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# TGS USA TRIP

**EASTER 2021**

**Day 1: Outbound Journey**



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**Day 6: River Float Excursion**



**Day 7: Travel to Pheonix**



**Day 8: Shopping at the Mall**



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# ABBAS ABBAS ABBAS

The Spring term is already a month old. We began with our Celebration assembly to recognise the super efforts of our Abbas House students getting involved in all aspects of school life and the wider community. Some of the highlights include:

110 students achieved over 100 merits – 35% Bronze  
15 students achieved over 200 merits – Silver  
1 student achieved over 300 merits – Gold

Well done to Callum Ryan for being the first Abbas student to secure his place on the Rewards Trip after only a single term, although he has at least a dozen others hot on his heels!

Again Abbas had entries for every single competition last term. Here is a selection of those that represented the House with success.

*European Cake Competition*  
Olivia Hand

*House History Timeline*  
KFR form

*Endangered Animals Sculpture*  
Tobey Fenton

*Twist on a Tale*  
Evan Howells

*Scientific Newspaper Article*  
Sam Clayton

*Children In Need Cake Competition*  
Sophia Longhurst

*Maths Eye Photo*  
Art Hillman



It is worth repeating here that those competition entries earn merits but also often provide evidence for school ribbons – surely two reasons to give things a go and get involved!

Hearing about the activities that our students are involved in outside of school is something that I enjoy very much. This term I have seen the tremendous commitment and success that Connie Clasby Myers (ACA) is experiencing with her swimming club, and also Aaliyah Rivett (KWA) with her gymnastics club, where she has also taken responsibility for the development of the younger members too. These two students are certainly demonstrating our TGS core values on a regular basis.

The following all received ten merits last term for winning the weekly core values nomination for Abbas House:

Lacey Lancaster, Alyssia Simpson, Amelie Kingstone, Callum Ryan, Alex Cooper, Helena Read Luxton, Maddie Howard, Evie Cook, Tayla Anderson, Jess Wilby, Lottie Cooper, Henry Davies, Ollie Reed and Kara Day.

I was delighted to be able to recognise the supreme effort and contribution that Fia Garrard (ABO) made to our Christmas Fayre at the end of term by awarding her the Head of House Commendation. Fia created some beautiful decorations and cards, plus some extremely delicious cakes and sausage rolls that literally sold like “hot cakes.” Thank you Fia, I really don’t know how you find the time!

KWA won the all important chocolates for the tutor group with the most merits last term. It really was very close but I think their overall team spirit and support of each other nudged them to victory here.

Two important Abbas dates to know for this term are the bag packing opportunity at Sainsburys on Saturday 15th February. Abbas students, please come along between 10am and 1pm for all or part of the session. (Permission letters are in 204).



This is a great chance to raise some money for our House charity which is Number 72. A great chance to show local students working to support an important local service.

We have also arranged the Third Annual Three Peaks Challenge in school for Monday 9th March. This will again see teams of 6 race up and down the stairs to complete the ascent of the three Yorkshire Peaks. It is exhausting but great fun. Be sure to join in and pick up a sponsor form from Student Services.

Continue to “do your best and get involved” Abbas, you do it so well!

Best wishes

Mrs N Wilby





# CHAMBERLAIN

Welcome back to the new term one and all! I trust you all had a relaxing, yet indulgent Christmas and New Year, and you are now ready to start the year ahead in typical Chamberlain style-upbeat, positive, but most importantly, determined. Determined to get involved in the wider school community, determined to enter more competitions, determined to read more TGS 50 books, determined to always do your best, determined to earn large numbers of merits and of course, determined to win back the Chelsworth Cup.

The New Year and the new term, have already started in the best way possible, by celebrating our successes. So, we may not have continued our reign as Chelsworth Cup champions, but the vast majority of Chamberlain House are still achieving phenomenal accomplishments as show-cased in our wonderful celebration assembly and cream tea event. The hardest task I have had to undertake since becoming Head of Chamberlain was to nominate only eight students for cream tea. How could I pick only 8? It really was tough. Megan Turner, Maisie Young, Charlotte Turner, Katy Wainwright, Ellie Batchelor, Luke Woodhouse, Kieran Scanlan and Ethan Bowen; thank you for all your hard work over the past term, I hope you all enjoyed your little treat?

And then we had our Celebration Assembly. We started off the assembly by already booking our first student's place on the rewards trip for September. Our very own merit machine Maisie Young is already on a staggering 324 merits after just one term at school. Last

year Maisie achieved in excess of 1,000 merits, so I am keeping an eye on her to see whether she will be scoring a personal best this year, fingers crossed for her. There are other members of Chamberlain hot on her heels though! 6 other members achieved their silver award, achieving over 200 merits, 86 members (27% of the entire house) achieved their bronze award, achieving over 100 merits and 67 students have 100% attendance. Remarkable!

I have never seen so many competition entry certificates as I have done from last term. It was overwhelming, too many to have you all on stage! I am so proud of every single student who has been involved and represented the house and don't forget, it is not all about the winning; entering alone awards you and Chamberlain with a merit. We started off in September celebrating International Languages Day by baking a host of cakes. The highlight was Gracie Rush, who won the competition from the Chamberlain entrants and, in a similar competition for Children in Need, Charlotte Turner won with a fabulous Pudsey-themed cake. The Endangered Animal Sculptures were all fantastic, and our house winner was Jake Cutmore, who went on to have his piece displayed in Bury St Edmunds. We have two budding writers within Chamberlain. Maddie Stephens won the Twist on a Tale competition from Chamberlain followed by Kai Thomas who won the Scientific Newspaper article, a budding career as a journalist awaits Kai. The Maths Eye competition was won by Jensen Cooper and

I had the pleasure of watching Chamberlain remain victorious as Interhouse Quiz Champions, with a team consisting of Jack Bentley, Joy Morelli, George Bowden and Megan Pemberton. Well done to the quiz team and all our other house winners! Please do not forget to take your certificates down to place into your Record of Achievement; they will contribute to accomplishing your ribbon badges, as well as enabling you to receive more merits.

Speaking of our new ribbons badges, two students from Chamberlain were awarded their ribbons for Commitment to Learning. Katy Wainwright and Emily Studdy both can now proudly show off their new badges.... But I know you deserve more. Within Chamberlain we have a magnificent range of talent, yet I was unable to award ribbon badges for Community, Creativity, Employability or Sport. Please may I ask that we have a little push on this for the upcoming term. Hopefully you all have the capacity for another tiny New Year's resolution to be undertaken? Subject Ambassador Awards are a thank you from the departments with Thomas Gainsborough School. They represent the consistent hard work students make in specific areas, celebrate natural talents and act as a thank you for all the additional help they contribute towards each individual department, in events such as open evenings and options evening. This term Luke Woodhouse, Evelyn Hughes and Charlie Walder were all award Subject Ambassadors for music. Well done to you all!

