

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

I am pleased to announce that our next Family Awareness Day will be held at UCS (University Campus Suffolk) in Ipswich on Saturday 27th February 2016. Students in Years 7, 8 and 9 and their parents/guardians are invited along to our Ipswich campus to find out more about studying a degree at university. We understand that higher education seems a long way off but as we are sure you are aware, the choices made at school may affect their choices at 16 and 18. This is a free event, which runs from 11.30am - 3pm and a fantastic opportunity to learn more about university and to meet with current UCS students. During the event students will take part in a fun programme of activities, while parents learn more about the benefits of higher education and about student finance. A tour of the campus and a free buffet lunch will be provided for all attendees. Students and parents can find further information and book a place via this link: <http://www.ucs.ac.uk/fad>
Janine Brownell, Outreach Officer, University Campus Suffolk

Welcome to the Friends of TGS

The Friends of TGS is a newly formed P.T.A. which aims to raise funds in order to provide equipment, resources and experiences to enhance and enrich students' education and extra-curricular activities (over and above those provided by funding). Of course, we also aim to have fun whilst achieving this! Membership is open to all parents, guardians, carers and school staff and you would be warmly welcomed. Even if you can only spare a small amount of time, your efforts and ideas would be much appreciated and we would love to hear from you. Why not come along to our next meeting and get involved - the more the merrier!
Next meeting date: Wednesday 13th January at 6.30pm
Forthcoming event: Quiz Night on Friday 5th February

More dates to share

Spring 2016

Monday 4th January	Non Pupil Day
Tuesday 5th January	First Day of Spring Term
Monday 11th January	Progress Reports Published (all years)
Thursday 14th January	Academic Review Day (all years)
Wednesday 27th January	Year 9 KS4 Pathways Information Evening
Tuesday 2nd February	Parents' Forum Meeting 6pm
Tuesday 9th February	Enterprise Subject Surgery 4-7pm
Wednesday 10th February	Years 11 & 13 Panoramic Photo (am)
Wednesday 10th February	Communications Subject Surgery 4-7pm
Thursday 11th February	Modern Arts Subject Surgery 4-7pm



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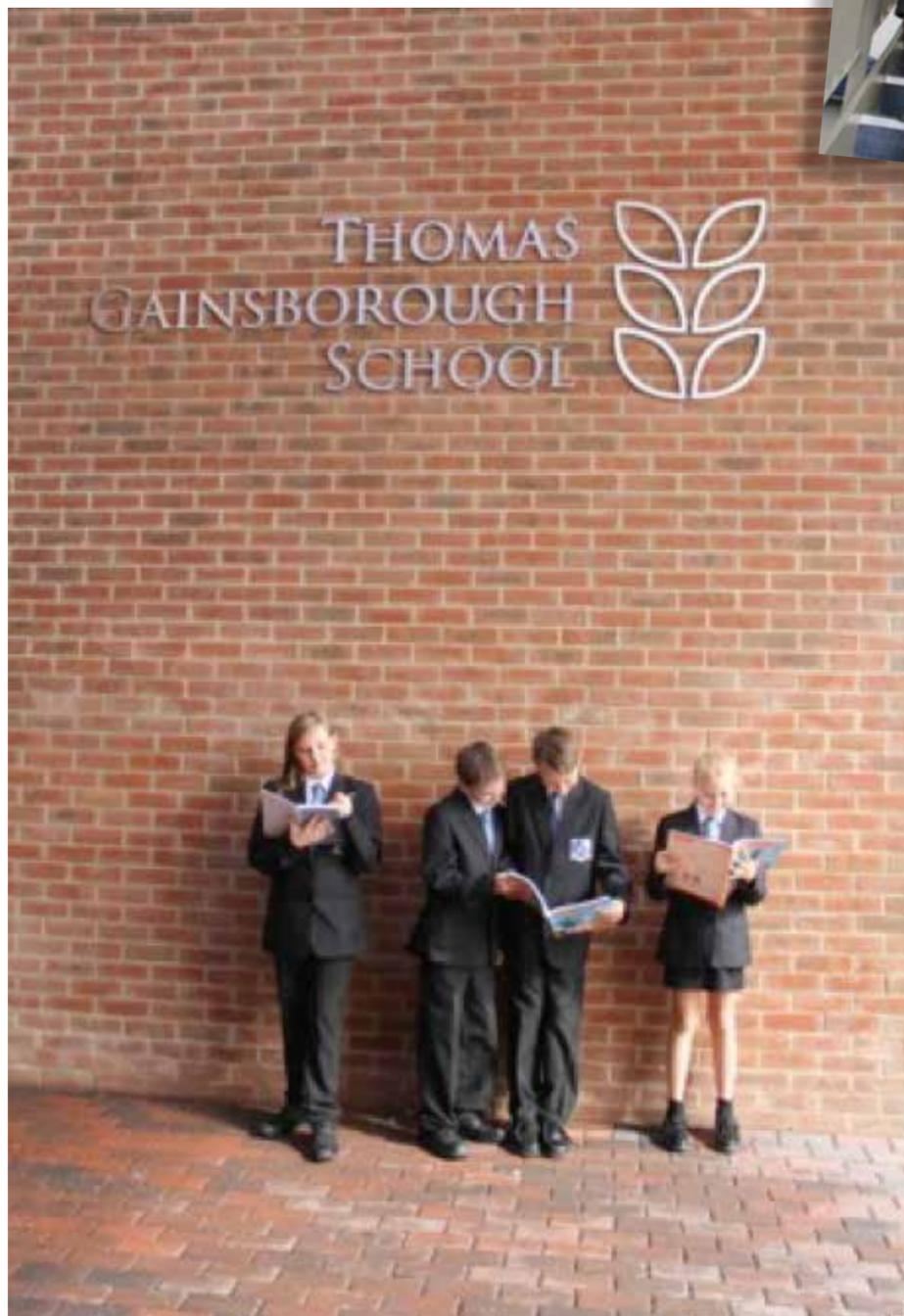


