



The Accolade

The Monthly Celebratory Newsletter from County Upper

May 2017



Dear parents, students, staff and governors,

May sees us say farewell to our year thirteen students whilst formally meeting our new year nine students and families as they get ready to join us. This year's year thirteen have fully embraced all that County has to offer and been excellent role models for the younger years. Today we paid tribute to all that they have contributed and achieved during their five years with us. Their parents, staff, governors and PTA members joined us for our traditional celebration of their time and, as they move on, I thank them on behalf of our

community, for all they have given to County Upper. Meanwhile, our new year nine students have been very impressive and we look forward to working with them.

During this month, we have also celebrated Europe Day, mounted a superb holocaust exhibition and enjoyed an amazing summer concert alongside all our regular activities in and out of the classroom. As we reach half term, I wish the older students success with their revision and hope everyone has a productive week.

Vicky Neale
Mrs V Neale



Badminton Officials are the best

Following the regional badminton tournament, at which a large number of our year elevens excelled, six students were selected to **officiate at the National Schools' Championship Finals** at the National Badminton Centre. Students worked from the Friday evening to late on Sunday and we were delighted to receive

the comment below from Jon Hancock at Badminton England. We are very proud of **Matthew Jiggins, Georgia Nunn, Fran Parslow, Cameron Reid, Molly Smith** and **Ben Stevens** and thank them for being such outstanding ambassadors for County Upper. Well done!

"We have trained nearly 1300 young badminton officials across the county and prior to that I trained a similar number of young cricket leaders. I can honestly say that none has come close to the six students from your school. From the moment they arrived until they left, they were professional, efficient and conducted themselves wonderfully. Everyone I spoke to across the weekend wanted to congratulate and thank your young officials; they were an absolute pleasure to work with and a real credit to your school."



Europe Day

As part of our work as an **International School** and to imbue our students with the skills and values to be good citizens, we celebrated Europe Day on the 5th of May.

Every tutor group from year nine through to the sixth form was allocated a **European country for the day**. Each group decorated its form room door in its country's flags and colours with the prizes going to **9R (Czech Republic), 9O (Croatia), 10J (Finland) and 11S (Slovakia)**. Groups learnt **five phrases in the main language** of their countries and recorded a video of the form saying the phrases. In this category, the prize was awarded to **9N (Bulgaria)** Finally each tutor group had **breakfast** during form time on Friday with food from its country, and the prize went to **10K (France)**. We congratulate everyone on the spirit of the day as well as the winning tutor groups. We thank **Ms Rehahn** for organising it.



The Holocaust Exhibition

Each year our **year nine students** complete a major piece of homework linked to the holocaust. This is part of our history curriculum and **wider work on British values**. This year we held the exhibition on Europe Day. Well attended by parents and students from across the year groups, the exhibition displayed the care and thought which the students had put into their pieces. **Each memorial commemorated and represented the lives lost and showed homework at its best.** Throughout the viewing, visitors quickly picked up the mood as a video made by **Sasha and Isaac Campbell** in which they played the theme from Schindler's List was shown. As one parent wrote *"All the designs and music together formed an exhibition that was extremely moving and thought provoking. Thank you to all who were involved."*

We especially congratulate those whose memorials were voted the top seven by those who viewed the exhibition: **Isaac Campbell, Ceri Flye, Katie Horne, Charlotte Hudson, Alana Murkin, Alexander Rice and Molly Taylor.**



The Tree of Hope

Alongside our holocaust exhibition and Europe Day celebrations, **our School Council** took the themes of **hope and joy** this month. Each tutor group and staff wrote messages which were then suspended from a tree which the Council made. With so many examinations about to be taken, it was also a way to stress that these are important but not all-important and the tree was placed in the foyer as the written GCSE and 'A' level papers began.



The Drama Workshop

The Riverside Theatre in Education company came to the drama department to perform to year 10 and 6th form theatre students. The play titled "**Frame of Mind**", based on exploring issues around mental illness, was well received by all. Students were able to see live theatre, and take part in a question and answer workshop.



The Mayor-Making Ceremony

Our Head Student team do a fantastic job of representing us at all the civic events in the town. This month our Head Boy, **Ed Allan**, and Deputy Head Girl, **Sarah Burns**, attended the Mayor-Making Ceremony at The Apex. They were pleased to send Cllr Terry Clements our good wishes at the start of his Mayoral Year.



Year Nine Sculpture

Year nine Art students produced a group sculpture project where they extended their clay work into supersized sculptures made from card, tissue paper and paint having looked at the work of the Pop Artist, Claes Oldenburg. The idea behind the work was to make supersized treats with exciting colours but also to make a suggestion about the quantity and portion size in terms of health and fitness. We thank **Mrs Masterman** for running our Art Club.



