



Thetford Grammar School

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Friday 25th May 2018

Dear Parents, Pupils and Staff,

The Public Examination session 2018 seems to have started well. We are all aware that this is another definite set of hurdles and challenges for our young people. Many members of Years 11, 12 and some 13s have already embarked upon these assessments. I wish all candidates every success both now and over the following weeks. The Upper Sixth have their official Leavers' Day today starting with their final assembly followed by many fun events: barbeque, rounders and farewells. Then they too will formally start their crucial assessments after the half-term break with, I am certain, thoughts about their future steps beyond Thetford Grammar School.

Please be advised that Academic Reports for this half-term will be sent home with pupils today.

We held a very positive Friends of Thetford Grammar School meeting last week with many parents attending. Discussions were focussed on the final plans for the Summer Fete on Saturday 30th June. My thanks to the many parents from across the school phases who attended and contributed to the meeting's success. Do please be reminded that all parents are cordially invited to attend all Friends of TGS meetings with the next meeting on Thursday 7th June at 4.15pm. New members are always welcome.

As already mentioned above, our Summer Fete will take place on Saturday 30th June. This will be the final whole-school event for this academic year. All pupils, parents, families and friends are cordially invited. The event will start at 10.30am with the annual cricket match: TGS vs OTA (top playing fields), then moving to Fulmerston site for music, games, special events, food and refreshments until 3.00pm (approx.). Do please come along to support the school for a fun-filled, positive and (hopefully!) sunny day.

On a much more sombre note, after 20 years in teaching Mrs Kathrin Elders has decided to leave her position as Deputy Head at TGS at the end of this term. She is taking a career break for personal reasons before seeking a new challenge. She has enjoyed her 7 years at TGS and wishes to take this occasion to thank all friends and colleagues for their support throughout that time. I am certain that we shall all thank her for her valuable contribution to the School over the years and wish her every success in her future endeavours.

Moreover, today is Mrs Juliet Boyce's, Head of Drama, last teaching day, as she is moving on to another position outside of the teaching sphere. Mrs Carolyn Corder, Catering Manager,



is also moving to another position. On behalf of us all, I shall thank them for their many positive contributions to TGS over many years and wish them both every success in their new endeavours.

I wish you all a very happy and healthy half-term holiday. We shall look forward to seeing you back at school for the start of the second half of this final term on Monday 4th June.

Mr Mark S. Bedford

Headmaster

OVERVIEW

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| Homestay | The Norfolk Cambridge Society |
| Junior Tennis Coaching | Uniform Shop |
| Year 11 and Year 13 Leavers | Lost Property |
| The Merchant of Venice | Allergies – Packed lunches/snacks |
| Badgers | Congratulations |
| Preparatory School Chess Club | Match Results |
| Superheroes | Forthcoming Events |

HOMESTAY

We are delighted to have been awarded the Tier 4 licence which allows us to welcome up to 10 overseas students, aged between 9 – 18 years, into school. As a result we will be inviting parents to become host families for the three school terms, including the half term holidays. The students will go home for the Christmas, Easter and Summer holidays. If you would be interested in hosting an overseas student then please email ser@thetgram.norfolk.sch.uk Please be advised that the hosting of families will be subject to satisfactory safeguarding checks on all adults living in the house. There will be a letter coming home at the start of the half term.

Mrs Sue Roochove

Head of Marketing

JUNIOR TENNIS COACHING

Junior Tennis coaching every Friday evening 6pm - 7pm on Thetford Grammar School Tennis Courts. Just £2 a session, no need to book just turn up! All welcome!
For more information or if you have any questions please contact Colin Walsh on 07513957291 or speak to Mr Hill.

Mrs Cathie Reynolds

School Secretary



YEAR 11 AND YEAR 13 LEAVERS

If you have had a reminder please make sure you return your outstanding library loans. However, **Mrs Settle would be grateful if you could all check** under your bed, at the bottom of your wardrobe, etc **to see if you have any books** that need returning.

