



Thetford Grammar School

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Friday 2nd November 2018

Dear families of Thetford Grammar School,

The Head hopes everyone had a good half-term and that the first week back has started well. His trip to China ends today after nine days in which he has promoted our excellent academic reputation and met some excellent prospective pupils. He also visited the site of our soon-to-be TGS Changsha Prep and was very impressed with the development, he looks forward to sharing photos with you as soon as possible. The Head is excited to be returning to school on Monday.

A couple of key points to mention:

- the Internal Exams will begin on Monday for Years 7 -10; revision guides and timetables are available on the school website.
- The whole school panoramic photo is available to purchase on the Bentley Photographic website; pupils should have brought home an envelope with the order details inside. If you have not received one please contact the office.
- The Friends of TGS Christmas Fayre is taking place on the 7th December and the Friends would like to hold a planning meeting on the 8th November. If you would like to attend to help plan the event then please let Mrs Reynolds or Miss Higgins in the office know.

Thank you and have a restful weekend

Mr Mark Glassbrook

Acting Deputy Head

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U14 NETBALL SUCCESS

The U14 Netball team were in action twice earlier this month. On Tuesday 9th October, they played in the South Norfolk Area Tournament. They won all the games in their league beating Northgate, Neatherd, Old Buckingham High School and Wymondham College. In the Semi-final, they beat Diss High School 6-2 and played superbly well in the final against Attleborough High School winning 14 - 3.

This means they go on to play in the County final of the National Schools' Championship at UEA on Saturday 17th November.

Well done to the whole squad - Cassie Clements, Gracie White, Lauren Miles, Abi Clouston, Sophie Peace, Harriet Guyton, Abby Clements, Fearn Bourne and Ailish Jenner.



On Wednesday, they played in their third league game against Archbishop Sancroft High school which they won 22-3. That makes three wins out of three so far. Sophie Peace and Abby Clements were joint Players of the Match.

Mrs Alison Alecock

Head of Girls' PE

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Pupils in Prep School were delighted to welcome the new curate Rev Dr Peter Herbert to celebrate Harvest with us on Monday 15th Thetford Food Bank. Rev Peter shared his thoughts about Harvest and then each class shared a short presentation including showing things that they had made along with some beautiful poems.



Mrs Nicki Peace

Head of Prep School



CHARITY NEWS

November 16th Children in Need

Children and staff are encouraged to donate £1 and dress in fancy dress in order to raise money for Children in Need. Fancy Dress is encouraged among all with prizes being awarded for costumes in Prep, Senior School and 6th Form! If not in fancy dress, then please be encouraged to wear something yellow or Pudsey-related to make the day stand-out!

December 10th Sugar for Shelter

December 10th will be the deadline for this year's sugar collection. An assembly will shed more light on this annual collection at TGS. Each year, we collect bags of Silver Spoon sugar to help provide for Breckland's homeless during the winter season. We will be trying to build a 'sugar wall' in the Prep School with the aim of collecting as many bags of sugar as there are pupils. For now, please start bringing bags of sugar to your tutor group so that the building of the wall can begin in the coming weeks.

Unfortunately, we are not running the Link-to-Hope Shoebox Appeal this year. However, if you have been collecting shoeboxes and still want to get involved in preparing shoebox gifts for the Christmas period, ShoeZone in Thetford is a collection point for these.

Please see more information in the link below <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>.

Miss Daniella Dunsmore

Head of Charites

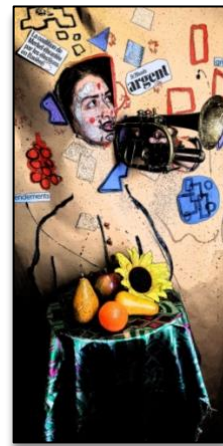
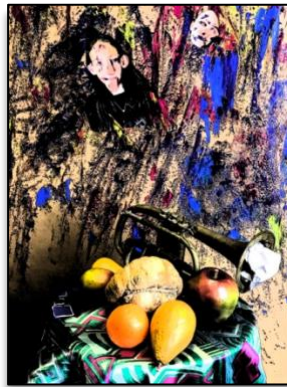
SIXTH FORM TASTER DAY

Thursday 1st November was our Sixth Form Taster Day which gave our current Year 11s the opportunity to experience life in the Sixth Form. The pupils were given options of which subjects they would like to do on the day ranging from the academic to the vocational, hopefully giving them an insight into their future choices.





Year 11 Art, Photography, Textiles and Graphics students teamed up to create a Cubist composition during their taster session today. They had to combined real objects, including a musical instrument, painting, collage, multiple perspectives and a real person in to a final work of art to be photographed. Well done to everyone involved, especially to the models for being such good sports!



Miss Caroline Griffiths
Art Teacher

WOODCRAFT FOLK VISIT

On Monday 8th October Woodcraft Folk visited the school. Woodcraft Folk is a youth movement for people who want to be part of building a better world. They are aiming to set up a group in Thetford called Thetford Pioneers for children aged 9-12 years old. Squirrels had a taster session to find out what it is all about.



