-life cases before a high court judge. It's a nerve-wracking experience but we were delighted that our team were regional runners-up, and highly commended by the presiding judge.



Our thanks to Conservative MEP Vicky Ford who visited our school on 23 September. She engaged directly with our Government & Politics students, answered questions and provoked enthusiastic debate.

**Sharon Shelley, Head of PSHE**



**The Sixth Form raised over £250 for charity by dressing as Children's TV and film characters. Great fun was had.**

## ARTISTIC APPEARANCES

### The Big Draw:

This exhibition is the culmination of four exciting workshops which took place over two days, celebrating Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) ... through Art. The workshops brought together hundreds of students from across the Bury Schools Partnership and, delightfully, saw four-year-olds working confidently alongside eighteen-year-olds. The finished drawings captured the collaborative atmosphere and created a clear message around innovation, enterprise, digital technologies and the arts.

*Kate Brown, Head of Visual Arts*



### Artist of the Month:

Because the arts are so important to us, we have launched our 'Artist of the Month' to celebrate the work of our students. In the first week of each month our team made up of Art, Textiles and Photography teachers will choose a student who has demonstrated an excellent attitude to learning and artistic talent or potential. Our inaugural Artist of the Month (December 2016) is Year 7 student Tommy Tarpley. Tommy has worked very hard on his drawings in his Art lessons, and on his monoprinting in his Textiles lessons. He has produced good-quality work and has shown a mature and motivated attitude to his studies. Congratulations, Tommy.

*Kate Brown, Head of Visual Arts*

### Autumn Concert:

Our first concert as an 11-18 high school had the potential to be truly fantastic. And it was just that. The musical, and emotional, 'togetherness' of the students who toured in Belgium, converged on stage with the talent of our new, younger students, to create an energy-filled musical extravaganza. The evening was slick, entertaining and inspiring. The immensely hard work which had been put in by the musicians in the first half of this term was clearly evident.

*Hayley Robinson, Teacher of Music*



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"We were blown away by the talent, the teachers and how supportive and encouraging of each other the students were. This was our first experience of a King Edward VI concert. Our daughter joined in Year 7 this year and sings in both Ex Silentio and Eddie's Voices. She's a lucky girl. I wish I could have gone to King Edward VI!"

### Musical Examinations:

Our congratulations go to the following students who recently passed instrumental exams.

*Mark Hird, Assistant Head*

- Charlotte Moorcroft (Year 10) - Grade 4 Violin
- Luke Burrows (Year 10) - Grade 1 Violin, Merit
- George Leighton (Year 11) - Grade 4 Oboe, Merit
- Joseph Dobbyn (Year 10) - Grade 5 Viola, Merit
- Caitlin Brinkley (Year 11) - Grade 5 Violin, Merit & Grade 3 Flute
- Natasha Pryke (Year 7) - Grade 1 Violin
- Henry Pryke (Year 8) - Grade 2 Viola, Merit
- Olivia Moorcroft (Year 9) - Grade 4 Viola
- Adam Csontos (Year 12) - Grade 3 Violin, Merit
- Arundhati Sinha (Year 9) - Grade 4 Flute, Distinction
- Millie O'Driscoll (Year 9) - Grade 3 Violin

### Ruby sings her way to the top:

Year 7 student, Ruby Decent, has earned herself a place in the National Youth Girls' Choir of Great Britain. The Girls' choir is one of five constituent choirs which forms the National Youth Choirs of Great Britain (NYCGB). The NYCGB is the most inspirational and innovative organisation for young singers in the UK, discovering and nurturing exceptional musical talent, providing unrivalled performance opportunities and world-class musical and leadership training. Ruby is already a devoted member of our school's Chamber Choir, Ex Silentio, and we cannot wait to hear her singing develop over her time at King Edward VI. Huge congratulations, Ruby. You've done brilliantly.

*Sam Hayes, Director of Ex Silentio*

### 9-5:



Congratulations to Year 10 student Henry Skillern, who played the part of 'Josh Newstead' in the musical '9 to 5'. The show was performed by the Irving Stage Company at the Theatre Royal, Bury St Edmunds from 1 to 5 November. The reviews were excellent. Brilliant work, Henry. You are such an asset to the Department!

*Zoë MacLachlan, Teacher of Music*

### Youth Vocal Champion:

Year 9 student, Ella-Rose O'Grady, on 16 October became the Youth Vocal Champion at the Suffolk Festival of Performing Arts. She achieved the highest overall mark across three classes: Song from a show/film, Unaccompanied British folk song and Art song. She recently performed in Oliver! and is a dedicated member of Ex Silentio. We can't wait to hear what the future holds for you, Ella-Rose. Congratulations.

*Alex Fouracre-Smith, Teacher of Music*

### Christmas Lights switch-on 2016:



Congratulations to our Year 7, 8 and 9 musicians who performed wonderfully on stage for the switching-on of the Bury St Edmunds Christmas lights. You looked confident and you sounded great. Thank you for representing the school so brilliantly. Thank you also to the friends and family who came to support them.

