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SCHOOL

Excellence: for each, for all

RESPECT RESILIENCE HONESTY POSITIVITY HAPPINESS CONFIDENCE

We hope you enjoy reading about all the achievements this half term and seeing some lovely moments captured on camera.
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- Monday 10th January - Sixth Form Production
- Tuesday 11th January - Sixth Form Production
- Wednesday 12th January - Academic Review Day
- Friday 14th January - Deadline for Y10 Options
- Wednesday 2nd February - Year 10 Parents Forum
- Thursday 3rd February - PSHE Day
- Monday 14th February - Production Dress Rehearsal
- Tuesday 15th February - School Production
- Wednesday 16th February - School Production
- Thursday 17th February - School Production
- Friday 18th February - School Production
- Monday 21st February - Half Term
- Monday 28th February - Back to school
- Monday 7th March - Year 10 Mock exams all week
- Monday 14th March - Year 10 Mock exams all week
- Thursday 17th March - Theatre Trip
- Thursday 31st March - Progress Checks Published
- Wednesday 6th April - Academic Review Day
- Friday 8th April - Last Day of Term



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Change will not
come if we wait for
some other person or
some other time.
We are the ones we've
been waiting for.
We are the change
that we seek.

Barack Obama

2021 has been a year filled with challenges for us all but it has also been a year of immense pride. A year when the TGS community has been at its best – resilient, hard – working, enthusiastic, supportive, determined and happy. Those things can be seen in abundance in this edition of the Portrait. Our community has achieved so much during this term alone and it is right that we celebrate and acknowledge this.

We cannot possibly record everything in this edition but I can say thank you to all the students and staff who have helped make this such a successful term both in the teaching and learning that has taken place and all the many other things that make our school so special.

Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and a safe and peaceful New Year.

Mrs Yapp (December 2021)

Mr Appleford Deputy Headteacher

1. How long have you worked at TGS?

I joined the school this year, in September 2021. What a wonderful school it is with amazing staff and students.

2. How long have you taught and what roles have you had previously?

I have been teaching for nearly 20 years, originally training as a PE teacher. I quickly became a Head of year and Head of PE in Suffolk at a middle school. I moved to a large West Suffolk Secondary School as Head of PE and within two years became an Assistant Headteacher. I moved to experience leadership within a second school as an Assistant Headteacher prior to joining TGS as Deputy Headteacher.

3. Why did you choose this career path?

Teaching and coaching were careers I had always thought about during my time at school. Following completing my sports science degree, I decided to become a PE teacher.

4. What is your greatest achievement to date?

In life = my family and children, in education = seeing so many students reach their goals and in sport = completing my UEFA A' Licence course, coaching many professional players and supporting the FA through work I have completed for them.

5. What would you like to achieve in the future?

Continued happiness and completing my Headteachers qualification.

6. Who or what inspires you?

My children, seeing them grow and develop every day keeps me working hard for them.

7. What is your favourite day of the week and why?

Saturday, the day when I get to see West Ham win (well this year anyway)

8. What advice would you give your 11 year old self?

Work harder and not be lazy on the football pitch

9. Who would be your three ideal dinner guests and why?

Paolo Di Canio (my all-time favourite footballer and someone with a very erratic personality so would make it interesting), The Queen (to talk about her life achievements and the good deeds she has supported across the world) and Bobby Moore (to hear the stories on how England won the World Cup)

10. What would you like for Christmas?

Covid to disappear and children around the world to be safe and well.

On a personal level, a trip to Las Vegas to see the Golden Knights play Ice Hockey again or to Florida to see the Tampa Bay Buccaneers play again would be nice (I hope the wife reads this)



EVENTS

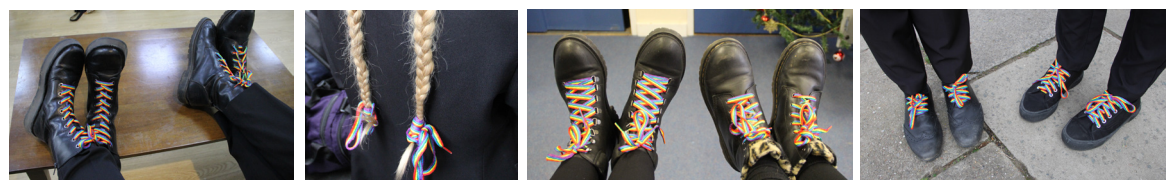
EVENTS

ONE KIND WORD - ODD SOCK DAY

National Anti-bullying Week for 2021 took place from Monday 15th to Friday 19th November. Throughout this week our Theme of the Fortnight and assemblies followed their focus of One Kind Word. Kindness is more important today than it has ever been. The isolation of the last year has underlined how little acts of consideration can break down barriers and brighten the lives of people around us. This is one of the reasons this theme was chosen. The start of this week students at TGS took part in Odd Sock Day - a great way to celebrate what makes us all unique.



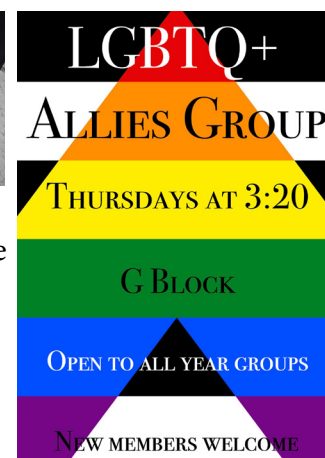
RAINBOW LACES DAY RAISES £407 FOR HIV CHARITIES



LGBTQ+ AND ALLIES GROUP started in September meeting on a weekly basis to allow students a safe space where they could meet, chat and support one another. It soon became clear that we had a lot of plans and ideas to raise awareness around the school. Since forming we have had students running discussions with staff about the use of pronouns, our first rainbow laces day and have taken over the diversity board in school with a focus on LGBTQ+ sports stars.

The money raised will support Stonewall and The Terence Higgins Trust. So what next?

Our plans for next year include looking at the type of reading books the library has on offer to support and raise awareness of LGBTQ+ issues for all ages and to run the first TGS Pride week.



RAINBOW CAKE COMPETITION

1st Place
Siena Ricci

2nd Place
Matthew Dix

3rd Place
Tabitha Meechan

NON UNIFORM DAY FOR 999 CENOTAPH

So many students embraced the red, orange, blue and green theme for this non uniform day. A whopping £1216 was collected and will be donated to the 999 Cenotaph campaign.



PSHE DAYS

We are continuing to build on our fantastic PSHE programme, hosting a whole school PSHE day each term and an additional KS3 PSHE day too. Topics cover 3 broad areas: Living in the Wider World, Healthy Lifestyles and Sex & Relationship Education.

So far we have covered the following topics:

Year 7:

The World of Work
The TGS Way & Diversity
Well-being
Positive Relationships
Finance
Skills & Qualities



Year 8:

Families
Mental Well-being
The TGS Way & Diversity
Financial Risk
Puberty
Drugs & Alcohol

Year 9:

Mental Health & Well-being
Intimate & Sexual Relationships
The TGS Way & Diversity
Drugs & Alcohol
STIs & Contraception
Employability & Stereotypes

Year 10:

Skills & Qualities - Morrisby
Online
Drugs & Alcohol
Mental Health & Well-being

Year 11:

Intimate & Sexual Relationships
Mental Health & Well-being
Drugs & Alcohol

We look forward to expanding our knowledge on more topics next term

TGS RECEIVES PLATINUM AWARD FOR YOUNG CARERS

Since our relationship with Suffolk Family Carers began, we have worked hard to identify and support members of our school community with a direct caring responsibility, or who are affected by the needs of someone they live with. We now have two members of our learning support team who lead on direct work with students, and we work closely with Sheree Driver, who is our young carers worker. Working through the 4 award stages has enabled us to reflect on our practice, modify where necessary and implement new strategies to ensure that we meet a broad range of needs. As a school, we take a holistic approach to assessing and meeting needs, this personalised approach allows me and the team to identify and remove barriers to learning to ensure every young person can realise their potential.

Our Christmas lunch was an opportunity to celebrate our young carer community and the contribution they make, our students value time with peers who understand some of the challenges they face, and staff who understand the impact this may have. In addition to this, we run a regular weekly drop in at lunch time on Mondays and Sheree also visits school on a regular basis, her work continues throughout the holidays, and virtually where necessary.

I am extremely proud of the work we do and receiving the Platinum award has been an excellent achievement. I look forward to many more years of working with Suffolk Family Carers and our community of amazing young people!

