

All Through the Year



Trust Update

Dear parents, students, staff and governors

Last half term was very short and our pupils had their KS1 and KS2 SATs, GCSEs and 'A' levels. Despite that we had some sports festivals and a science presentation. However, much of the Trust's work day in and day out is in the classroom where our all-through curriculum and assessment system are supported by staff working across the

campuses to provide specialist teaching and training. We have taken the opportunity to showcase these lessons in this edition.

As we move into the last half term of the year much activity is planned and we look forward to continuing to work together in and out of the classroom.

Art

The Trust's Art team all work very well together to provide a range of activities for pupils across the age range. **Mr Morris** is experienced at teaching art from reception to sixth form and **Tollgate pupils** get an excellent start because he is based there and teaches them for their art lessons every week. The results of that will be seen in the Cathedral later this term and we thank **Mr Morris** for his inspirational teaching.



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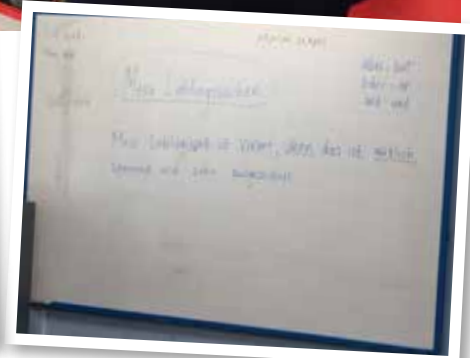
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Modern Foreign Languages

In addition to the special cross-phase language days, each week pupils in the middle phase study **German** as part of their timetable. This includes formal learning and fun activities including using the target language to play well known games. The lessons are provided by Miss Ash from County Upper and this provides continuity when they move phase as well as giving them the opportunity to **learn two languages**. When the year eights went to meet some of their new teachers before half term a number said how much they enjoy learning German and are looking forward to continuing it at County. We thank **Miss Ash** for inspiring them.

The Trust also provides weekly **Latin** classes for the middle phase and this allows interested pupils to take their GCSE early at County Upper or to keep learning it for the experience. Last summer, some pupils successfully passed the first part of their course before transferring and we look forward to similar success with the groups of pupils moving up to County. We thank **Mr Hopkins** for these lessons which are so enjoyed by the pupils.



Design and Technology

With an emphasis on a healthy lifestyle and a reduction in design and make subjects nationally, the Trust's pupils are very fortunate to learn from **specialist staff in well-equipped workshops and cookery rooms**. Middle phase pupils access these weekly from the **beginning of year 5** and Trust pupils have excelled in national and local competitions including **Rotary Young Chef and the Design Museum's annual award**. Middle phase staff also work with pupils in the primary phase and the upper phase staff provide introductions to CAD/CAM and 3D printing for middle phase pupils. We thank the Trust's DT team



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Pupils in our **primary phase** at Tollgate are very fortunate to have a **weekly lesson** of music with a specialist teacher. Mr Jermy, who works across the Trust, enables all the pupils to start their music with a specialist teacher in a specialist room much earlier than would otherwise be possible. As the children move through the Trust, Mr Jermy is still there as a familiar face to help them make good progress and join in with even more activities from the Trust's Music programme. We thank **Mr Jermy** for giving so many pupils a love of music.



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Science

One of the many advantages of an all-through system in three phases is the opportunity to **offer a more challenging curriculum at a younger age because of the specialist facilities and equipment**. Science is a good example of this and from the **start of year five** all the way through to 'A' level, the pupils' make strong progress as a result. Alongside the specialist facilities and teaching, all staff have the appropriate training to keep up

to date in order to teach our rigorous curriculum. **County Upper leads the Department for Education's Science Learning Partnership** for Norfolk and Suffolk, providing and organising the science training across the Eastern region. As a result, the Trust's science teachers are fully prepared and the children love their lessons. We **thank all the science staff and Dr Hanfrey** who runs the Partnership on behalf of the DfE and STEM Learning.



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Mrs Stoten teaches dance across the Trust and is renowned for her exacting standards and infectious enthusiasm. Dance is another strength across the campuses and it is of huge benefit that right from **the primary phase** our

pupils have specialist teaching on their timetable and that when they get to County Upper they still work with Mrs Stoten. We thank her and congratulate her on the success the Trust's pupils enjoy.