*Hayley Robinson, Teacher of Music*

### Celebration of Christmas:

Our Celebration of Christmas at St Edmundsbury Cathedral was very special indeed. A large congregation joined over 140 students to reflect upon the birth of Christ, to pray for those less fortunate and to share music, Bible readings and poems with friends and family. The String Orchestra performed Purcell's 'Chaconne' expertly, with real expression and quality of sound. 36 boys in Years 7 to 9 sang in 'No Girls Allowed'; their inaugural performance was beautiful. Ex Silentio, The Kingettes, Brass Ensemble, Little Band, Eddie's Voices, Wind Band, Eddie's Instruments, Soul Connective and Orchestra all contributed in the creation of an enjoyable, festive evening. We would like to thank Canon Matthew Vernon for leading the service and for giving such a delightful and thought-provoking Reflection, as well as Director of Music, James Thomas, for accompany the carols.

*Mark Hird, Assistant Head*

# Creative Lives | Musical Musings



Ghent Castle



Ghent



Ex Silentio performing at Gentfest (St. Baaf Square, Ghent)



Orchestra at Gentfest



OJ and Nick's solos at Gentfest



Bruges

## Belgium Tour:

In July 2016, sixty-six of our Music students from Years 9 to 13 went on our ground-breaking tour to Belgium. The only aspect of the tour that is missing from this photo diary, is the music itself, but you can trust us; it was stunning.

*Hayley Robinson, Teacher of Music*



Orchestra performing in St Michielskerk



Ex Silentio performing in Grote Markt, Ypres



Ypres



Orchestra performing in Grote Markt, Ypres



Bruges



Antwerp

# Creative Lives | Dancing Dispatches

## DanceEast:

We have been confirmed as a 'Centre for Advanced Training Associate School'. This national scheme enables dancers to train at the highest level and, as a result, five students have already joined the scheme based at DanceEast. Owing to our dancers' contributions, King Edward VI School is one of only two schools in East Anglia to become an associate school of the DanceEast CAT scheme. This has enabled us to work more closely with DanceEast, which is excellent news for staff and students alike.

## Professional Partnerships:

Our Hofesh Shechter partnership continues to develop. In the summer holiday Year 13 student Eddie Mitchell was able to spend a day with the company. The initial intention was to observe and gain ideas for his A2 Dance work but it transpired that they thought he was so good that they invited to join the company! A truly wonderful outcome!

## Sadler's Wells:

GCSE and A-level dancers enjoyed a trip to Sadler's Wells in September to see the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theatre. The company tour to the UK once every 5 or 6 years so it was thrilling to see them perform the A-level set work live.

## Shelby Barton:

Year 8 student Shelby Barton takes Ballet, Modern and Festival classes with the Ann Holland School of Dance. In November, she took part in the Suffolk Festival of Performing Arts. She placed 1st in two group dances, 2nd in one group dance and 3rd in her duet. Well done Shelby for showing such commitment and talent. We look forward to hearing about your future successes.

## Arts Leaders Launch

A group of Year 9 and 10 students have embarked upon a new project to develop leadership in the arts. The students will develop leadership projects across the arts. For example, students are planning an inter-college Dance Competition and workshops in primary Schools. These students will also be aiming to complete their Arts Award Silver this year.

*Helen Frost, Head of Dance*



## The Royal Ballet School:

The Royal Ballet School performed their annual demonstration in September to Year 4 students from within the Bury Schools Partnership. These students were treated to performances by students in their final year at The Royal Ballet Upper School, and were left feeling utterly inspired. Following the Ballet School's visit, two of our A-level students - Daisy Keylock and Abigail Ruddock - are now employed to assist with the weekly Primary Steps classes, held at our school, for primary school dancers.

## Arts Award:

A whopping forty-five students from last year's Year 9 cohort passed Arts Award moderation at Bronze level. The moderator, Olivia Dean, was very pleased with the work that had been done, and she received great feedback from the nine students she interviewed.

**Lucy Adey, Thomas Allen, Jordan Asker, Daniel Bellamy, Alice Brown, Luke Burrows, Hannah Caley, Lewis Callan, Ophelia Cooper, Ellie Costin, Maisie Durrant, Faith Evagora, Kayleigh Flexen, Chloe Fullilove, Jack Groom, Phoebe Heighes, Rosa Heighes, Harvey Hempstead, Amelia Hill, Dorothy Hill, Toby Johnson, Fletcher King, Lucianna Klemp, Caleb Kotval, Poppy Lee, Thomas Malpass, Chloe Manning, Liam Marison, Thomas Marshall, Em Mascal, Mamie Michael, Poppy Morley, Katie Palfrey, Tiger-Jade Paris, Katie Parlour, Tamzin Raison, Amie Rogers, Owen Smith, Thomas Smith, Daniel Stobbart, Ryan Swann, Robin Torbitt, Hephzibah Van Giap and Weronika Wojslaw.**

## Romeo and Juliet:

Our thanks to the Box Clever Theatre Group who came into school to work on Shakespeare's 'Romeo and Juliet' with all our Year 11 students. Pictured are Jo Grimwood and Jeremy Chester-Parsons, learning about the character 'Romeo'.

*Natalie Punchard, Head of English*

## Amadeus:

From the extended monologues of Salieri, to the immaculate unison movements of the ensemble – the attention to detail was stunning. With exceptional dexterity, the actors led the audience from the comic ridicule of Emperor Joseph II's court, to the heart-rending pathos of Mozart's death, via the complete despair of the, ultimately, defeated Salieri. The production design allowed the piece to be set in the 21st Century, highlighting the timeless nature of Mozart's music. Subtle lighting and shadow effects, creating the ghost of Don Giovanni, combined beautifully with the melodic contours of 'Serenade No.10', to summon a compelling atmosphere in which the audience was held by the cast. It was an exceptional piece of student theatre, utilising an incredibly strong ensemble cast to immerse the audience in an emotional and cathartic experience. I offer my congratulations to all involved.