If anyone would like to discuss any element of being a young carer they can email us;
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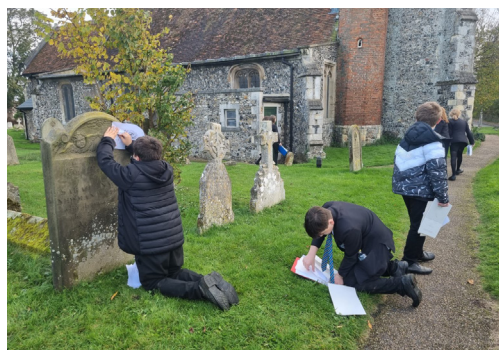
YEAR 8 STUDENTS VISIT TO ST ANDREW'S CHURCH FOR THEIR ARTS AWARD

Year 8 have been busy this year completing artwork in and out of their lessons towards their Bronze Arts Award; this is awarded by the Crafts Council England and is a nationally recognised qualification in the arts. Over the summer they started their work towards this award by completing 'Part B', where they visit an art gallery or museum and write about their experience to then share with their peers back in the classroom. The quality of work we received was amazing, with some wonderfully creative and thoughtful projects created.

The Arts 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 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.

Lead by one of our chaplains Ian, the students learn a little bit of history about the church before recording on location in various artforms using photography, drawing and frottage. The work completed is then brought back to the classroom environment and used within their lessons.

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.



'I thought the atmosphere inside the church was special. It was serene and it gave me a sense of timelessness as though all the decorations and art would be preserved for eternity.'

Henry Maylin, year 8

'It was really fun to draw with my friends and classmates and learn about art and architecture! I read some of the tombstones, and it was interesting to see some that dated back decades ago. It made me consider the history of the Church, and how detailed it was! I enjoyed going there and it was a really fun and enjoyable lesson out!'

Bronwyn Petty, year 8

'We missed out on doing field trips in Year 7 because of Covid and so it was great to get out of the classroom and into the local area for our art lesson. I enjoyed being able to draw an actual church rather than just copying from printed pictures.'

Matthew Dix, year 8

'I really enjoyed it, it was nice to get out of the classroom and do something a bit different.'

Lyra James, year 8

YEAR 7 GO TO THE PANTO

Our unit of work this term in Drama was pantomime so this was a wonderful opportunity for our drama students to experience a pantomime first hand.

Students travelled by coach to the Mercury Theatre, in Colchester to watch a performance of Aladdin on Thursday 2nd December 2021.

Students were impeccably behaved and thoroughly enjoyed the trip!



SIXTH FORM GO FORAGING

On Thursday 2nd December Y12 and 13 Food and Nutrition students were lucky enough to go to Restaurant Forage Kitchen at Blackthorpe near Bury St Edmunds. It was a very wet day; we were all glad to have wellies or walking boots. Our Guide took us out for an hour and a half into the woods to forage. We tried nettle, yarrow and sorrel leaves. He showed us how to pick and use the leaves. Though it was late in the year to find fungi, we did find some edible fungi. By this time the snow was coming down hard, so we returned to the kitchen. Chef cooked the wood blewitt which he dry fried then added some butter to the pan to give the fungi extra flavour, it was delicious very smooth and buttery. We spent some time grouping and identifying the other fungi which was very interesting. We all enjoyed the experience and are keen to use our knowledge to develop dishes back at School. A big thank you to the staff at Forage kitchen and Ian Copeland our driver.



PINNOCHIO DANCE TRIP Our dancers got the opportunity to visit Dance East to watch a performance of Pinocchio by the Jasmin Vardimon Company. It showcased a uniquely theatrical choreographic and directorial style which clearly inspired our dancers.



One good deed can change everything

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CHAMBERLAIN
FUTURE VISION



HOUGHTON
FREEDOM 4 GIRLS



PEYTON
THE RED CROSS



British
RedCross

TOLLEMACHE
RE-CYCLE



2021/22

I would like to start by saying a massive thank you to everyone involved in Tollemache. The students and form tutors have really got involved in everything TGS has had to offer since returning in September.

The Green Army has made massive strides in all house competitions with Alex Sazbo leading the way winning both the biology and house motto competition.



Grace Hiskett got involved in the Christmas card competition finishing second while also making the top 5 of the Mayors picks.



One of our house members was part of the Remembrance Day service in both Melford and Sudbury town centre where she was part of a parade. In Melford where she had the role of standard bearer, holding the most senior rank of Acting Lance Corporal. The standard is a flag based primarily of her regimental colours which links to the Royal Artillery. She was then part of a second parade in Sudbury and was chosen to recite the last sentence of the Kohima Epitaph in front of the watching crowd. She was able to do this with a Brigadier which is the highest achievable rank within the British Army and instilled more confidence for her to complete the reading successfully.

It was brilliant to see us come together as a house to support anti bullying week with so many of you wearing odd socks. There were some bright and wonderful patterns on display supporting a great cause. #saynotobullying

Positivity and hard work seem to be at the centre of everything the students have been doing in Tollemache, with some students achieving amazing amounts of merits for their hard work and dedication.

- Year 7 – Eadlin Wood – JPA – 152
- Year 8 – Inga Rickards – JAM – 145
- Year 9 – Naomi Clarke – FRA – 146
- Year 10 – Constance Buckingham – FRA – 139
- Year 11 – Carys and Sasha Preece – JPA – 120

CYCLE
TO
RECYCLE

DECEMBER
6th - 17th

Sponsor your
teachers to help
them cycle 30 hours
in 10 days!

Re-cycle is the charity that the Green Army are supporting this year and I am happy to promote our first big event. 'Cycle for Re-cycle' which involves all of the tutors in our house trying to cycle for a combined time of 30 hours over ten days from the 6th December. It has been great to see so many of you supporting your tutors already with some of them already over £100! Keep supporting and sponsoring tutors to help support this amazing cause. Please keep up this amazing start and continue to WORK HARD, GET INVOLVED and BE PROUD.

Happy Christmas everyone!



TOLLEMACHE

*"I trust and am
contented"*

Trust the verb means;
To hope and expect something is true.
To have confidence in something or believe in someone.
The adjective contented means;
A feeling of expressing happiness or satisfaction.

Examples of how students in Tollemache House will conduct themselves are:

- Having complete trust in your parents/guardians and teachers and listening carefully to their guidance.
- Having faith in your friendships and building relationships based on solid trust.
- Learning to equip yourself with the skills you need so you can live your life contented.

Poppy Savage was very creative with the pumpkin magic competition, she made a pumpkin pie; she then cooked the seeds and then used the pumpkin itself to grow some herbs. Poppy made it so there was no waste from her pumpkin, very eco conscientious.





CHAMBERLAIN

“To do good, rather than be conspicuous”

Be proud to go above and beyond what is expected of you. Be recognised by your hard work and talent, avoiding negative attention.

Examples:

- Winning House competitions as opposed to merely entering them.
- Consistently meeting the expectations of the school and achieving merits.
- Participating in charity events, Open Evenings etc all whilst displaying impeccable manners.
- Not being afraid to collect awards on the stage.

Our year 7's, who do not feel so new now, have settled in well to Thomas Gainsborough School life, and our year 9's are just beginning their journey in selecting their GCSE options, which I hope form many a conversation over your upcoming holiday. One piece of advice that I would like to offer is ensure you have chosen the subjects you enjoy! I understand the temptation to select a subject because friends are, however your next two years of education will hinge on your decisions, so please ensure you pick what is right for you. Year 11 have represented themselves fantastically as they have undergone their first set of official GCSE mock exams of the year, and I know I speak on behalf of the leadership team when I say how proud we are of you all. We recognise your hard work and I am sure this will be reflected in your results.

As I type this, I have just received the amazing news that we have won the KS3 Interhouse Quiz....Again! The team of: Alex Palmer (MGI), Matthew Dix (EJU), Keavy Power (KSE) and William Wright (KSE) were victorious, so a huge well done and thank you for representing our House. And this just tops off a list of successes we have accomplished this term!

TGS were honoured to be able to offer a competition in which students were given a chance to design this year's Christmas card for the Mayor of Sudbury. The 5 finalists (4 of which belonged to Chamberlain) were: Honey Kavanagh (KYO), Matthew Dix (EJU), Isabelle Davie (KSE) and Lily Hollinsworth (EJU). Matthew Dix was crowned winner, and as part of the reward was able to see his design go to print, which I know he was extremely excited about (even if you did have to miss my science lesson.) Well done Matthew. Inspired by the Bake Off, we all baked madly in the bid to win the Children In Need Cake of 2021. I am over the moon to say that Alex Lomax (EJU) was successful in this competition. Another win for Chamberlain, well done Alex! Katy Wainwright (OHA) entered an extremely high-standard written piece for the House Motto competition which saw us earn a great 2nd place, hopefully ensuring we retain the Chelsworth Cup at the end of this term. Thank you for getting involved Katy.



At this moment in time, I do not know which House will be awarded the Chelsworth Cup, however what I do know is that we have represented ourselves with pride. In the New Year, we will focus on undertaking charity events to ensure we retain the Charity Cup at the end of the year, so watch this space for more details. Well, I wouldn't be me if I wasn't being competitive!

Thanks once more for all that you contribute towards Chamberlain House. Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a super successful New Year. Miss Alston

A busy few weeks for the students of Peyton House have seen us run our 'Guess the number of sweets in the jar' charity event for the British Red Cross and prepare for our annual Christmas Fayre.

