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We Rocked!



TGS ROCKED!



What an amazing show! The students blew us all away with their renditions of Queen classics. 'We Will Rock You' was a sell-out success and thoroughly enjoyed by those who watched it. The cast and crew worked tirelessly to pull off a very

challenging, yet rewarding show. The excitement really set in when the set and lights went up, and the main hall was transformed into a theatrical space full of atmosphere. Our chorus sung wholeheartedly throughout the three shows and the

principals delivered outstanding performances, full of character.

It was an absolute pleasure to work with such a talented group of students.

I can't wait to do it again... What next, I wonder?

Mrs J Arrow



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YOU ROCKED!



Abbas News

I would like to begin the Abbas news item by congratulating those that have been selected for key positions of responsibility within school, taking up their posts in the Summer term: Sebastian Crayford will be the Deputy Head Boy, whilst Rosie Young and Kieran Judd will be the House Captains for Abbas. I know that all three students will continue to contribute to the wider aspects of school life as well as proving to be excellent role models for our students in lower years. A huge “well done” and best wishes to all three.

There have been plenty of competitions during this Spring Term and Abbas House have made a great impression in many of them. The Modern Foreign Languages department held the first round of their annual “Have Your Say” event. I am delighted to say that six of the twelve winners were from Abbas. Congratulations to Keeley McSweeney, Chloe Forth, Amy Howells, Holly Bunter, Rebecca Plumb and Rosie Young. We wish all the very best of luck in the next round in May.

Cain Hawthorn Grant from ABO won the Winter photo competition with a picture that really could have been used as a Christmas card! Well done Cain! We are currently gathering entries for three competitions: a mosaic based on classical mythology, the Spring photograph and the school mascot design

competitions. There really is something for everyone to get involved in.

Our charity fundraising total has continued to rise with our regular monthly “Munchy Monday” cake sales. It really is marvellous to see the skills and passion for baking that some of our students have. We are also very lucky to have the dedication of those that give up their breaks to sell the lovely cakes. “Thank you” to Callum Ryan, Ella McCrory, Emily Waudby, Rebekah White, Frankie Day and Alannah Reeve for making the cake sales happen! Huge gratitude to everyone who has donated such delicious cakes again. As a joint house venture we have been running an Easter Egg hamper raffle throughout the school. Good luck to all that have bought a ticket.

We will have a guest speaker from East Anglian Air Ambulance to lead an assembly during the Summer term which will demonstrate just how vital our fund raising work has been this year. Thank you for all of your support in this endeavour.

I hope that you all have a lovely Spring break, although we will see many of the Year 11s in during the holiday for revision sessions (please check the timetable), and look forward to seeing Abbas ready and raring to go for the Summer term.

Mrs N Wilby

Kieran Judd & Rosie Young



Chamberlain News

Another fantastic term – fingers crossed for the Celebration Assembly to see if we have done enough to get those orange ribbons on the Chelsworth Cup.

A big thank you to our committee members for their support selling the Easter Hamper raffle tickets. There is still time if you have not yet bought yours – 50p each of 3 for £1 and the prize is a huge hamper of chocolate and sweets. This is a whole school event and so the money raised from this raffle will be split between all five of the school's charities.

For our own charity each form group has been given a Change Pot – for any loose change you may have or find lying around on the floor – at the end of the year we will count all of this up and add it to our charity donations. Because we like to be competitive the first form group to fill their pot will be rewarded with sweets.

A special mention must go out to Rosy Morelli who on her own has achieved over 5000 correct answers on the TT Rockstars timestable challenge website – she was the highest scorer in school and has the fastest average time for answering correctly (even beating Miss McAndrew – who has now learnt Rosy's technique for typing in answers quickly and looks forward to trying this out to compete against her again). Rosy also went on to compete against other schools in our Trust last week at Sybil Andrews coming second place overall – well done!

Good luck to both Rosy and Megan Turner who are out of the TGS Quiz Team, off to compete in the National Junior Schools Quiz challenge this week. Another huge Well Done must go to Rosemary Gray who competed in the Area Final Book Mastermind competition last week. Rosemary showed an impressive performance with a particularly strong general knowledge round giving her 2nd place. She has now secured her place at the County Final and we wish her luck with this.

The Summer Term is now the time that we say Thank you and farewell to our current House Captains as they hand over their position of responsibility to our new leaders. It has been a pleasure to work with Bethany Ireland-Whittaker and Josef Thompson – both showed a mature and responsible approach to all of our Chamberlain events and supporting younger members of the committee.

I am now delighted to introduce our new House Captains as Olivia Roberts and Fred Adams – both already strong committee members who I am sure will continue to lead and motivate our house in competitions and events to help us succeed further.

I hope you all have a lovely Easter break and hopefully we will see some more sunshine!

Miss J Hilson

Fred Adams & Olivia Roberts



Hello Houghton!

Following a year away from school due to maternity leave, I have the pleasure to be back leading the students from Houghton House and working with an excellent team of tutors. This term has already packed with activities and fundraising.

I would like to thank the Houghton House Committee for their efforts selling Easter Eggs Knitted Covers. We manage to raise about £100. All the efforts of Miss Barfield, Miss Canham, Miss Keys and other members of staff, parents and students were definitely worthwhile.

We have also been working hard selling tickets for the Easter Hamper raffle, a joint effort with all the other Houses to raise money for our individual charities.

Are you ready to learn some Salsa moves while raising money for charity?

I would like to announce that our big charity fundraising activity for the next term will be the TGS Salsa Challenge which will take part on April 25th at lunchtime and after school. If you want to

take part, this is what you have to do:

Get your sponsor form from Student Services
Book a place in one of the sessions (lunchtime or after school)
Start looking for sponsors.

All members of staff, students and parents welcome!
Bring comfortable shoes and be prepared to have lots of fun!