We also had a whole array of extracurricular certificates and awards to distribute as well. An eight strong group of cross-country athletes were awarded their certificates for representation of the school, as well as both Roisin O’Riordan and Kieran Scanlan who achieved their bronze award for their efforts in the Duke of Edinburgh Award. Ned Boyce also represented the school in the Sixth Form Maths UKMT Challenge and as Ned is only in Year 11, he deserves huge recognition for his accomplishments.

Scott Standard was awarded the first



weekly values certificate for confidence, which only goes a little way in representing the enormous amount of time and effort he applies to his hobby of boxing, in which he is hugely successful already. Scott was the leader on the BBC’s Punch Challenge Instagram page, achieving 109 punches in only 12 seconds. Keep up all the hard work Scott, a bright future awaits you I am sure. The second weekly values certificate was awarded for respect and presented to Katy Wainwright, who was busy making care packages for the homeless over Christmas. Such a generous and selfless act. Well done Katy!

Finally, my Head of House Commendation award for the Autumn term went to Vahan Rikards. Vahan has already made such a positive impact, that I could not let it go unnoticed. Vahan has achieved in excess of 170 merits already. He attends committee

meetings weekly, he volunteers to help out at all charity and fund-raising events, even organising his very own charity 5k event in which he raised in excess of £300 for the 4Ocean charity, a charity designed to clearing up the Earth’s ever-polluted oceans. Vahan, it is a pleasure to have you in Chamberlain, you are kind, generous and so hard working.

I look forward to witnessing all of your future achievements, of which I am sure there will be many.

Chamberlain, we have definitely hit the ground running. Remember to work towards your ribbons badges, work hard and get involved.

Miss A Alston



# HOUGHTON

Obviously, the highlight of the second part of the Autumn Term for all associated with Houghton House was the winning of the Chelsworth Trophy for only the second time and the first time since Summer 2016. Students in Year 7 must think it is always like this as they also won the Transition Cup in the Summer term!

Winning the Chelsworth Trophy was a terrific achievement and illustrates really well a message that we have repeated lots in House assemblies this term, that there is benefit in working for the greater good as well as for ourselves, in line with our house motto "Honour is the reward of valour."

We were able to celebrate this achievement and those of lots of individuals in Houghton at our termly Celebration Assembly soon after Christmas, when well over a hundred members of the house were recognised for earning merits, winning House competitions and meeting the criteria for the various elements of their Employability Award or in one case, demonstrating that they had read all of the TGS50, a great achievement. Harry Bird rightly was awarded with the Head of House Commendation for his contribution in the Autumn term. It was fabulous to be able to celebrate with some of those students who made such a contribution last term at our Cream Tea in the first week of term.

Another feature of our work last term was the money we raised for our house charity, The Salvation Army - we delivered nearly 200 Christmas cards and played a key role in the Christmas Fair - many students were involved in preparing and selling hot chocolate, running a sweet stall and sourcing prizes and running the tombola - well done everyone!

Last term also saw Year 9 students really start to think about their futures during the Pathways process - I am pleased to report that all students met the deadline to get their forms in and while I am sure there were some difficult decisions, I hope that students are pleased with their choices and are looking forward to the challenge they will bring in Year 10.

As we rush headlong through January 2020, there is lots more to look forward to on the horizon, including GCSE and A Level exams just around the corner, Year 10 exams in March, more charity work, house competitions and of course, the challenge of retaining the Chelsworth Trophy in April! Thanks once again to the student led House Committee and my fabulous tutors.

Mr M Gibson







# PEYTON

**A**t our recent Celebration Assembly we recognised the successes of the last term. Huge congratulations need to go to the 80 Peyton students who had gained a Bronze Certificate by Christmas for gaining 100 merits. 5 students (Alexander Walder, Jasmine Brown, Siena Ricci, Mia Morgan and Eleanor Thompson) have gone beyond that milestone by collecting over 200 merits and achieving their Silver Merit Certificate in the process. A huge well done to all of you! The Most Valuable Tutor Group was wrestled from the claws of Mr Bennett's form by Miss Nichol's tutor group who took first place and then Dr Palmer's group who claimed a close second. Well done to them! I am sure the competition will be hot again this term.

Last term's Head of House Commendation went to a young lady who has made a hugely impressive start to her time at TGS. After shining during transition week back in July, Sienna Ricci has really made the most of her first term at TGS. She has gained a huge number of merits and is always positive around the school. She is getting involved in everything she can and working hard in everything she does. What more can we ask for? Congratulations Sienna once again!

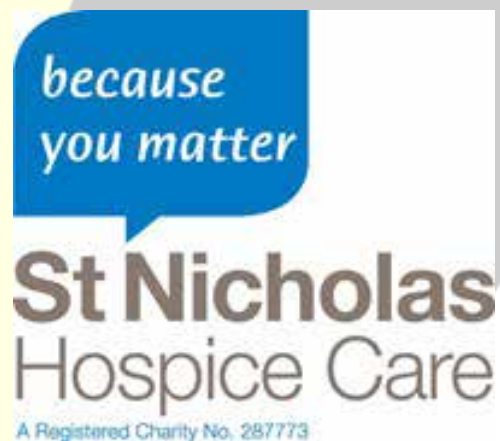
A good number of Half Ribbons badges were awarded to students who have shown excellence in their work. Ayush Nair and Jas Howard were awarded their Teal Ribbon for commitment to learning. Bailey Spall was recognised for his work in the community with a Gold Ribbon. Amy Pelope has earned her Purple Ribbon for Creativity. Light Blue Ribbons were presented to Ayush Nair and Bailey Spall for Employability. The Dark Blue Sports Ribbons were awarded to Amelia Bartlett, Jas Howard, Lucas Lawson and Stanley Waterson. Well done to you all and wear your 'Blazer Bling' with pride.

A very special Maths award was presented to Evie Prager who was the highest scorer for the school in the UK Senior Maths Challenge. Entries for this is usually reserved for 6th Form students so Evie has done incredibly well! A star for the future!

We were very proud to be able to announce Peyton's first 'Subject Ambassador' this term. Millie Smith has been recognised for her contribution to music at TGS and her passion for the subject is having a positive impact on so many others. She has demonstrated leadership and has always gained exemplary grades on her Progress Checks in the subject. Well done Millie! Wear your badge with pride!

A huge thank you to our committee members who have helped with the planning of our upcoming charity events for St Nicholas Hospice. We are currently planning a 'Blind Auction' of goods and services so are seeking support of individuals or businesses who may be able to give donations towards this worthy cause. Once we have a good range of donations we will advertise it to all parents on a sealed bids basis, with the winning bidder winning the item. Further details are to follow.