The Peyton Committee staffed the 'Guess the number of sweets in the jar' event all week and raised a very respectable £28.20. Huge thanks go to Tiernan, George, Jasmin B, Oriel, Jas H, Kaden, Rachel, Matthew, Grace, Siena, George, Sarah and Hannah for all their help and enthusiasm setting up and staffing the event.

The same committee members have been busy preparing for this year's Christmas Fayre. This annual event was originally a Peyton event that has now grown to be a whole school fundraiser. Peyton has lots planned including; A Crossbar Challenge; Sweet bags (supported by 'Dinky Treats'); Pinpoint the Grotto, Snowman Soup and Guess the weight of the Christmas Cake. Again, huge thanks have to go to all my committee members but a special thank you needs to go to 'Team Wren' (Rachel, Hannah and Mum!) who have been instrumental in supplying the sweets and baking the cake for two of our stalls. I am sure the event will have been a huge success by the time you read this.

We have had some real achievements by Peyton students recently too, demonstrating the values we try to instill in our community here at TGS. John Magowan has successfully completed his Chief Scout Gold Award (Positivity); Arley Foat and Siena Ricci have been hugely praised for helping members of the public (Respect); Alfie Lax has been selected for the British Riding Club Winter Championships (Happiness); Matthew Bowes has helped a lady whose bus didn't turn up (Kindness); and Josh Cates has completed a 30 mile bike ride for charity (Kindness). A huge well done to you all, keep it up!

Have a great Christmas break and I wish you and your family a Happy New Year.

Mr Ponsford




PEYTON

“We persevere, we enjoy”

- We never give up and we enjoy the pursuit of excellence.
- We expect our students to keep trying, even when things get difficult to overcome challenges by never giving up and to keep a smile on your face, even when things are tough.
- We know things won't always go the way we want them to but we will always work hard and enjoy the challenges we face.



Peyton Quiz Team



ABBAS

*“Neither rashly
nor timidly”*

Means we should not rush into an action without pausing to consider the consequences but we must also act boldly in a subtle yet recognised way. As members of Abbas House, we always strive to guide and support our peers around us in a positive and encouraging manner.

Examples of how students in Abbas House will strive to conduct themselves are:

- Standing up for your principles and beliefs in an informed and calm manner
- Being a good friend and citizen
- Getting involved in both school life (competitions, charity work etc) and the wider community
- Have the conviction of character to make your own choices and decisions
- Treating others as you wish to be treated-with kindness and respect.

Dear Abbas House,

We are approaching my favourite time of the year by far- Christmas! The nights are drawing in, the autumn leaves are being replaced by a frosty nip in the air. A true sign that winter is here. Make sure that you take every opportunity to enjoy this season for all of the magical and wonderful things that it brings such as: time with loved ones, hot chocolates with marshmallows, nights spent by the roaring fire, wrapping presents and seeing the joy on somebody’s face when they receive your gift and most importantly putting the decorations on the Christmas tree.

This is one of my favourite things to do. Staying on the theme of Christmas decorations and trees, please make sure that you enter the

competitions. What a busy term it has been so far. It has been so wonderful to see you all getting involved with the numerous competitions and events that have been promoted across the school. I have really enjoyed coming round to your tutor groups seeing fantastic contributions being made. We have a real variety of competitions running at the moment. Here are a few of our Abbas entries from the last half term:



The Values for this half term have been superb and incredibly varied. We have had value winners for the school value of ‘Positivity’. This was for baking cakes with younger sibling for charity and re-investing a loan from sibling’s school (£1) to get resources in order to make more cakes. (SSt)

We have had a value winners for the school value of ‘Happiness’. (CSp) This was for making an amazing cake and finally we have had another value that demonstrates ‘positivity’ from CSP. This was for forming part of a cadet team and selling poppies together across the Needham Market area. Seeing and hearing all of these Values nominations makes me incredibly proud to be Head of Abbas House.

Finally, this brings me to the charity event that Abbas House ran during the latter part of this half term- ‘Dedicated December.’ This event helped to support our house charity-SESAW. This charity has been working tirelessly to support and rehome animals for the last 25 years. ‘Dedicated December’ will involve giving up a luxury for a week. Can you give up netflix or chocolate or something that you rely on? This was a sponsored event.

So, to round up this term, make sure that you continue to get involved, work hard and be proud. Enjoy the coming weeks with a smile on your face, be kind and continue to be the students that I know that you are.


Mrs Wells

It’s the most wonderful time of the year...

Dear Houghton House,

The lead up to Christmas often feels like a marathon. The shops start with their decorations in October half term and then there are weeks of preparation, presents to buy, food to order, letters to write. The preparations in school seems just as busy. The mock exams, end of unit assessments, house competitions, Christmas Fayre, Christmas concert, Christmas jumpers...

I often find that by the time the end of the term arrives, I am exhausted and ready for the rest which can be difficult to find when it is such a busy holiday too but it is important we are able to rest, recharge and prepare for the new term and new year in January. We have had a long term, with so much packed in and therefore spending some time over the holidays to switch off and enjoy the things we might not have time to do during the term time is a welcome change.



Houghton House have been showing their dedication and commitment with lots of work to enter the many competitions this term. We celebrated the success of many students in the House through recognition of their ribbons and values certificates. There have been lots of nominations from tutors each week recognising the hard work from the Houghton students showing their TGS values - kindness in the community when returning a purse to someone, supporting the community and representing organisations in the Remembrance parade, completing a range of qualifications from sailing to karate, competing in and winning dance competitions and mastering a ‘giants’ swing in gymnastics.

In school, a particular mention to Jessica Vernon whose entry for the House Motto competition came 1st in Houghton House. The overall results for the school will be revealed in the end of term assembly. We have also had the Year 7 & 8 House quiz team consisting of Jake Johnson-Batih, Jessica Vernon, Scott Carr and Caz Riceman, did an excellent job showing their general knowledge and only narrowly missed out winning the competition. Well done and thank you!



Thanks to the House committee and Ruth McGrath Wells in particular for their work in raising money for the House Charity, Freedom 4 all, through the Halloween Raffle.

I am looking forward to hearing more about your successes in the end term assembly and hope we are able to decorate the Chelsworth Cup with some fetching purple ribbons!

Have a wonderful relaxing, restful and safe Christmas holiday and ready to start our Spring term in January feeling refreshed!

Happy Christmas!

Mrs Gilligan



HEAD *Boy & Girl*

DEPUTY HEAD *Girl & Boy*

A poem written to remind us all that we are all different and we all deserve respect & understanding.



Charles Wilson



Evie Prager



Katy Branch



Sam Clayton

I wish we learned more about neurodivergencies
Instead of British values for the 6th time
Be kind, be happy, be loyal
But people don't understand me
They don't even know what neurodivergent means
And the misconceptions drown out the truth

"See the world differently"
I never understood that
I see the same as you
I process it differently

Take for example a small break in conversation
Maybe for a breath
a long thought
Or the conversation has finished
I can't tell between
But I need to talk to him
Count to three
1
2
3
Breath in
Start spe-
"Why are you staring at me?"

People ask me questions
Make assumptions
They don't realise that its mostly internal
And I can't describe it in a way that they can understand
The same questions from the same people
On repeat, like a broken record
Because we don't learn about it
Taken over by wellbeing

"You used to be able to read it before"
I know, It's gotten worse
I've been struggling, and I need help
I lower a mask, only slightly
And I am refused
It is ironic really
I was so convincing
Like the boy who cried wolf

And then, when I give them an answer
They disagree with me
Like they know more about me than I do
Even when Its physical, noticeable
Because they don't know, they haven't been taught
Overshadowed by "more important" subjects

"What, you can't do this kind of movement?"
No, never have been
These drills are the worst
"I don't believe you"
"You're not trying hard enough"
I put so much effort in
All for nothing

All for nothing
I might as well give up

I wanted to understand myself better
I wanted to know where to start
I taught myself, I learnt more
All I ask is for you to just understand
I don't need to be treated like I'm special
I just need people to be aware
And understand.