*Fliss Elsom-Cook, Director*



## Taming of the Shrew:

We were mightily impressed with the student team that performed the 'Taming of the Shrew' at The Apex in November, as part of the nationally-acclaimed Shakespeare Schools Festival. The judge described their work as 'mature and meaningful'; praise indeed. Well done for all your hard work.

*Jonathan Lodge, Head of Drama*

## Oliver!:

Wow. That was a school production and a half. Well done to all the cast, the musicians and the backstage team. Thank you to all the staff involved in creating the show and to all those who made it run so smoothly offstage too. We always knew this would be a special event - our first school production with Year 7s through to Year 13s. You worked brilliantly together. For me, it was magnificent - and very emotional - to see the plans come to fruition with an event that was so joyful, so entertaining, and so uplifting. Productions like this don't happen in many countries in the world, or in all schools in the UK. That they do at our school is a tribute to a brilliant team of teachers and support staff and to the most talented students I've ever had the privilege to work with. So, as the curtain comes down on 'Oliver!', simply this: thank you to each and every one of you, students and staff. You are stars.

*Geoff Barton, Headteacher*



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**"What an amazing performance everyone put on last night. I can't wait to watch it again tonight!"**

**"Absolutely brilliant show tonight - hugely well done to all involved!"**

**"Amazing. Cannot sing your praises highly enough. A fabulous talent, especially 'Nancy' and Fagin'. As good as a West End production – really enjoyed the modern take. Massive well done to everyone"**



## Maths Investigation:

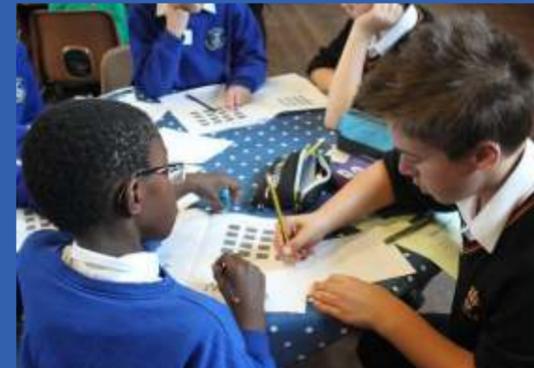
More than fifty Year 4 and 5 pupils from schools in the Bury Schools Partnership attended a 'Maths Investigation' event led by 21 of our Year 8 and 9 Maths leaders. Topics covered included Curves of Pursuit and Pi, with pupils gaining an understanding of how seemingly different areas of Maths are often related. Students worked really hard and were a credit to their respective schools. Our Maths leaders were equally impressive and offered lots of support to the younger students.

*Phillip Pitt, Teacher of Mathematics*

## Futsal:

On 20 September we hosted another sporting festival for Primary schools within the Bury School's Partnership. The event saw over forty students from a range of schools taking part in 'Futsal', a 5-a-side form of Football. The youngsters were coached by some of our Year 10 and 11 Football leaders. Well done to all students who participated in the event.

*Danny Burton, Director of Community Sport & Student Leadership*



## Migrating Maggots:

The Science Department at King Edward VI School visited Risby Primary School, leading activities with Year 3 and 4 pupils on animal behaviour. Pupils enjoyed investigating which conditions maggots prefer to spend time in - comparing light and dark to damp and dry areas. Great fun was had by all, especially when trying to catch escaping maggots!

*Jay Abu, Senior Science Technician*



## Bury Schools Partnership:

Our students worked alongside Priory students at the Bury St Edmunds Masterplan consultation at West Suffolk House. We are proud to have such dependable, selfless students who engaged so thoroughly with the event. Thank you to everybody involved.

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**"I would like to send my thanks to your students who were incredibly supportive and inclusive of all of our students' needs. They were thoughtful and patient and a real credit to your school", *Claire Parry.***

## The First Day

The first day at KES, I was a little bit nervous,  
How would I get there – bike, walk or bus service?  
Mum drove me first day, it didn't take long,  
We were so happy, we both sang a song.\*

Wyken is my College, I hope it's the best  
But I hear the sports days are won by the rest! (Boo hoo)  
I've joined running club and done my 12-minute run,  
Started at rugby, it was so much fun!

The food is the best bit, four cafes, one school,  
Getting a take away – now that's pretty cool!  
I met a new squad; we've set our own goals,  
We all have our quirks but we're jolly young souls!

I'm hoping the future will bring me success,  
I'll give 100% - guaranteed no less!  
But to stop my parents, from going berserk,  
PLEEEASE...give me no more homework!

\* Only one of us was in tune!!

**By Max Berry, Year 7**

# Active Lives | Top Teamwork



Our Year 8 Football team claimed their first win of the season with a 5-2 victory over Newmarket. Goals were scored by Archie Williams (3) and Jacob Hill (2).

Our U15 Football team travelled to Thurston for their final league game. Goals were scored by Max Rolls, Ben Harris (2), Jack Wass and Issac Moss, securing a 5-1 victory. The team finished top of Division 1 (West Suffolk).