Mr W Ponsford







# TOLLEMACHE

**A**s a new year begins and Spring is on its way, tradition has it that we reflect on the past year. Celebrate our achievements and try to improve on things that we did not get quite right.

The Christmas whole school Assembly was so awe inspiring seeing how much the students had accomplished in the Autumn term. Watching the presentation was very enjoyable to see the trips, charity events, open evenings, the students working as a team on projects and individuals' successes.

Congratulations to Houghton house in winning the Chelsworth Cup. However, it was a shock for Tollemache to come last! Reflecting on the result with the Tollemache tutors we discussed what we could do differently as a House to up our game. It is an important lesson to remember that it's ok to get things wrong. Learning by your mistakes definitely makes you stronger. Digging deep within yourself to find the resilience to conquer a difficult task is an amazing feeling and something to be celebrated.

This term Jessica Barr was awarded a values certificate for resilience. Jess is an army cadet. Recently Jess has been working hard practising for her 'skill at arms' test, in which she has to successfully dismantle, inspect, and assemble her weapon. Jess has found this very stressful and challenging but has overcome this fear by channeling the TGS

values of confidence, positivity and resilience.

Another student who has applied the TGS values dazzling her teachers and tutor with her commitment to learning is Megan Hannan. Megan enjoys getting involved with all things TGS, such as competitions, enrichments and charity events. Megan is a credit to our house.

I would also like to recognise and celebrate the outstanding efforts of Yvonne Gardner, Megan Hannan, Finley Taylor, Freya Upton and Alexander Cadeddu. They were awarded the Commitment to Learning badge. The Sports badge is awarded to Toby Howell, Henry Newman and Sophia Twitchen. These students have completed the tracker in their Record of Achievement. A Music Ambassador's award was presented to Charlotte Hall. Alasdair Noble was awarded the UKMT Maths Challenge and Joe Fitzwater and Fergus Dark were awarded the bronze Duke of Edinburgh award.

Having a can do attitude when working with your peers or in a team is infectious and fun. This is evident when awarding The Best Tutor Group Award. This award has been hotly contested competition with the top tutors' groups ranking first second and third with only a few merits between them. This term Mr Partrick's tutor group JPA has won the award. Congratulations and richly deserved!

However GCU, Mr Curtis group have read the most books from the TGS reading list. Ruby Marsh, a student in Mr Warburton's tutor group, has read

an impressive 36 books from the list of 50. Reading adds so much value to your learning. Whether it is reading around a topic to gain a clearer understanding of a subject or reading for pleasure and escapism. Reading improves your vocabulary and spelling. Students who have demonstrated a high level of general knowledge are the inter house quiz team, Daniel Atkins, Constance Buckingham, Anna Buthelezi and Lukus Granderson. Well done guys!

I look forward to presenting some more awards and seeing the green ribbons once more on the Chelsworth Cup!

Mrs F Raleigh







# ERNICHMENT

Three brand new Dance Clubs are starting this term!

*On Tuesdays* there will be Contemporary Dance Club focussing on technique and a more abstract way of working. This will combine learning set repertoire and creative tasks for students to develop their own choreographic talents.

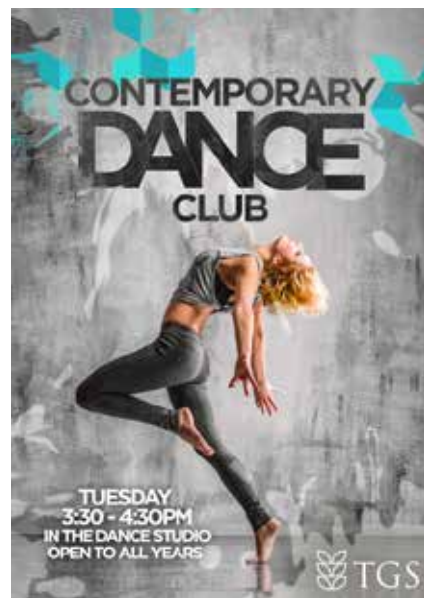
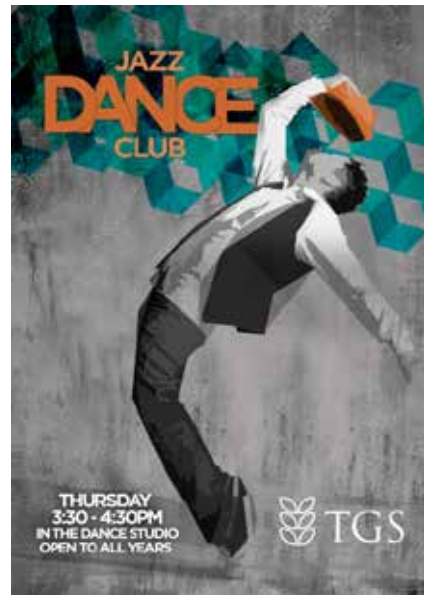
*On Thursdays* (starting 5th March) there will be a Jazz Club where students can focus on performance pieces from genres such as Musical Theatre, Commercial and Street.

*Finally, on Wednesday* 12th February I will be holding auditions for the School's brand new flagship dance company TGD (Thomas Gainsborough Dance Company). This new company will showcase the best talent from the school.

All clubs and the auditions are open to students in all years, no experience necessary.

I look forward to seeing you there. Please don't hesitate to get in contact should you have any questions.

Mr L Ashworth





# COMPETITIONS

The Autumn term was packed with a variety of competitions and a huge well done to Houghton House whose efforts contributed to them winning the Chelsworth Cup!

## *MathsEye Photo Competition*

This was our final competition of 2019 where students needed to take a photography showing Maths outside of their classroom. We had some fabulously creative photo entries some of which we submitted for the National competition and we are still eagerly awaiting the results.

House winners were Art Hillman (Abbas), Jensen Cooper (Chamberlain), James West (Houghton), Jake Debenham (Peyton) and Madeline Nel (Tollemache) – well done!

And so we start the House battle again with the Spring term competitions already underway.

## *Vocabulary Wordsearch*

Over Christmas, students were set the challenge to create a wordsearch containing words from their current vocabulary book. There were over 126 entries for this competition – what an amazing amount – and Houghton was the house with the most entries.