Amelia Barker



HOUSE *Captains*

ABBAS



Abigail Booth & Will Parsons

CHAMBERLAIN



Maisie Young & Kai Thomas



HOUGHTON



Shania Warren & Noah Rose

PEYTON



Oriel Hopkins & Kaden Bailey

TOLLEMACHE

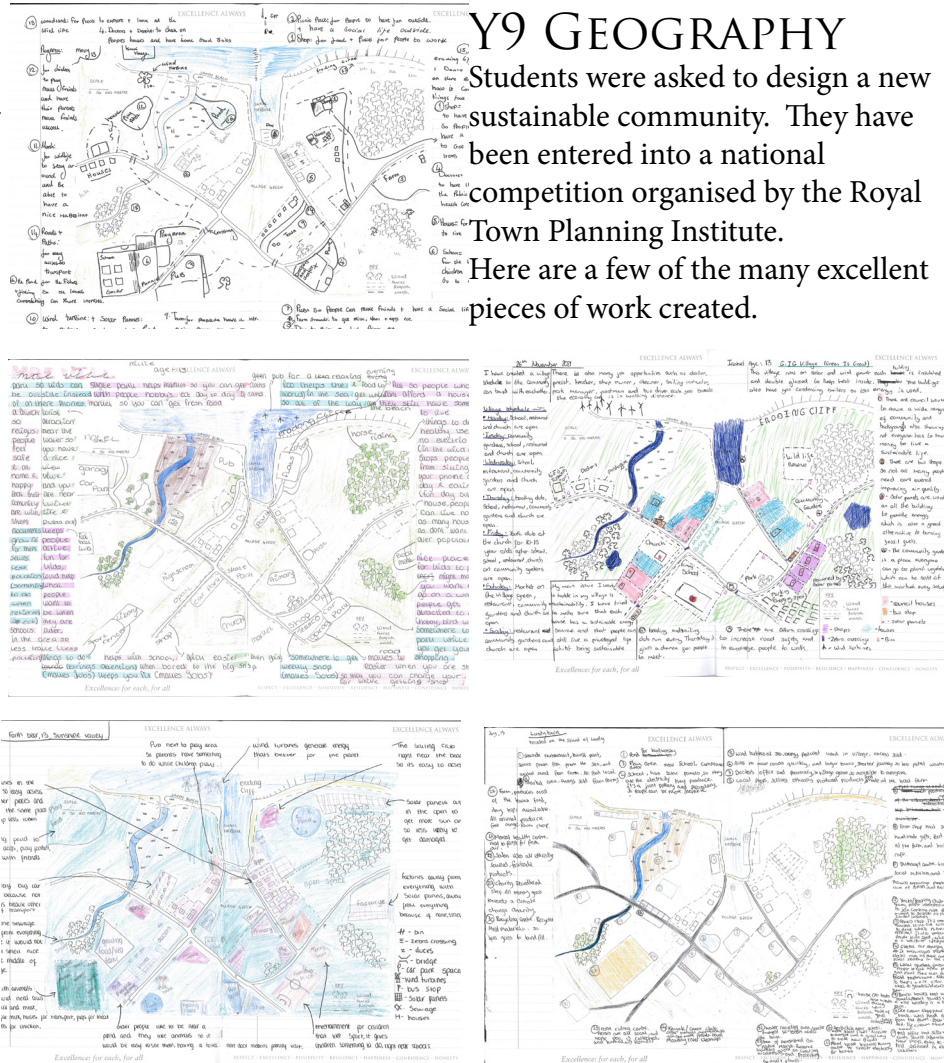
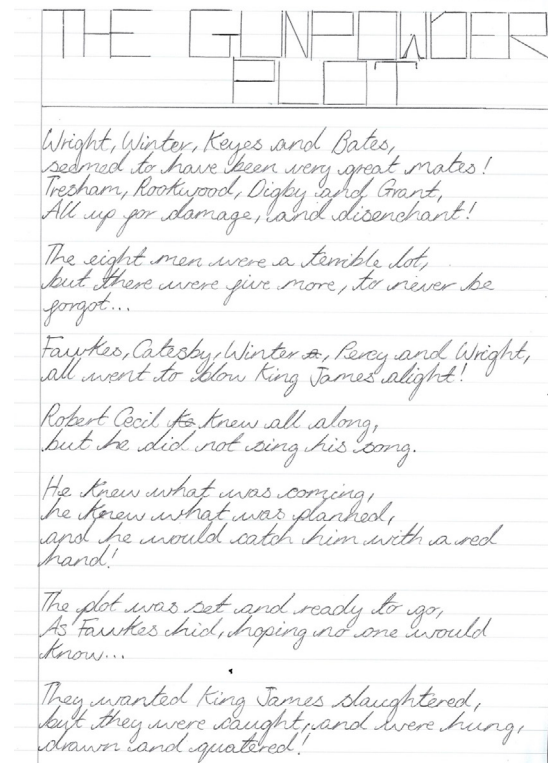


Ruby Marsh & Alex Cadeddu

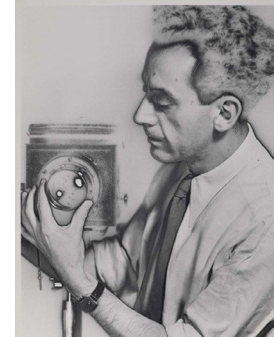
EXCELLENCE SHOWCASE

YEAR 8 OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION

The students were given a brief version of the "traditional story" and had to turn it into another format. Eva's was outstanding!



Y9 GEOGRAPHY
Students were asked to design a new sustainable community. They have been entered into a national competition organised by the Royal Town Planning Institute. Here are a few of the many excellent pieces of work created.

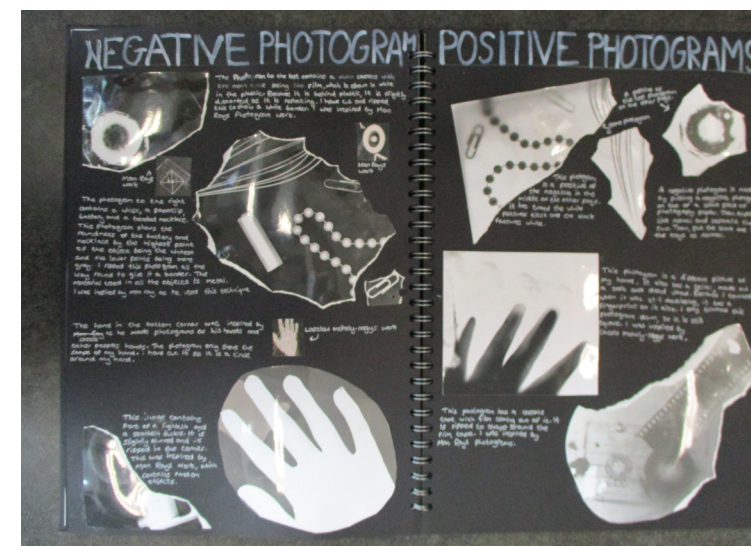
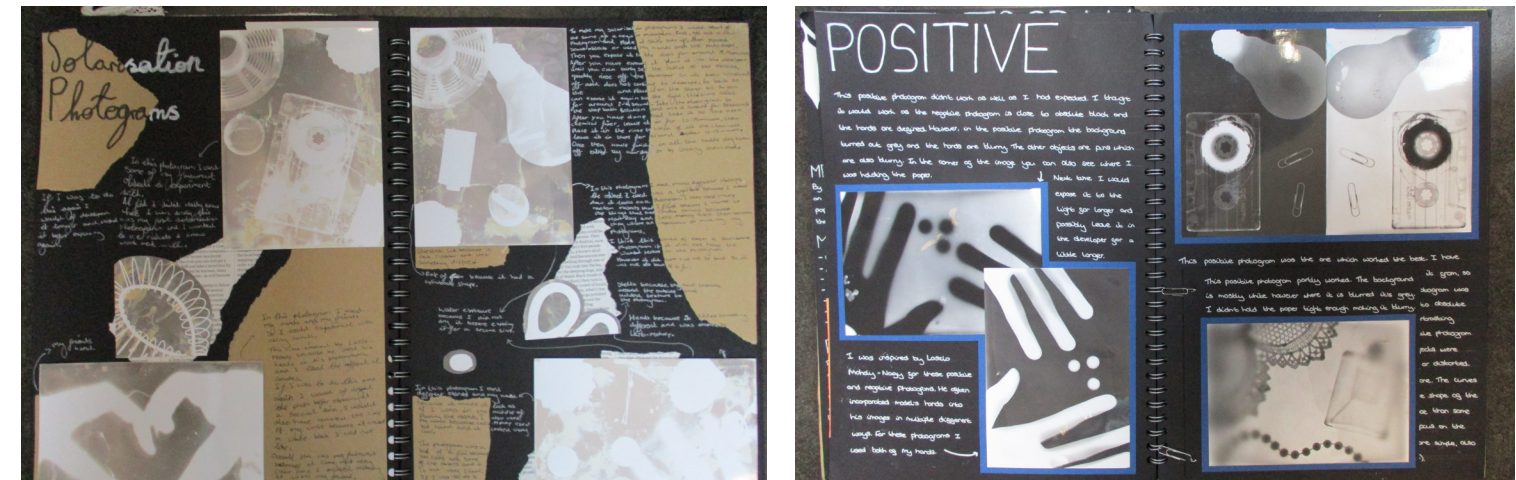


YEAR 10 PHOTOGRAM CREATIONS

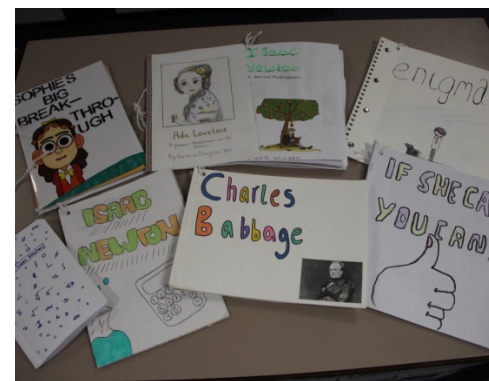
Year 10 are currently working on darkroom techniques creating photograms.

