

The Accolade

September 2011

The Monthly Celebratory Newsletter from County Upper School

Dear parents, students, staff and governors,

Welcome to the first of our monthly editions of "The Accolade" for this academic year. August saw our premises staff work exceptionally hard to refurbish several areas and we are very grateful to them. During the summer holiday our students continued to participate in extra-curricular activities organised by us and to enjoy our support of them in other local events.

The month also brought stunning examination results at all levels. September has begun extremely well with students settling purposefully to their studies and engaging in large numbers with our extensive extra-curricular programme. As we move into all the autumn activity, this month's publication celebrates all the final successes of the last academic year together with the early achievements of 2011-2012.

Mrs V Neale



Sport gets off to a flying start!

U15 Cricketers are County Champions

Last term ended with our team qualifying for the semi-final to be played on the first Monday of this term. A comfortable win against Benjamin Britten saw us face East Bergholt in the final at Culford School on the Thursday of the first full week. With a century from **Tom Allen** and a crucial wicket taken by **Ben Curran** in his first week in year nine, we won comfortably by forty runs. We thank **Mr Bishop** for coaching our team and congratulate:

Taha Ahmed, John Allen, Tom Allen, Edward Ballam, Ben Curran, Tom Curran, Jack Child, Kieran Davies, Kieran Harris, Danny Harrison, Kane Hodgson, Robert Pettitt and Will Rout.



The School of the Year Award

We were proud and privileged to be presented with this award at the **St Edmundsbury Sports Awards' Evening** in The Apex. Given to one school in any phase in The Borough of St Edmundsbury, the award recognises the quality and quantity of sport provided. **We are delighted to remain the only Upper School to have ever won the award and the only school to have ever won it twice.** We congratulate all our **PE staff** and our **students** who engage so fully with all the sport on offer.



On the same evening, **Alice Maguire** in year eleven was awarded the **Young Sports Personality of the Year**. In and out of school Alice is a keen and successful participant in athletics, cycling, cross country, dance, triathlon and much more. Very well done, Alice!



Language perfect!

We took part in these world championships during the first full week of term and were delighted to be the **top team in the East** and **43rd in the world** in our category based on the size of the school. Our team, comprising students from years ten, eleven and twelve correctly answered 14,829 questions between them. **Hazel Forde, Ryan Palmer, Millie Stanton** and **Edwina d'Almeida** were awarded gold medals, **Alex Davison** a bronze medal and **Jenny Croydon** a Certificate of Excellence. We congratulate all who took part and especially **Ryan Palmer** and **Edwina d'Almeida** who were the top sixth form and main school students respectively.



Japanese activities

■ Guests from Tohoku

August began with a very poignant visit by a group of Japanese students who had been orphaned by the earthquake in March. Given our **forty year history of exchanges with Japan**, we felt compelled to offer some personal and practical support to a group of those most seriously affected. Thanks to the generosity of many people, the group was able to visit Cambridge, the Peak District, Ironbridge, the Cotswolds and Oxford. Fourteen of our students acted as hosts and gave their Japanese counterparts a superb time. Well done to all of them. **Tom Hubbard** now in year ten, wrote:

"Visiting Peveril Castle was just one of many excitements for me and our guests from five schools in the Tohoku region of Japan and the six teachers. We covered English History from the Prehistoric (Mam Tor) via the Romans (Wroxeter), the Normans (here), the Tudors (Hardwick Hall), the Victorians (Ironbridge and the Severn Valley Railway) and the Arts and Crafts Movement (Broadway Tower); English Geography from Cambridgeshire round to the Cotswolds; English Literature (in the Devil's Cavern); lots of Science and Technology (everywhere, including Alton Towers); Leisure and Tourism, Sport (evening games) and Music (three songs) so we could truly call it a study trip NOT a holiday: but it was a fun way to learn and we were sad to say goodbye to our new friends at Heathrow. Thank you to Mr and Mrs Browning for arranging the tour, and to everyone who sponsored this trip for those affected by the earthquake, tsunami and nuclear contamination in Japan."



Peveril

■ The Chuutoubu Camp

The middle of August saw our annual summer camp at Avon Tyrell with our guests from Japan. Thirty eight students from Japan joined our students from years nine, ten and twelve to enjoy a cultural and linguistic experience with lots of outdoor activity.

Edmund Walker, now year eleven, wrote:

"I was thrilled to be invited to join the Chuutoubu Summer Camp for a second time and there were thirty-eight students from Japan for us to make friends with while enjoying outdoor activities such as High Ropes and Raft Building, excursions to places such as Corfe Castle, Stonehenge and the beach, games and quizzes and last, but not least, a truly amazing Britain and Japan Have Talent Show. Thank you to everyone at Chuutoubu for this wonderful opportunity and to Mr Stewart and Mrs Browning whose main aim seemed to be to make sure we all got enough sleep!"