Finally, I am very happy to introduce our new Houghton House Captains for 2018-2019:

James Quin from GBR and Nadja Bearn from NBU. They are both very talented and committed members of the House, who are always willing to help and support other students in the House. I will be delighted to work with them to make Houghton House the best House in the school. Good luck in your new role!

Mrs L Hurtado



James Quin & Nadja Bearn



Peyton News

Firstly, I want to say a huge thank you to Jacob Miculob and Zara Hearnden who have been superb House Captains this year. Their organisation and enthusiasm have been nothing short of brilliant and they have had a very positive impact on the house this year. To take the pressure off them during the final weeks leading up to their exams we have been looking at next year's House Captains who will lead Peyton forward during the next 12 months. So, congratulations go to Mason Boggis and Lucy Bowes who are our Peyton House Captains for 2018-2019.

A huge thank you to our committee members who have helped with the selling of our Easter Hamper raffle tickets and for their continued support with our charity events planned for next term. Watch out for the return of the 'Smelly Wellies'!

Mr W Ponsford



Mason Boggis & Lucy Bowes



Tollemache News

Another busy term at Thomas Gainsborough this term has been action packed with lots of clubs competitions and charity events. Students at TGS take house competitions very seriously as a result of which we have had some stunning entries. The competitions this term involve: design a school mascot; the spring photography competition; create a mosaic; Amazing beasts, to mention a few. The quality of the work has been outstanding as usual. This is a tough job for the senior leadership team to select the winners. As the term ends everyone is looking forward to the Easter Celebration assembly to find out who will win the house cup this term.

This term Tollemache has held their charity event supporting the Tom Bowdidge Teenage cancer. The CEO of the charity gave a presentation during a Tollemache assembly explaining the ethos of the charity. This year the charity has given £50,000 pounds to families with teenagers who are living with the disease. Families may need to buy new beds with softer mattresses, new clothes if they have had severe weight loss or gain with the drugs they receive. Others need financial aid with travelling backwards and forwards to the hospital. The Tom Bowdidge Teenage cancer trust has been busy opening treatment rooms at Colchester hospital. The Tollemache smartie event is a play on words getting the students to link Smarties

the chocolate with smartie the word. Reminding the students that if they do feel unwell be smart and tell someone. If you detect a lump get it checked out: the sooner the better. All the students in Tollemache house were given a tube of smarties from Year 7 to Year 11 to eat. Students have been asked to fill the empty boxes with coins, to raise funds for the charity. The amount raised will be published in the next edition of this magazine.

This term has seen the handover of the House Captains of Tollemache. It has been a privilege working with Thomas Dudden and Emma Crossley. They have tirelessly promoted house competitions and charity events, getting Tollemache students involved in whole school activities. I wish Tom and Emma the best of luck for the future.

The new House Captains are Jemma Sergeant and George Dunn. Congratulations to you both. I look forward to working with you in the near future. I chose these two students because they have shown initiative this year by asking to set up stalls at the Christmas market. Jemma has also entered several competitions and produced some stunning photographs for the autumn and winter competitions.

Mrs F Raleigh



George Dunn & Jemma Sargeant



Rewards Trips

It is getting to that time in the year where we start to think about rewarding some of you for your efforts this year in school. If you achieve 300 merits this year then we would like to invite you to choose one of our rewards trips taking place on Friday 7th September 2018.

Choice 1:

Our most popular choice with you is our Thorpe Park trip. An early meeting at school for 7.45am means you get as much time as possible in the park where you are free to enjoy the rides and many attractions on offer. Going during term time means minimum queuing times which means you get to go on all the rides you want! It's a long day getting back to school for 8pm but you do have the weekend to recover.

Choice 2:

For those of you who do not like roller coasters and rides you can experience some of the tourist sights in London. Each year we create a different route in London so as not to repeat for those who have been before. This year we are planning to travel to Camden Market and Little Venice with a boat trip along the historic Regents Canal. This is another long day in order to fit in all the sights we have planned so we leave school at 7.30am and return back for 7pm.

Choice 3:

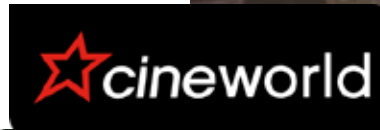
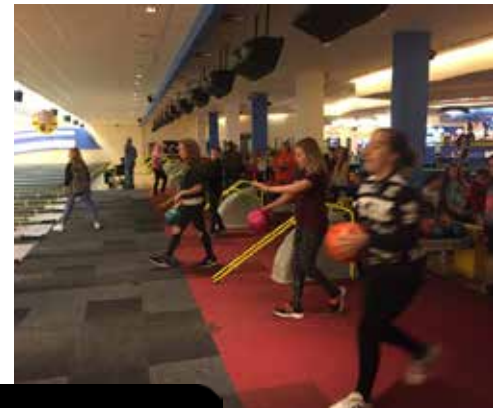
Our third choice is more chilled and an earlier finish for those of you who want to relax more and get home earlier. We are going to Braintree Freeport for our very own private cinema showing (film

to be decided nearer the time), some free time to explore the shops and have lunch, finishing with a game of bowling and some time in the arcades. This trip leaves school at 8.30am and returns for 4pm.

Once you have reached your 300 merits your form tutor will ask for your choices to secure your place. So start collecting in those final merits – enter competitions, attend clubs, fill your careers folder, volunteer to support events and show us that you deserve to go.

Good Luck!

Miss J Hilson



Enrichment

We have some more new exciting Enrichment opportunities starting this term.

Keep an eye out for the new Summer Timetables once we return after Easter.

Mini Bus Madness:

We have had some amazing trips this half term:

Decopatch – a very therapeutic afternoon at The Blue Owl covering our chosen models in bright coloured papers in a paper-mache style. It was a very messy hour but the results were fantastic as you can see.

