

All Through the Year



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Trust Update

Dear parents, students, staff and governors

Last half term saw a huge variety of activity across the curriculum areas and across the phases. Our programme of Trust clubs and activities continues to grow as do opportunities for older pupils to practise their leadership skills in a variety of ways. We have highlighted the STEM, music and Latin clubs in this edition, along with our other regular news. This term we will be training ambassadors in ICT and PE.

We now know the names of those children who will be joining the middle phase of our Trust in September. Those who are not already with us will be receiving this newsletter along with their introductory letter as soon as they have had confirmation of their place. We very much look forward to getting to know you.

This term will be a busy one and we all look forward to an excellent summer.



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Latin Club continues to thrive

In addition to the clubs at County, this year the Trust has introduced a **club for the middle phase** so that pupils from Horringer Court and Westley meet weekly at Horringer. Certificates were presented this

term to fifteen students who passed the first Attainment Test set by the University of Cambridge.

We congratulate them all and thank **Mr Hopkins** for running the club.



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Highlights from this half term have included **three sports festivals** to cement the focus on **gymnastics** and **trampolining**. Pupils in years three and four across the primary phase and in years five and six across the middle phase thoroughly enjoyed their respective trampolining festivals at County. Barrow's older pupils also had an excellent gymnastics festival.

Meanwhile, our **sports leaders** at Horringer Court's campus have been completing their sports leadership award and leading year three and year four lessons at Tollgate.

We thank **Mr Marshall and our Trust coaches** for another superb half term.



The Apex Concert

180 pupils from the Trust took part in the Trust's annual concert at The Apex. The youngest performer, aged four, opened the proceedings with a magnificent strike of a huge gong to preface the March of the Siamese Children from The King and I. He was joined on stage by all the performers, aged from four to eighteen, who opened and closed the evening **as a massed choir**. The concert featured Songs from The Shows. Alongside the whole Trust performances, Barrow,

Tollgate, Horringer Court, Westley and County Upper ensured a packed audience also thoroughly enjoyed pieces from 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat', 'Beauty and the Beast', 'The Lion King', 'Oliver!', 'The Sound of Music' and a specially arranged compilation of songs entitled 'Disney on Stage.'

A **pit orchestra** with some of the musicians from County was formed especially for the concert. They

learned arrangements for the songs and rehearsed with the choirs so that it was a truly joint venture. The whole evening was much enhanced by polished, live accompaniment and the orchestra was as enthusiastically applauded as the singers.

We congratulate all who took part on an excellent evening and thank the music staff led by the Trust's music co-ordinator, Mr Jermy for providing such an excellent experience.



Our maths team takes the title

The Trust took a team of four students to compete in the UKMT Team Maths Challenge Regional final at the School of Mathematical Sciences in the University of Cambridge. The team consisted of two year 8s and two year 9s; **Stella Wilkinson** (Horringer Court campus), **Felicity Ellis** (Westley campus) and **Marla Ind and Mario Saenz de Villaverde** (County Upper campus). The Challenge involved a variety of mathematical tasks that required problem solving, along with communication and teamwork

skills. The team came **top in Suffolk** and were **runners-up in the Eastern Region** out of the thirty schools who made the final. As well as the students who represented us on the day a group of six other students from the Trust's advanced maths club have worked hard and any one of them would have been prepared to step into the team at any point.

We thank **Mr Masterman** for running the club and congratulate all who took part.



More Middle Phase Success

- A team of six students from our **Horringer Court Campus** claimed first place in the local heat of the **Institute of Engineering's national Faraday competition** this half term. The competition, involved designing and building solutions to real life engineering problems alongside coding using the recently launched BBC Microbit.

Joe Bradfield, Imogen Chorlton, Euan Grant, Rebecca Morley, Madison Payne and Stella Wilkinson were credited with their team working skills and confident presentation of their project. We congratulate them on their achievement. Last year our middle phase students also won the competition with a team from **Westley campus**.

- **The Magistrate's Competition** is a national competition for students in years 8 and 9 where they compete in Mock trials against each other. It helps students to understand how the criminal justice process works and they are given the opportunity to act out trials in real courtrooms. Once again our middle phase did the Trust proud and **Horringer Court Campus** came first in the county heat - held at Ipswich Magistrates court - and are now awaiting the regional final and their next trial at Colchester Magistrates court in May.

We congratulate: **Ines Borley, Molly Chaplin, Imogen Chorlton, Esme Crichton, Lola Huckle, Edie Huckle, Emily Jones, Sian Lewis, Rebecca Morley, Madi Payne and Stella Wilkinson**.



- **Westley campus'** production of **'Beauty and the Beast'** was extremely well received and, in another example of **cross-phase co-operation**, **Jo Ford, Molly Taylor and Amy Winterbottom** from **County** acted as coaches.
- We remain very proud of all **our middle phase sports teams**. Across years five to eight, teams have finished the season as **winners or runners-up** in a broad spectrum of sports. Often our two campuses have played each other in the Suffolk and area finals so that the Trust has taken the top two spots. **We thank the PE staff at both Horringer Court and Westley** for all they do to ensure such a high quality, broad offering.

British Science Week

This is a ten-day celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths featuring fascinating, entertaining and engaging events and activities across the UK for people of all ages. Our All-Through Trust certainly celebrated it in style **led by our STEM ambassadors who attend the Trust's weekly club for the middle and upper phase, our astronomy club members and sixth formers.**

The **primary** phase focused on Ecology, while the **middle** phase went to a STEM day at Adastral Park. County Upper **was again selected by the Japanese Embassy and the Department for Education as one of the top five**

schools for science in our respective countries and the Trust hosted forty students from Japan. The group completed cutting-edge projects on the theme of energy and enjoyed a stimulating day at Sizewell.

The whole Trust came together for the annual **Rolls-Royce science festival** at County Upper on the Friday and Saturday. On Friday, 600 primary and middle phase pupils visited while on Saturday 1000 members of the community attended. A large number of pupils contributed fascinating experiments which engaged old and young alike while **the companies**

sponsoring the Trust's STEM programme gave hugely of their time. With everything from chocolate welding and blending your own drink through to the MicroBit challenge, marshmallow catapults, DNA extraction and jump jet technology, there really was something for everyone. All the planetarium sessions were fully booked and 'Crash Bang Chemistry' was not to be missed. Mini-scientists loved the magnets, rainbow gloop, boat building and other activities for those aged six and under. **A huge number of students were involved and they were a real credit to the Trust. We thank all the science staff led by Mrs Payne for a superb two days.**



The Able and Talented History Day

Students from **across the middle phase** of our Trust spent a day at County with their peers from Moreton Hall and South Lee. The theme, very topically, was **fake news** and in mixed groups, the pupils considered a range of events from the past and how they might have been recorded. Throughout the day, some of our **year twelve 'A' level historians** worked with the pupils and showed excellent leadership, much inspiring the younger children.

We **congratulate all who took part** and thank **Mrs Grainger and Miss Longden** for organising it.