The Summer Concert

Just four weeks after our spring concert, we were treated to a **full summer concert** from thirteen of our ensembles. The **orchestra, wind band, swing band, three of our choirs and a variety of smaller groups treated us to everything from Debussy to David Bowie.** This concert is always a bitter-sweet occasion as we say farewell to our year thirteen musicians. Having been presented with their colours, they performed Valerie in an arrangement they put together to enable them all to take part with an eclectic assortment of instruments and voices!

The whole evening was simply stunning and we congratulate all who took part: We also thank **Mr Jermy, our peripatetic teachers, our Captains of Music** and, especially, our Acting Director of Music, **Mr Jarvis**, who has done a truly exceptional job this year.

Abigail Allum
Ben Amroota
Amy Aris
Chloe Ashman
Rose Bainbridge
Ella Batty
James Bradley
Meg Brown
Naomi Brighty
Emily Burbidge
Sarah Burns
Isaac Campbell
Sasha Campbell
Anna Carnegie
Chloe Caulder
Hannah Cooper
Charlotte Cotton
Hannah Cox
Hannah Curwen

Lucy Curwen
Amy Davies
Holly Davies
Carl Davis
Holly Davis
Jack Davis
Krystina Davis
Patrick Davis
Beth Diver
Aoife Doherty
Ruby Doherty
Samuel Doherty
Sam Doye
Jorge Draycott-Torrecillas
Jack Emerson
Jo Ford
Benjamin Foreman
Daniel Foulsham

Emily Fox
Rebecca Francis
Gabriele Gelekauskaitė
Grace Giffin
Rosie Grant
Mollie Gray
Thomas Greeves
William Greeves
Freddie Green
Jonathan Hammond
Christopher Hammond
Kate Hardy
Rowan Harris
Ben Hartick
Wilfred Harvey
Amy Hawkes
Oscar Hedge
Caroline Hibbert
Rosie Higham

Timothy Hill
Samuel Hill
Betty Hoggar
Clare Hole
Katie Horne
Charlotte Hudson
Olivia Humphreys
Marla Ind
Megan Jackson
Louis Johnson
Harry Kriteaman
Murrie Kybird
Izzy Kybird
Emma Le Poidevin
Joshua Loose
Nathaniel Lewis
Tomaso Luongo
Joshua Macrow
Erin Maguire

Megan Manfield
Eleanor Martindale
Sophie McGrath
Katrina Miller
Elouise Miller
Georgia Mills
Alexander Murfitt
Joshua Murfitt
Hannah O'Connor
Hannah Pamplin
Katie Prickett
Stella Pusterla
Phoebe Ransom
Alfie Roberts
Bethany Rolfe
Brennan Rolfe
Hannah Rouhaud-Keutgen
Sophie Schenk

Katie Schofield
Liam Schofield
Rebecca Severy
Lauren Slade
Alastair Smith
Harriet Smith-Pitt
Hannah Stevens
Hollie Stevens
Mia Stevens
Molly Taylor
Ella Thomas
Harriet Thomas
Shannon Wade
Emily Waller
Christy Williams
Amy Winterbottom
Jessica Young



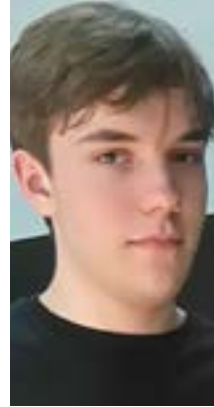
The Mayor's Civic Dinner

Once again we were privileged and proud to be asked to provide the entertainment for the civic dinner in the Athenaeum for the outgoing mayor, Julia Wakelam. Our function band played jazz to a very enthusiastic audience and were extremely well received for the excellence of their musicianship and the programme that they chose for the occasion. We thank and congratulate the band.



More individual success

We congratulate **Joshua Macrow** who passed his grade 6 Acoustic Guitar exam with merit, **Emily Schenk** who passed her Grade 7 piano exam and **Sophie Schenk** who passed her Grade 5 piano exam.



The summer sport is in full swing

Students meet GB players

As a reward for an excellent season, ten students were fortunate to be selected to meet **Hannah Martin** and **George Pinner** who both play **hockey** for Great Britain. The students were able to hear about playing sport at international level and also received some coaching from the elite players. The whole group was a credit to County Upper and we congratulate: **Grace Allan, George Bedford, Noah Boreham, Polly Davis, Felix Jones, Jess Konrath, Sammy Markwick, Bella Oats, Harrison Russell** and **Hannah Turpie**.