Archery – in the middle of the snowy weather a group of us braved the elements to shoot at a range of targets. Some impressive skills were shown with direct hits on smaller and moving targets and there was definite improvement across everyone in the group from start to finish.

Foam Clay Modelling – back to The Blue Owl again for more creative fun. This time we covered our chosen statues in a range of coloured clay which then dries solid within 48 hours. Creatures could be as colourful and bold as they wanted and some showed fantastic detail.

Due to popular demands we shall be re-visiting The Blue Owl for some more Foam Clay Modelling and going back to Archery in the warmer weather so that we can practise outdoors. We are also planning to carry out a range of Bush Craft trips back at Eden Rose Coppice and Arger Fen so watch this space for dates and more information.



Introduction to Psychology Club



Tuesday's 3:15 - 4:15 in Room G4
Year 9 and 10's

Are you interested in Psychology? Are you considering studying it in the future? Come to the 'Introduction to Psychology' club to get an insight into the world of psychology! Sign up at Student Services!

Practise speaking, and reading ...

Homework help

Use www.duolingo

Keep up a language you are not learning at the moment

Languages Club
Friday 1:00 Room 210
Mrs Young & Mrs Keys

Use www.memrise

USE the LINGUASCOPE site at home, on your phone, at school: for fun, to help schoolwork, KS4 written work.... ASK your MFL teacher for the codes!

Years 7-11

Have fun, play MFL games ...

Use www.linguascope.com

Try a new MFL

EQUESTRIAN CLUB

LUNCHTIME 202

We need 10 members who have a pony/horse

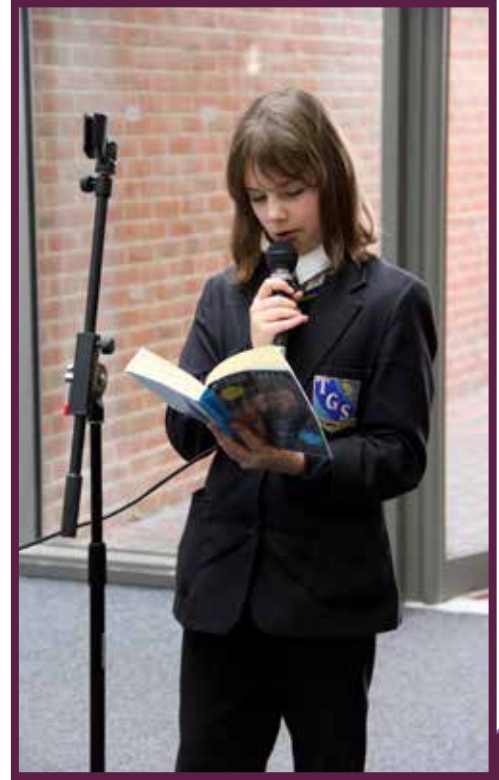
Any age

Be able to jump 50cm+

To compete with other schools on specific Saturdays



TGS Book Day



Our Reading Ambassadors marked World Book Day this year by taking an opportunity to share some of their favourite literature with the whole school. They wanted to make their love of books visible so they chose extracts from novels that have inspired or moved them and read them aloud during the lunch break. The Ambassadors were also joined by a number of staff who took the opportunity to give us a flavour of their literary interests too. There has been so much support and interest in this wonderful gesture the Ambassadors are now looking into making this a regular feature.

The library also put on a range of activities in support of World Book Day over in the Bavington Centre. This included the World Book Day Challenge where students were rewarded stamps for completing a series of library based activities.

Finally, congratulations to Daisy, Rosie, Maisie, Sophie and Anwen! They will be joining Katherine, Poppy, Kitty, Gemma, Sam, Kaedyn and Holly as TGS Reading Ambassadors. We look forward to seeing what the team can do with more hands on deck.

Mr M Harris

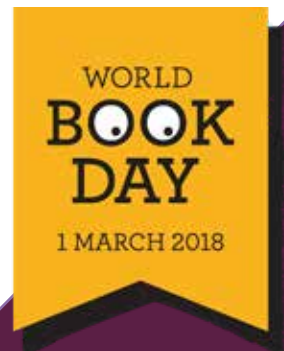


Year 7 student Rosemary Gray competed in the area final of this year's Book Mastermind at Sybil Andrews School on Wednesday 14th March. She came

second scoring 25.5 points by answering questions on the book Rooftoppers by Katherine Rundell in addition to a general knowledge round. Because of her terrific score, Rosemary has been invited to the county final as one of the highest runner-up scorers.

A very impressive performance with a particularly strong general knowledge round. Well done Rosemary!

Mrs H Welch



TGS Maths Outreach Programme

Pupils from our feeder schools joined us for three days of Maths challenges. The challenges ranged from cracking a padlock code to finding how many triangles could be made on a three by three pinboard. The last day involved the pupils participating in the UKMT Maths challenge, a national primary school initiative that takes many aspects of Maths in problem solving activities. It was also an opportunity for the pupils to meet and make new friends.

Hopefully fun was had by all.

Ms T Barfield





Rosy going through. After a tense 3-minute times table battle with Rosy answering a fantastic 246 questions, we had the result. Rosy won second place with the girls winning the overall team competition.

Well done Rosy, Sasha and Carys – a fantastic achievement.

Ms R McAndrew

To celebrate Pi Day on Wednesday 14th March, Access 2 created a colour representation of Pi to the first 500 decimal places! The top left of the Pi symbol is the beginning of the sequence. Can you crack the code?

Mrs L Hempel



Maths Competitions

Weekly Maths challenge e-mailed out to all students. Monthly TTRockstars competition (if you have forgotten your login details then please speak to your teacher) www.parallel.org.uk (for Year 7 and 8 only). Each entry gets you a ticket into a voucher prize draw. 'Extra Stuff to do at home' – each completed leaflet gets you an entry into a voucher prize draw.