■ Our annual visit from Keio

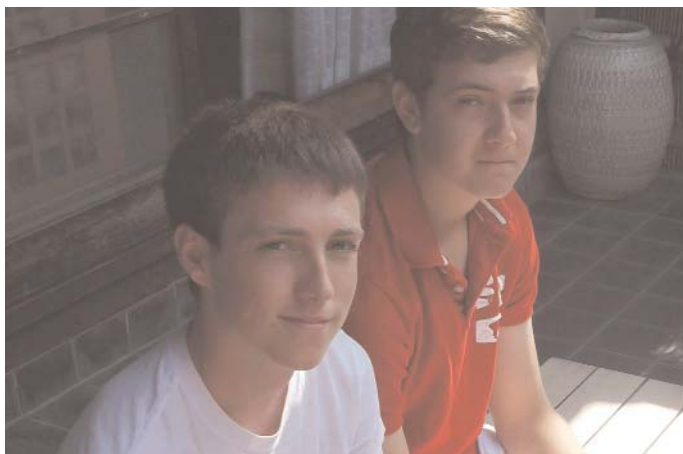
Our long-standing and prestigious link with Keio University continued when seventeen of our students hosted our annual visit by students and staff from Keio at the end of August. The group enjoyed Cambridge and activities based in Edale. Our Japanese guests then spent the first day of the academic year in school with their partners. We thank **Mrs Browning** for organising all these visits and **Mr Stewart** who accompanied her.



Our holiday science programme

■ We congratulate **Peter Newton** and **Melanie Settle**, both now in year thirteen, who were awarded **Nuffield Bursaries** this summer. Peter worked at R C Treatt's analysing traces of essential oils in an explosive atmosphere, while Melanie spent the summer at Hethel Engineering researching the use of algae for biofuels. We thank **Mrs Payne** for organising this.

■ **Stuart Field** and **Sam Mason** in year thirteen went to the **UK-Japanese Young Scientists Workshop at the University of Kyoto**, one of Japan's top universities. This is the sixth successive year we have been invited to participate in this prestigious scheme. Stuart worked on 3D modelling projects while Sam's research involved radioactivity and new types of Geiger counters. Both worked alongside practising scientists as well as Japanese students and both were commended for their maturity, attitude and scientific aptitude. We congratulate them and thank **Miss Doyle** for accompanying them.



■ **Thomas Chadwick** and **Deanna Smith** in year twelve went to the UK workshops in Cambridge. Tom went to Murray-Edwards College and worked in the Cavendish Laboratories in Biophysics while Deanna was in the Plant Science Laboratories. Both worked alongside Cambridge professors and students. For Tom it was "amazing" and for Deanna "brilliant"! Well done to both students. We thank **Mrs Rossi** for accompanying them.



■ Nuclear Engineering course is a resounding success

We congratulate **Neal Dodge** and **William Godfrey** in year eleven who were selected for a **four-day residential course at Lancaster University**. The course was organised by **The Smallpeice Trust** in collaboration with the National Nuclear Laboratory (NNL) and looked at solving some of the challenges facing the nuclear industry. The students were challenged to move spent nuclear fuel from a storage facility. **Both boys were highly commended by NNL Senior Fellow, Dominic Rhodes** and we congratulate them, too.

■ Physics at Work visit to Cambridge

The term started with a visit by **over forty members of year eleven** to the University of Cambridge's Cavendish Laboratory. Here they enjoyed six interactive demonstrations of practical applications of physics from cutting edge technology and major companies. The whole group was a credit to our school. Well done to them and thank you to **Mr Randé** for organising the trip.



Zoe Parsons wrote:

We got to hear about lots of exciting things which we could see more of in the future, for example flexible solar panels and tv screens that were the width of paper. We also got to have a go at hands-on things such as trying to assemble a mini version of the engine used in Rolls Royce aeroplanes. There were several other interesting exhibits telling us about how things work and getting us interested about possible career paths in physics and engineering. Overall, it was a very enjoyable visit full of science.

More success for the performing arts

■ The term began with a visit by our senior musicians to the **Royal Albert Hall** to hear **Prom** number seventy and we thank **Miss Green** for organising it. This was quickly followed by a workshop for our GCSE drama students from the staff at the Theatre Royal which preceded a visit to a special showing of "**Dick Turpin's Last Ride**" by almost fifty of our students all of whom were a real credit to our school. The next evening our 'A' level Theatre Studies students went to an excellent production of **Moliere's Tartuffe** in Cambridge. We thank **Mrs Stevens** for arranging these activities.