Our Year 7 and 8 Basketball teams claimed their first win of the League against Sybil Andrews yesterday, with a Year 7 victory of 32-18 and a final score of 34-6 for our Year 8 team. Miss Ward said 'The girl's effort was outstanding, they all displayed high levels of enthusiasm and energy, and produced some very encouraging performances. The future certainly seems bright for these newly- formed teams.

Congratulations to the following students who qualified for the regional final of the English Schools Athletics Association (ESAA) Cross Country Cup in November: Kirsten O'Brien, Scarlette Guy, Jasmin Raja, Chloe Cavill, Alex Ginns and Aria MacFarlane-Kubota.

On 3 December, twenty-two students competed in the County Schools Cross-Country Championships at Culford School. We were incredibly impressed with the students' effort and determination. They were outstanding representatives of the school. The runners were:

**Minor Girls:** Lila Battell (2nd), Ruby Decent (60) and Eva De Re

**Minor Boys:** Max Berry (14th), George Ladell (28th) and Ben Moye (45th)

**Junior Girls:** Chloe Cavill (15th), Caitlin Vizer (18th), Alex Ginns (30th), Rhian O'Brian (48th), Aria MacFarlane (52nd), Katie Jones (66th) and Amber Walton

**Junior Boys:** Tom Henson (7th), Alife Steele (39th) and Anton Avis (12th)

**Inter Girls:** Kirsten O'Brien (8th), Jasmine Raja (24th) and Tamzin Raison (30th)

**Inter Boys:** Henry Steele (6th)

**Senior Girls:** Gemma Grose (8th) and Ellie Temple (13th).

18 students qualified for the second round of the County Schools Championships, which take place at Woodbridge. Congratulations to you all.

Our U14 Basketball team played their final league fixture of 2016 - against Ixworth. Year 11 students Ben Whiteman and Bailey Frost-Smith coached the team. King Edward VI School dominated the game, which finished 54-0. Top scorers were Patrick Ambrose (21), Jordan Barber (10) and Jacob Burrows (6). They are all now waiting to find out if they have qualified for the County Finals.

Our basketball teams have been competing in the West Suffolk Basketball leagues. U14 and U16 Girls travelled to Ormiston Sudbury - with both teams narrowly losing their fixtures. The U16 team lost 4-6 (all points scored by Chloe Manning) and U14's 10-20.

The U16 boys travelled to Thomas Gainsborough School, and won 38-8. Top points scorers were Sayge Holiday (14), Bailey Frost-Smith (6), Patrick Laycock (6) and Tommy Aldea (6). The U16 have now finished top of their league, allowing them to progress to the County Finals in the new year - we look forward to hearing about their progress next term.



# Active Lives | Top Teamwork

Congratulations to our U15 Volleyball team who were first the Western Area Champions, and who then qualified for the County Finals. The team finished on 18 points, winning all of their matches against County Upper, Thurston, Castle Manor, Samuel Ward and St Benedicts. In early December the County Finals were held at St Albans, Ipswich. The team again remained unbeaten throughout the competition playing Copleston, Claydon and Thurston to claim the Suffolk Championship. Our U17 team also progressed to the County Finals, but narrowly lost to Castle Manor in the final, to finish 2nd in Suffolk. Well done to all students involved in Volleyball this term.

Congratulations to our U16 Rugby team who, in early November, won the West Suffolk play-off to qualify for the County Finals later this month. A number of students made debut appearances in the team that played against Stour Valley. We were 17-0 ahead after the first half, but a strong comeback from our opposition followed after the break. The game finished 29-15 to us; well done to all the students involved.

Late November saw our school's opening Hockey fixture of the year - a friendly vs County Upper to allow students from Years 7-9 to play a competitive match before starting this year's competitions. Matthew Hawker played his first-ever game in goal and at half-time the score was 0-0, owing to his prowess George Howard, Ben Alberts, Jamie Raja and Poppy Sleightholme also demonstrated some great defence skills. Despite creating lots of chances in the second half, the team narrowly lost the fixture.

Our U15 Rugby team attended the County Finals hosted at St Joseph's College, Ipswich. They started strongly with a 26-5 victory over Woodbridge School, but unfortunately lost to Thomas Mills High School in the final game. Second place in Suffolk is a great achievement for a team fielding, unusually, a number of Year 9 players. We look forward to what lies in store for Rugby at King Edward VI.

Congratulations to our Year 7 girls' Basketball team who beat Thomas Gainsborough School 14-6 in their Western Area league match at the end of November. Our Girls' Football team finished 3rd in West Suffolk in a 5-a-side competition. Great work by all involved.

The launch of our Golf Foundation was attended by 18 students from Years 7-10. This new project is in partnership with The Suffolk Golf Club, and involves specialist tuition from professionals based at the club. Following some basic training and development, the students will regularly be taken to The Suffolk Golf Club to continue their sessions.

In early November our No Limits Academy project returned for Year 3 and 4 students from the Bury Schools Partnership. Teachers selected their most able and committed students within PE and Sport. They will now attend six specialist sessions developing generic sports skills, which they can then use to improve performance in their own disciplines. Week 1 focused on endurance - and was led by Mike Harman, along with selected members of the King Edward VI School Tchoukball team. Flexibility, Core Strength and Co-ordination will also be covered. The final week of term will see the current group of Year 3/4 students graduate from the programme - we look forward from hearing more about these talented individuals in the future.