TTRockstars Competition

On World Pi Day, we took a team of three students to Sybil Andrews Academy for a trust Mathematics TTRockstars competition.

All students have a TTRockstars account and we recently had a competition to represent TGS in this trust wide competition. Rosy Morelli, Carys Preece and Sasha Preece were the three students who won answering over 160,000 questions between them to represent the school.

On the day we met up with all the other schools in the trust and the competition began, first with a warm up and then into the competition. First, there were heats with all three students making it through to the quarterfinals with Sasha managing an impressive 100% accuracy. Tough competition followed in quarterfinals with Sasha and Rosy making it through to the semi-finals. The final eight became the final four with Sasha narrowly missing out but with





For the February half-term holiday TGS took 30 students for their first school visit to Berlin. As students of German, the pupils were keen to immerse themselves in the language and culture, and to experience life in one of Europe's most dynamic and ever-changing cities. The early start in the pouring rain did little to dampen our spirits as we flew from Stansted to Schoenefeld in Berlin.

We took an introductory walk to Bernauer Strasse, to see the Berlin Wall, and the memorial to those who died trying to escape from East to West. A sombre moment for the pupils to imagine having a wall built right in the middle of a community, and the division which followed.

The next day started with the Brandenburg Gate, followed by a climb up to the top of Germany's parliament building, the Reichstag. The Reichstag has a glass dome, which allowed the pupils to be able to see right across Berlin on what was a cold and frosty day! The history continued in the afternoon with a look at the Topography of Terror, an exhibition which detailed the Nazi history of Berlin, which again gave our pupils a deep insight into the past of this city. We later took a closer look at the story of Berlin's role in the Cold War, before sampling the German Currywurst.

On Sunday we visited the site of the former concentration camp at Sachsenhausen. This showed the graphic horrors of the Nazi regime, and proved to be an emotional experience for our students, who at times found it hard to come to terms with the horrors that took place here. It was a really important experience for a generation of young people who thankfully have never experienced war and conflict, and the way in which they reflected on this visit was a credit to all of them.

A visit to Berlin's Olympic Stadium followed. Monday saw TGS students put their language skills to the test, as we met our guide for the day, Tatiana. A native of the city, Tatiana showed us many of the hidden gems of the city before setting us off on a task to gain information of the history of the city centre by talking to locals. Divided up into teams, the group was given a mission to answer questions on the city by finding out the information in German for themselves. Congratulations went to the team of Briony Crawford, Bethany Ireland-Whittaker, Angel Worley and Celeste Barthropp who got the most correct answers to win the prize!

We also spent a wonderful couple of hours in the DDR Museum, the museum which documented and vividly recreated what life was like in the old East Germany. From an authentic replica of a 1980s East

Berlin apartment, complete with power cuts, vintage propaganda based television shows and both the wardrobes and recipes of the time, to the opportunity for our students to sit behind the wheel of a Trabant, the East German car of choice, the pupils engrossed themselves in what life was like in those times. For our students it really was a whistle stop, breathless tour of the city, with many kilometres walked and much information to take in.

The TGS students were exemplary in their resilience, adaptability and willingness to try new things, and to fully throw themselves into German culture. The reality of this city is that such a short visit barely scratches the surface, and we look forward to a return visit really soon.

Mr A Blagona







Intrepid students and staff boarded the coach at the TGS bus park for a fun filled week on the slopes of the Austrian Alps. The group travelled to Altenmark, staying at the Hotel Ennstalerhof. With most students having only been on a dry slope for 6 hours it was fantastic to see the progress they made in the first few days and by day 3 all 4 groups were to the top and happily skiing around the mountain. Most of our skiing was done at the resort of Flachau but with 6 days skiing in total we decided to use the coach to go a little further afield and explore Zuachensee. Two very cold days (-14 on one of them!) gave us brilliant, light powder under crystal clear, cloudless skies and bright sunshine. Some glorious blue runs allowed all our pupils to gain confidence and enjoy the beauty of the mountains whilst some amazing runs suitably challenged those who had progressed on to red and black slopes. A race on the penultimate day gave our skiers a chance to experience fast slalom skiing. Apres-ski was taken care of by using the swimming pool, snow tubes and cinema room in the hotel and with trips out to the Lucky Flitzer toboggan run and a local swimming pool with the most amazing laser light show. Highlights of the week included: Joe Fitzwater being christened 'Willy Wipeout' as he managed a series of most spectacular crashes (one of which was caught on video); Harry Moule trying to spray me with snow, only

to miss the edge and clatter into my ski boots (also on video); The Lucky Flitzer toboggan ride which Miss Bryan enjoyed so much she forgot to get off; and the 'murder on the slopes' game which really added another edge to the trip.

Of all the school ski trips I have run this was by far and away the best one yet. The hotel was luxurious, the food was good, the Apres ski was brilliant and the skiing was amazing! However, what really made it was the pupils' effort and behaviour. They were superb to the point that random skiers were complimenting them on how polite and well-mannered they were!

A real credit to themselves and the school. Well done to all, huge thanks to the staff that attended and bring on the next one in 2020!

Mr W Ponsford



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Snape Concert

On Saturday 10th March, TGS sent some of the Music department's finest students to Snape Maltings Concert Hall to represent the school. First up was a jazz band led by Oliver Hughes on piano, who wowed the audience with their extensive fluidity and excellent saxophone solo by Flo Redmonds. Next up was the Advanced Vocals groups led by Oliver Hughes

and Gemma Deacon. Over the last term this group have been rehearsing a six-part piece of acapella style piece called 'Flight'. The group stunned the audience with their complex layering and amazing harmonies. Finally, we all attended a workshop with a musician named Aga who taught us an Afro-Beat influenced piece that got the crowd on their feet, as all musicians from age five to

eighteen danced to the epic finale.