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Best school building in Suffolk'

HM Lord-Lieutenant of Suffolk, Lady Euston, officially opened our new school building on Monday 19th October. She was particularly impressed by the conversations she had with some of our students and their 'boundless enthusiasm for the new school.' She said, 'I would like to pay tribute to all those of you who had the courage to take

forward such an ambitious project, easily the best school in Suffolk! I fear that you have set the bar very high for everyone else, and I would like to congratulate you all on such an immense achievement.'



TGS Outstanding Achievements

We held our annual prize giving Awards Ceremonies in October. Over 200 book prizes and certificates were awarded to hard working deserving students.

Trophies included the Rebecca Goss Creative Writing Award and Wardale Williams high achievement in Science and the Paul Dainty, Jan Waite and Shelley Baisden awards. The prestigious Headteacher Award went to Ivo Long.



NATIONAL AWARD

Bev Baker won a prestigious national award: she is the winner of the UK Career Development Awards 2015 coming first in a highly competitive field. The Career Development Institute hosted an awards evening in Cardiff to celebrate the achievements of the career development sector. The Career Educator of the Year award was sponsored by the CSW Group Investor in Careers. Beverly Baker was nominated by Suffolk County Council for the tireless work and the development of her skills over the past few years. They stated in the nomination that 'Beverly has achieved an outstanding amount in the time she has taken over careers at TGS and is always enthusiastic and innovative. Beverly is a role model for careers educators in Suffolk and beyond.'

In her acceptance speech Beverly stated that she is 'passionate about careers education and the importance of employability skills in an ever changing competitive labour market.' She is 'particularly proud of the TGS students who volunteer in the Careers Hub' and feels 'privileged to have a career that is so rewarding and satisfying.'

Art Talent at 'Visions of Sudbury' Exhibition



to the contribution of our school and the value of showcasing the work of Sudbury's artists of the future. The exhibition ran from the 6th to 11th of October and during this time Miss Bowman accompanied a group of students to view their work in the exhibition, an exciting opportunity for them to see their work on display. They were greeted by Robin Drury and Lorna Hoey (Sudbury Society Chairman) who were impressed with the outstanding quality of work and creativity.

Angela Bowman and Lucy Nichol

Students from Years 7, 8 and 9 have recently participated in a community art project for the 'Visions of Sudbury' exhibition. The theme for this year's show was the listed buildings in Sudbury of which there are 247. The exhibition is in its 6th bi-annual year, and this was the first year that they involved local schools: TGS and Ryes College. During their art lessons with Miss Bowman, Miss Nichol and Mrs Raleigh the students have produced work in a variety of media including print, collage and mixed

media to create their own 'Visions of Sudbury'. Robin Drury (Vice President of The Sudbury Society) was impressed with the hundreds of entries submitted by us and delighted with the efforts and outcomes of our wonderful students. He then had the mammoth task of selecting work to be displayed in the exhibition. Miss Bowman and Miss Nichol attended the private view on October 5th at St Peter's Church. The exhibition was opened by Lord Phillips of Sudbury OBE who gave a special mention



A Level Textile Design London Show

The Sixth Form Textiles class of Year 12 and 13 students attended the 'Knitting and Stitching Show' at Alexandra Palace, London, on October 9th.

Throughout the trip we gathered inspiration from artists exhibiting some of their own work such as: Michala Gyetvai, where my favourite piece of her work was "The Sea of Grass."

Seeing the artists' work allowed us to pick up on some techniques we could later put into our own work, whether for our current 'surfaces' project, or our later A- Level exam project.

After lunch, we took part in a mini workshop, learning how to knit and crochet, which is harder than it looks. Overall it was a splendid day out, and a big thank you to Miss Bowman for organising the trip.

Emily Gillbanks



ITV News Flash



Jonathan Wills, presenter of ITV News Anglia, invited us to the Studios in Norwich on November 18th.

Once we arrived at the studios we met Jonathan, who asked us our opinions on the current shows and what we feel would have a positive impact on the programme. He then gave us a tour around the open-styled office area where pre and post production take place; this also includes research for the sport and weather as well as the management of the website. It was really good to see that they use iMacs and MacBooks too. We were shown the 'live' studio, the one you see on the television! We were allowed to sit in the news room chair and have a go at reading the news, using the autocue whilst getting the timing right with the foot pedal. This gave us a great insight into the role of the newsreader, and also shows that there is more to reading the news than you think.

We were then fortunate enough to get the chance to watch the team produce the lunch time news. Everything is rehearsed, as timings are very tight. We were also able to question the team about how they got into the TV industry.

This was a fantastic experience for us and thanks must go to Jonathan Wills for giving us this fantastic opportunity.