# Active Lives | Inspirational Individuals

Year 9 student Annabelle Ireland took part in the East Regional Disability Swimming Championships held at Newmarket Leisure Centre. She won Bronze in 200m Freestyle, 100m Breaststroke, 50m Freestyle and Silver in 200m Individual Medley which, along with the 200m freestyle, she had not previously swum competitively.

With these superb results Annabelle has qualified to go to the National Para-Swimming Championships which take place at the Manchester Aquatics Centre on 10 and 11 December. She will be representing the East Region. Huge congratulations Annabelle. We wish you the very best of luck.



Caitlyn Holgate (Year 11), Charlotte Sutton (Year 8) and Molly Jones (Year 7) competed in the Tiptree Artistic Roller Skating Competition as part of the Ipswich Artistic Roller Skating Club. Molly won a 2nd place medal in her category and she wouldn't have done this without the superb support of Charlotte and Caitlyn. Congratulations to all three of you.



During the summer break, our very own Lucy Norburn (Year 11) travelled the continent representing England's U15 Mixed Rugby team, at the Junior Touch Championships.



Lucy travelled to Papendal (Holland) to compete against teams from Wales, the Middle East, Scotland, France, Ireland, Germany and a European select team. England were unbeaten in the first 2 days of the competition, but unfortunately lost to Wales in the final 3-9. Lucy added 'We didn't expect to get to the final so it was a massive achievement'. Well done Lucy. We continue to be very proud of you!



Congratulations to Year 7 student Alex Huggan who recently gained his Brown Belt in Karate. He was awarded the best grade in his group. Superb work, Alex.

Year 8 student Milly Richards had great success in the National Challenge Gymnastics Cup. Milly ranked 14th out of 77 gymnasts, winning a British Gymnastics Silver medal.

When we caught up with Milly we were taken aback by her professionalism and modesty. She trains for over 18 hours a week, and aims to go as far as she possibly can in the sport. Congratulations once again, Milly.

Phoebe Price competed in the Horse of the Year Show held at the NEC in Birmingham. To qualify for this show is an amazing achievement. Phoebe, however, didn't just qualify. She won her class, her national championship and the Supreme Pony of the Year in front of a 10,000 capacity crowd in the International arena.

Phoebe was then invited to attend the show finale during which all the champions paraded. Congratulations, Phoebe. These are outstanding achievements.



Our new students amaze us with their talent and determination. Not least Year 7 student, Emily Cann. In Emily's first season competing she raced girls a lot older than herself. She is currently ranked 13th in the UK for 100m, and 200th in the world. She has been named in 'Athletics World' running magazine, and she runs for both West Suffolk and Suffolk Counties.

Emily has won many competitions this year gaining 2 Golds, 1 Silver and 3 Bronze medals in the process. She track-trains at least twice a week, and also has to swim twice a week to maintain her fitness level. On top of this she circuit trains. Emily dreams of being an Olympian one day. We will support her every step of the way. Congratulations Emily - you are an inspiration.



# Active Lives | Inspirational Individuals

While most of us were relaxing over the summer holidays, Year 11 student Ellie Llewellyn found herself competing at the National Performance Pool in Swansea, having qualified for the Welsh Summer Swimming Nationals. Ellie qualified for a total of 6 events, reaching 4 finals. Undoubtedly her best swim came on Day 2 of the event when Ellie competed in the 100m Butterfly. She won a bronze medal in a new personal best time of 1.09.23. Ellie is a member of West Suffolk Swimming Club and trains up to 11 hours each week. She has been appointed Girls' Club Captain, an award given to her by the West Suffolk coaching staff. Keep up the superb work, Ellie.

Congratulations to Year 12 student Cameron Hadow who is number one in the Suffolk squash league, and to Billy Beecroft who is number 9. These are stunning achievements.

We are delighted that so many of our students triumphed at the Jett Netball Club's celebration evening earlier this month. Our congratulations go to the award winners: Harriet Chapman (Yr 8), Megan Owen (Yr 8), Danielle Mulholland (Yr 8), Emily White (Yr 8), Abbie Cornwell (Yr 9), Eleanor Allen (Yr 10), Lucy Norburn (Yr 11) and Amber Delglyn (Yr 11).

Year 13 student, Tom McGregor, is a dedicated clay pigeon shooter who has won many competitions throughout his career. We are delighted to have heard that he has been offered a place on the Olympic Talent Pathway, after taking part in a selection day run by British Shooting Ltd. He will be participating in their training programme for Olympic Skeet, which will start in the New Year. Many congratulations, Tom. We wish you the best of luck.

**If any student is interested in joining a sports club then they should see Mr Burton for more information.**

Myles Turner completed two weekends of open water swimming, following an intensive training regime by way of preparation for the Eastern Regional Championships in which Myles chose to swim two events. In the 3k event he finished 3rd in his age group and took the Suffolk title, then after only two hours' rest he raced the 1.5k event which he won, claiming both East Region and Suffolk Overall titles. Myles also travelled to Rotherham Valley Country Park to compete in the 3k National Open Water. He finished 5th out of 106 swimmers. You have performed superbly, Myles.



Tony Elbourne (Year 11) is celebrating winning the BBA British RDC Promotions Ministox race. On 2 July at Mildenhall Stadium he beat stiff competition to cross the line victorious. This is an annual event with at least fifty participants in each age group. Many congratulations, Tony, from all of us at school.



Congratulations to the following students who qualified for the Regional Final of the English Schools Athletics Association (ESAA) Cross Country Cup in November: Kirsten O'Brien, Scarlett Guy, Jasmin Raja, Chloe Cavill, Alex Ginns and Aria MacFarlane-Kubota.