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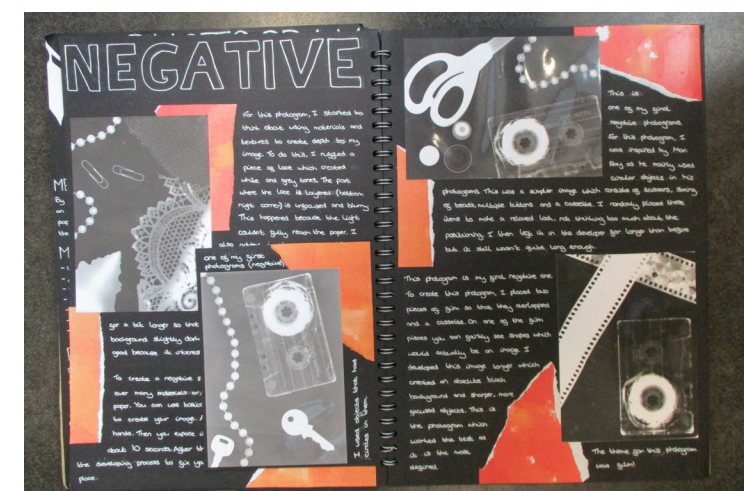
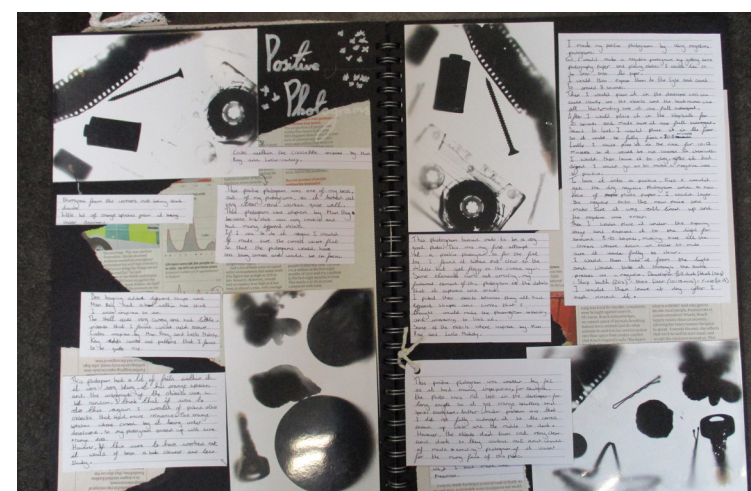
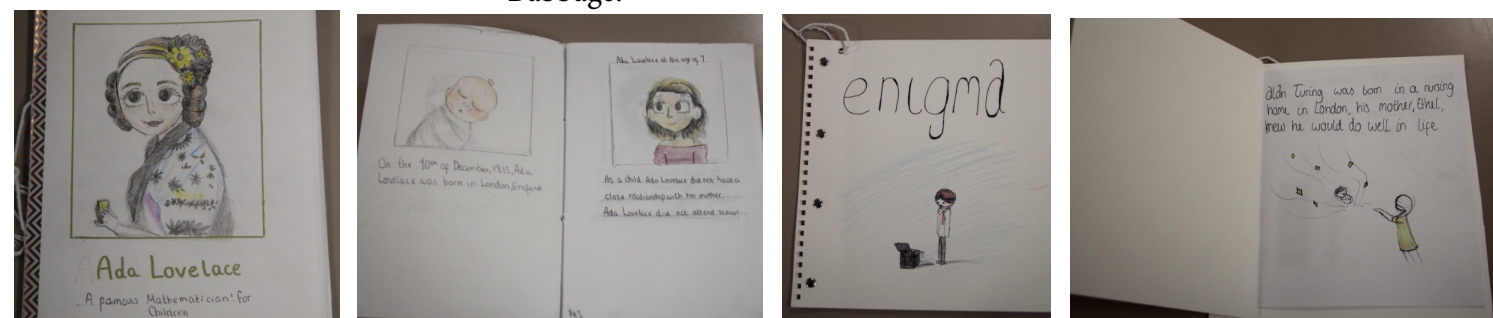
Here are just a small selection of the amazing work they have produced.



YEAR 8 INTEGRATING READING IN MATHS



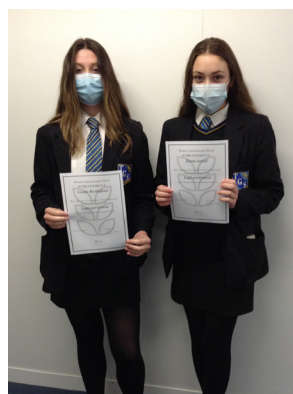
8S5 and 8B1 embarked on integrating English and Reading skills in their Math's Lesson this term. We discovered and discussed the book 'On a Beam of Light' in lessons, talking about the Life and Accomplishments of Albert Einstein. It sparked wonderfully creative conversations in the classroom and some fantastic pieces of work were produced. With some fantastic work showcased, a special mention goes to Alfie Lax, Summer Simpson, Veronica Clayton, Evie Winger, Lyra James, Nell Motts and Gracie French who created some beautiful Childrens story books in the style of 'On a Beam of Light', showcasing the lives of some fantastic Mathematicians such as Ada Lovelace, Sophie Germain and Charles Babbage.



CAREERS

I am delighted to announce that the employer workshops have been a great success this term with regular sign ups of over 40 students with Perrywood Garden Centre, Birkett Long Solicitors and Suffolk Police particularly popular.

Sadly the speed networking for Year 8s scheduled for November enrichment has had to be postponed due to Covid but we hope to reschedule it for later in the academic year.



Ms Perkins, our work experience coordinator, has successfully placed a number of Year 10 and 6th form students in face to face work experience this term, however as time moves on, and Covid restrictions are tightened, this is becoming more difficult to arrange. There are however still lots of virtual work experience opportunities students are taking advantage of, for example Emma Arnold and Connie Buckingham took part in the Legal and General Workshop and Callum Page a 6th form student the Investment Banking virtual work experience with INvestin Education programme and a further 6 of our 6th form students interested in medicine taking part in the Allied Healthcare course of virtual sessions and Elodie Nicholson in Year 13 also took part in a virtual work experience day with the Scottish Law Firm - Burness Paull LLP.

Years 7,8,10 and 11 have all had a careers assembly this term where they were taken through the Careers Programme so all students know what to expect and where we can help and support them on their journey through school into further and higher education and employment. Years 10 and 11 also learnt about the new T-Level qualification and Apprenticeships as an alternative to full time education at 16 or 18. All students in all years receive career related enrichment lessons for more information about their “Careers Learning Journey” please see the Careers page of the school website.

It has been great to hear from both parents and students who have learnt about up and coming events via the “Careers Newsletter”, sent out to all parents and students every Friday. Whilst I appreciate it is lengthy, it is designed for readers to skim read and select the items of most interest to them. If you have any ideas of how we can improve the newsletter or have any feedback about careers events etc we would love to hear from you, please email kosborne@tgschool.net. Likewise if you would like to come and share your interesting job either in an employer workshop or via a 30 min interview for our TGS Careers TV please do get in touch.

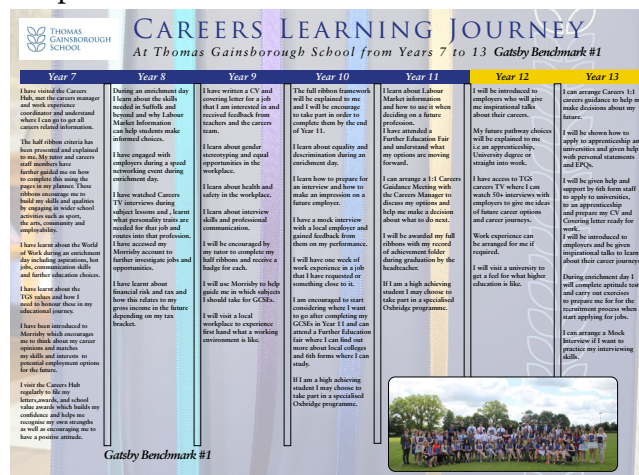


Wednesday 12th January (Years 10-13 only)
Royal Navy
 CPO Tony Allan and CPO Ian Lamb will be taking students in Years 10-13 through the variety of positions and roles in the Royal Navy and the skills and attributes they are looking for when recruiting for these roles.

Thursday 27th January
Stoke By Nayland Golf Club (Hospitality)
 Peter Osborne will share with him the variety of jobs available within the hospitality industry and our very own Mrs Alston will share her experiences of working in the industry.

Friday 11th February
PhysioMotive (Physiotherapy)
 Come along to hear all about Brad Clarke's journey from ex-professional athlete to qualified physiotherapist and what led him to make the decisions he made along the way.