Mrs Julie Settle

Librarian

THE MERCHANT OF VENICE

On 15th May, Mrs Vincini-Smith's Year 10 class travelled to The Globe in London to watch a performance of William Shakespeare's *The Merchant of Venice*. The pupils, who were gallant groundings, had a fantastic view of the action and were able to interact with the players. However, the performance received a mixed review by the pupils, with some observations that the portrayal of Shylock lacked some power and depth.

Nevertheless, just being there and seeing the play actually being performed in The Globe itself enabled the pupils to gain a deeper understanding of both the characters and the events.



Mrs Rebecca Vincini-Smith

English Teacher

BADGERS

Badger class have been busy growing runner bean plants this half term. They have followed their progress and kept a diary to record how the plants have changed. We have all been amazed at how tall the plants have grown; some of them are even taller than the children! Well done Badgers class, you are brilliant botanists!



Mrs Francesca Travers

Badgers Teacher



PREPARATORY SCHOOL CHESS CLUB

Monday 14th May saw the start of Preparatory School Chess Club run by Jaden - one of our Year 8 pupils. The pupils listened carefully whilst Jaden explained how to play and then set up their own games.

Jaden then worked his way around the groups helping the pupils and making suggestions about next moves. A very successful start to the club - we are all already looking forward to next week!



Mrs Nicki Peace

Head of Preparatory School

SUPERHEROES!

As part of their topic about Superheroes, pupils in Hedgehogs class dressed up and made a life size picture of themselves saving the world! All of the pupils loved taking part and deciding on what super powers they might have if they were indeed a superhero!



Mrs Nicki Peace

Head of Preparatory School

THE NORFOLK CAMBRIDGE SOCIETY

The Norfolk Cambridge Society, which arranges meetings for graduates of the University living locally, was very pleased to accept the Headmaster's generous offer to use the School on Saturday May 12th for our Annual General Meeting. All members who attended appreciated the splendid surroundings and the warmth of the welcome.

Each year the Society organises a 'Welcome Party' in Norwich for all those just about to begin their studies in Cambridge, and I hope that we shall see some members of Thetford Grammar School at a future event.

Mr John Balls

Norfolk Cambridge Society Chairman

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THE UNIFORM SHOP



The uniform shop will be open on Mondays and Wednesday, from 3.45pm until 4.30pm. We have many top-quality items for sale including blazers, sweaters, and sportswear. If you have any spare time to help with the shop, please let us know. You don't need to be a member of the Friends of TGS to volunteer.

Mrs Sherrie Barnes
Friends of Thetford Grammar School



LOST PROPERTY

Alexis Goodwin has lost her PE skirt – it has the name S Colasante in it. Please could you check your child's bag in case it is in there by mistake.

Oliver Floyd has lost a pair of black ski gloves. Please hand them into the office if found.

Charlotte Ogilvie has lost a gold necklace with a small 'C' attached to it. It was lost on the school playing field. If anyone has found it or does find it please hand it in to the office. It is of great sentimental value.

Charlotte Ogilvie has also lost her PE kit. Please could parents check their child's PE kit and if found please could you let the office know



ALLERGIES – PACKED LUNCHES/SNACKS

Due to allergies, I would be grateful if you could refrain from sending in nuts or products containing nuts as part of a packed lunch or for snack. We do encourage children to bring in healthy snacks for playtime and would appreciate your support. Many thanks.

Mrs Nicki Peace
Head of Preparatory School



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following pupils who received certificates from Mrs Peace, Head of Preparatory School, in assembly on 15th May.

