

Year 7 Report

September saw a large influx of new pupils, including four sports scholars from Diss Rugby Club. So large was the turnover, that a whole day early in the academic year was given over to integrating all the old hands with the new recruits. Soon everyone was rubbing along like old friends. Another early highlight was the trip to Framlingham to indulge in some, history, geography and science, using the castle, the mere and the Market Hill. Year 7 welcomed Mrs Moon to the school as a tutor, to work alongside Mrs Norton and Mr Clough. Overall, it was an enjoyable and innovative year.

Mr J Clough, Head of History

Year 8 Report



A highlight for Year 8 was their Leavers Dinner (*pictured above*) and Disco held on the Saturday evening after their return from Skern Lodge. As the pupils arrived in an array of vehicles not to mention one young man on a horse – there were many comments as to the beautiful dresses worn by the girls and how handsome and grown

up the boys looked in their dinner jackets. The evening started with drinks for parents and pupils followed by dinner for the pupils and staff. The dining room was beautifully decorated with streamers and helium balloons. As always, the kitchen staff provided a delicious buffet and everyone had an enjoyable meal. The disco was loud and everyone had a great time.

As part of their post CE programme Year 8 had a Personal Safety Day. They had three sessions during the day. Our Matron, Julie Tye, a member of St. John's Ambulance, taught them some basic first aid including the recovery position and CPR. PC Kevin Stephenson looked at safety on the internet and in other situations, whilst Windy Miller, our Karate instructor, showed them some basic self defence. An interesting and useful day was enjoyed by all.

Senior English Report

It was all change in the Senior English Department at Brandeston Hall this year. Mrs Jan Norton took over as Head of Department and was joined, with their wealth of experience, by Mrs Deborah Vass, Miss Susan Johnson and Miss Helen Morgan.

The highlight for Year Six came in the Summer Term with a joint focus on producing a tourist pamphlet about Aldeburgh, after a very sunny visit there, and Shakespeare, culminating in their marvellous open air production of excerpts from many Shakespearean plays, directed by the Drama Department.

Year 7 focussed on the genre 'Short Stories with a Twist' and spent much of their final weeks producing one of their own.

Year 8's highlight was probably their visit to The Globe, Tate Modern, Covent Garden and watching the thrilling 'Woman In Black'.

Mrs J Norton, Head of English

We welcomed a few new faces to the teaching staff in 2006/7. Mrs Harding took over the reins of the Maths Department and Mrs Moon the Science Department. Miss Johnson, Miss Morgan and Miss Tassera joined the Junior Prep Department and Mrs Vass joined the English Department and assisted with the school Library.

The facilities were enhanced by the addition of a new ICT suite in Room 1 and more computers and interactive whiteboards in a number of other classrooms. ICT was added to the curriculum for Year 7 and 8 with Drama lessons for all pupils in the Junior and Senior Prep.

On the scholarship front, Brandeston pupils excelled with Framlingham College and other independent schools offering and awarding scholarships to a number of our

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outstanding pupils. At 13+, Framlingham College has continued to recognise the quality of pupils developed at Brandeston by awarding scholarships across a range of areas. Pupils moving to other schools were also rewarded, with Eleanor Smith (Head of School) receiving an academic scholarship to Oundle and Laurence Sutton being given the Headmaster's Award at Oakham.

At 11+, excellence was also recognised with number of our home-grown pupils being awarded scholarships.

The 13+ Common Entrance results in the Summer were excellent with Tristan Ellis, Emily Higgins, Anna Thorne and Christina Welsh all receiving straight A or A* grades.

We introduced a new standardised test for all pupils from Nursery to Year 6. PIPS (Performance Indicators In Primary Schools) is a relatively simple test that enables us to compare the performance of our own pupils in English and Maths (Science in Year 6) with the rest of the country. It is pleasing to report that the Brandeston pupils performed well in these tests.

Finally, as you look through the

Yearbook, I hope you will be impressed with the variety of activities that take place at Brandeston. The workshops, trips, theme days and competitions are all great fun but also provide valuable extension and enrichment to our academic work. Happy engaged children really do learn far better.

Mr R Sampson, Second Master



ABOVE: 13+ (L-R)

BACK ROW – TRISTAN ELLIS, KATIE RUTHERFORD, HENRY PAULLEY, RYAN CLARKE, BRIAN WAN, MIMI O'NEILL AND LAURENCE SUTTON.

MIDDLE ROW – CHRISTINA WELSH, OLIVIA COWLEY, ELEANOR SMITH, EMILY HIGGINS AND SAM BIGDEN.

FRONT ROW – CHARLOTTE LAWSON, EMILY WILFORD, GEORGE KERRIDGE, JAMES HOOD AND ANNA THORNE.



ABOVE: 11+ (L-R)

SUSANNAH REID, ALASDAIR BEVAN-MARGETTS, TOM RIDLEY AND CHARLIE O'NEILL.

The school year began with a series of informal recitals, harvest festival, arts festival and our annual evening of mulled wine and carols. The term concluded with the carol service, accompanied by our orchestra, Pre-Prep and school choirs.

The Spring term brought with it lots of hard work for our scholarship candidates at 11+ and 13+, all of whom were successful in gaining awards this year. Well done to Anna Thorne, Mimi O'Neill, Brian Wan, George Kerridge, Charlie O'Neill and Alasdair Bevan-Margetts.

We enjoyed a superb evening of jazz at mid-term, held in the dining room. This proved a huge success and one we will definitely be repeating in the future.

Finally, as the year draws to a close, we again enjoyed a variety of recitals, by both Pre-Prep and Prep pupils, a multi-cultural day and closed the year with our leaver's concert which really was a Summer spectacular! Well done to all those musicians who have performed so brilliantly and given so much this year.

Mrs C Gower, Director of Music



ABOVE: CHARLOTE SUMMERS ON RECORDER. RIGHT (T-B): GEORGE KERRIDGE PLAYS JAZZ, LATINO DAY SAMBA WORKSHOP, SAFFRON WILFORD IN THE SUMMER CONCERT.