■ This month saw the gala concert at **Snape Maltings** given by the **Suffolk Youth Orchestra, Suffolk Wind Band and Suffolk Young Strings** as the culmination of their work during the 2010/2011 season which included tours during August. **As always, we are proud to have far more students in these ensembles than any other school in Suffolk, including thirteen in the orchestra.**

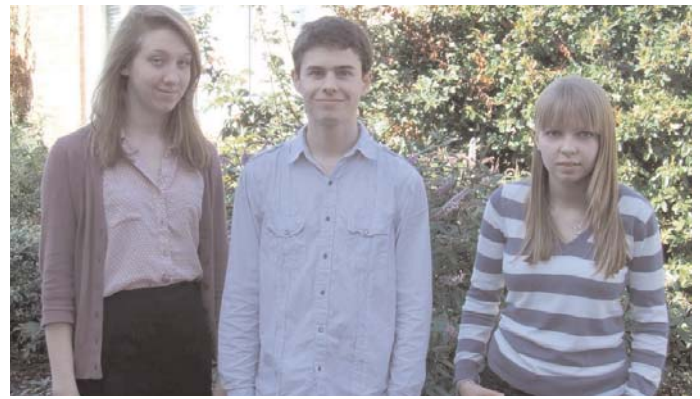


Well done to: **Katie Alford, Madeleine Blake, Gideon Blake, Jessica Carnegie, Louise Chartron, Evy Coe, Emma Cowper, Jessica Cowper, Rachel Earl, Samuel Fearnley, Rachael Fletcher, Sarah Johnson, Liliana Luongo, Ashley Nayler, Harry Palmer, Imogen Ridge, Georgina Scott, Riona Snelling, Harry Stone, Philippa Strachan, Eleanor White and Georgia White.**

■ Singing examination results

We congratulate the following on the results received this month and thank **Miss Howard** who teaches them:

Emma Cowper	Grade 7 Distinction
Elizabeth Fearnley	Grade 4 Merit
Sophie Maddock	Grade 4 Merit
Peter Newton	Grade 5 Distinction
Heather Talbot	Grade 4 Merit
Katie Thomas	Grade 5 Merit
Eleanor White	Grade 4 Merit



■ Imogen's harp success

Imogen Ridge in year ten was selected to play with the **Britten-Pears Orchestra** this summer.

The orchestra comprises young professional musicians from all over the world who are all over eighteen and mostly in their mid twenties. It was therefore testament to



Imogen's musicianship and confidence that she was able to rise to this challenge. She performed with the Orchestra at the Snape Proms under the baton of Edward Gardner, Conductor of the English National Opera. **The Orchestra's director said Imogen had been "fantastic" and her "professional, mature, attitude has been admired by everyone!" Very well done, Imogen.**

Drama and Dance Successes

■ We are very proud of **Helen Slade** in year twelve who was selected to perform with the **National Youth Music Theatre** for the second successive summer. Helen was in the London production of "**Sweeney Todd**".

■ We congratulate all our students who took part in the Voice Squad's production of **Les Misérables at The Apex** this summer. Well done to: **Emma Cowper, Jennifer Gurney, Sarah Mayhew, Claire Saunders, Nicola Saunders, Riona Snelling, Hannah Wright and to Toby Jeffrey, Helen Slade and Douglas Sands** who had main parts.

■ **Katie Thomas** in year twelve was selected for the dance summer school at **The Doreen Bird Performing Arts School** in Surrey.



Katie did jazz, tap, contemporary and modern dance, culminating in a performance at the end of the week. Katie worked with professional choreographers and performers. Well done!

Outdoor activities abound!

■ Three students, **Rebecca Macintyre**, **Laura Nicol** and **Rosie Salmon** completed their **Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award** this summer. The final challenge was their outdoor expedition which the girls completed in the Peak District during five days in August. The three will now be invited to St James' Palace to receive their awards. Well done to them!



■ **Jessica Osborne** and **Philippa Strachan** spent three weeks in **Rwanda** and in **Tanzania** this summer on a Diocesan Youth trip in support of the Tumaini Fund. The two year eleven girls helped in orphanages and schools; on a melon farm; with painting and decorating; by entertaining children and sharing their faith with some of the poorest people in the world. Both girls described it as a life-changing experience and shared their memories, thoughts and photos at the first **Christian Union** meeting of the term. We are proud of our links with Rwanda and St Mary's Church and congratulate Jessica and Philippa on being such excellent ambassadors for our school.



■ **Neal Dodge** in year eleven was one of two Bury St Edmunds Scouts who, after formal interviews, were selected to represent Suffolk at the **World Scout Jamboree in Sweden** where 40,000 people assembled for the event which takes place every four years. Neal also raised money to sponsor Scouts from Sierra Leone and Ethiopia so they could attend the event. Well done, Neal.



