

All Through the Year



Trust Update

Dear parents, students, staff and governors

This half term has seen a number of Trust days involving different curriculum areas and we are now two-thirds of the way through all the events in the annual Trust calendar. Alongside this programme, the regular cross-campus clubs and activities continue each week and our new 'Active in Mind' project is working well.

The highlight of the last six weeks took place this week with the Trust's annual evening at The Apex. This year in addition to music we introduced

dance and all the pupils from year one to sixth form enjoyed performing in a professional venue.

Across the Trust pupils are working hard for their SATs, GCSEs and 'A' levels whilst also keeping a balance with extra-curricular activity. We are confident that this all-round approach will benefit them.

As we reach the end of term, we wish you a relaxing Easter break before another summer filled with activity.

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The annual mathematics challenge

After a term of weekly **after-school masterclasses** for the Trust's most able **year eight and year nine mathematicians**, a team of four, two from Horringer and two from County, represented the Trust in Cambridge. It was a very tough competition and their conduct, perseverance and ability shone through. We **congratulate Cleyton Taylor-Anderson, Jack Boardman, Isla Cockerton and James O'Connor**. We thank **Mr Masterman** for running the sessions.



Another sporty half term

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The Languages Day

This year our **middle phase pupils** learnt some **Japanese, Latin and Spanish** as a taster to three of the five languages offered at County. Pupils enjoyed a range of activities prepared by the sixth form Captains of Languages. By the end, everyone was able to speak in each of the languages and the whole group received certificates to mark their achievements. The day complemented the Trust's **Latin club** and the **weekly German teaching** by County Upper for pupils in the middle phase at both Horringer Court and Westley. We thank **Mrs Browning, Mr Hopkins and Mr Goodchild** for an excellent day.



Another sporty half term

With so much activity week-by-week, pupils across the Trust benefit from a huge variety and depth of sporting opportunities. **As the winter season ends, it is no surprise that Horringer Court, Westley and County Upper continue to dominate competitive sport** at western area, county and regional level. **We thank all the PE staff across the Trust.**

Our partnership activities have all continued this half term and here we highlight just two.

We were delighted to welcome **Rachel Laybourne, Great Britain Volleyball player** to work with our **year eight and nine** students as part of our new Active in Mind programme. The highlight of the day was the able and talented volleyball session. We congratulate all who took part.

Senior sports leaders at **County Upper** have completed their coaching qualifications and as part of their award, pupils at **Tollgate** have enjoyed some excellent sessions. We congratulate both sets of pupils.



The Trust Evening at The Apex

This year as well as **music** from across the Trust, all our campuses prepared **dance** routines as well. The evening opened with "The Circle Of Life" from all the performers and paved the way for pieces from 'Titanic', 'Chitty, Chitty, Bang, Bang', 'Jungle Book', 'We

Will Rock You' as well as a number of specially choreographed dances. The evening ended with all **two hundred and seventy performers** on stage for 'This is Me'. The Apex was sold out and a very enthusiastic audience had a really enjoyable evening. **The huge**

talent across the age range from year one to sixth form was very evident and we congratulate them all. We **thank all the staff** who worked so hard to put the evening together, led by **Mr Jermy** and **Mrs Stoten**.



We thank Andy Abott for these fantastic photographs of the performance

A special treat!

Our **STEMM ambassadors at County Upper** have continued to run a weekly science club for **Tollgate pupils** and both groups have done really well. As a special treat for science week, they were treated to **Mr Western's** chemistry show and absolutely loved it. Well done to everybody on another excellent half term in science.



History Society plans a great day!

Our weekly society worked with **Mr Clark and Mr Harrison** to prepare an excellent day on the theme of **'Medicine Through Time.'** The entire day involved practical activities which the middle phase thoroughly enjoyed and included producing a Vitruvian man by Leonardo de Vinci, investigating primitive diagnostic techniques, mapping a cholera epidemic in the town and writing a diary of a sufferer.

County Upper's **History captains** helped the staff to run the day and we are very grateful to them all. The **middle phase pupils were a real credit to the Trust** and we congratulate them all.



An action-packed mathematics day

Throughout the year, the Trust runs a series of mathematics mornings for different year groups. This half-term it was the turn of **years four, five and nine** and **over one hundred and seventy pupils** took part at our Horringer campus. Teams worked together on a variety of mathematical problems. Each team comprised at least one student from Tollgate, Horringer and Westley and **every team worked very hard and with a**

real competitive spirit! Year nine students from County Upper were also complimented for being 'great experts', helping up to five groups each when they needed it.

We congratulate all the pupils not only on their mathematics skills but also on their excellent collaboration with each other. We thank all the mathematics staff, led on this occasion by **Mrs Crichton**, for a very worthwhile event.



Dancers do the Trust proud

A number of dancers from across the Trust attended **Sudbury Dance Festival** this month. They all worked extremely hard and it was thoroughly enjoyed by all involved. They gained places in their solo, duet, trio and group dances in many disciplines. **We congratulate all the dancers from our middle and upper phases.**



The Move It day

The dancers from our **Horringer Court and County Upper** campuses spent a day at the world's biggest dance event in London. Pupils enjoyed the 'Main Stage Magic', met their dance stars, participated in classes and thoroughly enjoyed the ultimate celebration of all things dance! It was a **fitting reward for the pupils' commitment to dance** and we thank **Mr Kent** for making it possible.