Overall TGS had a very successful evening where we really got to show our love for music. We all agreed that we would do it again in a heartbeat and highly encourage others to get involved too.

Sam Wainwright



Latin

On the 7th March, the Year 10 Latin class visited Saffron Walden High School to experience a lecture from Dr Jerry Toner of Cambridge University. The lecture was on the topic of Roman entertainment and how and why events such as the Roman games took place. The lecture also covered how the Romans dined, showed off their social status and how they showed who they favoured. It was a wonderful opportunity to get a deeper insight into the lives of the Romans and how they affected others around them. The trip was a great experience and we are looking forward to the next Latin trip!

Poppy Chisnall



Have Your Say: 100% Success!

On 13th March, 12 students took part in the annual Eastern Region Have Your Say foreign languages competition. This has been run by the ALL (Association of language learners) for the past 29 years. The students, Mrs Frid, Mrs Young and Miss Rubio, travelled by minibus to the Colne Community School in Brightlingsea and practised during

the journey. At the event, students were asked to perform age-related tasks. Year 7-9 students had to perform a 10-12 line open ended dialogue, completing the last 4 lines themselves, (guided by Mrs Young and Mrs Frid) whilst the Y10 students had to create a 14 line conversation from scratch, including at least 8 key words from the 10 supplied. All students had to learn their part by heart and perform to a panel of judges and in front of students from many different schools from all over East Anglia.

Students and staff had spent considerable time writing and rehearsing these but the hard work paid off as, for the first year ever, all 12 students secured places in the final round on Wednesday 16th May at Thomas Lord Audley School in Colchester.

This time, they will have to perform their original dialogue plus an additional, unseen

language task suitable for their age range, so they will be continuing to spend time at lunch in the MFL department, rehearsing with Mrs Frid, Mrs Young and Mrs Keys and practising their phonics. The 12 successful students were (Y 7 Spanish) Amy Howells and Chloe Forth, (Y7 French) Maisie Young and Keeley McSweeney, (Y8 German) Rosy Morelli and Hayley Provis, (Y8 French) Savannah Shaddock and Holly Bunter, (Y9 German) Jessica Tarbet and Millie Simon and finally (Y10 German) Rosie Young and Rebecca Plumb.

Memorable sights included: Hayley in her swimming goggles, waving German flags, Maisie and Keeley comparing stuffed toy cats and waving birthday banners, Savannah bouncing a basketball whilst talking!

Very well done for all the hard work and excellent approach to learning.

Mrs K Young





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Year 11 Graduation, Prom, Yearbook and Hoodies

As the end of Year 11 approaches, we have put together a program to celebrate success and commit memories of TGS into permanent reminders of school life.

Yearbook

Students have been asked to submit a comment and a photograph in order for us to put this year's yearbook together. They are available to order until Friday 25th May at a cost of just £5. Order forms have been sent via email to all students and parents. These will be available to collect at the end of the graduation ceremony on 22nd June.

Hoodies

We are working with a local company to produce Graduates Hoodies for pupils to purchase at a cost of £18.50. A link will be sent to all students and parents via email. Deadline for orders is Friday 25th May. These will be also available to collect at the end of the graduation ceremony on 22nd June.

Graduation

Our annual Graduation Ceremony is taking place on Friday 22nd June from 10:30-12:00 in a marque in the grounds of the school. Invitations will be sent to parents via the Royal Mail. Replies must be in to the school by Friday 25th May to guarantee tickets. There is no cost for this event.

Prom

The Year 11 Prom takes place at Colchester United Football Club on Friday 29th June. Arrival is 7:00 for 7:30 with carriages at 10:30pm. The dress code is formal (dress to impress!). Tickets are on sale from Students Services at a cost of £30. This includes entry to the event, a welcome drink, a Buffet Meal, a DJ for the night, exclusive use of the Suite at CUFC, a group photograph taken in the stands of the stadium and access to 500 photographs as a memory of the evening. It is always a great night so get your tickets soon!

Mr W Ponsford



Child Sexual Exploitation



Child sexual exploitation (CSE) is a type of sexual abuse.

Children in exploitive situations and relationships receive things such as gifts, money or affection as a result of performing sexual activities or others performing sexual activities on them. Children or young people may be tricked into believing they are in a loving, consensual relationship. They might be invited to parties and given drugs and alcohol. They may also be groomed online. Some children or young people are trafficked into or within the UK for the purpose of sexual exploitation.

Sexual exploitation can also happen to young people in gangs. Child sexual exploitation is a hidden crime. Young people often trust their abuser and don't understand that they're being abused. They may depend on their abuser or be too scared to tell anyone. Over 2,400 children

in the UK were the victims of sexual exploitation in gangs or groups from August 2010 to October 2011.

The NSPCC has an excellent website with further information: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/>

Other information can be found in Alice's Diary, a very clever resource by Hampshire Police. The aim of the diary is to raise awareness of the signs of child sexual exploitation and help readers recognise the signs in a friend or family member. This diary is linked to the