Community Service

We thank **Stuart Field**, **Rebecca Macintyre** and **Charlotte Thomas** from our Head Student Team who represented us at the **Battle of Britain service** in St Mary's Church and the subsequent parade on Sunday 25th September. We especially congratulate **Douglas Sands** who has been appointed the **Royal British Legion's trumpeter** to succeed Rachael Fletcher who goes off to university this month. This was Douglas' first ceremonial occasion and he fully justified his appointment. **Several members of the public contacted us to compliment all four students on representing both our school and young people so well.**



■ Sixth former, **Ryan McClean**, gave up two weeks of his holiday to work for **Heart Radio in Norwich** during which time he did a range of interviews and edited them for live news as well as adding items to their website. His interviews included one with the Chief of Police at the Norfolk Constabulary's Headquarters and another with Chip Somers at Focus 12 after Amy Winehouse died.

■ **Carl Smith** in year eleven was one of a team of young people who painted the outside of the Gatehouse Project's base, fundraised to buy plants to enhance the centre and spent time with the elderly people at the Gatehouse day centre during the summer holiday. Well done, Carl!



Oxbridge Seminar

We are especially grateful to six of our former students who, out of those currently studying at Cambridge and Oxford colleges, were able to come back this month to work with **forty five of our year ten students**. **Laura Anders**, **Catherine Harrison**, **Elodie Limer**, **Jonathan Soman**, **Robert Strachan** and **Peter Wilcock** were impressed with the year ten students who were certainly inspired by them. Well done to all who took part.



Student Officers for 2011/12

As they progress through the school, our students take on a variety of leadership roles. We congratulate our most senior leaders on their appointment for this academic year:

Head Student Team

Head Boy: Stuart Field **Head Girl:** Rebecca Macintyre
Deputy Head Boy: Will Nunn **Deputy Head Girl:** Charlotte Thomas



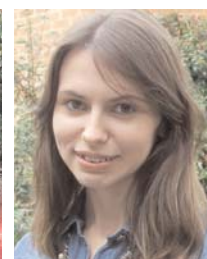
Captains of Art
Charlotte Evans and Emma Shenton



Captain of Geography
Hannah Purkiss



Captains of History
Grace Waters and Emily Royal



Captain of ICT
Beth Lebbon



Christian Union Leader
Anna Pape



Captains of Performing Arts
Rebecca Littlechild and Katie Thomas



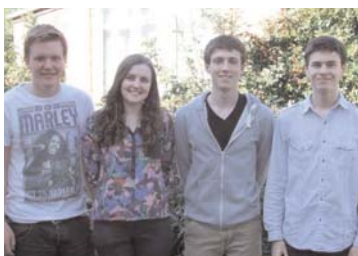
Captains of Drama
Kate Welby and Hugh Cornish



Captains of Music
Theo Harris, Sarah Johnson and Melanie Settle



Captains of Politics and Citizenship
Beth Fearnley and Bart Williams



Captains of Science
Alicer Bowers, Kimberley Fearnley, Fred Koopmans, Sam Mason and Peter Newton



Captains of Sociology
Nicola Saunders and Bianca Warren



Captains of Media
Will Glass and Holly McGregor



Captains of Health and Social Care
Claire Saunders and Sarah Jackson



Senior Captain of Sport: Sophie Baxter. **Captains of Sport:** Kelly Dargan, Eleanor Freeman and Hendrik Koopmans



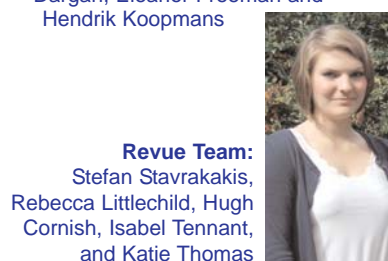
Debating and Public Speaking
Chairman: Isabel Tennant
Secretary: Sam Harrison



Student Magazine Editorial Team:
Chief Editors: Beth Lebbon and Tom Bloomfield, **Features Editor:** Rachel Denman, **Entertainments Editor:** Harry Palmer



Charity Team:
Hendrik Koopmans, Matt Molyneux, Bianca Warren, Kelly Dargan, Jake Fairweather, Beth Lebbon and Jake Cutting.



Revue Team:
Stefan Stavrakakis, Rebecca Littlechild, Hugh Cornish, Isabel Tennant, and Katie Thomas



The rest of the sporting success

Along with our Sports Award and Cricket trophy, the term has got off to a flying start for teams and individuals. We also acknowledge those who represented Suffolk and beyond between September 2010 and this September in this year's Roll of Honour