Kira Dus

Jack Prentice

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Open evening success

With nearly 200 students attending, the Sixth Form Open Evening was a fantastic success. Not only did we have an extremely high turn out from our current Year 11 students, but we also had 58 students from other schools attending.

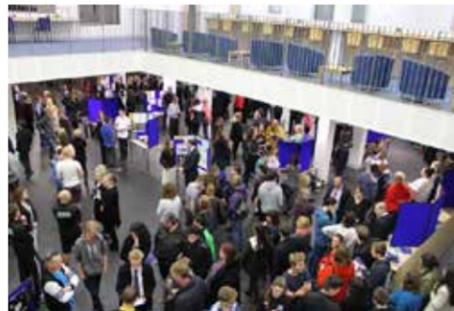
It was a great opportunity for students, parents and guardians to interact with students, staff and our business and higher education links.

The big talking point this year was the introduction of our Norwich City Football Academy partnership, with many students signing up for the opportunity to further develop their football talent, complimented with a personalized academic programme of study. Trials and interviews will commence early in the New Year.

Our Prefects and Subject Ambassadors were superb, ensuring that all questions were answered as well as making sure that our external guests had a personalized tour around the school and Sixth Form areas.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the Sixth Form Team or refer to the TGS website.

Kenny Alexander



Driving experience

The EZE School of Motoring offered Sixth Form students of Thomas Gainsborough School the chance to learn to drive. The course included: three sessions of two hours; the ability to learn the controls of the car; theory elements and hazard perception. It was a once in a lifetime opportunity, to get such lessons for free in the comfort of the school environment, and was well-received by all of the participants for the first session.

A participating student in the first course said that the experience was 'enjoyable and well-worth the effort.' The course is highly recommended for any who wishes to learn to drive, and is a great step forward to taking control of your future.

Wayman & Long law firm supports Thomas Gainsborough School students

The partnership of Wayman & Long has joined forces with Craig Howe, Head of Law, sponsoring a bespoke teaching suite as well as offering Sixth Former, Lewis Wingate, valuable mentoring and Work Experience.

Kenny Alexander, director of Sixth Form, says,

'As far as I am aware, this collaboration is the first of its kind in the UK.'

Carolyn Armstrong, from Wayman & Long, adds, 'We want to encourage young people interested in pursuing a career in law and give them an insight into the legal profession. It is



so important to provide students with relevant and meaningful work experience whilst encouraging local businesses to become more involved with schools.'

Outstanding achievement in Science

Sixth Former, Emma Wade, received an award from Wardale Williams in recognition of outstanding achievement in Science at our annual prize giving Awards Ceremony. She received a trophy, certificate and book as a prize for gaining 'outstanding' grades in her Triple Science GCSE examinations. She was awarded an A in Biology, Chemistry and Physics.

Emma was presented with the award by

Amanda Skinner and Emma Mobbs of Sudbury based opticians Wardale Williams, which sponsored the Science award.

Liliana Hurtado told us, 'The Wardale Williams Award is given to the science student we believe demonstrated both an outstanding study ethic and a high level of interest and commitment to the subject. The award also reflects the individual's performance at GCSE science and we congratulate Emma on her

fantastic achievement.'

Amanda Skinner, manager of the Wardale Williams Sudbury practice, said, 'As opticians we very much work in a science orientated profession, so sponsoring this award is a good fit for us. We always try to support other local groups and educational facilities wherever possible and we are very proud to have been able to present this award. I would also like to say huge congratulations to Emma.'

Personal statements: advice from a Sixth Former

I think that writing the personal statement is the hardest part of the university application. I think it is partly because the statement is what the uni admission officers read in order to decide whether to take you onto their course rather than another student. I think it's also really hard because you have to write 4000 characters about yourself, your achievements and your personality, as well as meeting their criteria. It's hard writing about yourself and even feeling that you're bragging about your achievements, in a sense.

What advice could I offer? I knew the topic areas I wanted to cover: a brief introduction into why I wanted to carry on studying the subject at uni, the subjects I study now and how the skills I have learnt from my A level subjects will allow me to develop and achieve at university e.g like doing my English Language coursework has allowed me to develop both my analytical and independence skills whilst keeping to a time frame, something imperative to success at uni. The biggest challenge I faced was keeping

to the word limit. Although you think that you will never be able to talk about yourself for 4000 characters (47 lines) I ended up going over on previous drafts. I overcame this challenge by getting someone else to read it and see what amendments they would make (my mum, form tutor, Dr Talbot).

My advice for you, and other Year 12s doing UCAS next year, is to definitely take on board that it takes quite a lot of time. It can be quite stressful knowing you have multiple things up in the air (EPQ, UCAS, A2 work, coursework, mock interviews) so my advice would be to write and refine your Personal Statement over the summer holidays if possible. Also you need to realise that your Personal Statement will never be finished in your first attempt; it takes a lot of redrafting. My final piece of Personal Statement advice would be to add in something about current affairs eg something that would relate to your course that's in the news or of a particular interest to your chosen subject (eg I spoke about the migrant crisis). Similarly mention books you've read; this

shows that you're willing to go outside the curriculum and shows a real interest. My biggest piece of advice, although not directly linked to the UCAS form, is to visit uni open days. Can't stress it enough, go to loads! You get a real vibe about the city/uni and this will help you in selecting your uni choices on UCAS.