They played various team building exercises including building a tower out of marshmallows and spaghetti! The winning team for this was made up of Harry, Luke and Harriet.



These are the comments from the squirrels themselves.



'I learnt that for a tall structure to balance it has to have a wide base and a lot of structured support.' Harriet

'We played parachute games. I learnt that Woodcraft is a fun place and everybody has a good time.' Dominic

'Today we did some extremely fun activities with Susan and Gail from

Woodcraft Folk. The activities were all to do with teamwork'
Luke

'I really enjoyed Woodcraft because Gail and Susan were very considerate and patient.' Fraser



'My favourite part of the activity was building a marshmallow tower. We had to work as a team and plan things out.' Connie

'I enjoyed the session especially when we played all the games.' Maia

'I enjoyed trying to get a ball round all the colours of the parachute.' Gabriel

'Playing the fruit salad game with the parachute was my favourite.' Harry

Mrs Nicki Peace

Head of Prep School

EL SHADDAI CHARITY

You may be aware that last year TGS pupils raised enough money through a variety of charity events to sponsor two Indian children to enable them to attend school, be cared for, fed and receive medical assistance through the charity, El Shaddai.

The children are Vikas and Jamuna both aged 10. The aim is to sponsor them throughout their school life enabling them to have a bright future where everything is possible. I will share the information that I have about the Indian children with our pupils in the next available assembly slot so that they can start to follow their journey.

Thank you and for your contributions so far and for enabling your children to support this worthy cause.

Our next task is to raise money to fund Christmas presents. And it is Vikas's Birthday in February.



The 9S charity reps Sophie, Cassidy and Abbi will be running a charity stall at the Christmas Fayre to ensure that this happens. I also support a mother trying to help put and keep her children into school and I am collecting nearly new second hand summer clothing size 2-12 years old for them as well as swimsuits and bras for the El Shaddai children.

Sophie, Cassidy and Abbi will collect any contributions and I will take them to India when I visit in December this year.

Please send all clothing donations into the school office or ask your son/daughter to take them to W22 where the girls will sort them.

Reminder - Nearly New underclothes ages 2-12, Trunks and one-piece swimsuits ages 2-16 and bras.

Miss Amanda Sherring

Head of Art

KOOK SUL WON TASTER

On Wednesday 17th October, pupils in Prep School were introduced to Kuk Sul by Mr Kris French. The pupils were treated to a display of this form of martial arts and he was helped out by Gabriel in Squirrels class alongside Kate and Maia in Senior School, Ben a former pupil and with assistance from other class members. It was a very exciting display and everyone thoroughly enjoyed finding out more about Kuk Sul.



Mrs Nicki Peace

Head of Prep School

GLENN PICKERING ART WORKSHOP

Year 12 Art, Photography and Graphics students enjoyed a workshop with Glenn Pickering, a local illustrator and Graphic Design lecturer. Glenn showed the students some creative methods with which to generate ideas and solve problems in their project work. Students took to the challenges well, thinking outside of the box and creating some Surrealist style poetry.



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION TORCH OF REMEMBRANCE

A Royal British Legion Torch of Remembrance relay came to Thetford on Wednesday 17th October. Two of our Sixth Form students James Blackman and Rory Donoghue were invited by the Mayor Roy Brame to take part in the ceremony.

From the Menin Gate Memorial in Ypres, Belgium, the Torch of Remembrance has been to 11 places in Norfolk to say thank you to all those involved in World War One.



The Mayor was joined by Thetford RBL Branch Chaplain Rev Helen Jary, Parade Marshal and Vice Chairman John Waine, Chairman Roger Smith and Standard Bearer, Peter Rae.

Master of Ceremonies, Mike Wabe, and Hugh King from Norfolk County RBL also attended the ceremony.



Mrs Cathie Reynolds
School Secretary

POPPIES

Knitted and fabric poppies have been coming in and we now have the netting to tie them on. Please bring any knitted/fabric poppies in by Monday 5th November at the latest.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Can you spare a bit of time to tie some poppies onto the net? The net will be laid out in Old School Library lunchtimes this week, please encourage your students to come along to tie some poppies on.

Mrs Julie Settle
Librarian

THE UNIFORM SHOP

The uniform shop will be open during term time on Tuesdays, 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 Billie Lawler
Friends of Thetford Grammar School





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

The following pupils received awards from Mrs Peace in assembly on Wednesday 10th October.

Conan Brain

George Bullen

Lucas Burrows

Zachary Burrows

Megan Chenery-Taylor

Well done to the following pupils who were presented with their Endeavour and Commendation Awards by Mr Brewer in assembly on Wednesday 17th October.