YEAR 9		
Jon Allen	Cricket	Suffolk
Josh Atkinson	Basketball	West Suffolk
Liam Austin	Rugby and athletics	Suffolk
Gavin Borrett	Cross country/table tennis	Suffolk and West Suffolk
Ellie Brian	Athletics and basketball	West Suffolk
Joanna Brawn	Futsal	Suffolk
Georgie Brittain	Swimming	Suffolk
Chloe Calver	Basketball	West Suffolk
Ronan Campbell	Basketball	Suffolk
Chloe Cunningham	Netball	Suffolk
Ben Curran	Cricket	Suffolk
Alex Earle	Basketball	West Suffolk
Alice Elsom	Football	Suffolk
Dylan Evans	Tennis	Suffolk
Khembe Gibbons	Swimming	West Suffolk
Lauren Gibbs	Athletics	West Suffolk and Suffolk
Daniel Lines	Futsal	Regional East of England
Isabelle Marsh	Rounders	Suffolk
Shannon Marvell	Rounders	Suffolk
Luke Miller	Table Tennis	Suffolk
Kate Nash	Basketball	West Suffolk
Sophie Padbury	Squash	Suffolk
Harry Page	Tennis	West Suffolk
Elliot Pearson	Football	Suffolk
Matthew Le Poidevin	Running	Suffolk and East of England
Thomas Routledge	Table tennis	West Suffolk
Max Simpson	Swimming	West Suffolk
Edward Spurling	Basketball	Suffolk
Elliot Smith	Tennis	West Suffolk
Grace Stoten	Netball	Suffolk
Ashley Trent	Swimming and Running	County and West Suffolk
Harry Wagner	Swimming	Suffolk County
Eleanor Wright	Swimming	Suffolk

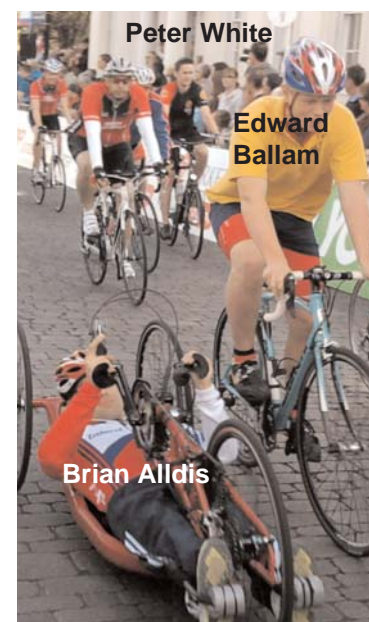
YEAR 10		
Matthew Balaam	Tennis	West Suffolk
Michael Bartram	Cross country	Suffolk
Megan Boreham	Fencing	Suffolk
Max Boulter	Table tennis	Suffolk and East of England
Megan Filkins	Netball	Suffolk
Jennifer McGaley	Free style kayaking	National
Jenny Gates	Equestrian	Novice international
Liam Hammond	Athletics	Suffolk
James Hollings	Hockey	West Suffolk
Thomas Hubbard	400M	Suffolk
Ben Jamieson	Swimming	Suffolk
Edward Spetch	Rugby	Suffolk captain
Alex Walls	Wheelchair Basketball	East of England
Harriet Welham	Basketball	Suffolk

YEAR 11		
Tom Allen	Cricket	Suffolk
Billy Ashford	Karate	East England
Lydia Bowers	Athletics	West Suffolk
Anna Brittain	Swimming	West Suffolk
Katie Hale	Netball	Suffolk
Robert Kimpton	Swimming	Suffolk
Alice Leather	Basketball	Suffolk
Alice Maguire	Running /Cycling / triathlon	Suffolk & West Suffolk
Leah Mapston	Athletics	West Suffolk
Maddie Nash	Rounders	England
India Pople	Football	Suffolk
Hayley Rigby	Basketball	Suffolk & East of England
Jessica Rigden	Wheelchair Basketball	East of England
Beth Soman	Netball	Suffolk
Chloe Spall	Basketball	Suffolk & East of England
Jade Taylor	Cricket / Badminton / Cycling	Suffolk & West Suffolk
Cara Wilcock	Basketball	Suffolk
Hannah Wright	Swimming	British GB Team

SIXTH FORM		
Jenni Barker	Basketball	East of England
Sophie Baxter	Football	Suffolk
Simon Dawson	Cross Country/Athletics	East of England
Amy Drummond	Equestrian	East of England
Lauren Excel	Wheelchair Basketball	East of England
Emma Hart	Rounders	England
Jordan Hughes	Wheelchair Basketball	East of England
Sam Nelson	Rugby / Swimming	County & England
Will Nunn	Hockey	Suffolk & East of England
Chloe Pynen	Equestrian	East of England
Sam Walls	Wheelchair Basketball	East of England
Grace Waters	Cross Country	Suffolk and East of England

The Tour of Britain Cycle Race

We congratulate **Edward Ballam** in year eleven who led off the Peloton from the Abbey Gardens together with former students **Peter White**, who we are sponsoring on his cycle ride to Rwanda and paralympian, **Brian Alldis**. Once again, we were proud to be the school to provide **sports leaders** to help with the event and we congratulate them all. They were described by David Bayliss, Leisure Policy Officer for St Edmundsbury, as "**once again, a credit to their school as their positive, cheerful approach helps enormously and a number of people took the time to tell me how good they are at volunteering**".