Thursday 24th February
Suffolk Market Events (Events Management)
 Find out what it is like to work in events management, ensuring the local events we enjoy are delivered safely, on time and on budget.
 For more information contact Mrs Osborne kosborne@tgschool.net



WORKSHOPS

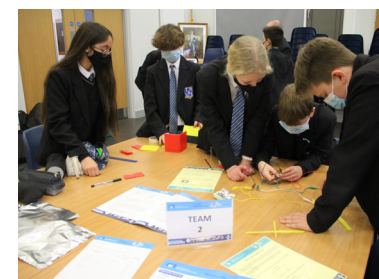
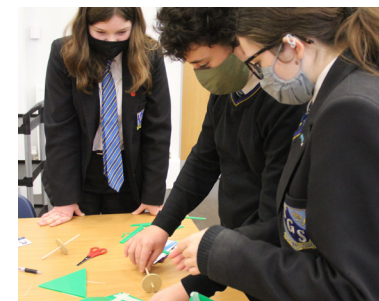
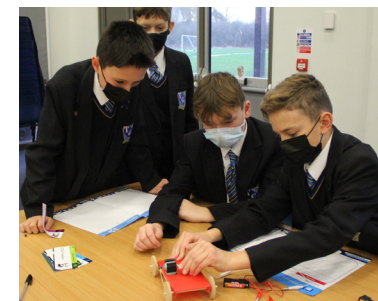
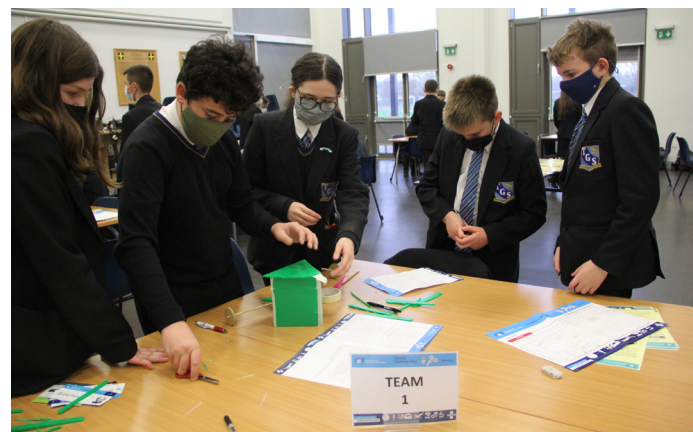
GECKO WORKSHOP

My experience with the Gecko Workshop was phenomenal. Helen Baggett has been working for the company for many years and her energy and enthusiasm was infectious. There are truly no words to describe how this experience was. She encouraged us to be open minded and approach the workshop in a creative way. We all placed ourselves in a mind-set of imagination and expressed this physically, using every inch, every finger, every cell of our body. We were given scenarios where we over exaggerated emotions using our bodies to bring this across while just walking around in the space. We didn't speak though because Gecko is more about the body language and how each performance can be taken many ways. Amit Lahav, who is the director of Gecko, says “If everyone came out with the exact same interpretation, then I have failed”, which was emphasised when doing this workshop as we left things open to interpretation. We worked as a group exploring sounds and each other's methods, copying and altering each other's movements. Then we moved on to working in pairs creating a “I move you, you move me” piece which is exactly what it sounds like: using different parts of each other to move one another, producing a day at the beach or stuck in a traffic jam scenario. My peers and I have taken away so much knowledge, understanding and many techniques from this workshop so that we can now take these and apply them to our own drama work.



FARADAY CHALLENGE DAY

Year 8 STEM students were engrossed in the IET Faraday Challenge Day. As part of a National Competition, students were challenged to design a piece of technology for a children's hospital which would make a child's stay more enjoyable. They were in 6 Teams of 5 and the creations included an interactive teddy bear, The winning team created an Alexa style robot which could make video calls to friends and family.



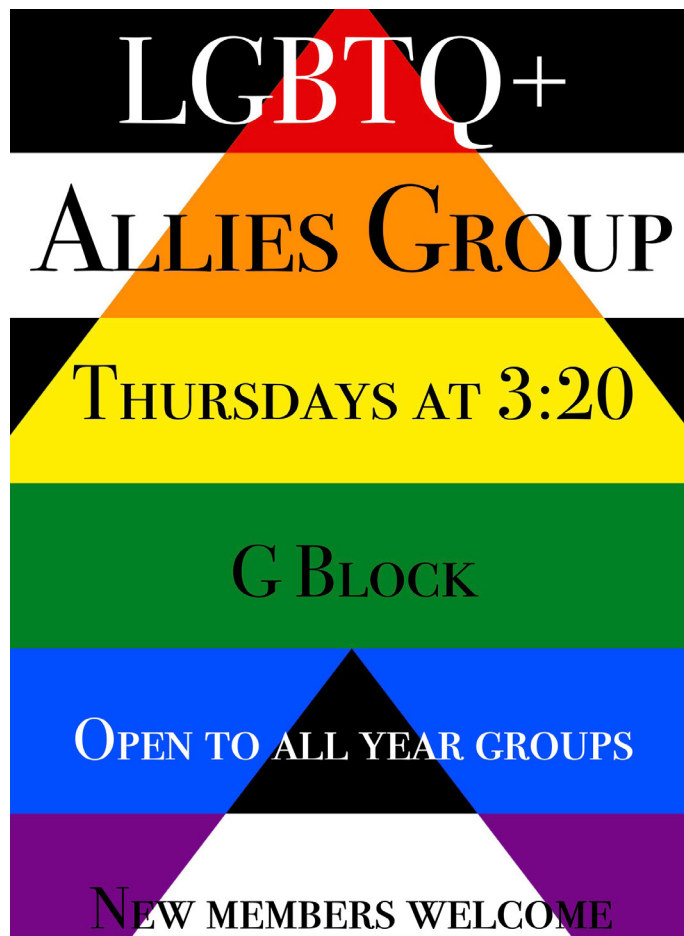
CLUBS



CHESS CLUB

WEDNESDAYS AT 3:15
Room 213

Come along to develop your chess skills. Beginners welcome.



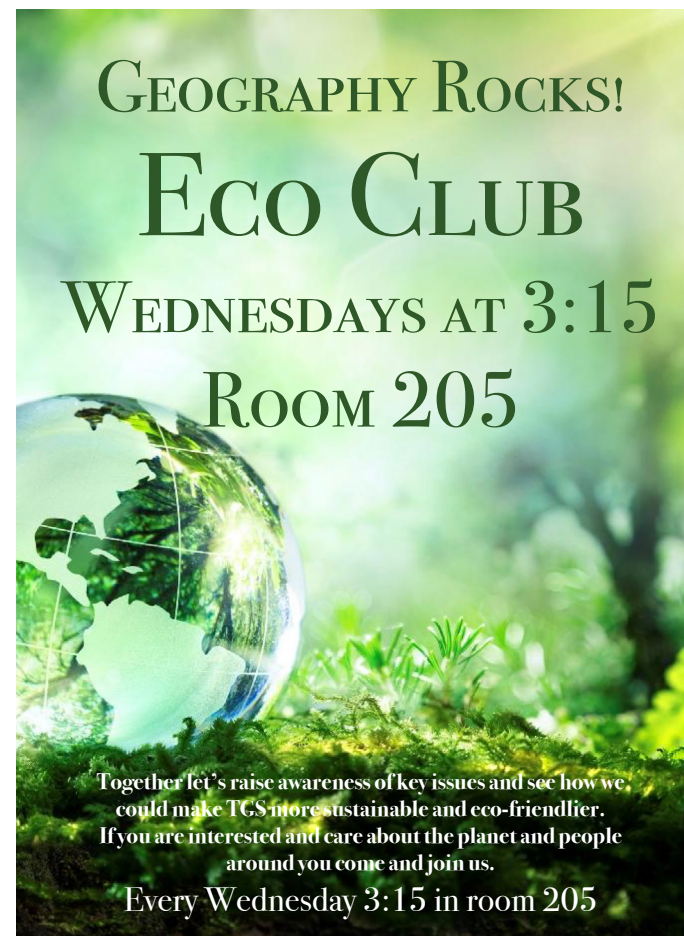
LGBTQ+ ALLIES GROUP

THURSDAYS AT 3:20

G BLOCK

OPEN TO ALL YEAR GROUPS

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME



GEOGRAPHY ROCKS! Eco CLUB

WEDNESDAYS AT 3:15
Room 205

Together let's raise awareness of key issues and see how we could make TGS more sustainable and eco-friendlier. If you are interested and care about the planet and people around you come and join us.

Every Wednesday 3:15 in room 205



SCIENCE CLUB

TUESDAYS AT 3:10
Room 114

Come and try some exciting experiments to increase your knowledge and build on your interest in Science.