<u>ENDEAVOURS</u>			
Rabbits			
Bruce Hayhoe	Alessandra Massimino		
Hedgehogs			
Jimmy Chenery-Taylor	Jasmine Hanspal	James Ollenbuttel	Thea Wortley
Badgers			
Conan Brain	Sophie Codd		
Foxes			
Megan Chenery-Taylor	Balazs Varadi		
Squirrels			
Harriet Brewer	Connie Foreman	Luke Lindsell	
<u>COMMENDATIONS</u>			
7D			
Jiya Changela	Abby Clements	Alexis Goodwin	Jessica Gott
Kezia Hayden	Jack Hendrie		
7H			
Fearn Bourne	Freya Bowen	Ailish Jenner	Meghan Murphy
Elly Phipps			
8E			
Millie Burrows	Emily Carriage	Jasmine Dawes	Harriet Guyton
Elliott Morrison			
8S			
Judith Buckley	Poppy Davies		



9C			
Cassie Clements	Ethan Harris	Joshua Kriehn-Morris	Lauren Miles
Oliver Sanders			
9S			
Maia Foreman	Cassidy Goodwin	Sophie Peace	
10A			
Emma Gott	Samuel Jones	Louise Macrow	Miranda Patalidis-Thomas
10G			
Christoph Prior	Amy Smith	Madeleine Trussell	
11G			
Thomas Holland	Minnie Molyneux	Kai Rourke	Elizabeth Shelton
Kate Shelton	Grace Tod	Elizabeth Wright	
11S			
Sebastian Floyd	Sophie Jacklin	Oliver Peace	Amber Roberts
Frank Summers			
12W			
James Blackman	Liam Dargan	Kareena Dayanand	Michael Denby
Sophie Gornall	Sky Power	Eleanor Pringle	James Robertson
Alana Wilson	Li Zefan		
13B			
Louis Dunn	Kudzi Garikayi	Chloe Garrett	Brynmor Jenkins
Matthew Ruddy			

Congratulations to the following pupils who received certificates from Mrs Peace in Prep School assembly on Tuesday 30th October.

Harriet Brewer Luca Burrows Gabriel Galveias Luke Lindsell
Alessandra Massimino Thea Wortley

Congratulations to Gabriel Galveias, Squirrels class, for achieving his brown belt at Kuk Sool Won.

Gabriel has been working extremely hard and we are very proud of him! Well done Gabriel.



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Monday 5th November		Assessment week for Y7 – 10
Tuesday 6th November		Senior UKMT Maths Challenge
Thursday 8th November	6.30pm – 8.30pm	Y9 GCSE Options Evening
Friday 9th November	10.45am – 11.30am 2.30pm – 3.30pm	Remembrance Service Rabbits, Hedgehogs and Badgers Swimming
Tuesday 13th November	9.00am – 12.30pm	Maths Symposium Trip, Norwich
Wednesday 14th November	All day 1.30pm – 6.45pm	Physics A level trip Kids' Lit Quiz Y7 & 8, Dereham
Friday 16th November	2.30pm – 3.30pm	Rabbits, Hedgehogs and Badgers Swimming
Friday 23rd November	2.30pm – 3.30pm 2.00pm – 3.00pm	Rabbits, Hedgehogs and Badgers Swimming Young Driver Education Talk, 6th Form

FIXTURES

Tuesday 6th November	U15 Rugby v Finborough (H) 2.30pm. Pick up 4.00pm U15 Hockey v Finborough (H) 2.30pm. Pick up 4.00pm
Friday 9th November	U11 Tag Rugby v Downham Prep (H) 2.15pm. Pick up 3.45pm U11 Netball v Downham Prep (H) 2.15pm. Pick up 3.45pm
Tuesday 13th November	U14 Hockey v Finborough (A) 2.30pm. Pick up 4.30pm U15 Rugby v Finborough (A) 1.30pm. Pick up 4.30pm
Wednesday 14th November	U13 Rugby v Brookes Cambridge (A) 1.30pm. Pick up 4.30pm
Thursday 15th November	U19 County Netball @ UEA 12.30pm. Pick up 5.45pm
Friday 16th November	U11 Football v Downham (H) Prep 2.00pm. Pick up 3.45pm
Tuesday 20th November	U14 Rugby v Reepham (H) 2.30pm. Pick up 3.30pm
Wednesday 21st November	U13 Hockey v Finborough (A) 2.30pm. Pick up 4.30pm U13 Rugby v Finborough (A) 2.30pm. Pick up 4.30pm

FIXTURE RESULTS

Tuesday 9th October	U14 Rugby v Alderman Peel	<i>Won 41 - 7</i>
Wednesday 10th October	U14 Netball League v Archbishop Sancroft	<i>Won 22 - 3</i>
Friday 12th October	U11 Tag Rugby v Downham Prep	<i>Lost 16 - 6</i>
Wednesday 17th October	U13 Hockey v Hethersett Old Hall/Norwich High School	<i>Joint 2nd place</i>
Tuesday 30th October	U14 Netball v Sacred Heart School U15 Netball v Sacred Heart School	<i>Won 18 - 1</i> <i>Won 14 - 1</i>

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