Well done to **Jordan Hughes** in year twelve who walked from Bury St Edmunds to Sudbury with former student **Chris Rix** who pushed himself the whole distance in his wheelchair. The Big Push was raising money for Bury Bombers Wheelchair Basketball Club. Well done to all our members of the club who were **Junior Team of the Year** at The St Edmundsbury Sports Awards.

Individual Success

We congratulate all of the following:

■ Our Senior Sports Captain, **Sophie Baxter** cycled all the way to Paris from London on behalf of The British Heart Foundation, helping the Empire Cinema team to raise thousands of pounds.



■ **Michael Bartram, Lydia Bowers, Simon Dawson, Megan Filkins, Lauren Gibbs, Leah Mapston and Grace Waters** whose success in **athletics** made the local press this month.

■ **Dylan Evans** and **William Nunn** on winning the U14 and U18 mixed doubles titles respectively at the 84th West Suffolk **Tennis** Tournament this summer.

■ **Jennifer McGaley** in year ten who has competed in the four events which comprise the Youth Freestyle **Kayaking** competitions for girls under eighteen. Despite only being fourteen, Jennifer came **second in the United Kingdom** and has been invited for a coaching weekend with the current World Champion. In the team competition for six youth paddlers, Jennifer competed with her club (Sudbury Canoe Club) and came first. Very well done, Jen!



■ **Connor Gilyatt** in year eleven completed the Great Barton Challenge running **four marathons in four days** this month building on his record as the youngest member ever to do so. Congratulations, Connor.

■ **Hannah Wright** in year eleven ended the month as a "local sporting hero". She was invited to a Lloyds TSB conference at The Bedford Lodge hotel. The 2012

theme explored adapting the behaviours of an Olympian to banking and specific roles within and included a question and answer session with a local sporting hero. Hannah was selected as that hero for her **swimming** and answered pre-prepared questions to an audience of ninety bank colleagues. Very well done, Hannah.



■ **Kirstie Wright** in year twelve passed her National Pool Lifeguard qualification this month. Well done!

Fixtures

Football

U16 boys' vs Sudbury	Won 5-1
U16 girls' vs Stowupland	Won 3-0
U14 boys' vs Stowmarket	Won 5-1
U14 boys' vs Stowmarket	Won 10-0
U18 boys' vs King Edward VI	Won 2-1

Netball

U14 A vs St Benedict's	Won 12-0
U14 B vs Thurston	Won 13-0
U14 B vs St Benedict's	Won 17-3
U14 C vs Thurston	Won 7-4
U15 A vs Mildenhall	Won 10-5
U15 B vs Thurston	Won 7-3
U15 C vs Thurston	Won 7-3
U16 A vs St Benedict's	Won 16-8
U16 B vs St Benedict's	Won 8-3
U19 A vs Mildenhall	Won 15-6

Hockey

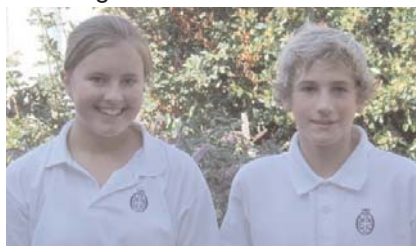
U16 boys' vs Newmarket	Drew 0-0
U16 boys' vs Samuel Ward	Won 4-0

Sports Personalities of the Month

We congratulate the award winners for September

Year 9

Charlotte Orriss
and **Ashley Trent**



Year 10

Megan Boreham
and **Callum Smith**



Year 11

Ellie Morse and
Tom Allen



EXAMINATION SUCCESS

Our approach is to know every student really well and help each individual to achieve his/her best academically whilst providing an all-round education through an extensive extra-curricular programme. Once again this summer our approach resulted in huge success at all levels.

■ At 'A' level, for the third year running, we achieved the highest A* - C pass rate in Suffolk, and despite it being a difficult year, all those who applied to university got places.

■ John Parr gained four A* grades while a further nine students gained at least three A*/A grades and we congratulate them all: **Chris Couves, Rachael Fletcher, Emma Jordan, Sophie Moore, Jessica Nelson, Adam Pearce, Tom Rook, Sasha Smith and Elisabeth Watts.**

■ At AS level, our new year thirteen laid a good foundation for their 'A' level year. We especially congratulate **Rebecca Macintyre, Sam Mason, Nicola Saunders and Charlotte Thomas** who gained four As, together with **Sophie Baxter, Hugh Cornish, Peter Newton, Will Nunn, Emily Royal, Alexandra Sadler-Cutting, Claire Saunders, Isabel Tennant, Bianca Warren, Grace Waters and George Wragg**, who gained three As.

■ It is difficult to do justice to our success at **GCSE**. The results were simply stunning. We are extremely proud that **all our students get at least five GCSE examinations including English, Mathematics and Science**. Other highlights include:

84% of the year gaining 5+ A* - C grades;
71% of the year gaining 5+ A* - C grades including English and Mathematics;
76% of the year gaining two A* - C grades in GCSE science with
41% gaining higher passes in the three separate sciences;
32% of the year gaining 5+ A*/A
20% of the year gaining 8+ A*/A



Two students, **Harry Palmer** and **Eleanor White**, gained straight A*s. Both took English, English Literature, Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, French, History and Religious Studies with Harry also taking Art and Geography while Eleanor took German and Music.

