



our news

Encouraging the Pursuit of Excellence

Les 'Songbirds' Célèbres

Three sopranos and a flautist headed for the South of France during half-term to raise money for local church charities and the Haiti appeal.

Anna de Grave, Rosie Bullen, Olivia Castle and Megan Byford-Crane (pictured L-R) were accompanied on the piano by Mr Goodrich, Director of Music. The tour started at l'Église de Saint-Martin à Lorgues, followed by performances in Cotignac and Entrecasteaux. With interim busking from the girls to increase support for their tour, a total of €1,300 was raised. The churches have all invited the girls to return.

For more news on our charity endeavours please turn to page 2.



Geographical Society



Professor David Petley is the Wilson Chair in Hazard and Risk in the Department of Geography at Durham University, and one of the world's leading experts on landslides.

The Geographical Society was delighted to welcome him back to the College after 2 years, for an informed talk on the Morakot typhoon which ripped through Taiwan last year, destroying the village of Shiaolin. Having worked in Taiwan for 20 years, Professor Petley was able to give a comprehensive account of the events that led to the devastation and of the recommendations he made to the government to avert a similar disaster. The Headmaster Porter Theatre was well attended with pupils past and present, parents and members of visiting schools.

Maths Challenge Success



The College recently hosted the East Anglia Regional heat of the UKMT Intermediate Team challenge with participation from pupils from 22 schools in Years 8 or 9. Both Framlingham and Brandeston Hall combined teams were well placed, with 3 positions in the top 10.

Finally, four students came a close second in the Year 10 Challenge which was held in Bury St Edmunds in March. Mona Chung, Chris Hart, Tony Lam and Emma Vidler, pictured above with Mr Hoyle and Mr Lim, have now progressed to the Eastern Regional Final which will be held at Cambridge University in April.

Forthcoming Events 2010

Open Morning at Framlingham College

9.30am, Saturday 8th May

If you would like to attend please contact Miss Emma Rutherford

Summer Concert

St Michael's Church, Framlingham, 7.00pm, Sunday 9th May

Summer Drama Production - Kes

Friday 25th June, Saturday 26th June

Music on a Midsummer's Evening

6.30pm - 9.00pm, Wednesday 30th June

Holiday Activities

Football 6th & 7th April and 12th & 13th April

Swimming 6th - 9th April, Cricket 7th, 8th & 9th April

Further details can be found under Enterprises on the website

16 DofE Gold Awards

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme is a challenging programme of activities, where students learn new skills, help others and experience adventure.

The Bronze level itself takes 18 months to complete, followed by Silver and then Gold, which is recognised worldwide. This year the College is delighted to announce that a total of 16 former students will travel in March to St James' Palace in London to receive their Gold awards from HRH the Duke of Edinburgh.

CCF Biennial Inspection

The Cadet Force in the UK has a history that dates back 150 years. Major Myers-Allen has been Contingent Commander for over a decade and is justifiably proud of the 200 cadets.

The biennial review took place at the College on 15th March with the cadets keen to put on a good display for the new Headmaster, Mr Paul Taylor, and inspecting officer and governor, Air Vice Marshal S R C Dougherty OStJ MSC FRCP FFOM (OF). They paraded past the statue of Prince Albert in front of visiting parents and pupils from local schools.

The day also included a visit from an Apache helicopter and displays from the Royal Engineers, Coldstream Guards and the Royal Navy. There was an artillery gun run, parachute jump, canoeing, and a survival exercise. The Contingent Commander is grateful for the hard work of his officers, SNCOS and WO2 (SSI) Roy Witham.



AVM S R C Dougherty

Tree O'Clock Challenge

As part of the BBC's Breathing Places initiative, people were invited to plant as many trees as possible between 11.00 am and 12.00 noon on Saturday 5th December in order to set a new Guinness World Record.

During this time pupils from Framlingham College and Brandeston Hall undertook the 'Tree O'clock Challenge', which was masterminded by wildlife enthusiasts Jack Wright and William Hitchcock in Year 10 (pictured below L-R). With a little guidance from grounds staff and the assistance of Dr Richard Higgins, Head of Science, Mrs Mary Alvis and her Year 9 science class, they planted a beautiful silver birch tree along with several hawthorn saplings to form part of a new hedge on the school grounds. The trees were successfully planted on time and the necessary pictures taken as evidence.



Charity and Music continued



There have been lots of activities this term to raise money for charity, with particular emphasis on helping the people of Haiti after the devastating earthquake left many homeless.

Pupils at the College made cakes to be sold by Rebecca Kerridge and Imogen Webb; flowers were sold by Jo-Jo Hamer-Philip and Poppy Ryland for Valentine's day; Megan Byford-Crane organised a netball competition; and Hannah Cornish raised money by seeing how many grapes she could put in her mouth!