Every Tuesday in Room 114 with Miss Beer & Miss Ritchie



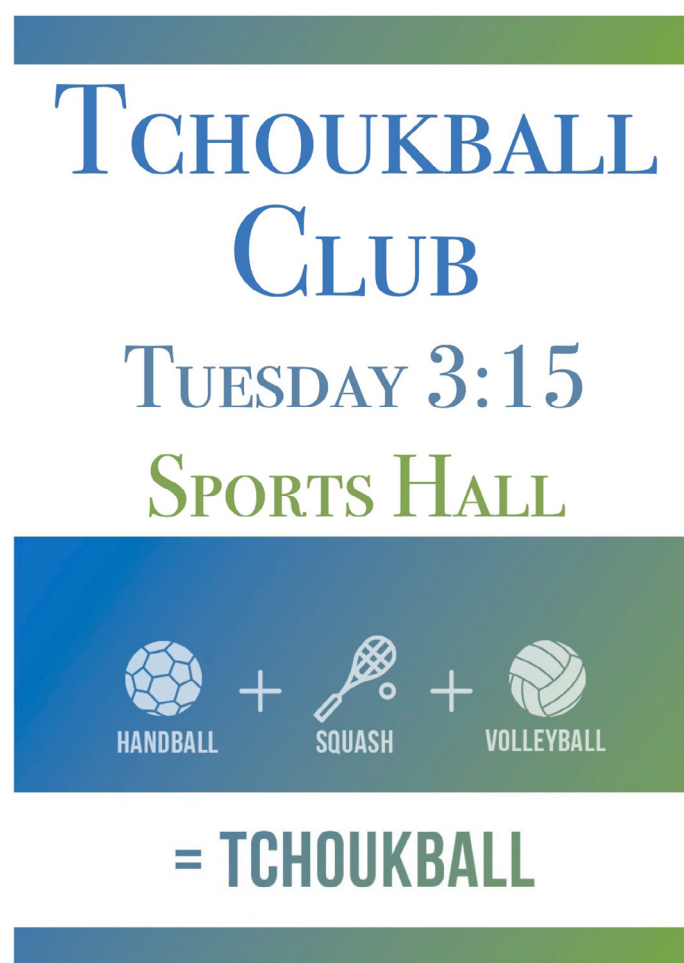
STRATEGY BOARD GAME CLUB

TUESDAYS AT 3:10
Room 208

This club is for all lovers of board games that require a level of strategy to complete.

At the beginning of the spring term we will learn how to play DOMINION.

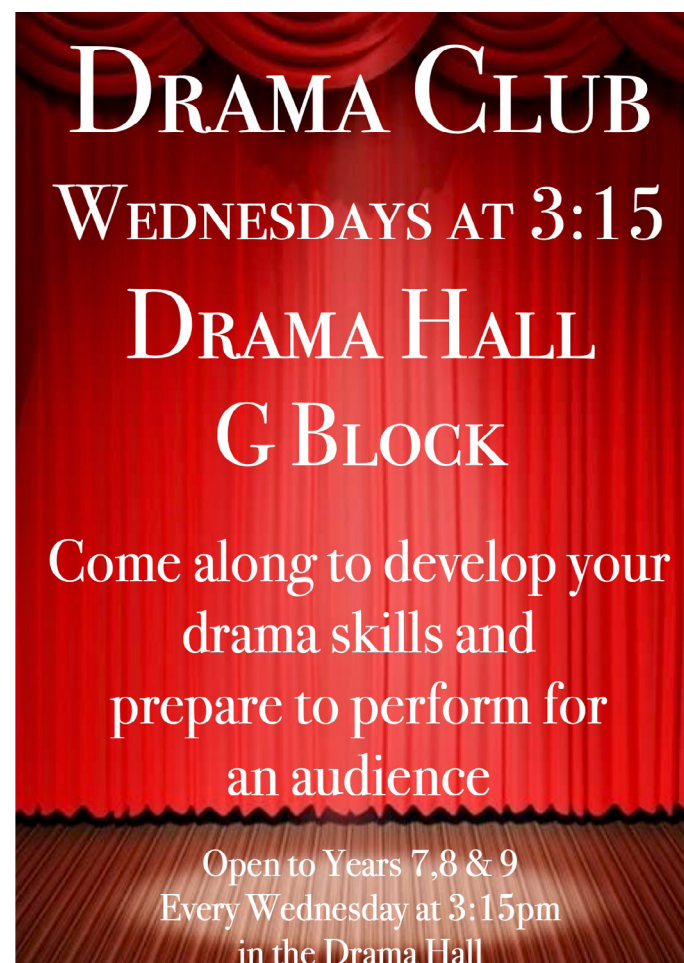
After we learn a new board game, you are free to come and choose whichever board game you would like to play! Experts and novices all welcome.



TCHOUKBALL CLUB

TUESDAY 3:15
SPORTS HALL

HANDBALL + SQUASH + VOLLEYBALL = TCHOUKBALL

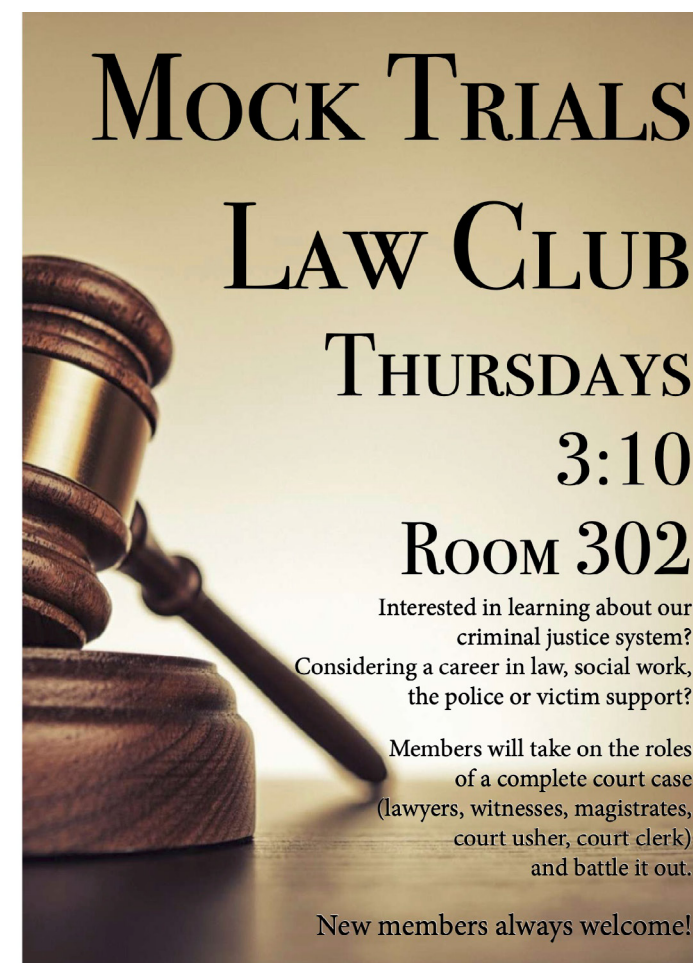


DRAMA CLUB

WEDNESDAYS AT 3:15
DRAMA HALL
G BLOCK

Come along to develop your drama skills and prepare to perform for an audience

Open to Years 7,8 & 9
Every Wednesday at 3:15pm in the Drama Hall



MOCK TRIALS LAW CLUB

THURSDAYS 3:10
Room 302

Interested in learning about our criminal justice system? Considering a career in law, social work, the police or victim support?

Members will take on the roles of a complete court case (lawyers, witnesses, magistrates, court usher, court clerk) and battle it out.

New members always welcome!

COMPETITIONS

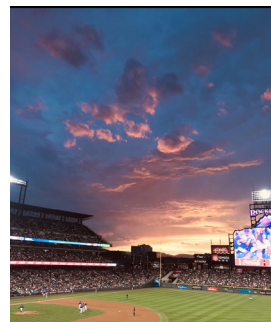
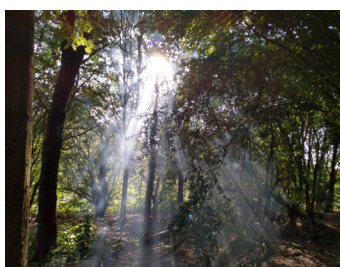
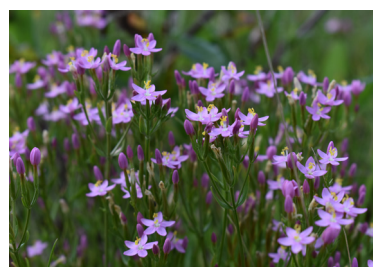
PEACEFUL PHOTO

"In honour of Stress Awareness Week 2021 we ran a competition entitled 'My Peaceful Place'"

Photo's had to represent a place you are able to find respite and tranquillity when you're feeling overwhelmed.

Overall winner
Jessica Hammond

House winners
Ellie Johnson, Elsie Palmer, Betsy Devereux, George Griffiths



PUMPKIN ART

Students designed and/or created something to do with Pumpkins. Some students were very imaginative! Here are the winners. (Please note, no animals or babies were harmed in the making of these creations)



Alex Davie
Abbas



Poppy Savage
Tollemache



Henry Maylin
Peyton



Poppy Ames
Chamberlain



Betsy Devereux
Houghton

MFL CHRISTMAS CARD DESIGN

With Christmas fast approaching students at TGS also took the opportunity to create French and German Christmas cards. So many beautiful designs were entered and we were blown away by the attention to detail.