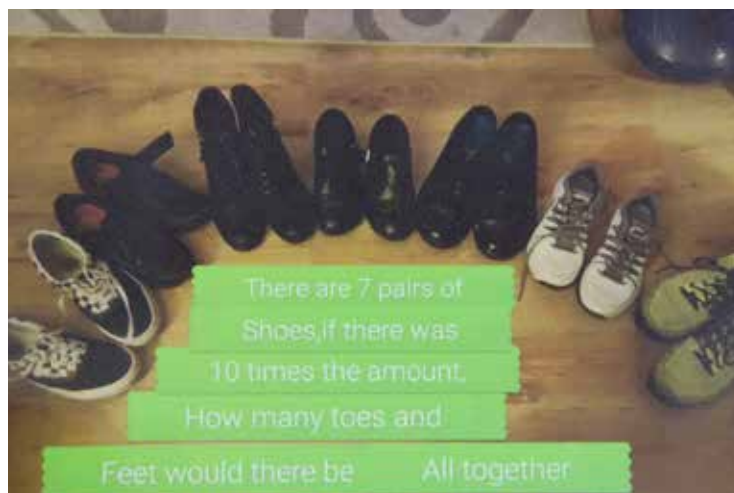
Creativity was certainly demonstrated looking at the different shapes of the wordsearchs and the extra decorations around them. Some students even created Crosswords designing clues to match their vocab words.

Our winning entry was by Josh Allard in Abbas house – please test your vocabulary knowledge by trying his wordsearch on the next page – but I warn you it's tricky!

## *Famous Mathematician Poster*

Mr Hare's 7G1 Maths class ran a famous mathematician competition where they rolled a die to choose which famous mathematician they made a poster on. The competition was fierce with all the entrants earning positive points. The top five contestants are as follows including their mathematician, 1st place Matilda Wood (Katherine Johnson), 2nd place Olly Bradbury (Terence Tao),

3rd place Naomi Clarke (Maryam Mirzakani), 4th place Matt Fairburn (Pierre de Fermat), 5th place Mya Green (George Cantor)."



There is one more competition currently running:

Design an Energy Efficient House – to Mrs Peacock by 13th March.

Good luck! Miss J Hilson



## Vocabulary Word Search

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### Solve the clue and find the word:

A payment made to a professional for advice or services(3)

Close to the actual but not exact(11)

Ordinary citizen and their concern(5)

The opportunity to enter a place(6)

To be without error(8)

A small piece of paper, or similar material on an object and gives information about it(5)

A set of familiar things(6)

To develop gradually(6)

A particular method of reasoning(5)

A particular form or variant of something(7)

To give in a formal way(5)

To work together for a purpose(9)

A person who has a special skill or knowledge in a particular field(6)

Earlier or previous(5)

To quote, as an authority(4)

Belonging to a nation or group of people (6)

To consult together and compare opinions(6)

To make a distinction in favour or against a certain thing(12)

A thing that connects something to another thing(4)



# CHARITY

What a festive end to the year with our Christmas Fayre, Christmas Concert and Christmas Jumper Day!

Each house designed and ran several stalls for our Christmas Fayre which ran over two lunchtimes. Students were able to buy traditional festive foods, hot chocolates or hand-made decorations and cards. Or there were a range of stalls to play: Guess the Name of the Teddy, Beat the Goalie and a variety of Tombolas.

The Fayre, together with our Christmas Jumper Day, raised over £1000 for our House Charities so a huge thank you to all the students who organised, contributed or simply came along and spent money with us.



Miss J Hilson

## YEAR 9 LINGUISTS

On Tuesday 14th January ten Year 9 linguists travelled to the University of Cambridge for an MFL event focusing on the benefits of continuing the study of a language to GCSE level and beyond. Upon arrival they were met by the Director of the Language Centre and they were introduced to the history of the university, the different crests and what it means to have a college system. Students then spent the day working in groups with students from other schools, participating in workshops in their chosen GCSE language (French, German or Spanish) as well as being offered the chance to explore some new languages such as Russian, Arabic, Chinese and Portugese. Also at the event were four Language Ambassadors who were all in their first or second years at the university and they were able to answer lots of questions from students ranging from what it's like to study a language to degree level to what sort of societies (clubs) can be joined and what the student accomodation is like. The students had a great day as it was a fantastic opportunity to explore the variety of benefits that learning a language can have.



Mrs H Frid

Sold out!

ALAN PARKER'S

# BUGSY MALON

*in rehearsals*





**R**hearsals for Bussy are ramping up! Costumes have been hired and the set is on the way. Most importantly, the splurge guns have been made and tested, as have the custard pies! Students have been absolutely fantastic in their commitment to the show. The band is in and sounding fabulous. It's going to be a big one and all tickets are SOLD OUT!!!

*Get ready for some fun...!*

Mrs J Arrow





# SILK FACTORY VISIT

**A**s part of their GCSE coursework the Year 10 textile students have been learning about fabric construction. To see this process in practice I arranged to take them to Stephen Walters & Sons on Cornard Road, Sudbury for a guided tour of the factory.

The silk factory is celebrating its 300 year anniversary this year and specialises in Jacquard woven innovative fabrics.

This visit gave the students the rare opportunity to see the industry in its entirety including the logistical elements that go into the running of a successful thriving business, as all aspects of the company are run from the same site. This includes the initial client meeting, to the design stage, then on to the final woven outcome and finally on to shipping.

I would like to say thank you to the students for their outstanding behaviour and engagement in the visit and to the wonderful staff at Stephen Walters for their time.'

Miss A Bowman

'At the end of last term, our GCSE Textiles class had the opportunity to visit the Stephen Walters Silk Mill in Sudbury. Many of us had not been inside the building or delved into the culture and heritage of the silk industry, and on reflection I think it was an extremely useful trip regarding the course we are doing, to soak up as much of the Textile industry, different products and techniques as possible.

After walking to the mill, we were met by friendly staff who took us first to a room where, laid out on the centre table, were examples of archive designs and, lining the wall, stacks of previous design samples and releases of their previous designs. They outlined the history of how the silk industry had progressed. It was really interesting to see the difference between the old books, which had fine, intricate, often floral patterns, compared to the modern pieces which pushed boundaries on colour and imagination, pulled off with immaculate execution.

Following this we took a tour of the mill. Our tour guides were very kind and were interactive, responding enthusiastically to any questions we had whilst going around the mill. We visited the design office, which was certainly a hub for creativity. It was interesting to see how they designed the new patterns on computers compared to how they would have done previously. We also visited the account and marketing offices which was nice because it showed the range in job skills required at the mill. We also visited a room where they packaged the silk and handled the deliveries. The tour also took us to the inspection shed (where they looked through the silk for any mistakes), the warehouse, where they had reams and reams of product and the silk thread ready to be used. Lastly, they took us to the weaving shed. It was very loud in there and we had to wear ear protection. It was also surprising how many and how big the weaving machines were. It was so interesting to see so many colours and patterns emerging each second on newly woven fabrics and how the machines work in terms of the warp and weft.