The College also hosted a benefit concert titled Help for Haiti, with performances from former pupil Laura Wright of All Angels, as well as 4 bands and a DJ. Local businesses and residents generously donated prizes for the raffle and supplied food and drink. A total of £14,000 was raised for ShelterBox, a UK based charity that delivers emergency aid worldwide.

The College Chamber Choir was privileged to give a charity concert in aid of the Teenage Cancer Trust. The choir made much use of the glorious acoustics in the Lady Chapel of Ely Cathedral, with a recital of music by Bruckner, Howells and Rachmaninov. A total of £500 was raised for the Trust, which also funds specialist units for young people in NHS hospitals.

Lessons from Auschwitz

As we went to press, Year 12 pupils Nick Whitehead and Megan Byford-Crane travelled to Auschwitz with the Holocaust Memorial Trust's schools' project. They saw first-hand some of the horrors of the death camp as well as the memorials to those who died there. The pair will share their experiences by giving presentations to the College shortly.



Model United Nations

Last term students from Years 11 to 13, accompanied by Mr and Mrs Holland, set out for the annual Model United Nations in The Hague.

Our allocated countries were South Africa and Costa Rica, with Imogen Webb and Christina Welsh representing the latter on the Security Council. The remaining students, sitting on committees, were engaged on topics such as the environment and the rights of minority and indigenous people.

Then in December four students attended the Students' League of Nations in Geneva for some intense debating.



This was followed by the inaugural Felsted Model United Nations in February, when 14 pupils represented the USA, Pakistan, Germany and Burkina Faso. Over two days many resolutions were debated in Committee and in the General Assembly, including Piracy, Capital Punishment, the Global Economic Downturn and the disappearance of honeybees. Our students spoke very well in debate, but special mention must go to Andrzej Stuart-Thompson, whose exhaustive research clearly paid off with an articulate and well informed contribution as spokesman for the USA.

The second FRAMUN will take place at the end of the summer term and preparations are now well underway.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Photography, Art and History of Art

During the February half term, 17 pupils took a short trip to Florence to visit the principal galleries and museums and draw inspiration from them. These energetic students made it to the top of Brunelleschi's Dome and were rewarded with a breathtaking view of the city and its surrounding hills. On Saturday they travelled to Venice and enjoyed an exciting excursion down the Grand Canal.



Florence by Night, Sophie Mackie, Year 12

Anything Goes - Autumn Term Production 2009

There was a terrific sense of fun and enjoyment during both rehearsals and performances of this spectacular show. We all enjoyed the gags, general pace and craziness of the witty script.

It was wonderful to see all the hard work coming together with the arrival of our exciting set. The extra polish was provided by the professional band under the direction of Mr Goodrich. *Well done, everyone!*



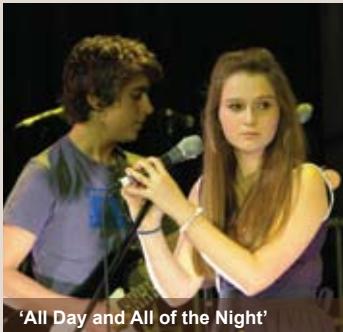
Sailors Alex Dunham, Laurence Griggs, Sam Crimp and Will Nias (pictured L-R) provided great entertainment and their 'dance' with Georgie Goodin, who played Erma, will go down in Framlingham history as possibly the funniest routine ever.



As well as a marvellous set and fantastic acting, the audience were treated to Didi's four paw performance.

Songs from the Sixties

For 3 consecutive evenings the Headmaster Porter Theatre played host to the much loved annual cabaret night. On a theme of 'Songs from the 60s', 150 staff and students graced the stage each night to perform hits made famous by the likes of Dusty Springfield, the Beach Boys and Nancy Sinatra. Everything and everybody came together in spectacular fashion, from the first number to the last, making this year another great success.



'All Day and All of the Night'



'Welcome to the 60s'



'These Boots are Made for Walkin'

'Gimme Shelter'

Psychology Society

The Psychology Society has recently been visited by a number of distinguished guests: Mr David Cook, an Occupational Psychologist gave an enlightening workshop on personality and careers. This involved students working out their personality type based on the Myers Briggs Type Indicator.



Linking in with the Year 13 topic on Cognition & Law, retired Police Inspector

Paul Grimwood illustrated how Psychology is used in police work by using examples such as face and voice recognition and police line-ups. He explained some of the procedures used on various high profile cases including the Yorkshire Ripper and demonstrated computer based line ups, with several entertaining stories thrown in.

On 1st March leading forensics expert, and former student Dr Miranda Horvath (pictured), returned to the College and gave a talk on the work she does with the police on offender profiling.

Sixth Form Lectures

The Sixth Form have enjoyed a varied and interesting programme this term. Penny Baily, Director of the Newmarket House Clinic in Norwich, spoke about Eating Disorders and provided information in a clear and sensitive manner. This was followed by two Justices of the Peace, Mr Ray Condon and Mrs Rachel Chester who outlined the role local magistrates play within communities. They even included a court scenario in which students had to decide which sanctions best fitted the crime they had been presented with.