Rachael Bacon



The CEO of Magnum Photos, David Kogan, visited TGS to talk about his life in journalism. After the Second World War ended four photographers created Magnum photographs, a company that has taken some of the most amazing photographs of the last century. Our Head Girl, Evie Lewis, has been invited to visit: she believes there is an opening for equine photography.

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Charity Support

Nicky's Way is a charity that provides bereavement support for children and young adults when someone special to them passes away. On October 13th Year 13 Psychology students were lucky enough to have one of the charities ambassadors, Rob Ilett, come into the lesson. He was interested in our thoughts and ideas concerning questionnaires he had produced. As a result of our studies, we were able to give Rob feedback on his questionnaires which were eventually going to be given to the children and young people that the charity supports.

Rob spoke to us about the charity and its activity within the local area, including how we can engage with their work in volunteering and getting involved. As well as developing our understanding about the conventions of a questionnaire, which will benefit us when it comes to our exams, the talk informed us of the great work that goes on outside of the school within the local community.

The afternoon was very inspiring and we would encourage anyone to get involved with Nicky's Way. Contact details are as follows: Email: NickysWay@stnh.org.uk or call: 01284 766133

Molly Durrant

We have a number of other exciting developments in the Sixth Form. Norwich City Regional Football Scholarship Programme is a partner of TGS. This is an exciting opportunity for students aged 16-18 to train with qualified coaches and represent Norwich City football Club and our school in our football fixture programme. The scholarship provides a direct link to the University of East Anglia. University Campus Suffolk also has a link with our Health and Social Care course so that our students can progress to university level more easily.

Super Heroes

Children in Need Dress like a Superhero You know it's a day like no other when Superman is late for Science and Batman has forgotten his homework. It was Children in Need day and the theme was superheroes, so for two pounds you could dress up as your favourite web-slingers, vigilantes and villains.

The costumes included Jokers, Superman and other comic book characters. One of the best costumes in my opinion was a Superman in cape and all. It was a brilliant day filled with masked heroes and costumed criminals and most importantly it was all for a good cause.

Josef Thompson

Houghton won the Super Hero competition.



Pudsey Cake Winners



Overall Winner - Alice Wilby-Ward 7JHi Peyton
2nd Place - Hannah Scott 10CPi Abbas
Year Group Winners

Year 7

1st - Cameron Day 7RPr Houghton
2nd - Matthew & James Bailey 7HLi Peyton
3rd - Boudica George 7LNI Peyton

Year 8

1st - Star Saltwell 8JWa Houghton
2nd - Sophie Smith 8CBu & Rebecca New 8LAy Tollemache
3rd - Rosie Young 8SI Abbas

Year 9

1st - Sean Richardson 9JHi Peyton
2nd - Chloe Tills-Lines 9KYo Chamberlain

Year 10

1st - Hannah Scott 10CPi Abbas
2nd - Elloise Cousins 10TBa Houghton
3rd - Amy Gibbons 10MDe Tollemache

Cup Cake Winners

1st - Shannon & Ellie 7CBu
2nd - Saffron Owen 12NWb Chamberlain
3rd - Nadja Bearn 8NBu Houghton

Book Mastermind



Book Mastermind is a competition open to all students in Years 7-9 and is a vehicle for promoting reading across Suffolk. The competition starts in schools with winners from each school competing in area finals. The county final includes

Heather Welch

Bonnes Révisions!

Good luck to our Year 11 French students who have a speaking Controlled Assessment between 10th and 15th of December. The topic is a recent holiday and they need to answer questions about plans for a future holiday and what their ideal holiday would be, among other things. I am looking forward to hearing about interesting specialities tasted while on holiday and amazing, or possibly disastrous, things that happened one day during their stay.

We have enrichment for GCSE French after school on Mondays and Wednesdays and our Assistante, Donatienne, is available during our lessons for extra practice. Parents can also support by encouraging plenty of practice at home with the emphasis on practising speaking from memory rather than reading notes silently. Getting together with a study buddy who can give helpful feedback makes a big difference too.

Madame Magowan

Chelsea's Choice

Chelsea's Choice was performed by four talented actors, who successfully presented an hour long production to Year 9 students November 4th. It educated the students about staying safe online, the dangers of unhealthy relationships and how to combat peer pressure.

AlterEgo's 'Chelsea's Choice' is an innovative and powerful production highlighting the very serious and emotional issue of child sexual exploitation. The production shows

how young people, boys and girls, are groomed by adults for the purposes of sexual exploitation using various methods, ensnaring young people and eventually taking complete control and dominating their whole lives. The audience gained a better understanding of the devastating impact that sexual exploitation has on a young person's life.

'Chelsea's Choice' is a useful and innovative way of raising awareness of the issues relating to sexual exploitation and reaching young people, giving them skills and knowledge to be able to protect themselves from this form of abuse.



America tour spaces



We still have a few spaces on our America tour taking place during the Easter holidays of 2017.

This amazing trip consists of:

Day 1 - Flight from London to Los Angeles (LA). Overnight in LA.

Day 2 - Full day guided tour of LA area. Overnight LA.

Day 3 - Full day at Universal Studios. Overnight LA.

Day 4 - Travel from LA to Vegas by coach. Overnight in Vegas with time to explore Vegas in the evening.