Overall, I think we can say on behalf of the whole class, the trip was extremely beneficial and enjoyable and we cannot thank the kind staff at the mill enough for giving us this opportunity. It was insightful to delve into another niche of the textile industry and we all found it very interesting!'

Madalene Howard and Charlotte Farrelly,  
Year 10

*Stephen*  
**WALTERS**  
Woven in England since 1720





## YEAR 8 VISIT ST ANDREW'S CHURCH FOR THEIR ARTS AWARD

**Y**ear 8 have been busy this year completing art work in and out of their lessons towards their Arts Award; this is awarded by the Crafts Council England and is a nationally recognised qualification in the arts.

The award is split into four distinctive parts and for 'Part C' the students have been studying the artist John Piper, whose work consists of architectural religious buildings in mixed media with an expressive use of marks and lines. To further enhance their understanding of his work for 'Part A' the whole of Year 8 have visited our local Church, St Andrew's within their Art lesson.

Led by one of our chaplains, Ian, the students learn a little bit of history about the church before recording

on location in various forms using photography, drawing and frottage. The work completed is then brought back to the classroom environment and used to develop further in a John Piper style.

Learning outside the classroom is a valuable experience for our young people, not only to learn more about our local environment but also to enrich their learning experience and to help develop them into responsible citizens. I'd like to thank all parents for allowing your child to take part in such an enriching activity.

The students have been exceptional in their behaviour whilst on their trip and have really engaged with the experience. I'd like to say thank you to them all, as well as to their class teachers and to Ian, Iris, Liz, Peter and Reverend Ramsey for their continued support.

Miss A Bowman





# ARTS AWARD BRONZE CERTIFICATES

Students in Year 9 have been presented with their Arts Award Bronze certificates, having successfully completed the qualification at the end of Year 8. 237 students achieved the level 1 qualification, which can now be added to their Records of Achievement and CVs for future applications.

Throughout the course of their Bronze Art Award work, the students have looked at new artists and reviewed their work, visited galleries and performances, developed practical work in a variety of media and taken part in a leadership task in which they have planned and delivered a lesson to a partner. These skills are extremely transferable and will aid the students in their future work, regardless of their future involvement in arts subjects.

Thomas Gainsborough school is an outstanding provider of the Bronze level Art Award, successfully achieving hundreds of Awards each year. Michael Corley, director of the Norfolk and Suffolk Festival Bridge (who oversee the Art Award in Suffolk) said the following:

*“Thomas Gainsborough School is one of the leading Arts Award centres in the country. The school’s commitment to delivering a broad and balanced curriculum sees it using the Arts Award qualification to further enhance the value of the creative opportunities given to all students. An Arts Award qualification embraces the skill and knowledge of the arts subject and takes that further by enabling students to develop their leadership, communication and planning skills through activities such as putting on events or teaching others. These are key skills that can enhance a CV preparing young people for their next steps in education or employment.”*

As ever, we are extremely proud of the achievement of our students in the Art Award, and would like to thank all of the teachers involved in delivering it this year. In particular, we would like to thank Miss Nichol for monitoring and assessing the award throughout the year.

Mr E Clark





# MUSIC MARK AWARD

In a world where many schools are reducing their provision of music, TGS has been developing a curriculum where every student in Key Stage 3 gets to develop their potential as a young musician. At TGS, Music is not seen as an educational formality, but as an integral part of our culture.

We seek to give a broad ranging musical curriculum at KS3 that gives students performing, technical and analytical skills that are not just in preparation for GCSE Music, but to A Level music and beyond. Every child has the ability to be musical through our provision of choirs and shows but, alongside this, our instrumentalists can play in our school orchestra and in smaller ensembles. We actively encourage our students to attend the County Youth Music program and have a growing number of musicians who are attending the Suffolk County Music Services flag-ship ensemble, the Suffolk Youth Orchestra.

We are very pleased to have been nominated as a Music Mark school as it represents our commitment to giving all our students the best opportunities in Music making.

Mr N Reynolds

*"Throughout my 6 years at the school, music has been a centrepiece for me whether it's being in the school orchestra, taking GCSE music or playing in the String Quartet. I decided to continue music further with A-levels because of the opportunities and experiences I have had here and still get involved in multiple different musical activities made available inside and out of the school."*

Ben Lowe



*"Music at TGS is really good and enjoyable. This is because of how the lessons are taught and structured. We also have access to a lot of musical instruments and recording devices that allow us to progress with our work."*

Charlie Walder

## Extra Curricular activities in Music

### TGS Choir - Wednesdays 3:15-4pm

If you love singing, or simply want to have a go at singing, a choir is an excellent place for you to build your confidence. You do not need to have any experience, or even a 'good voice' as you will learn whilst taking part. You could develop a skill for life!

### TGS Orchestra - Tuesdays 3:15-4pm

If you play a traditional instrument, come and join our Orchestra. You can be any standard on your instrument and we will support you fully. If you are having lessons at school, we would love to see you there. Orchestral playing is the main form of traditional instrumental playing outside of school, so getting involved now will help your confidence and experience for the future.



# PRIMARY MATHS

It is that time again when approximately forty Year 5 pupils from the local primary schools spend three days at TGS doing Maths! Each day has a different focus. They have looked at number and shapes and on the last day they took part in a UKMT Primary Maths Team challenge where they faced 8 different rounds of Maths problems. Each of the three sessions they do in a day has them ably supported by pupils from TGS.

As usual the highlight for them is being able to buy a slice of pizza at break!

All the Year 5 pupils have been a credit to their primary school.

Miss T Barfield



## TWIST ON A TALE

Many thanks to all those who entered the 'Twist on a Tale' last term. This was a competition we ran within the school, but it was also a national competition run by Pearson. Entrants were to 'aim to celebrate a diverse and modern-day Britain, drawing on fairy tales, fables and regional folk stories as inspiration.' Sadly we did not win at a national level (clearly some questionable judging!), but the standard was high and I very much enjoyed reading the various modern variations on established stories as well as the original contemporary tales.

The winning three entries were Olivia Large in third place with 'Ella's Adventures of Finding Herself'; Evan Howells in second place with 'The Pied Apper'; and

in first place, Georgina Read and Amy Peploe with 'Little Red Hat Hacker'. All three were well written while cleverly building in modern references. The winning entry was especially inventive and you can read for yourself Georgina and Amy's 'Twist on a Tale'.

Mr G Edwards





# *Little Red Hat Hacker*

"In the good old days" her grandma cried, "I risked my life to give my nana some bread, but what do you do for me? NOTHIN'! You are glued to your technology, you're working on some project which you won't tell me about, kids these days... See you're even on it now!"