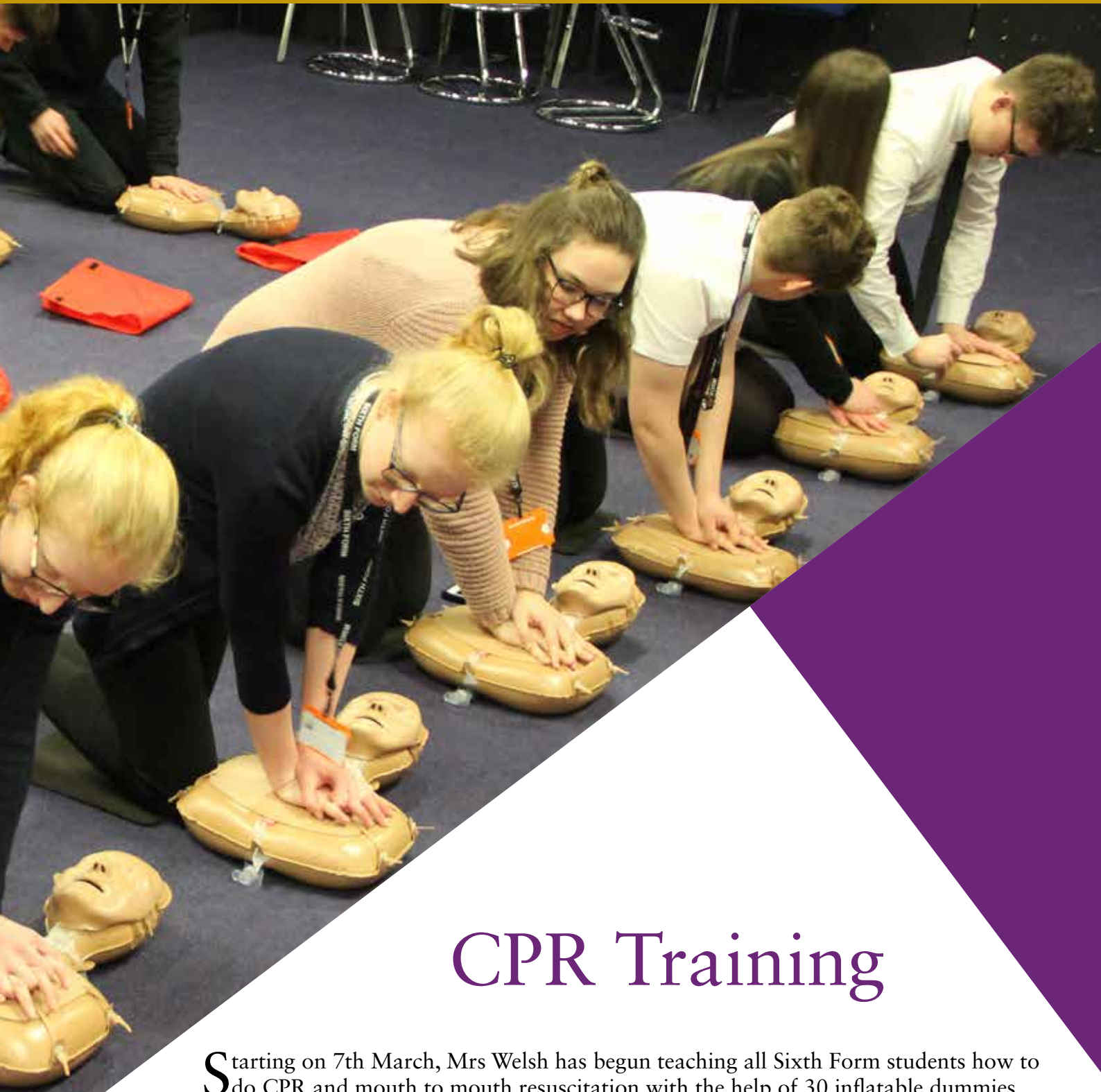
Hampshire Constabulary child sexual exploitation campaign; it is fictional but is based on elements of real examples of child sexual exploitation uncovered by police in the UK.

<https://alicesdiary.org/>

Mrs E Wilson-Downes







CPR Training

Starting on 7th March, Mrs Welsh has begun teaching all Sixth Form students how to do CPR and mouth to mouth resuscitation with the help of 30 inflatable dummies provided for free by the British Heart Foundation. She is teaching each House separately during tutor time, and the reaction to it has been very positive so far.

Mrs Welsh hopes to roll out the training school-wide in order to improve the probability of a person surviving cardiac arrest outside of the hospital environment. Currently in the UK fewer than 1 in 10 people survive to be discharged from hospital. In Norway however, where school age children receive this life-saving training, the survival rate is 1 in 4.

An Audience with Sir David Ramsden



On Friday 23rd February a group of Year 11 students had the incredible opportunity of attending a private audience with Sir David Ramsden, the Deputy Governor of Markets and Banking at the Bank of England. The meeting was held at The Newmarket Academy and was an amazing trip which enabled us to learn more about how the Bank of England works, and its role in our society. As all of the students in the audience are planning to start an A-Level Economics course next year, it was particularly relevant.

Sir David began by giving us information on how he ended up working for the Bank of England and then told us about what his role is, as the Deputy Governor of Markets and Banking. I learnt a lot about the routes into working in the financial sector, as well as some interesting facts about the Bank of England; namely that they have one of the world's largest gold vaults. Overall, I found the trip both insightful and valuable, in giving practical advice about working in finance in the future.

Ismay Hathaway

Politics

Year 13 Politics students Nina Battle, Matt Street, Robert Bray and Bradley Metson attended a revision day on American Politics in central London on Wednesday 7th March. The event, held at Friends House near Euston, included coverage of all the topics to be revised for the forthcoming A-Level Politics exams. As Politics textbooks are inevitably very quickly out of date, it was a valuable experience to hear expert lecturers discuss a range of recent examples from the Obama and Trump presidencies. It was also useful to have the opportunity to hear Edexcel examiners give valuable advice about examination technique, including the importance of considering the precise wording of the questions as carefully as possible.



Mr D Yates

Venice

A group of Year 13 students boarded a flight on the morning of Friday 2nd March and landed at Treviso Airport, Venice to begin their Enrichment Day activity. It was sleeting and raining and a chilly -5°C at some points during the day. It didn't seem to dampen anyone's spirit though; everyone seemed to be having a great time. Venice is literally a city on water; it's like something out of a novel with no roads and buildings which look like they are from a fantasy film. The water taxi was great, and let us see the real beauty of the city. The tiny back streets where we had lunch were a little corner of the world that we had never seen before. After lunch we had a walking tour. Our guide was amazing, her knowledge and passion were very apparent and she knew the place in incredible detail.