Athletes impress

We congratulate all our athletes whose winter training programme with our coach, **Mike McNeill**, enabled them to make a strong start to the season. In the **Suffolk Athletics Trials**, we particularly commend the following who took one of the three top spots in the county:

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| Amy Davies – | Hammer 2nd |
| Holly Davies – | 1500m Steeplechase 1st
(Ran the national standard time) |
| Krystina Davis – | Discus 2nd |
| Kat Kemp – | Long Jump 1st |
| | High Jump 1st |
| Cathy McKeag – | 800m 2nd |
| Ethan Price – | High Jump 2nd |
| Isaac Wallace – | 300m 3rd |
| | Javelin 2nd |
| Christy Williams – | 800m 1st |

Meanwhile, in the **U15 Schools Cup Athletics competition**, our **girls' team was 4th** and our **boys' team were runners-up**, losing out on the top spot by just seven points. We congratulate:

Girls

Elli Carroll
Jaya Godwin
Ella Hale
Ella Harris
Charlotte Hudson
Tilly Leighton
Catherine McKeag
Abi Miller
Lucie Murrell
Elizabeth Sanders
Olivia Underhill

Boys

Luca Beadle
Zak Brook
Connor Everitt
George Farmer
Cameron Gibson
George Johnson
Jayjay McKenzie Vince
Luke Murfet
Ethan Price
Robson Stanton
Joe Swane
Isaac Wallace
Harvey Williams

Individual Success

■ Ben Pamplin takes 1st place on Team GB C1 Freestyle Squad

Team GB selections for the C1 class – think doing aquabatics whilst kneeling in a kayak and with only half a paddle! – took place over two weekends in May. **These selections are for the right to compete later this year in the World Freestyle Championships in Argentina.** The first session was at Cardiff's International White Water centre. Ben, the only junior competing against adult paddlers, on a difficult wave feature, smashed his way to first place! The



following weekend, at a blustery Nottingham White Water Course, Ben was pushed into second place by a paddler who used his home advantage to full effect. But, as that paddler had only come third at Cardiff, **Ben finished first overall** and takes top spot in the Team GB C1 Freestyle C1 Squad.

Well done Ben!

■ **George Wilkinson** in year ten set a new personal best in the Suffolk 3000m race walk. Well done, George!

Sports personalities of the month

We congratulate the winners for May:



Year 9

George Bedford and Elli Carrol



Year 10

Suzie Reid and JayJay Vince



Year 10

Charlie Cook and Georgia Nunn

Fixtures Rounders

We also congratulate our B teams who played admirably against the A teams from other schools.

U14A v County B	won 9.5 – 5
U14A x King Edward VI	won 5.5 – 5
U14A v Thurston	won 4.5 – 4
U14A v St Benedict's	drew 5.5 – 5.5

Certificates of Merit

We congratulate the recipients for May

Year 9

Kathryn Abberley
Matthew Ames
Amy Aris
Joshua Ayala 2
Rose Bainbridge 4
Freddie Barber 2
Phoebe Bartlett 3
Freddie Bayliss 2
Sara-Leigh Bond
Bradley Boreham 2
Noah Boreham
Jasper Bretherton 4
Shannon Brinkley 2
Thomas Burke 2
Lucy Burrage 5
Joely Burrows 2
Paddy Byrne
David Byworth
Claudia Cannon 5
Todd Cantell
Elli Carroll
Laurence Chappel
Jena Chilver

Taryn Clarke 2
Bethany Cocksedge
Millicent Cooke Wharton
Philippa Corley
Charlotte Cotton
Lucy Curwen 3
Emily Daltrey
Skye Davis
Ben Davis
Polly Davis
Theo Docking
Samuel Doherty
Isobel Dolby 4
Kelsey Drew 5
Bethany Eagles 2
Ceri Flye 7
India Fordham 3
Samuel Fuller 2
Meaghan Gage
Charlie Gaskin
Joshua Gaskin
Liam Gibbs 3
Jaya Godwin 2
Beth Goldman
Charlie Graham 2

Lauren Gronow
Caroline Hibbert 3
Mackenzie Hicks 2
Hugo Hill 4
Joel Hind 4
Katie Horne 2
Mia Hosking Kendall
Daniel Howes
Emily Hudson
Frederick Hunt
Emma Hurcomb
Marla Ind 4
Ciaran Jameson 7
Hannah Jiggins
Felix Jones
Rory Kettle
Robin Knight 2
Jessica Konrath
Katelyn Lonergan
Erin Maguire
Grace Marks 4
Samuel Markwick
Sophie McGrath 2
Chloe McQueen
Eloise Miller 3

Joshua Murfitt
Alana Murkin 3
Alexander Murtagh
Levi Nicholls
Ethan Nouch
Isabella Oats
Ethan Pelpoe
Kiera Peters
Stella Pusterla 4
Turin Rothwell 6
Hannah Rouhaud-Keutgen 2
Hollie Routledge 4
Jake Saunders 2
Dominic Savill
Libby Sawyer
Emilia Scott
Sara Sian 4
Abbie Silverwood
Mollie Smith 2
Mercedes Smith 4
John Somerville
Hannah Steadman
Amy Stephens
Hollie Stevens 2
Aiden Stevens