A further twenty students gained at least 7 A*s, and we congratulate: **Jenni Barker, Laura Bramwell, Paul Brian, Jenny Croydon, Rowen Darlow, Catherine Denby, Lucy Emmerson, Samuel Fearnley, Hazel Forde, Ceres Pap, Annie Lane, Hannah Sainsbury, Camilla Stanton, Lauren Stephenson, Rebecca Swan, Miranda Wadham, Lauren Warford, Annabel Whyte, Emma Winward and John Young.**



The GCSE year of 2011 at their Prom in The Athenaeum

Going Up - Coming Down

The following students will be taking up places at universities or colleges this autumn:

Jonathan Ackroyd	Physical Geography	Aberystwyth University
James Barker	Theatre and Performance	University of Hull
Jair Beckles	International Studies	Goldsmiths' College, University of London
Elinor Blake	English Literature	Northumbria University
Kimberley Boreham	Primary Education	University of Bedfordshire
Ashley Bugg	Management	University of York
Evy Coe	English and American Literature	University of Kent
James Cornwall	Biomedical Science	University of Bedfordshire
Daniel Cousins	Mechanical Engineering	Birmingham City University
Christopher Couves	Law	University of Birmingham
Emma Cowper	Music	Birmingham Conservatoire
Jessica Cowper	Music	University of Surrey
Natasha Docherty	Zoology	University of Salford
Gaby Elliott	American & Canadian Literature, History & Culture	University of Nottingham
Ryan Fiske	Politics	University of Hull
Andrew Flack	Mechanical Engineering	University of Glamorgan
Rachael Fletcher	Geology with a Year Abroad	Imperial College, London
Benjamin Flowers	English Language/Literature	University of Brighton
Kayleigh Francis	Chemistry	University of Huddersfield
Rebecca Godden	Media Communications	Bath Spa University
Sarah Greenwood	Events Management	Leeds Metropolitan University
Alice Hills	Interpreting (British Sign Language)	University of Wolverhampton
Megan Howard	History of Art	Goldsmiths' College, University of London
Frederick Hughes	Mathematics and Teaching	University of Chichester
Emma Jordan	Mathematics	University of Warwick
William Kilner	English	University of Sussex
Jack Kilpatrick	Psychology	University of Liverpool
Kathryn Leighton	English Literature	Lancaster University
Sophie Maddock	Biological and Forensic Sciences	Coventry University
Gabriella Marsh	Theatre Arts	Middlesex University
Ryan McClean	Media and Internet Technology	Anglia Ruskin University
Ayleasha McNair	Biomedical Sciences	Newcastle University
Kirsty Munro	Art History	Plymouth University
Jessica Nelson	English	University of York
James Newton	Biomedical Science	University of Bradford
Laura Nicol	Medical Sciences	University of Leeds
Tawanda Nyakwangwa	Law	University of Exeter
Samuel Padbury	Computing	Edge Hill University
John Parr	Modern Languages	Durham University
Elizabeth Pascoe	Theoretical Physics	University of York
Adam Pearce	History and Politics	University of Warwick
Zoe Pollard	Arts and Event Management	Arts University College, Bournemouth
Samuel Rayner	Law	University of East Anglia
David Reed	Real Estate Appraisal and Management	University of Glamorgan
Kate Reilly	Psychology	University of Wolverhampton
Nadia Robbertse	Marketing	University of Hull
Charlotte Robertson	Sociology	University of Birmingham
Thomas Rook	Architecture	University of Nottingham
Jack Rooke	International Business with French	Plymouth University
Oliver Runswick	English and Philosophy	Keele University
Holly Rush	English Literature	University of Sheffield
Olivia Russell	Business Studies with Entrepreneurship	Canterbury Christ Church University
Rosie Salmon	English	University of Chester
Jonathan Settle	Music Production	Leeds College of Music
Aimee Smith	Geography	Lancaster University
Joanna Smith	English Literature	University of Central Lancashire
Sasha Smith	Fine Art	Norwich University College of the Arts
Samuel Spurling	Computer Science	University of Lincoln
Megan Stannard	English and American Literature	Goldsmiths' College, University of London
Harriet Stanton	Business Studies and Japanese	Cardiff University
Nicholas Strachan	Chemistry (with a Year in Industry)	Queen's University, Belfast
Ryan Strong	Business Management and Accounting and Finance	Nottingham Trent University
Adam Swan	English	University of Exeter
Christopher Thomas	Chemistry	University of Liverpool
Alexander Turner	Computer Science	De Montfort University
Elisabeth Watts	English Literature and Language	University College, Oxford
Marc Weal	Ancient History	University of Reading
Thomas Welby	Media Studies with English Language	University of East London
Lucy Whitlock	Music	University of Nottingham
Evan Wilcock	Crime and Investigation	Teeside University
Jonathan Williams	Bioengineering	University of Sheffield
Freya Wilson	Animal Science	University of Nottingham
Liam Winward	Modern History	Staffordshire University
Harriet Wright	Zoology	University of Reading