After the tour we heard the news that our flight was cancelled-not delayed but cancelled. I don't think it really sunk in for some people, so we went to a restaurant to kill some time and get out of the cold. After three hours in the airport, Ryan Air finally loaded us onto a coach for a six and a half hour ride to Austria in order to catch a flight home from Salzburg Airport. Two countries are better than one and the mountains were beautiful and very grand, but most of us didn't see the border as we were fast asleep. A free airport breakfast and more delays later, we finally arrived home – only fifteen hours later than planned! Hats off to Mr Alexander and Miss Bryan - they kept us going throughout. And one more thing, it was totally worth it...

Morrigan Rimmer



Appointment of new Head Boy and Girl

Having sat through some excellent candidate interviews for Head Boy and Girl, we are delighted to announce that our new Head Boy and Girl are Connor Palmer and Francesca Perkins-Taylor. They will both be chairing the Student Parliament and share the same desire for 'a student voice'. They have some

excellent ideas for improving the Sixth Form environment not least of which to grow the mentoring scheme to support students in lower school. We very much look forward to working with them and supporting them with their ideas.

Sixth Form Team



SPORTS NEWS



U12 Badminton

On Thursday 15th March 2018 Year 7 boys entered a badminton competition in Bury. We had 2 teams of 4 and a sub, 9 teams entered the competition and TGS 1 had Gabriel Bailey, Sebastian Martin, Noah Rose and Matthew Rowe. TGS 2 featured Alex Cadeddu, Flynn Taylor, Sonny Waterson, Zack Brazier and Isaac Joans. After all our hard work and effort in these tense matches TGS 1 came second and TGS 2 came ninth. We all tried our best and put loads of effort which paid off! Well Done!

Our congratulations go to Alex Quin in Year 10. Alex, a stalwart of our school cricket team, was awarded the prestigious "most improved player" award by Sudbury CC at its annual dinner in March. The award is for a cricketer across the age ranges, not just the junior section, making his achievement even more impressive. Alex was presented with his award by England cricket legend Graham Gooch.



U12 Girls Badminton

On Tuesday the 20th March we took four Year 7 girls over to KEGS to compete in an under 12 badminton tournament. The girls were able to play both singles and doubles games which allowed them to experience working independently and alongside a team mate. Overall the girls had an extremely rewarding experience and despite being up against tough competition, they showed resilience from start to finish. Well done girls!



The star player I would like to nominate for her continual positivity is Esther Booth.

SPORTS NEWS

U12 Basketball

The U12 girls and boys basketball teams travelled to Castle Manor Academy to play their semi-final match in the West Suffolk Basketball Competition. The boys played first and it was obvious from the outset that this was going to be a very closely contested match. The boys were strong in the first 2 quarters, maintaining a lead of 4 points for the majority of the half. Heading into the 3rd and 4th quarter, the boys made a few turnovers which resulted in 3 baskets without a reply for Castle Manor. This put them in the lead and despite efforts from TGS, we were unable to regain the lead and the match finished 18 - 14 to Castle Manor. Well done to the boys who showed a great level of passion.

The girls were next and were understandably nervous, because for a lot of the students, this was their first experience of playing basketball. Castle Manor had a few students who were playing basketball at club level, so we knew this would be a competitive match. The girls gave their best and worked really well as a team. They played with passion and showed great skill, but unfortunately it was not enough to overcome the experience of the players from Castle Manor, who led the whole game. The final score was 36 - 18. Well done to the girls for their efforts.

Joe Robson – English School Cross Country Championships

Joe travelled with the rest of the Suffolk team to Leeds to compete in the English Schools Cross Country Championships at the weekend. It was a bitterly cold day with snow showers all day, but the snow held off while Joe was running. Joe did really well and was 4th Suffolk team member to finish – 199th overall. It was a hilly course, and so muddy that they weren't allowed to walk the course before the race started!

A fantastic achievement considering Joe is a year young in the age group. Well done!



Sports Relief

A fun packed week of sporting activities greeted the students, penalty shoot outs against PE staff, staff v staff netball, and many competitions for the students to be involved in. The Mile Run took centre stage. Many students from all houses took part, along with some staff supporting this great charity. All supporting competitors took part with the correct attitude and effort levels. A great week. Sponsor money is still coming in. Look out for the amount raised in the next edition of sports report.



SPORTS NEWS

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Bridge Project Work Experience

Our ethos is to work together and bring people together. As a result, our café on Gainsborough Street is a hub of creativity and inclusivity – open to all. Our talented kitchen team produce fresh, delicious snacks, lunches and afternoon teas using locally sourced, Suffolk ingredients. The Bridge Project provides and maintains a series of social activities, a hot meal delivery service and creative workshops for all ages. For local businesses we have meeting rooms for hire and a catering service available if required. Support groups for those living with dementia and their carers are open to residents in Sudbury and the surrounding areas.

So far this year The Bridge Project have accommodated 4 TGS students for work experience.

All the students have thoroughly enjoyed the experience of working there.

Becky Nicholson, manager of The Bridge Project, kindly organises a timetable for the students during their time at the café so that each student has a structured and busy week.

There is always plenty to do and students are given every opportunity to use their IT and creative skills, working with people who have learning disabilities and other needs. The café also provides a food delivery service, delivering food to members of the public (who may require a carer to attend to their needs) and are therefore unable to cook themselves a meal.

The café provides a friendly coffee shop area and food and drinks are served to members of the public.

Students are involved in all aspects of work on a daily business. The feedback students give have always been very positive.

The careers team would like to thank Becky Nicholson and her team for providing such a varied experience for our students.