In October we received a letter from Mark Weston (Junior Coach Manager for British Tennis). He congratulated Year 9 student Haadi Shah for progressing from the Junior Tennis Players pathway, to the National Player Camp held at the National Tennis Centre. During the camp, Haadi was given guidance for progressing into the pro-tennis world, as well as expert coaching.

Huge congratulations to Year 8 student Emma Bartley who was the runner-up in the U13 Girls' category of the British Junior Squash Championships, in Manchester. The very best juniors from England, Wales and Scotland were in action over four days in October. We are very proud of your commitment and skill. Well done Emma.



Congratulations to Year 10 student Hugh Simmons who, on 6 November, won Gold fighting against players from both Suffolk and Norfolk in the Eastern Area Judo Championships.



On 8 November we hosted a Tchoukball competition for Year 3/4 students within the Bury School's Partnership. Eight teams in total entered the tournament which was organised and led by the King Edward VI School Tchoukball leaders. The event finished with Hardwick Primary winning the competition - and it was great to see so many young students showing interest in a sport which our school is committed to developing.



We were delighted to welcome Jade Wildly to our school to provide leadership training for a group of our students. Jade is a former professional tennis player, who won numerous tennis singles and doubles titles throughout her career.

# International Lives

## Shanghai: a Ten-Year Journey

Our tenth, and arguably most successful, advanced international leadership trip to the Yangjing-Juyuan Experimental School, Shanghai came to an end on October 24. One month earlier, our Chinese counterparts had arrived at our school to a hero's welcome.

Our students returned from Shanghai feeling exhilarated having taken part in a programme so ambitious and rich that it was truly life-changing. We feel immensely proud of what our students achieved, learnt and experienced in the world's largest city. Each day, different student leaders led the group through the challenges and excitements which were to arise; visiting a Taoist temple, sight-seeing, communicating with locals, formal ceremonies, team briefings, home stays, sports leadership sessions, filming in the school's TV studio, a technology lesson involving robots, a tour of the Nanjing Road, a climb up the Shanghai Tower and, ultimately, a party night with students and staff. We have said it before, and we'll say it again – we have well and truly broken the mould of the traditional school trip.

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"Thanks to the staff team for their time and care with all the young people involved in such an amazing experience!"

"Thank you so much for a great trip! The experience has developed my skills even more than last year, and it was great to see the bonds forming between the different year groups, as well as between staff and students. Things like this make me proud to be a part of King Edward VI School"



# International Lives

## Battlefields:

The annual Year 9 trip to the battlefields of the First World War was a great success once again. This year 71 King Edward VI students were joined by seven from the Priory School, for a tour of the trenches and cemeteries around Ypres. At Tyne Cot Cemetery Mr Cartwright, our colleague from the Priory School, spoke about H.W. Clarke, who was a soldier from Bury St Edmunds. This was one of many very poignant moments.

*Matt Elliot, Head of Elveden College*



## Normandy trip:

On 10 November the History team travelled to Normandy with forty-six Year 11 students so they could learn more about the D-Day landings of 1944. They explored the American and British sectors, visiting various sites such as the Hillman Bunker, the Pegasus Memorial and Omaha Beach. We were mightily impressed by the quality of the presentations our students delivered. It was a sombre but inspiring trip.

*Liz Harvey, Head of History*



## Operation Wallacea:

On the 10 of July, 16 of us embarked on an ecology and conservation trip to Buton Island, in Sulawesi, Indonesia. Our aim was to help scientists collect important primary data, and to monitor the health of different ecosystems. After two years of fundraising, it was fair to say the anticipation was palpable. The trip did not disappoint! The moment we stepped off the plane into the intense humidity and incredible sun, our new experiences begun. After a long, dirt track drive (sharing our AUX cable with our Indonesian driver), we found ourselves deep in the rainforest, where we began conducting habitat and herpetofauna surveys - just 3 days after leaving school. We studied megafauna, butterflies, birds, bats and held two night-time surveys. We also attended daily lectures delivered by camp scientists and guides, on the species present in the area, their significance and the race to save their ever-diminishing habitat.

After a week we waved goodbye to central camp, trekking back through the jungle to be driven to Labundo-Bundo village, where we spent two nights staying with local families and going out on hikes in the forests. We saw incredible wildlife including: (the elusive) Tarsier and Bear Cuscus. We also had 'canopy access'. This involved strapping ourselves into full-body harnesses and hauling ourselves up 50m emergent trees. The vertigo-inducing and knee-trembling view from the top was magical. We could see the neighbouring valley, local jungle and the Sulawesi Serpent eagles soaring high above. We visited the local school and taught the students the hokey-cokey and were taught some Indonesian words in return.

Mid-trip, we answered the Call to Prayer in the village mosque, engaging directly with the local culture. Once done, we drove to our marine site at BauBau where we were introduced to the researchers and dive instructors. Over the next week we learned to dive and trained for the 'PADI' open-water qualification. The week ended with further wildlife sightings (sharks, turtles, dolphins, lionfish, rays...the list goes on) and a daytrip to 'snake island' with its pristine waters. This signified the end of an incredible trip. All that was left was the 18-hour flight home with a short stop-over in the ridiculously lush Singapore airport, before finally arriving back to the noticeably less sunny Bury St Edmunds.

