

All Through the Year



Trust Update

Dear parents, students, staff and governors

We are delighted with the start which pupils across the Trust have made to the new academic year. We are now at half term and already there has been a lot of cross-phase activity as the annual Trust calendar gets ever busier. We bring you reports on the main extra-curricular activity in this edition.

Behind the scenes, staff continue to work together to ensure smooth progression from nursery through to 'A' levels and our all-through subject teams monitor the agreed curriculum and

assessment patterns very carefully.

For parents in the Trust, the route for their children is clearly marked out and they move confidently between phases. For many parents who are not in our all-through system, this term means decisions about which school to select next. We are very happy to show parents around any of our campuses and explain why locally and nationally the all-through option is becoming increasingly popular. You can also visit our website www.burytrust.org

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The School Games Mark

The Trust believes strongly in both sport for all and in participation in competitive sport. The School Games Mark is an awards system led by the Department for Education which recognises schools' **commitment to ensuring competition across the age range**. The results for this year have been received and we are extremely

pleased that County Upper, Horringer Court and Westley have been re-awarded the Mark at Gold while Tollgate continues to hold the bronze award. **We thank and congratulate the PE teams across the Trust.**



Latin club members enjoy success



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Across the middle and upper phases, we offer Latin as an extra-curricular activity. Students at **Horringer Court** and **Westley** meet together weekly and can then continue their studies at **County's** Latin clubs which enables them to take the GCSE early and 'A' level if they really excel. **This summer, three Horringer, one Westley and two year nine County students sat the GCSE early and achieved 4 A*s, an A and a C grade between them.** At the other end of the age range, Pearl Liao in the sixth form was selected for the prestigious **Wells Cathedral School's Summer Latin Course** and the report she received was outstanding. We thank **Mr Hopkins** for all he does for Latin across the Trust.

A Wealth of Sport

Our **All-Through Trust Sports Partnership** enjoys an excellent reputation and deservedly so. This half term it has excelled with Action Days, Clubs and Festivals. The **whole of year three** has been to Westley and experienced archery, basketball and netball.

In **years five and eight, every pupil** has also had an 'Action Day' at County where they rotated between

Archery, Basketball, Body Combat Fitness, Dance, Football, Handball and Trampolining. At all these days, the sports leaders did an excellent job of helping to run activities, some of which the sixth formers led with distinction.

This half term has also seen a **trampolining festival for years three and four** at County which they absolutely loved and the weekly netball and handball Connexus clubs

for pupils at Horringer, Westley and County continue to be hugely enjoyed. **The whole of Tollgate campus led by County's sports leaders took part in a special 'Skip2BFit' day** which was an excellent contribution to teaching them about healthy lifestyles and was also great fun! All this is complemented by the excellent provision on each campus which is enhanced by sharing staff and resources. We thank our Director of Sport, **Mr Marshall** for co-ordinating it.



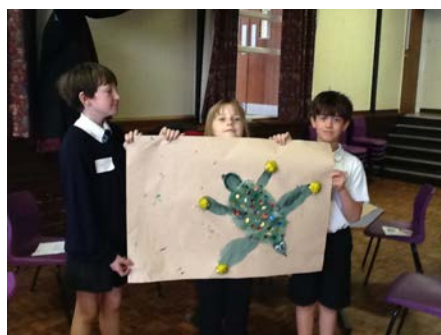
Performing Arts news across the Trust

With the special cross-phase events and the excellent activities available on each campus, the Performing Arts have a high profile across the Trust. Our Performing Arts Co-ordinator for the Trust, Miss Lacey is running an additional **weekly drama club** at both Horringer Court and Tollgate and the Arts Award is being introduced on each campus. County's drama club remains hugely popular and some bronze, silver and gold **Arts Awards** have already been presented. Across the Trust, we are preparing for our **annual festival of Drama** at the Theatre Royal. This year it will be in February and the theme will be 'love'. Dance and music also continue apace and we thank the staff for the excellent variety and quality we enjoy.



The Rainforest Experience

Year four pupils at Tollgate joined with **year six** students from Horringer Court and Westley at Horringer for a special day designed to **complement and extend their geography studies**. The pupils were introduced to the animals which can be found in the different layers of the forest as well as learning about the habitats in each layer. By the end of the day, pupils had produced posters and artistic representations of the animals and their habitats which they presented to the group. Some **excellent work was generated** and we congratulate all who took part. We thank **Mrs Bateman, Mrs Kemp and Mr Whitwell** for running the day.



Make Your Mark



Make Your Mark gives a unique opportunity for **young people aged 11-18 the chance to decide what Members of the Youth Parliament debate in November 2018 within the House of Commons**. Through schools and other youth organisations there is a ballot for

young people aged 11-18. The ballot decides what Members of the UK Youth Parliament should debate and vote on to be their campaign for in 2019.

Captains of Politics from County Upper ran assemblies across the middle and upper phase and every pupil from year

seven upwards had the chance to vote. Over a thousand votes were cast and the **Trust has received an award for the number of pupils who took part**. The top issue for debate was Mental Health Awareness and Services. We congratulate all who engaged and especially the sixth formers who led it.

Bury in Bloom recognises the Trust's contribution

Across every campus, the Trust runs a gardening club which keeps the sites looking attractive and also contributes to community projects. Pupils are given both skills and lessons on the environment as well as having fun. We were delighted that **a number of students across the middle and upper phases received individual awards**. We are especially proud of **Tollgate Primary which was given the Outstanding Achievement Award**. We congratulate all those who were acknowledged and thank the staff who run the activities.



The Model United Nations Conference

County is always invited to participate in the national conference and we have replicated this across our **middle and upper phases**. In September the Trust held the second of two days which replicate exactly the format used by the UN. The first day was in July and 'delegates' convened again last month. The event was **led superbly by sixth formers** and involved pupils from year six through to year thirteen. They all came smartly dressed for the day and worked in mixed-aged teams. Each team represented a country and all the debates and resolutions centred on climate change and emissions levels. As always, **we enjoyed a fantastically high standard of discussion and all the students were a credit to the Trust**. We thank **Mrs Rehahn** for co-ordinating it.