Day 5 - Travel from Vegas to visit the Grand Canyon by coach. Overnight in Tusayan, Arizona.

Day 6 - Full day River Float Excursion at the Colorado River Discovery Headquarters. Overnight in Tusayan.

Day 7 - Travel from Tusayan to Tempe stopping at Flagstaff and the Sonoran Desert. Overnight in Tempe

Day 8 - Shopping then transfer to Phoenix airport for return flight home overnight.

Day 9 - Arrive London

For a full cost of £950, which includes:

- Return flights
- Accommodation
- All activities and entrance fees
- Breakfast and evening meals
- Transport to and from the airport
- Group travel insurance
- NST 24hr emergency contact service whilst on tour

Please contact Miss Hilson if you would like further details and payment plan arrangements: jhilson@tgschool.net

Gillard Race Kart Development Test 1

Max Herbert attended his first development test for Gillard Racing Karts at Ellough park raceway. He tells us that being sunny and only a bit windy and 15 degrees Celsius made ideal conditions for testing.

Max reports:

The main purpose of the day was to test a new prototype 2016 chassis against the current 2015 version. I currently race in the Honda Cadet class. This is a class for ages

8-13 years old. It is the most popular class in the UK karting scene and is extremely competitive. My kart uses a Honda GX160 engine. It is de-restricted and lightly tuned. It produces approx 6.5bhp and can reach speeds of 60mph+. Because the class is so competitive, driving well and getting a good kart set up is crucial.

The first part of the day involved driving the existing 2015 kart to set a bench mark lap time. Once we had done this, I was asked to then drive the new prototype kart. The prototype kart uses a different frame,

which has been designed to make the inside rear wheel lift off the ground more when cornering. It is important for a go kart to do this because it does not have a differential which allows wheels to move at different speeds.

Our benchmark time on the 2015 kart was 51.8 seconds. When we switched to the 2016 kart, times got quicker. We went from 51.80 to 51.75 then to 51.60 and finally after numerous sessions our fastest time of the day was 51.34. The track was 'green' which meant that on the track there was a lack of rubber. This makes the track very slippery and difficult to drive.

Overall I had a good day. I learnt a lot from Tim Gillard and he was pleased with my driving. I managed to stay very consistent through the day which is important with back to back testing. Our next development test will be at a different circuit and will be to try new steering parts.



Television Stars

Congratulations to our Year 7s, Josh and George Dye, who recently entered a BBC Blue Peter competition to create a Halloween piece of artwork. They were both surprised and excited to see their entries on the winners' board while watching the Halloween edition of the show.

They have both received Blue Peter badges plus Silver Badge awards. These are

awarded for extra effort put into letters, stories, pictures and poems sent in by viewers. Josh said he was inspired by his brother, George, making an entry and it has given them both confidence to enter more competitions and challenges in the future.

Well done to both boys!

Ian Howe



TGS Got Talent



Sam Wainwright in Year 7 won TGS Got Talent 2015. He sang Ed Sheeran's song Photograph. Sam has played guitar since Year 2 and is keen to develop keyboard instrument skills. He was shocked to win but pleased that the hard work paid off; he had practised every day for weeks.

Zumbathon

We had our first fundraising event of the school year just before half term, in the form of a 2 hour Zumbathon.

Students paid £5 to take part, and some students were sponsored for the event.

It was supported by students and staff from all houses, and there was a fantastic atmosphere in the Sports Hall, where Mrs Ayling had set up disco lights for our event. It was much harder than most of us expected, given that a typical Zumba class

lasts 40 minutes, so 2 hours was rather strenuous. We are still waiting for the last few students to bring in sponsor money before we total up the final amount, but it looks like it will be over £300.

A huge thank you to all who participated, promoted and sponsored. The house team are now busy trying to decide on their next brilliant fundraising event.

Emma Wilson-Downes



Announcing the winners of the recent Scary Poster Competition

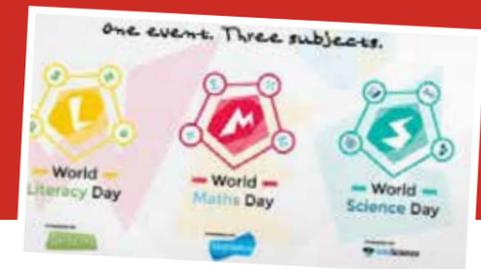
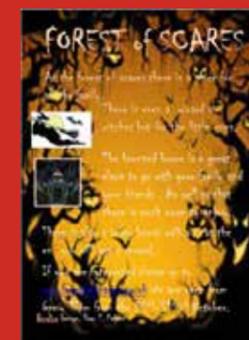
In joint first place and the winners of 15 merits are Boudica George (Year 7 Peyton) and Daisy Palmer (Year 7 Peyton)

In third place and the winner of 10 merits is Josh Dye (Year 7 Abbas)

In fourth place and the winner of 5 merits is Malackie Cook (Year 7 Tollemache)

In fifth place and the winner of 3 merits is Benjamin Coulridge (Year 7 Abbas)

run by the IT Department.



World Education Games 2015

In October the World Education Games 2015 came to Thomas Gainsborough School. Students throughout the school took part in Literacy, Mathematics and Science

challenges to compete against other schools and raise money for Unicef. Taking part in lessons and at home students have competed against over 6 million other students from 166 countries.