*Cam Haddow (Year 13) and Lewis Howell (Year 13)*

# Colleges | News in brief

## ICKWORTH

The students shown in this photograph are just some of the College leaders that have been appointed to the Ickworth College student leadership team. They will be involved in a variety of projects over the course of the school year taking a keen role in the development of teaching and learning, intra and inter college activities, charity events and how the school environment could be improved. Students from across the college have expressed an interest in student leadership and it's exciting to see so many younger students taking an active role in their school.

### Standout students:

Year 7: Katie Pettit  
 Year 8: Honor Washington, Daniel Mulholland  
 Year 9: Aliec Eley, Katie Sparkes  
 Year 10: Joe Dobbyn, William Pettit, Bethan Manning  
 Year 11: Ellen Pryke, Josh Wallace, Zoe Pettit  
 Year 12: Holly Dodds

### Credit bunch:

Henry Pryke	Yr 8	148
John Whelehan	Yr 8	147
Flora Durrant	Yr 8	142
Katie Pettit	Yr 7	134
Alice Eley	Yr 9	132
Joe Warnere	Yr 7	129
James Yates	Yr 8	128
Ella Gentry	Yr 7	123
Eva Da Re	Yr 7	122
Joseph Dobbyn	Yr 10	121
Bryony Cleaver	Yr 7	121

*Andrew McLennan, Head of College*



## HENGRAVE

### Standout students:

Year 7: Kamilla Kalman, Ruby Decent and Tom Burrows  
 Year 8: Alex Aldridge, Mia McCook-Weir, Melanie Freeman  
 Year 9: Arundhati Sinh, Leah Southern, Julian Dalton

Massive congratulations to Libby Corrie, who not only bagged a lead role in this year's school production, but was also selected as part of the Executive Student Leadership team.

Well done to Jack Richards who has shown commitment to his studies by attending after-school revision sessions regularly this term.

This year's Colour Run, raising money for the charity Bloodwise, was a huge success! The students ran 3k before taking part in a paint party. Despite torrential rain the students were utterly committed to completing the run, and in doing so they raised £380 for Bloodwise. A brilliant effort.

*Laura Greenaway, Head of College*

### Credit bunch:

Arundhati Sinha	Yr 9	209
Ruby Decent	Yr 7	157
Alexander Aldridge	Yr 8	148
Shannon Bailey	Yr 10	144
Lux Ashley-Cowan	Yr 7	138
Anton Avis	Yr 9	140
Maddie Atkinson	Yr 8	137
Archie Williams	Yr 8	137
Susannah Ayres	Yr 7	134
Alicia Doel	Yr 8	132
Melanie Freeman	Yr 8	132



# Colleges | News in brief

## WYKEN

### Standout students:

Year 7: Tommy Reed and Lois Hunt  
 Year 8: Rhian O'Brien and Josh Vernon  
 Year 9: Aoife Coveney

It's always great to see students helping each other; it's one of the particular things that I love about our school. Thanks to the following Sixth Form students who have volunteered to give up their time mentoring Year 11 in Maths and English:

Chloe Jones, Saskia Grant, Amelia Newman, Matt Field, Will Allsopp, Michael Huck, Tori Wain, Georgina Rush Finn Baxter, Bianca Monteiro, Phoebe Cutler

### Credit bunch:

Kirsten O'Brien	Yr 10	165
Harry Frost-Smith	Yr 7	149
Oliver Greeves	Yr 7	149
Nia Fennelow	Yr 7	139
George Cooper	Yr 9	138
Amy Trautman	Yr 8	130
Joshua Carter	Yr 7	133
Nina Cushing	Yr 7	124
Ella Gorman	Yr 8	124
Poppy Sleightholme	Yr 9	122

*Penny Quintero-Hunt, Head of College*

## ELVEDEN

### Standout students:

Year 7: John Howard  
 Year 8: Jenni Kingsnorth  
 Year 9: Kai Ivory and Anna Dickinson

### Credit bunch:

John Howard	Yr 7	195	Emily Golding	Yr 7	151
Aaron McIntyre	Yr 8	170	Libby Maskell Mills	Yr 7	142
Amy Maskell Mills	Yr 8	160	Marshall Farthing-Kiff	Yr 9	136
Emma Akhaei	Yr 7	157	Caitlin Bentley	Yr 9	133
Kai Ivory	Yr 9	160	Patrick Laycock	Yr 10	133

We had a very successful start to the school year. Four members of Elveden - Kevin Collins, Patrick Laycock, Ellie Allen and Lize Potgeiter - travelled to Shanghai as part of King Edward VI School's exchange programme. They were excellent ambassadors for the school. So too is Caitlin Brinkley, who has recently organised Christmas cards to give out to the homeless.

*Matt Elliott, Head of College*

## MELFORD

Well done to all the students, new and old, who have settled into school life so well. It has been a busy term with lots of Melford students representing the school in sports teams and Oliver!, for example. There's been lots of hard work in lessons too.