Gowrithan Sulosan
Sophie Tabram
Georgia Tansley 5
Poppy Taylor 2
Anatacia Taylor-Anderson 3
Harriet Thomas
Oliver Travell
Zackary Vernum 3
Lewis Wakeman
Isaac Wallace 3
Emily Waller 2
Nathanael Watkins 4
Connie Watson 3
Archie Weaver 3
Charlie Webber
Mia Whitton 2
Laura Wilkes 4
Amy Winterbottom
Massan Wood
Liam Woods
Dylan Zdrenka 2

Year 10

Ella Bell
Katie Chadwick

Natasha Gadsdon
Tilly Leighton
Elhem Loukily
Catherine McKeag

Chloe Rae 2
Suzie Reid 2
Elizabeth Shingleton
Amelia Shingleton

Emily Temple 2
Rhianna Woods

Tutor Group Success

We congratulate this month's winners:

Attendance

9N
10K

Certificates of Merit

9S
10L

Quiz

9 J
10S/T

Our Celebration of Year Thirteen

Today was the last day for our year thirteen and we celebrated with a tribute to the students' time with us. They were joined by parents, staff, governors and members of our Parent Teacher Association. The tribute was interspersed with drama, music, video and readings, concluding with some reflections for their futures. As a year group, they have made a huge contribution to County and been a very special set of young people to work with. We thank the whole of year thirteen for their very positive impact on County life and congratulate those who took part in the tribute. Our Head Student team contributed the readings during the final reflections.

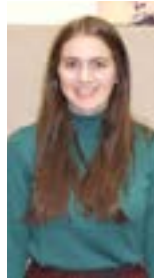


Year Thirteen Colours

Colours are awarded for loyalty and commitment in five categories: dance, drama, music, sport and service to the school community. We congratulate all who received colours during the farewell assembly and are particularly gratified by the number receiving colours for service.

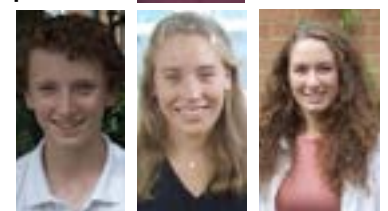
DANCE

Sarah Burns



SPORT

Ben Aves
Henry Belsham
James Bentley
Stanley Blinco
Kirin Chohan-Jones
Rajan Chohan-Jones
William Cooke Wharton
Holly Davies
Emily Fisher
Tom Forde
Katie Foulds
Emily Fox
Ruth Hole
Jacob Kersey
Eleanor Martindale
Lydia Miranda
Alastair Reid
Lily Shalev
Harriet Whitbread
Christy Williams
Jessica Yallop



DRAMA

Abi Harrison Erin Cunningham Christy Williams
Fran Corley Amy Hawkes



MUSIC

Hannah Curwen Shannon Wade Bethany Rolfe
Phoebe Ransom Sarah Burns Liam Schofield
Gabriele Gelezauskaite Murrie Kybird Eleanor Martindale
Katie Schofield Alastair Smith Christy Williams
Rosie Grant Emily Fox
Holly Davies Sophie Schenk
Kate Hardy Samuel Doye



SERVICE TO THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Ed Allan
 Henry Belsham
 James Bentley
 Daisy Brown
 Sarah Burns
 Harriet Chatt
 Kiran Chohan-Jones
 Rajan Chohan-Jones
 Fran Corley
 Hannah Crown
 Erin Cunningham
 Max Cunningham
 Hannah Curwen
 Holly Davies
 Sam Doye
 Joshua Emerson
 Emily Fisher
 Tom Ford
 Emily Fox
 Gabriele Gelezauskaite
 Kiera Gibson
 Robbie Goldman
 Amilia Graham
 Rosie Grant
 Kira Green
 Kate Hardy
 Abi Harrison
 Amy Hawkes
 Ruth Hole
 Ben James
 Baillie Jones
 Hannah Kossowska-Peck
 Murrie Kybird
 Jing Lin
 Alica Lyall
 Bronwen Mansel
 Eleanor Martindale
 Katie Miller
 Lydia Miranda
 Eric Navarrete
 Tasha Pearce
 Bella Proctor
 Phoebe Ransom
 Alastair Reid
 Billy Riddick
 Bethany Rolfe
 Wes Roper
 Katie Schofield
 Liam Schofield
 Lily Shalev
 Alistair Smith
 Tom Spetch
 Amie Stenson-Pickles
 Katie Tilyard
 Charlotte Titcombe
 Harriet Turner
 Shannon Wade
 Katie Webb
 Christy Williams
 Ashleigh Wright
 Jessica Yallop