We are incredibly proud to say that we made the top 100 schools in the world in several categories particularly in the WEG points. This category was for the total

amount of points scored over the three days of competition. Our Year 7 students came in in 77th place, our Year 8 were in 39th place and our Year 9s and over were in 70th place.

Well done to everyone who took part. Ben Mills

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Ellis Braybrook - Excels in Hockey



He has been playing for Sudbury since he was 7 and very soon after started playing in the under 11s league. He currently plays for under 13s and under 15s. This season in particular we have a strong team and a good chance at winning the eastern counties cup. Ellis has been picked to play for the eastern counties for the last 3 years and also trains nationally once a month at Peterborough. He has recently been selected to be part of a project called vision 2020, which hopes to develop a small group from various clubs to eventually be competitive in world championships. Most weekends are spent either training or travelling to matches. He also enjoys field hockey and plays for Sudbury under 12s. He has played and trained in Portugal for the last 2 years. England under 11s won



Cross Country

The next round of the cross country was held at Leiston on a very windy day. All students who took part performed very well.
 Drew Olley - 11th - inter boys
 Joe Robson - 17th - inter boys
 Adam Crawford - 5th - senior boys
 Anna Robson - 45th - minor girls

TGS cross country team travelled to The Royal Hospital School, Ipswich on what can only be described as perfect conditions for cross country running. Students were fairly confident going into the races after

several training sessions on a Friday evening, thanks to the links with Sudbury Running Club. All runners performed to the best of their abilities and made TGS very proud. The TGS team qualified having gained positions in the top 40 runners of each race, and will now compete on December 5th in the second

round at Alde Valley, Leiston. GOOD LUCK to all runners.

U16s Boys Basketball v OSA

On November 18th a mixed team of Year 11s and Year 10s faced up against their local rivals, away at Sudbury. A strong Sudbury team scored easy points against a weaker TGS defence, which saw them finish the first quarter 11-0. After a quick team talk from the coach (Mr Richards), the team played a very strong second quarter pulling the opposition's lead back to a 7 point game. The second quarter finished 13-6. The start of the third quarter saw Sudbury playing strongly again, increasing their lead even further. TGS lost a key player, in Ben Clark when a harsh fifth foul was given to him, meaning he had to come off. The fourth quarter also proved difficult for TGS as OSA scored even more, and the final score ended 31-14 to the Sudbury team. The better team won on the night. However it was a good starting point for the TGS team.

Bradley Metson



Netball U14

On 15th October the Year 9 netball team travelled to Stowupland to play their third league game of the season. They got off to a quick start scoring 10 goals in the first half. Although they didn't score as many goals in the second half their performance including passing and use of the court space improved immensely. The game finished with a 16:0 win to TGS. Player of the match went to Chloe Adamson with a great team effort from all.

On 18th October Year 9 girls had a netball

match against Stour Valley. They were in the game from the first touch of the ball showing great attacking and defending skills throughout. All players were outstanding and contributed to an excellent win for TGS 23:5. Player of the match went to Nicole Scanlan who played Wing Attack. Chloe Adamson

U13 Netball Tournament

TGS was very successful winning all games. A special mention to Cameron Taylor Willis, Mabel Frost and Phoebe Study who all made their debuts.

A big thank you to Miss Ayling and Miss Buchanan for putting your time and effort towards our wins.

Mollie Pratt

Rugby / U15 Western Area Rugby 7s Tournament

The year 10 TGS rugby 7's squad travelled to Stowmarket Rugby Club to take part in the Western Area 7's tournament. The squad was depleted due to injuries and students unavailable due to prior engagements, however this didn't affect the attitude of the boys and they went into each



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game with the passion and commitment to win. Conditions on the day were very poor and made handling the ball very difficult. However the boys adapted to these conditions well to win their first 3 games against Breckland, Stowmarket High and Castle Manor. However the games against St Benedicts and Newmarket posed a different challenge. Some very strong rugby players for the opposition were too much for our injury hit team. A good building block for next year. Final position for the TGS rugby team was a very pleasing 3rd place.

U16 Rugby

The U16 rugby team travelled to Stowmarket Rugby Club to compete in the Western area tournament. It was great weather for rugby and the boys didn't disappoint. A strong performance in defence from the backs produced some very good rugby. From the round robin tournament between TGS, Stowupland and Thurston, the TGS team were too strong for the other schools and won all games, winning the tournament and qualifying for the County Finals at St Joseph's College. On Monday 23rd November the 14 man team travelled to St. Joseph's College in Ipswich to compete in the Under 16 rugby county final.

The newly founded team, having not trained, cruised through the Western area stages earlier in the month beating Stowupland 27-0. Thurston, however, proved more of a challenge though TGS came out on top 10-7.

The Suffolk finals was even more of a challenge. The first game against Hadleigh proving this: TGS did all they could to provide good defence and some big tackles from Jake Hogger. Hadleigh used their man over-lap to score in the corner multiple times. Final score, 22-0.