### Standout students:

Year 7: Zachary Kydd, James Torbitt, Jasmine Godfrey, Charlie Catchpole, Elise Hollings, Freya Stevenson, Holly Godfrey, Rodrigo Barata, Poppy Warren and Ellie Jones  
 Year 8: Sanjay Gudi, Aaron Hurrell, Annie Hill, Isabella Price, Molly Reid, Elizabeth Fitch, Chante Hutchins, Harry Statham, Sophie Barrell and Ben Alberts  
 Year 9: Mathew Hollands, Alex Knock, Katie Jones, Imogen Aley, Lauren Turner, Emilia Barrett, Abbie Cornwell, Rosie Golden-Phillips, Katie Hopwood and Toby Limmer

### Credit bunch:

Zachary Kydd	Yr 7	182	Alexandra Ginns	Yr 9	138
Holly Godfrey	Yr 7	174	Alexander Huggan	Yr 7	139
Ellie Jones	Yr 7	159	Elise Hollings	Yr 7	138
Sanjay Gudi	Yr 8	154	Annabel Hill	Yr 8	136
James Torbitt	Yr 7	146	Aaron Hurrell	Yr 8	131

*Bec Taylor, Head of College*

## KENTWELL

### Standout students:

Year 7: Olivia Leggett, Jess Marriott, Arthur Ferrar, Victoria Asker, Daniel Rainford, Blossom Cooper, Archie Smart  
 Year 8: Ahmed Maghdadi, Rose Cosgrove, Louie Mayhew, Liya Baby, Megan Owen, Mark Austin  
 Year 9: Liam Figueroa, Lucy Johnson, Amelia Baker, David du Plessis, Adam Heatrick, Annabelle Ireland, Eleanor Watts, William Lowden, Tom Henson

### Credit bunch:

Rose Cosgrove	Yr 8	176
Megan Owen	Yr 8	169
Jessica Marriott	Yr 7	142
Mark Austin	Yr 8	138
Ellie Frost	Yr 8	136
Amelia Baker	Yr 9	130
Barnaby Chapman	Yr 10	128
Annabel Henson	Yr 7	126
Ophelia Mantell-Jacob	Yr 7	122
Emily White	Yr 8	122

Well done Year 9 student Tom Henson who represented Suffolk U15 in the National Schools Cross-Country Championships in Oxford on 10 December.

*Rob Johnson, Head of College*

# Old Burians | Where are they now?



## Chris Walker-Hebborn:

Many congratulations to former student Chris Walker-Hebborn who won a silver medal in the 4x100 metre medley relay at the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio.

## Callum Wilkinson:

Callum was in action in July in the World U20 Athletics Championships, held in Poland. He claimed the Gold medal in the 10,000m track race-walking event. This result made Callum the first British race-walker to win a global race walking title since 1964. This outstanding result earned him a place on the British Athletics Futures programme which will see him receive extra funding. "Things will be much different next year as I will be a senior. This year I knew a medal at the Worlds was possible, but in 2017 I am going into it blind. Coming up against the very best in the world is only going to help". Callum has his sights set on the 2017 World Athletic Championships which are to be held in London. The competition expected to be sprinter Usain Bolt's last before retirement.



## Matthew Turner:

When he was in Year 9, former student Matt Turner starred in one of our first big-stage productions - Peter Pan. Now a professional actor, he's starring in the critically-acclaimed 'Peter Pan Goes Wrong' in the West End, and will be taking the show to Broadway in 2017. Throughout his time with us, Matt took a range of roles in both serious and comic productions. We couldn't be more proud of the success he is enjoying. 'Peter Pan Goes Wrong' is playing at the Apollo Theatre, London until January 29.



## Hatty Ashton:

We are delighted to learn that 24-year-old former student, Hatty Ashton, has published her debut children's book 'There's a Head in My Bed'. The story depicts the journey of St Edmund's head after it was chopped off by the Vikings and thrown into a forest ... the book is available to buy from St Edmundsury Cathedral bookshop.



## Myles Turner:

Former student Myles Turner is excelling as an open-water swimmer. During the Summer Holiday he finished 3rd in his age-group in his County 3k event, taking the Suffolk title. He then went on to win the 1.5k event, claiming East Region and Suffolk Overall titles.

## Will Partridge:

Will is now studying Politics and History at the University of East Anglia. He recently had dinner with former Liberal Democrat Leader Paddy Ashdown. In January he is heading to Prague with the History Society for a week. We hope you have an informative trip.

## Old Burians' Association

Usually in Celebrate! we include a message from the Secretary of the Old Burians' Association, John Ottley. We are very sorry to announce that he died of cancer last Sunday. His legacy to our school is enormous and, in the New Year, we will hold a special commemorative event to celebrate the life of someone who so profoundly shaped this school.

**Geoff Barton**  
Headteacher

## Coming up in 2017...

- 6th Form Politics trip to the UEA: 12 Jan
- Deadline for Sixth Form Applications: 13 Jan
- A-level Criminal Conference: 27 Jan
- Year 10 Geography Fieldtrip: 3-5 Feb
- GCSE Music Showcase: 7 Feb
- Chamber Concert: 21 Feb
- Matthew Bourne Dance Trip: 23 Feb
- Dance Show at The Apex: 1 March
- Romanian Exchange: 6-10 March
- Spring Concert 'From Abbey Road to Abbey Gate, An Evening with The Beatles': 7 March
- Science week: 13-17 March
- Year 13 Berlin Trip: 30 March – 2 April
- Year 9 Battlefields Trip: 9 June
- Year 12 Battlefields Trip: 30 June – 2 July
- Summer Concert: 10 July
- Summer Dance Show: 12 July

If you have any news which you would like to 'Celebrate!', then please email the Editor, Zoë MacLachlan [celebrate@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk](mailto:celebrate@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk)



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