Bridging the Gap

I was invited to the 'Bridging the Gap' conference to share the outstanding provision that Thomas Gainsborough Careers Department deliver.

Over 200 delegates were in attendance. 60 booked to view my presentation.

We met and exceeded the latest Government Statutory Guidance legislation released in January 2018.

development of all students. We encourage students to attend the employer workshops that go on throughout the school year. Enrichment days provide students with opportunities such as speed networking, mock interviews, progression fair and employability related activities.

We work with subject leaders to integrate careers into classroom activities such as English and ICT in Year 9.

Mrs B Baker – Head of Careers

Stable Programme

Learning from Careers and Labour market information

Addressing needs of each individual

Linking to the Curriculum

Encounters with multiple employers

Experiences of the workplace

Encounters with further and higher education

Personal Guidance

We constantly work to improve upon our provision using feedback from all we deliver. Careers provision is embedded within the Curriculum. Thomas Gainsborough School views Careers as integral for the



This month has been very busy in careers as year 11 students are now coming to the careers hub to discuss ribbons for the Graduation Ceremony. It is amazing to see just how much students achieve whilst at school and outside of school, as they add their achievements to their Record of Achievements Folders.



Now the Year 10 mock exams have been completed, work experience is once again in full swing.

So far the following students have attended work experience:

Week commencing 12/3/18

Rebecca Plumb: Stephen Walters

Cameron Noble: Automotion

Ritz Hossain: Kingfisher Leisure Centre

Kallista Gronland: Great Waldingfield Primary School

James Hawkins: Wells Hall Primary School

Eliza Betts: Gainsborough's House

Yola Lohr: Amara Interior Design.

Nikolai Anokhin: Sudbury Health Centre Physio Department.

Week commencing 19/3/18

Josh Thackery: Mel Aviation

Euan Munford: Kingfisher

Niamh Byrne: Ardmores Vets

Megan priest: Ree's café

James Quin: Pot Kiln Primary School

Jemma Sargeant: Wells Hall Primary School

We have had very positive feedback from all employers during our visits. This is a great testimony as to how work experience allows students

to show their maturity and responsibility whilst in the work place.

Here are just two examples of the positive feedback from employers:

Dear Mr Lloyd,

Firstly on behalf of South Suffolk Leisure I would like to thank Ritz Hossain for his outstanding behaviour and positive attitude whilst on work experience here at Kingfisher Leisure Centre. Ritz is a real credit to the school and should be incredibly proud of the professionalism he has shown this week. Ritz has been rewarded with some free swimming vouchers to use at the centre during his free time as our way of saying thank you. We wish him every success in the future, as it was a pleasure to have a young man who showed such great manners and willingness to get involved.

Kind regards,

Jack & All of Team Kingfisher



Dear Mrs Baker and Miss Perkins

I thought I would take some time to give the school some feedback on Lewis Weaver's work experience placement.

Lewis has really embraced his time on work experience and I think he will have benefitted

massively from it. It can be very daunting walking into our site and he has really taken everything that we have given him on board. He has asked lots of questions and been attentive and observant and the feedback I have had from all my team is really positive.

We have all talked about engineering being a great career, and one that will become increasingly more important as we are suffering from a shortage of engineers coming through. With hard work and determination and continuing his great attitude he will have a very good future. Lewis is welcome to contact any of us in the future if he wants to ask any questions about engineering, his career and if he would like support and guidance. Lewis has represented the school incredibly well and I would be very grateful if you could share with the Headteacher and his Head of Year.

As a site we wish Lewis all the best for the future.

Regards

Phil Tetley

Phil Tetley – Engineering and Services Manager

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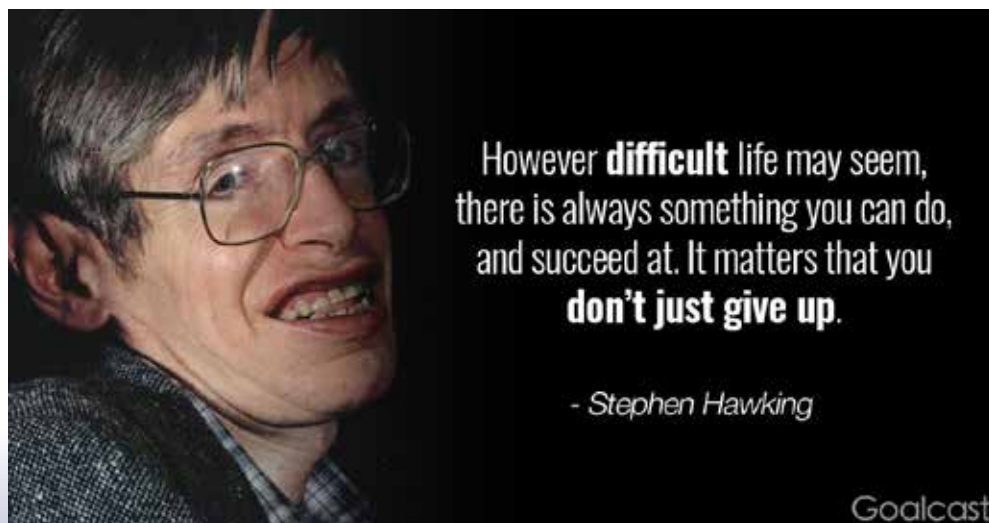
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Autumn Term 2018

Wednesday 5 September - Friday 21 December 2018

Half Term: Monday 22 October - Friday 26 October 2018

**Non Pupil Days: Monday 3 September, Tuesday 4 September and
Friday 19 October 2018**



5 places left.....to see LA, the walk of fame, Hollywood Boulevard, Santa Monica beach & pier, Universal Studios, Las Vegas, the Grand Canyon and go shopping!

Please see Miss J Hilson if you are interested.



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