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| Imogen Bacon | Elias Barnes | Joseph Burrows | Zachary Burrows |
| Eryn Clinton | Flynn Clinton | Jacob Jenner | Thea Wortley |

Congratulations to the following pupils who received Endeavour Awards and Commendations from Mr Bedford in whole school assembly on 25th May.

| ENDEAVOURS | | | |
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| Hedgehogs | | | |
| Conan Brain | Joseph Burrows | Jimmy Chenery-Taylor | Jasmine Hanspal |
| Erin Lawler | Alessandra Massimino | | |
| Badgers | | | |
| Jack Bacon | Sophie Codd | | |
| Foxes | | | |
| Lucas Burrows | Flynn Clinton | Maia Lebish | Luke Lindsell |
| Balazs Varadi | | | |
| Squirrels | | | |
| Jiya Changela | Joe Chenery-Taylor | Oscar Harris | Ailish Jenner |
| Elly Phipps | | | |
| COMMENDATIONS | | | |
| 7D | | | |
| Millicent Burrows | Emily Carriage | Jasmine Dawes | Harriet Guyton |
| 7M | | | |
| Lieselot Buckley | Oliver Lambert | | |
| 8S | | | |
| Ryan Bourne | Maia Foreman | | |
| 8VS | | | |
| Ethan Harris | Owen Wortley | | |
| 9H | | | |
| Emma Gott | Samuel Jones | Louise Macrow | Miranda Patalidis-Thomas |
| 9W | | | |
| Christoph Prior | Madeleine Trussell | | |
| 10G | | | |
| Elizabeth Shelton | Kate Shelton | Grace Tod | Elizabeth Wright |
| 12B | | | |
| Elena Armes | Henry Bittleston | Louis Dunn | Maximillian Elders |
| Kudzi Garikayi | Chloe Garrett | Isabel Holland | Guy Jacklin |
| Brynmor Jenkins | Matthew Ruddy | | |



Artist of the Month

Congratulations to our Artist of the Month, Connie Foreman in Year 4. Connie has produced a beautiful watercolour of a vase of flowers during her art lessons. She has paid close attention to detail and really captured the colours and shapes of the individual flowers, as well as using tone to make them look 3-Dimensional. Well done.



Miss Caroline Griffiths
Art Teacher

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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| Friday 25th May | | Last Day of Half Term Y13 Last Day |
| Saturday 26th May | | Tiffin for TADS, Dementia Fundraiser |
| Monday 28th May – Friday 1st June | | Half Term |
| Monday 4th June – Fri 8th June | All Week | Y10 Internal Exams Y12 Lessons Commence |
| Monday 11th June - Friday 15th June | All Week | Y7-9 Internal Exams |
| Tuesday 12th June | 9.10am – 3.40pm 5.00pm – 7.00pm | Squirrels Norwich Cathedral visit Year 10/12 Geography Data Collection Trip Art and Dt Exhibition Viewing |
| Wednesday 13th June | 10.00am – 2.30pm | Y12 Higher Education Fair, UEA, Norwich |
| Thursday 14th June | 9.00am – 2.15pm All Day | Foxes visit to Kentwell Hall DofE Bronze Qualifying, South Suffolk |
| Friday 15th June | All Day | DofE Bronze Qualifying, South Suffolk Y12 Guest Speaker, Norfolk Community Foundation |

MATCH RESULTS

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| Wednesday 16th May | U13 Rounders v Glebe U13 Cricket v Glebe | <i>Won 10 – 6^{1/2} Won by 4 wickets</i> |
| Thursday 17th May | U15 Cricket v Norwich | <i>Lost by 120 runs</i> |
| Friday 18th May | U11 Cricket v Downham Prep U11 Rounders v Downham Prep | <i>Lost by 12 runs Lost 17^{1/2} - 24</i> |
| Wednesday 23rd May | U13 Rounders v Hethersett Old Hall | <i>Won 15^{1/2} - 11</i> |



FIXTURES

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| Tuesday 5th June | U15 Cricket v Finborough (H) 2.00pm. Pick up 5.00pm |
| Wednesday 6th June | U12 Rounders v Hethersett Old Hall (H) 2.30pm. Pick up 4.00pm |
| Tuesday 12th June | Prep School Athletics, Brookes Cambridge, 1.00pm. Pick up 4.15pm |
| Wednesday 13th June | U13 Cricket v Finborough (H) 2.00pm. Pick up 5.00pm |
| Friday 22nd June | U11 Cricket/Rounders v Downham Prep (A) 1.00pm. Pick up 4.15pm |

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