We were in to the 3rd/4th place play off, Thomas Mills was our opponent. A fairly even game from the kick off, both good attack and defence from both teams. However, having a man down, they scored

in the corner and luckily for us missed the conversion. On kick-off we retrieved the ball and started moving towards their line. After some great running from just about everyone on the team we were rewarded with a breakthrough try from Darrien Murray, conversion missed. Thomas Mills were quick to respond and scored again using their overlap, but again they missed their conversion. They caught the ball at kick off,

but some brilliant work in the ruck from all the forwards won us the ball back. Down to last play. A scrum, around 10 meters from their try line. Our Number 8 Evan Taylor came away with the ball and offloaded it to Robert Bray who ran in for the try. The score levelled at 10-10; we needed the conversion to win so all down to Chris Railton. He scored! We came away with 3rd place. A good result and no injuries.

Robert Bray (Team captain)



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Football U14 Boys

The boys have had a good season so far having progressed to the knock out stages of the Western Area competition following victories over OSA, Stour Valley and Castle Manor. The next round will be played after the February half term. We are still in the County Cup and now wait to go to Lowestoft to play Benjamin Britten High. Unfortunately we have been knocked out of the ESFA National Competition following defeat to Farlingaye High. We had previously put in a superb performance to comprehensively beat a good Felixstowe side 7-1. Rather disappointingly our 1st half display against Farlingaye was a very different standard and we tamerly fell to a 3-0 deficit. Thankfully in the second half the boys responded well and significantly raised the level of our game pulling 2 goals back. Despite their best efforts they couldn't quite complete the comeback though and must learn from the mistakes of the first half.

U13 Girls Football

The girls have won 2 out of 2 games so far and are showing signs of being a strong team. They comfortably beat Castle Manor in their first game in what was an understandably messy encounter with many girls experiencing 9-a-side football for the first time. Next game was against OSA and again although it was a little untidy the girls did really well to come away with a comfortable win. Next we will play against Horringer Court Middle School in the County Cup. The Year 7 girls also took part in a 5-a-side tournament where they played very well at times and finished second overall

U16 Girls' Football

The girls have continued their good form of recent seasons to comfortably progress to the 3rd round of the County Cup having beaten St Benedict's and King Edward VI

along the way. However, it is in the ESFA National Competition where they have really excelled having now reached the last 32 teams in the Country. A superb victory over Thurston was followed by a hard fought 3 - 0 win away at Northgate in Ipswich. Next was a very tough away draw to Thorpe St Andrew in Norwich who had a very impressive victory in the previous round.

It was a very tight game throughout against a strong side but we managed to stay in it despite going a goal down early on. Sian Cottrell then equalised with a long range strike which gave the girls a little belief. Unfortunately though we conceded a goal before half time we made our task a very difficult one. Credit to the girls though as the second half performance was full of courage and resilience and another wonderful finish from Sian took the game to extra time. This was largely uneventful other than a goal line clearance from Jas Brooks that saved the game with only seconds left.

So to penalties it went which is always a nerve racking experience. It took 7 penalties each to separate the 2 sides with TGS finally coming out victorious with a 5-4 win!

U14 Boys

The boys have had a difficult start to the season with 2 defeats to OSA and Samuel Ward. Despite individual promise there is much work to be done in order to make them a more effective unit.

U13 Boys

So far the boys have played 2 games and performed with great credit. The first was a shortened game against OSA where an excellent performance in the second half gave us the win. The next match was against a very strong Westley side who never really looked likely to let the game slip away from them but our boys performed very well to come away with a narrow 42-32 defeat. This owed much to excellent

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effort, concentration and sharp and efficient passing.

U12 Boys' Football

Thomas Gainsborough School v Newmarket 45 minutes after the due kick off time, Newmarket finally turned up. They were late because of traffic problems on A14. At halftime it was still 0-0 with Newmarket having the better of the chances; fortunately James Samford pulled off some fantastic saves to keep us in the game. The second half started off a little bit better for TGS with some chances up the top of the field and Nick Judge at the back doing some great tackles. The nerves were getting to us as we got closer to the last 10 minutes until Lewis Bowen made a fantastic run through, hit the bar and Harvey came along and finished the rebound. 1-0 to TGS. After that goal it took the pressure off us but there was still work to do. In the last 3 minutes Harvey cleared the ball, playing a through ball to Lewis who placed it just to the goalies right. The game finished 2-0, with Nick Judge getting Man of the Match for a superb game at the back. Kieran Scanlan

5 a side Tournament

This was TGS Year 7's first football tournament and it was held at County Upper in Bury St Edmunds. The 11 teams were split into 2 leagues. We were in a league with St Benedict's, who we beat twice 3-1 each time. We also played Horringer who beat us once and we beat them the other time. The final team in our group was Stowmarket who beat us twice and managed to get to the final and were the tournament runners-up. The eventual winners were Howard who had come first in the other group. Kieron Scanlan

SPORTS NEWS

Ormiston Sudbury Academy v Thomas Gainsborough School

Football friendly fixture 10th November
Following the previous league fixture between OSA and TGS, OSA offered a friendly rematch to be played on the recently built 3G all weather pitch in Sudbury. For most of the TGS players, this was to be a new and exciting experience, and would offer a good quality game of football. As TGS got the game kicked off, they took their time to get used to the new terrain. This did not take long, as TGS found themselves in several goal scoring opportunities, but were unlucky to not find the back of the net. Although TGS slightly dominated possession, OSA strung together a few well-placed passes on the counter attack, then later whipping in a dangerous cross saw OSA take the lead. TGS did not let this affect their nerves as they quickly got back into the game, dominating possession and keeping the ball in the oppositions half. It was minutes after Sudbury's opener that Harry Mansell slotted the ball in the bottom right corner following a few quick passes inside Sudbury's box. OSA failed to get back into the game, as again TGS found themselves in the oppositions box, as Tim Gore dribbled through several players to cut it back to Chester Bloomfield, who placed the ball in the left side of the keeper to make it 2-1. TGS continued to create chance after chance, but struggled to increase the lead. Late into the first half, Aaron Pengelly found the ball on the edge of the box and fired it into the bottom left corner to make it 3-1. Sudbury managed to create a few chances throughout the half, but could not find a goal to get them back into the game. The teams went into the break at 3-1, which was a fair reflection on the game so far. The game continued in the second half as it ended in the half with TGS creating more chances. It didn't take long for Aaron Pengelly to find the bottom right corner