To Little red, all she could hear was a silent room, distracted. A little while later ALERT popped up on her screen. Her face lit up as her next assignment lay in front of her eyes. The biggest hack in history... She had a widowed mum who worked 24/7 for the government, and her grandma: together they gave her all. This developed little red to become bored quickly and have nothing to do until the life-changing advert came. No one knew, she called it her "project" which her grandma, her most frequent guardian, was easily fooled by as she'd had a troubling background, shall we say.

The "project" was a hacking company, where she was known as the red hat hacker – they try to eliminate black hat hackers- they hack people for their own evil intents. Her boss, Mr Flow, was a high-rank hacker in the government. He chose her to eliminate the biggest hacker in the world; she felt honoured to be fulfilling the quest. As usual she didn't tell her grandma I mean, why would she? Her specific orders were to NOT to take the easy route, The Wolf would catch on too easily.

Later that day she began; ready to succeed. She ignored her specific orders, she needed to finish quickly before grandma came home, I mean what could go wrong? Usain Bolt was slow compared to her. She noticed a few bugs in the system which would have been harder to deal with going the hard route. A quarter, a third, a half, three quarters, so close, the last stage: that's when it all went wrong. VIRUS popped up on her screen. Where had her work gone? What had happened? Was she going to get fired? So many questions unravelled in her brain. She felt as if trees were closing in on her, branches pulling on her hair.

She waited. Nothing. No knock. No call. Suddenly, the TV turned on. A mask with a human cowering behind it about to say a speech.

"Little Red Hacking Hood, I believe we haven't met yet, well I know you closer than you think. I know your mum, your grandma, your whole life story – but that doesn't matter to me, all that matters to me is your system. I want you to get information from the government and in return I won't hurt your grandma."

Then, a thought popped into her head, his voice was so familiar.

"You have 24 hours, I'll be waiting..." She thought about it, her boss! He sounded just like that and his name flow is wolf backwards, it all makes sense now. This wasn't going to be the sequel to her grandma's story, she had to think. She had to do it the hard route.

Typing...hacking...cracking codes. She was struggling but this was her mistake: her fault. So, this would be her task. A quarter, a third, a half, three quarters, so close the last stage, that very last bit, so close! RING RING RING! The TV lit up again, Little Red wondered what Mr Flow wanted now. As she went to sit down to greet him, she trembled: but her curiosity took the better of her. She answered:

"Hello again, what do you want this time?"

"I wanted to know if my order was done yet."

Replied Mr Flow "Its nearly done - just."

She realised, maybe she could snitch him out. She just needed to record him! Slowly, she grabbed her phone and started to record, she had to out- smart him. "-just a few things left to do... Why do you have no caller-id?"

"The better to be mysterious."

"Why are you always alone?"

"The better to not be found."

"Why are you in the forest?"

"The better to get away, no one would find me here."

Little red caught him out, she grinned and ended the call, she discovered his location is in the forest nearby! Shortly after she sent the video anonymously to the government, the morning after the news appeared "WORLD'S GREATEST HACKER CAUGHT" She'd done it, she captured The Wolf. After that, Little Red never hacked again, to this day she is unknown to the internet.

Georgina Read and Amy Peploe

# Careers Careers Careers Care

As we enter a new year, Careers as always has been very busy with more and more students visiting the Careers Hub.

Year 7, 8 and 9 students are regular visitors putting evidence of their achievements into their ROA folders in order to gain their half ribbons. It is really nice to see students so enthusiastic as they work towards collecting the half ribbon badges. Many students have already been awarded all 6 badges and proudly wear them on their blazers.

Following on from the last Enrichment Day speed networking event, Paige Leeder was awarded 2 free tickets to GO APE for her networking skills with the employers! Claire Schofield from Go Ape sent me an email to say how impressed she was with Paige's networking skills and thought she deserved a reward. Well done Paige!



Year 11 students now need to complete their Employability Tracker to put in their ROA for their Employability ribbon. Please visit the Careers Hub if you need any help with this or would like to go through your folder for your ribbons ready for Graduation (it may seem like a long time before Graduation, but time flies by very quickly!)

Year 10 students are regularly coming to request Work Experience. Students who have been on Work Experience since the last edition of the Portrait are as follows:

*Roisin O'Riordan: Tatum's Tearooms*  
*James Pomphrett: Hadleigh Leisure Centre*  
*Niamh Bailey: Ipswich Town Football Club*  
*Mia Mychailuk: Honeybee's Nursery*  
*Milly Wingate: Stephen Walters Silk Factory*  
*Alex Ward: Nethergate Brewery*  
*Phoebe Swann: Lavenham Primary School*  
*Freddie Osborn: The Swan Hotel*  
*Maisie Higgs: Sudbury Library*  
*Dane Gonzales: Hillside Special School*  
*Natasha Guy: Ardmere Vets*  
*Rachel Bull: Sunflowers Nursery*  
*Anastasia Giusca: Sudbury Health Centre*  
*Aidan Priday: Sudbury Estate Agents*  
*Reuben Rumsby: Community Wardens*  
*Ciecely Reeves: The Bridge Project*  
*Shannon Martin: Pot Kiln Primary*  
*Ella Grace Wells: Pot Kiln Primary*  
*Lillie Ford: Strawberry Teapot*

*Lottie Cooper: Evans Gifts and Interiors.*  
*Hollie Platt: New Homes Group*  
*Joshua Mallett: Community Wardens*  
*Rebekah Whiote: Mulberry Vets*  
*Robert Dormady: Stoke By Nayland Hotel and Spa*  
*Jacob Woollatt: Suffolk Constabulary*

As usual all students were a credit to themselves and Thomas Gainsborough School whilst out on their Work Experience. Well done!





# ers Careers Careers Careers



On Thursday 30th January Kim Baldwin came to TGS to hold an Employer Workshop. Kim is a sports Therapist. She works for Ipswich Town Academy, Needham Market FC and Coggelshall Town. Kim is currently studying for an MA in Football Science and Rehabilitation. She also works at a private clinic for sports injuries. We had a large number of students come and listen to Kim, especially students interested in sport.



Miss K Perkins  
Work Experience Coordinator





### *Cross Country – Woodbridge School*

The final qualifying round came soon after the festive period. This was the last chance for runners to gain selection for the county squads. A beautifully fine day and the backdrop of Woodbridge School made for near on perfect conditions for this event. A tough course, with many small inclines and a long gradual incline, was always going to test the TGS runners. 10 students qualified to run at this round, and they all came in the top 40, which is a real credit. Well done to Dylan who has qualified to represent Suffolk at the Anglian Schools cross county taking place in February!