A huge "well done" to everybody who submitted an entry and congratulations to the overall winners.

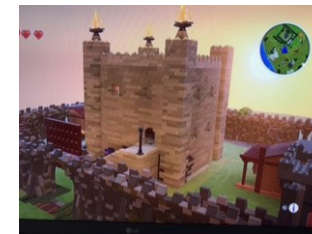


BUILD A CASTLE

Students were invited to design and build a historically accurate model of a castle. There was such a lot of effort and attention to detail in some of the entries.



Sophie Rout T



Alex Davie A



Simon Woodbridge P



Davit Rickards C



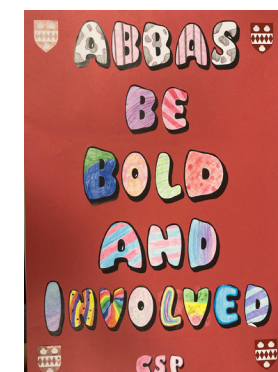
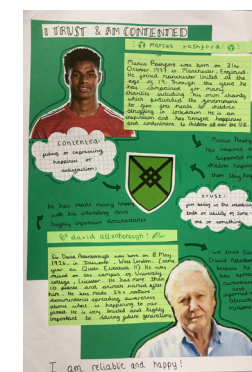
Rebecca Lock H

HOUSE MOTTO

The first house competition of the year was to re-word your house motto?

There were many different type of entries form videos, posters to playwrights.

The overall winner was Alez Szabo who created a video.



SPANISH MASKS

In order to celebrate "Day of the Dead" (Día de Muertos) students at TGS unleashed their inner creativity by designing masks for the event. We had a phenomenal number of entries which made choosing the winner extremely tough.



1st Lola Argent



2nd Henry Maylin



3rd Isabelle Davie

ECO CHRISTMAS DECORATION

The students were challenged to make a Christmas decoration out of recycled materials. We had over 180 entries of some fantastic and imaginative decorations. The winners are below.....



1st Olly Cates



2nd Matthew Dix



3rd Darcy Nicolson



4th Saffron Cowlin



5th Betty Steel

Some of the decorations are going to be displayed in Sudbury Tree Festival over the next week. Thank you for all the entries it was a very difficult competition to judge.

CROSS COUNTRY STARS!

On Saturday 28th November it was the cross county second round at Ipswich school.

TGS had a number of students who made it through to this round and they all represented the school brilliantly. Stand out performances came from Isla Widdowson who came 4th on Saturday so she progresses to the final qualifying round at Woodbridge school, in the new year., Tommy Bentley 34th, Jack Bentley 41st, Tommy Ponsford 49th and Jasmine Howard 37th done amazingly well and have qualified for the next round. Charlie Upton narrowly missed the qualification of the top 50, finishing in 55th. Ellie Chamberlain couldn't take part due to illness, but she has been given a bye into the next round.

Isla Widdowson has also recently finished 2nd in the Eastern regional championships at Horseheath Cambridge, 3rd in the Essex league and has qualified to run for Essex at the SEAA inter-regional championships in Croydon and 1st at the local 'NESS' Cross-Country league.

Isla picked up a silver medal at the County Cross Country Championships so was the second U13 girl in Essex. That result also qualifies her to run in the county team at the National Inter Counties cross country at Prestwold Hall, Loughborough in March.



BADMINTON PLAYERS - COURAGEOUS AND DIGNIFIED!

U14: TGS girls team played County Upper school. Boys played OSA. Some great badminton, with some very long rallies from all players. The girls team played well, with some every attacking shots in all matches, all the games were very close, but it was County Upper who won the tie, even though we both won the same amount of rubbers, County Upper won on points scored, so very close.



The boys on the other hand, were too strong for their OSA counterparts, and easily won all of their matches.

Dominant performances from all players, attacking at the correct times in the rallies, OSA didn't know what had hit them. All the boys played with courage and won with dignity. Excellent performance by all involved. Well done.

SUPPORTING LOCAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS

We have a small number of Year 10s undertaking Volleyball or Dodgeball coaching training to enhance how we can support local primary schools.

We were fortunate to be able to organise two half days with Bures and Boxford Primary schools, teaching their students the proper rules for dodgeball rather than the more haphazard game of benchball which many are familiar with.



Ruby Woodfield was the leader for both these events, her 1st ever, and she did herself and TGS proud; hopefully when restrictions are relaxed or lifted more events we will be able to organise more sessions and start planning tournaments and competitions.



U14 GIRLS UNBEATEN!

U14 Girls football vs Castle Manor:

On Tuesday 19th October, our U14 girls football team played at home against Castle Manor. With Castle Manor bringing a small squad we played 9 a side so TGS had the advantage of many substitutes. TGS started off strong with an early goal from Faith Beer. TGS dominated the first half with strong performances in attacking play from Betsy and Belle. By half time TGS had a strong lead and all substitutes had since come on. TGS continue to work hard throughout the game with more goals from Belle and Anya. A standout performance in the centre was Izzy who held the game strong both defensively and attacking.

The score ended 8-0 to TGS with Faith Beer getting a hattrick. A brilliant first game for the girls who have not played together as a team before. They progress onto the next round!



U14 Girls football vs Stowmarket:

On Thursday 19th November the U14 girls football team played their second round of the county cup against Stowmarket. The girls came into the game with more confidence after only playing together as a team once before. TGS started off well and some great match up play from Betsy and Faith meant that TGS got an early lead. Faith continued on her goal streak and got another goal giving TGS a good lead in the first half. With a few injuries after half time and changing to 11 a side, Stowmarket fought back and got a goal. Isobel worked hard in defence to ensure that only stayed at 1. With more goals from Anya and Faith, TGS went to 5-1. Towards the latter of the second half Gracie scored her first ever goal in football - a moment to remember! A great game ending 6-1 and the girls are through to the next round.



NETBALLERS - A FORCE TO BE RECKONED WITH!

U14 v OSA - won 15-8

The team played really well together, with the defence turning over play time and time again. A force to be reckoned with. Some really nice passages of play through the centre court into the shooters. Mya was on point supported by Zinnia in the first quarter.

A few changes in the second half, so all the squad played and didn't get too cold. Both Graces played lovely at centre, with great game reading by both defence and shooters. Great play by all to lead from start to finish.

POM Lucia Bunn. CPOM Zinnia McKnight Well done girls



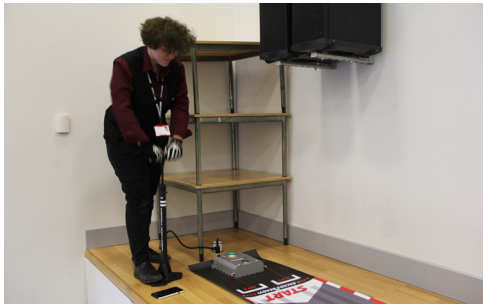
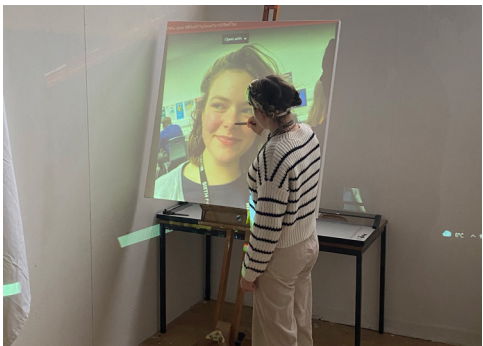
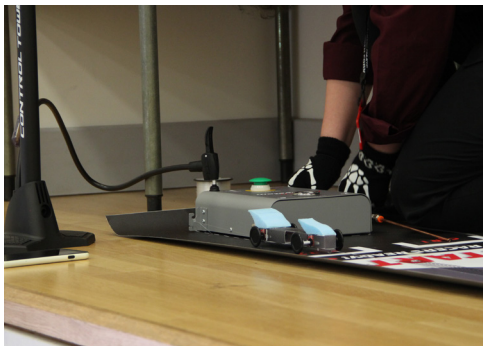
SUPER CURRICULAR WEDNESDAYS

Throughout the term year 12 and 13 have taken part in the sixth form's inaugural Super Curricular afternoon. Students have had the opportunity to participate in a number of activities that have broaden their skills base and added some relaxation and enjoyment to their Wednesday afternoons.

A select number of students participated in the Eze driving school, gaining help with both their practical and theory tests which has accelerated their driving experience. Students have benefited from use of the fitness suite as well as social sport, football and netball.

Others have taken part in the very successful wellbeing sessions where the Chaplains and onsite Psychotherapist, Mr Bavington have had an opportunity to relax with mindful activities and taken part in group Psychotherapy sessions. Students have enhanced their CV with first aid courses and travelled the world virtually with the language and culture group. Some students have given something back, volunteering in local primary school, litter picking and raising money for charity. Thank you to all those who participated.

Have a restful break from all the Sixth Form Team including Barney the Sixth Form dog



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