from a volley just outside the box. Sudbury managed to create a few chances but the strength of the TGS defence was able to keep out Sudbury's attacking moves with good solid defending from Tom Prentice, Ollie Sperring and Chris Railton. Sam Prager also pulled off some good saves throughout the game. TGS continued to break out through the wings, with Jake Hogger, Will Cowlin and Deon Ramdhanie causing the defence problems, and therefore TGS found the back of the net again through a Tim Gore header from a well delivered corner from Murray Lange. Tim Gore managed to score once again after another cross that he tucked away from close range. A depleted Sudbury defence couldn't manage the attacking pressure of the TGS forwards. Alfie White picked up the ball from the halfway line and excellently dribbled his way through the Sudbury defence to then finish nicely in the bottom corner. Alfie White was then found again on the edge of the box, and yet again, finished nicely into the bottom corner to make it 8-1. TGS did not stop applying the pressure, as they found themselves taking shot after shot but unfortunately not adding to the score line. Sudbury had fought valiantly but were unable to contain TGS or score a second, and therefore the match ended 8-1 to TGS.

Golf

Alex English, Ben Tatum and Alice Barlow were all invited to the Suffolk Golf Championships held at Felixstowe Golf Club. Good drives from all players on the first meant a strong start. Alice fared the best of the 3 TGS players and played some great shots and sunk many of her putts. She produced some of the golf that has won her many competitions and be part of the England set up. Her golf was too good for the competitors and Alice ran away from the field to become Girls' County Champion. Alex produced some good shots in his round but was not consistent enough in his short game. However he did manage to card a



competitive score and in the Boys Div 1 Nett competition he finished 2nd. Ben found the windy conditions difficult and didn't play to his full potential but still managed to card a competitive score to finish 4th in the Boys Div 1 RU. Well done to all three golfers.

Aspiring Golfer

Earlier this half term, Alice Barlow, in Year 12, took part in the Suffolk Schools Golf Association's Championship. Aspiring golfer of 16, Alice scored a seventy-six gross (Par seventy-three) in very turbulent weather conditions: the day was plagued by gales and heavy downpours of rain - hardly suitable conditions for a game of golf. However, Alice came out on top, and became the Suffolk Schools' Girls' Champion! We are all very proud of her achievement and hope that she will continue to do as well in the near future and beyond. Alice, after her performance, had this to say about the day, "I felt that I performed well considering the horrible weather conditions. It was an intense day, with plenty of fierce

competition to prompt me to perform to the best of my ability." To any other golfers out there, Alice would also like to say that it's important to just "Have fun!"

U14 Girls

The girls have also just played the 2 games and been thoroughly convincing winners in each beating OSA and Samuel Ward. Harder games are to follow against Mildenhall and KEGS but I'm sure the girls will be striving to reach the County finals again.

U14 Netball Tournament

The Year 9 girls played exceptionally well in the Western Area Tournament. They managed to win the first three games with more than a 20 point difference each game. This secured a place in the semi final against County Upper. This game was very tense and went to extra time twice as the teams were very evenly matched. TGS fought hard resulting in Holly May being able to score the winning goal enabling us to go through to the quarter finals. TGS came a very respectable 4th in the Western Area tournament and demonstrated their excellent skill level throughout.

Dance-Phoebe Swain

Phoebe has the great opportunity to be part of a very exclusive group of performers. Camber is a freestyle dance festival - Phoebe thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity and performed very well. She tells us: 'My time at Camber this year was an amazing experience. I loved the time when we first got there and I had to go to get my costume on ready for the first night. We came 2nd out of 4 or 5. As it was my birthday on Camber I had to move up to under 14s which was really hard. Thanks to Jenny Pendrill who took us to Camber and

made me a better dancer than I was when I first started.'

Under 16 Netball Tournament at TGS

The girls played extremely well at the Under 16 Netball tournament at TGS in October. Unfortunately they lost their first match but that did not stop them fighting on to win the second. The third match was lost which meant that the team did not make it through to the next round. The atmosphere was great. Special mention to our Under 14 Girls Holly May, Hannah Crowley, Chloe Adamson and Ella Pearson for stepping in to help out the team. This challenged them against older teams but they played extremely well.

Upcoming Fixtures

U13 indoor athletics January 2016

Other News

"Now That's What I Call TGS 2015" CD

Music BTEC students have been working hard to produce a TGS CD. If you would like to pay £ for a "Now That's What I Call TGS 2015" CD, then please go pick up a order form from student services, at the concert or pick up an order form from the Music Department (Room 111.)

Jasmine Lendon



Caroline Kelly & Mike Watkins

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