*Leicester Tigers Trip*

14 students gathered early, in the dark, to make the long journey to Leicester for a coaching session with the Tigers' coaches, a Q&A with some players, finishing with watching the Tigers take on Cardiff Blues. The students were very grateful when we arrived at the coaching centre, so they could finally stretch their legs and prepare themselves for the coaching session. Students prepared their questions ready to meet to the Tigers' players, and asked some interesting questions, relating to the beginning of their career, and who is the best player they have played against. The blustery conditions, and light drizzle of rain didn't make handling the rugby ball easy, however all students gave 100% for the full one hour and a half session. Students had a quick shower and change and off to Welford Road to cheer on the Tigers, even though some still donned their

Saracens' bobble hats! A fantastic game entertained our students with Leicester running out winners. The students were a pleasure to take and represented the school very well.



*Sportshall Indoor Athletics  
U13*

A 16 team of 8 boys and 8 girls represented TGS at the Western Area finals, held at Newmarket Academy. Some students were representing TGS for the first time. Students arrived all in good time, to practise and warm up, sizing up the opposition, some of whom they knew.

All students performed extremely well and gave their all in the events. Stand out performers were Thomas Whiting, Jack Bentley, Mya Green and Naomi Clarke. It is always difficult to gauge who is winning at indoor athletics as so many activities are taking place at once, but TGS seemed to be coming in the top 2 in every event on the track. We were quietly confident. As the results started to be ended we were left wondering what had happened in the field events. The results came in: the girls team finished 4th out of 8, and with mainly Year 7 students, in an u13 event a fantastic



achievement, bodes well for next year. The boys finished 1st, by 4 points from Westley. Again an excellent achievement as many were from Year 7. A great competition, and all pupils represented TGS very well. Good luck to the boys team who will be representing the area at the County Championship, Friday 7th February 2020!



**U15**

Selecting the team for this u15 team was difficult; the Year 9 team last year were strong as were the Year 8 team. We managed to narrow the selection process to 8 boys and 7 girls, so we went with high hopes. The obstacle relay was first. Both teams won their races comfortably and this set the scene for the rest of the track for both boys' and girls' teams, winning nearly all of the races. Both the boys' and the girls' must have held their own as both teams qualified for the county final in 1st position. A great afternoon of athletics and some stand out performances from Sam Allen, Lleyton Chubb, Tilly Motts, Lily Ford and Maggie Paborca, who won the shot put competition convincingly! We now have 3 teams in the county final on the 7th February at Newmarket Academy. Good luck to all teams!



## **Football**

### **U12 TGS v Copleston**

On a bright but blustery day TGS Year 7 welcomed Coplestonians in the next round of the County cup. After a hard fought victory away at Stowupland in the previous round we knew it was not going to be easy on a very heavy pitch against a school that always produces good footballing sides.

The first half kicked off with neither team making any headway in the first 15 minutes when all of a sudden TGS sprang to life with Kian Chubb. Running riot down the right wing, he produced three excellent chances for Noah and Luke of which two hit the post and one drifted wide of the far upright. At the other end we had Tom Mayle's fingertips to thank for keeping the game level with a superb tip over the bar.

#### **HT TGS 0 Coplestonians 0**

With a change in personnel and a tinkering with placements, TGS started the second half on the front foot and deservedly took the lead when Kian cut in from the left to bend his shot into the far top corner. This sparked a reaction from Cops and, for ten minutes, the pressure was relentless with both Callum Arnold and Jack Bentley putting in last gasp tackles to keep the advantage. Football always throws up the unpredictable, and with TGS missing two or three good chances and having a stonewall penalty turned down for a push, Cops broke quickly. After a last gasp tackle in the six yard box the ball was struck by the Cops player only to hit the player still on the floor on the elbow from a yard out to which the referee deemed a penalty. Cops duly netted the resulting penalty taking the tie into extra time.

#### **FT TGS 1 Coplestonians 1**

The first half of extra time passed with no drama but TGS stepped up a gear after a quick change around and with Kian again running riot down the right firstly Ted, then Noah and an own goal gave us a 4-1 victory.

I have to say that the boys' mental focus and determination after conceding such a late penalty was first rate and we now look forward to the quarter final with Chantry with anticipation.

### **U18 TGS v Great Finborough**

On a bright but blustery day, the U18s went to Finborough in the Suffolk county cup quarter final

against a strong team that had knocked out Woodbridge in the previous round. Kicking downhill and with the win in the first half it didn't take long for TGS to take advantage when an inswinging corner from Khan drifted in at the far top corner to put us one up. We then came under increasing pressure as the home side looked for an equaliser but the back three of Baldwin, Coy and Judd held firm, ably backed by Norris in goal. Gradually the midfield of Khan, Pether and Judge started to dominate their opponents with chances coming for Fothergill and Meekings before Pether found the top corner from 30 yards.

#### ***HT TGS 2- Finborough 0***

The second half started with Finborough on top with the wind at their backs but with all their possession failed to test Norris in goal. The game swung in the 71st minute when a free kick wasn't dealt with by the TGS defence and the lively Tito slotted in at the far post to leave the game balanced going into the final twenty. With the opposition tiring and running out of ideas TGS suddenly grabbed back the initiative and kept Finborough pinned back in their own half, and after a good move involving Pether, Khan and Fothergill the ball broke to Whittle whose pin point cross was turned in by Meekings. It was all TGS now with further chances for Fothergill, Khan, Williams and Webber making a return to his former school all going begging.

#### ***FT TGS 3 -Finborough 1***

We look forward to welcoming either Sir John Lehmen or St Joseph's in the semi-final.

TGS Team: Josh Norris, Max Williams, Kieran Judd, Charlie Coy, George Baldwin, Ty Williams, Haaris Khan, Archie Pether, Dylan Fothergill, Dan Meekings, Rueben Deveraux, Ed Whittle and Sam Webber.

### ***Basketball***

#### ***Year 7***

This half term the Year 7 basketball team have played four matches. Our first on Wednesday 15th January was

a home game to King Edwards. This was the first time we had played as a team. They were a tough team and we lost 4-16. Our next match was on Monday 27th against Thurston. Again we played at home. It was Thurston's first match as a team and so they were less confident. We felt stronger as a team and won 28-10. We had another match on Wednesday 29th. This time we were away to Samuel Ward. They were a strong team, but we were a match for them. We created chances and scored baskets, so the final score was 14-14. Thursday 30th was our next match. Again we played away, this time to Westley. They are a very organised team and showed lots of skill and ended up beating us 39-19.



***U12 Girls Basketball v Samuel Ward Academy***

The Year 7 girls had their first basketball match of the year away against Samuel Ward.