As we go to print we look forward to the final presentation of the term, 'Belief Creates Reality', which will be given by Dr David Bull, OF. As a qualified medical practitioner he first worked on Newsround advising children on health issues and is now co-founder and Chairman of Incredibull. Dr Bull will draw on his own life story as an example of the wealth of opportunities that lie beyond the College.

Sports Report

Swimming Sensation

Georgia Rickards, aged 13, has been training as early as 5.45am to compete at many high level competitions in East Anglia, with the aim of swimming at National level. Recently she took part in the Stowmarket Club Championships and her efforts paid off as she won gold medals in every swimming class she entered, adding 16 to her growing collection and earning her the maximum number of points in her age group. In January Georgia collected these medals and four trophies and was jointly awarded the title of EADT Top Girl in Club Championships and a shield for her achievements.



Top Shot

Carl Witham and Elliot Dunford are competing in a Postal Shoot* for the Suffolk Junior A Team. At present they are lying in third place and are waiting for results from their last two cards, which will be announced in March. Having previously shot 96, Carl settled down to confirm his aim with a 'sighter card' and then onto a 10 Bull card. A short time later, he put his rifle down, reviewed his work through his spotting scope to see a perfect 100, breaking the four year record from the previous holder, Jace Palmer.

**A Postal shoot is where targets are sent to us, stamped on the rear by the originator and once shot, returned to be marked and the scores collated.*

At present we have 6 pupils shooting in various teams for Suffolk. We are now in Round 4, with the Junior A Team currently lying in second, place and the Junior B and C Teams in third.

STOP PRESS!

Susannah Reid and Sarah Findlay will represent Suffolk in the National Schools' Championships, when they run at Heaton Park in Manchester on 20th March.

Robert Camplin, Year 10, has recently been selected to play for the Suffolk U18 tennis team.

Spring Update

In spite of the arctic conditions experienced recently, the sports programme burst into life before the snow had thawed, with considerable effort from the grounds staff, coaches and pupils. We should also make mention of indoor sports such as Badminton, Basketball, Squash and Kickboxing as students continue to train hard in preparation for their next competitive opportunity.

Girls Games



Lucy Ashby-Hoare scores for the U14A team

It should have been a very busy term for the girls' netball teams but atrocious weather saw many of the Saturday fixtures cancelled. The squad is young and keen to learn, with only Clarice Downes having played in the 1st VII before. At times the squad has played some inspirational netball, particularly from Anna de Grave in her position as Goal Attack.

At the time of writing the U14A and U14B teams are currently unbeaten with good wins against Culford, RHS and King's Ely. During the term we have regularly had 45 girls out to train with the senior players, all looking to secure a place. Both the 2nd and U16 VIIIs have only lost one match out of the five they have played.

Sixteen girls have been preparing for a four day tour to Malta at the end of term, where they will play 3 matches as well as enjoying some sightseeing on the island.

Boys Games

1ST XI HOCKEY

In spite of a severely disrupted season, the 1st XI have made good progress as a team and are currently on a three match winning streak, with impressive victories over Gresham's (5-1), RHS (6-0) and the Leys (5-2). They have also reached the East Region Qualifiers, beating Woodbridge (3-0) in the Suffolk County round on the way.

The leading goal scorer to date is captain Ben Wright, with 7 goals, closely followed by Will Squirrell on 5. With the St. George's Sixes title to defend and the Bath Hockey Festival to look forward to, there is still plenty of high profile hockey to play!



Nick Whitehead scores against the Leys

BARCELONA TOUR

The boys' 1st XI travelled to Barcelona to play in the 62nd International Hockey Tournament 'Los Reyes', which was hosted by Real Club de Polo. This is a highly prestigious event to which only the best are invited, with international male and female sports stars participating. It was a great honour therefore to be involved in the official tournament curtain raiser against the hosts, this was followed by fixtures against the Spanish national Under 16s and FC Barcelona. Our young squad acquitted itself with zeal and commitment throughout, but lost out in an end-to-end 5-3 defeat to FC Barcelona. However, it was a great experience for all of us, playing and watching top class international hockey in such truly spectacular surroundings!



1st XI at 'Los Reyes'



UNDER 15 RUGBY NEWS

Year 10 students Chris Huston and Will Owen (pictured above right) came head to head recently when rugby academies the Northampton Saints and Leicester Tigers played each other at Franklin's Gardens. Leicester won comfortably and Will was named 'Man of the Match'. He has also been selected for the Elite Training Group Camp at Loughborough University later in the year. After the College defeated Merchant Taylors 41-12, the two young stars lined up together again, as the Under 15 team travelled to Brighton College in the 7th round of the Daily Mail Vase competition. In a closely fought match the team lost to their hosts, but we look forward to seeing more of these two in the future.