At the start of the game, the girls seemed a little nervous and as a result made a few mistakes which meant we were down by 6 points at the end of the first quarter. After a quick team talk, the girls had a really positive quarter, and so we went into the second half only trailing by 2 points. The third quarter saw TGS really take control of the match and by the end of the third we were leading by 6 points. A shaky start to the final quarter meant we relied on some very important baskets scored by Mya Green and we managed to come away with the win: final score Samuel Ward 22 - 26 TGS. The girls worked incredibly hard and had fantastic teamwork and a positive attitude. Stand out performances came from Mya Green and Chantelle Portosa, but as a whole the team were really brilliant. Well done girls! The next game sees us take



on Thurston at TGS on 10th February.



### *Sports Leaders*

The Thomas Gainsborough Sport Leaders have been a source of great support for the many events that the Sports Games Organiser has held for primary schools in South West Suffolk so far this academic year.

26 sport leaders from Years 9 and 10 have supported nine primary events and also had the opportunity to attend a day of coaching experience with community and club coaches, highlighting key skills for officiating at primary events that will be coming up. This equates to 45 volunteering opportunities, so far and plenty more to come before the end of the summer term.

The next generation of leaders have recently started their training on Wednesdays after school with an amazing 37 Year 8 students starting their journey.

At all the events that our students have supported their behaviour has been exemplary. I have received comments from schools about how well they have represented the school and themselves; Thomas Gainsborough School is proud of you all.

## *Badminton*

### *U16 Girls Badminton County Finals*

On January 31st, the U16 girls' badminton team travelled to Inspire Suffolk in Ipswich to participate in the County finals. They were up against five other schools: Kings Edwards, Alde Valley, Felixstowe, Sir John Leman and Holbrook. TGS played 5 rounds in total, each round consisting of 2 singles games and 3 doubles games, winning their first, second and third rounds. They faced hard competition in the last rounds, and were beaten after some very close matches. TGS came third overall, winning a well deserved bronze medal each. Thanks to Ms Dalton for transporting and supporting us and Mr Myhill for organising. A big well done to: Evie Prager, Niamh Bailey, Megan Turner and Celeste Barthropp!



## *Futsal*

### *U15 Girls Futsal*

A very strong squad of 7 girls travelled to Stowmarket High School to take part in the area futsal finals. County Upper were the first opponents for TGS and with some hard tackling and fine finishing from Paige Gardiner,

we nullified County Upper at the back with some brave defending from Maddie Gardiner in goal, Jess Egan and Zoe Deacon in defence.

### *TGS 4 – 1 County Upper.*

Our second and final game was going to be a more difficult game, due to friendship between the players, but also we were fatigued. We battled in all areas, and after 2 injuries to Millie and Jess, we were really struggling playing two games back to back. Stowmarket pushed and were kept at bay for long periods due to the heroics of Maddie in goal. Unfortunately, Stowmarket scored the 2 goals they needed to take the win, and stopped us scoring.

### *FS TGS 0 – Stowmarket 2.*

This left the table with all three teams on the same points and same goal difference. County Upper qualified as winners, due to goals scored, which left us and Stowmarket to have a penalty shootout, winner qualifies. TGS went first, scored a powerful penalty from Jess. Stowmarket scored: 1-1. Paige stepped up for TGS: scored another powerful penalty, 2-1. Step up the hero: Maddie Gardiner saving 2 penalties and lovely placement penalties from Zoe and Jess gave TGS the win and qualification to the county finals.

Well done!





# AMSTERDAM VISIT

**Y**ear 13 students are looking forward to their imminent day trip to Amsterdam, on the next Enrichment Day 11th February. We will be wrapping up warm and preparing ourselves for a long day of cultural experiences and walking!

Photographs to follow in the next edition!

Mrs L King

## SUFFOLK CRICKET SUCCESS

**I**n Summer 2019, I was scouted by the U17s head coach; he invited me to play a few games and represent the county. He obviously loved what he saw in the games which I played for Suffolk that season, so he invited me to trial for the U18s, the year above my age group. Following this I went to the trials and they went really well. I was elated at the way I performed and I gave the trials my all. Following the trial a couple of weeks later I was selected out of the top 30 players in Suffolk to be in the final 14 which make up the whole winter training squad. Currently we are in the 6th week of training and it is going well. I just need to keep up my work ethic and carry on performing to make it into the summer squad and hopefully they will put me forwards for an England trial!

Alex Quin





# UNIVERSITY APPLICATIONS

**T**GS Sixth Form students submitted their applications to university before the Christmas holiday. For some of our students the application process has involved written assessments, submission of portfolios of their work, and interviews. Even more than previous years, this year has seen students receiving reduced offers from universities in recognition of their part in the EPQ Programme. Students have attended open days all round the country, travelling to universities both near and far to gain an understanding of the courses on offer and what student life would involve. Almost half of our students have now received all of their offers back from the universities they applied to and, for them, the next step is choosing their 'firm' and 'insurance' choices of university.

To help with this decision, students have been attending Applicant Days at universities enabling them to meet lecturers, gain a detailed understanding of the course, and get to know the place they may be spending their next three years at. Every student that applied has received offers, including from Cambridge University and the Russell Group of research-led universities, and a wide array of universities with outstanding records for teaching excellence and student satisfaction.

There is a real sense of anticipation and excitement amongst students as they lay the ground for their next adventure after Sixth Form.

Dr C Talbot

## APPLICATIONS TO SIXTH FORM

**W**e are delighted to report that we have received 140 applications for Sixth Form next year. This includes applications from 35 students who currently study at 10 different schools. With only 8 students left to interview we have 99 students telling us we are their first choice. We look forward to welcoming all students to our taster day on Wednesday 24th June.

Mrs L King

# ED SHEERAN MADE IN SUFFOLK EXHIBITION WITH MARK SURRIDGE

**M**yself and Nadja Bearn were privileged to be chosen for the Ed Sheeran Made In Suffolk Exhibition with Mark Surridge: Ed's most trusted photographer whom he has known for over 10 years. We met at Christchurch Mansion where 18 of us from schools around the country were given an introduction to the exhibition by the museum manager. Mark Surridge then talked us through his inspiration for his photos and what elements he considers when taking a photo.

After this we explored every inch of the mansion for the best lighting and place to take a photo, followed around by Mark who was giving advice.

We then made our way to the University of Suffolk where we had a tour of the photography and arts building by one of the photography lecturers, and made our way to the Mac suite where we edited the photos taken at the mansion using photoshop. We had help from current students and Mark when editing our photos.

Overall it was a fantastic day and an awesome opportunity to expand our views in photography.

Jemma Sargeant







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Monday 6 January - Friday 3 April 2020

Half term: Monday 17 February - Friday 21 February 2020

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Monday 20 April - Monday 20 July 2020

Half term: Monday 25 May - Friday 29 May 2020

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