In addition, the following students have taken up basketball scholarships at American universities:

Warren Francis	Eastern Wyoming College
Daniel Shaw	Alaska Fairbanks, University of Alaska
Charlie Watts	Mount Olive College, North Carolina
Jamari Wright	St Thomas' University, Minnesota

We have heard of the graduation successes of the following former students:

Mark Abbott	Law	University of York	1st
Louise Alderton	History and French	University of Exeter	1st
Emily Allen	Broadcast Journalism	Nottingham Trent University	2.1
Edith Bartrop	Biomedical Science	University of Sheffield	1st
Ben Blake	Biological Sciences (Zoology)	University of Leicester	2.1
Jack Burroughs	Law	Downing College, Cambridge	2.1
Michaela Butcher	Adult Nursing	University of Leeds	1st
Samantha Farrance	Film and TV Production	University of Greenwich	1st
Hannah Fletcher	Civil Engineering	Imperial College, London	1st
Rupert Gove	History	King's College, London	2.1
Hannah Greenwood	English and French	University of Leeds	1st
Katie Grimwood	Applied Psychology	University of Kent	1st
Diane Hammond	Music	University of Leeds	1st
Bethan Holman	Diagnostic Radiography	University of Portsmouth	1st
Arron Honniball	Law	University College, London	1st
Adam Leigh	History	University of Reading	1st
Callum Limer	Dentistry	Newcastle University	BDS
Jason Meen	Geography/Geoscience	Aberdeen University	2.2
James Moore	English Language/Literature	Lincoln College, Oxford	2.1
Lois Nunn	Biochemistry	University College London	1st
James Ogilby	Economics and Politics	University of East Anglia	2.1
Jack Palmer	Law	University of Reading	2.1
Beth Robertson	English Literature	University of East Anglia	2.1
Vicky Rook	Biomedical Services	Reading University	2.1
Theo Rutter	Mechanical Engineering	Brunel University	1st
Katie Smith	Fashion Buying	Manchester Metropolitan University	2.1
Hannah Snazell	Occupational Therapy	Oxford Brookes University	2.1
Laura Taylor	Criminology with Social Psychology	University of Essex	2.1
Samuel Thomas	Archaeology	University of Southampton	2.1
Megan Williams	Civil Engineering	Swansea University	2.2
Catherine Yapp	Philosophy	Reading University	2.1

■ We congratulate **Andrew Flack** who has been awarded a bursary by the **William and Ellen Vinten Trust** who also continue to award bursaries to **Jimmy O'Driscoll**, now in his second year at the University of Sheffield and to **Peter Wilcock** and **Alex Whyte**, now in their third year at King's College, Cambridge. The Trust has now ended its support for **Hannah Fletcher** as she begins her career with a prestigious appointment to **Laing O'Rourke**.

■ We are very proud of the success of the following former students:

- **Stuart Jones** is the youngest Partner to have ever been appointed to the renowned architects, Feilden and Mawson;
- Having being awarded a Senior Exhibition last year, **Martha Rawlinson** has been awarded the **Langley Senior Scholarship** for the top First Class performance in Architecture and the **College Prize** by Emmanuel College, Cambridge at the end of her second year;
- **Joshua Stannard** has set up an ethical clothing company after volunteering as a soccer coach in America where most of the young people's kits were mass produced in sweatshops;



- **Samantha Farrance** and **Beth Robertson** have secured prestigious posts in the highly competitive media/public relations industry. Samantha is working as a Production Assistant for Corporate Films and Commercials within IMG Media while Beth is working with Flame PR;

- With one third of all law graduates failing to gain a training contract three years after graduating, **Mark Abbott** has done especially well to be taken on by London law firm, Hogan Lovells.

- **Daisy Bodewes**, was the only first year Art student selected to produce a piece of work for The National Trust. Daisy's commission is on show at Hughenden Manor in Buckinghamshire.

Certificates of Merit

We congratulate the recipients for September

YEAR 9

Oana Abrudan-Indries
Chloe Adams
Thumtada Adams 2
Rumana Akhtar
Jonathan Allen 2
Jordan Allen 2
Lewis Allum 2
Ben Amoss
Christopher Arbon
Joshua Atkinson
Eleanor Bainbridge 2
Katy Barrett
Peter Barron
Laura Bartram
Molly Bedford
Scott Betts
Katie Bird
Gareth Borrett
William Bower
Emma Bradley
Joanna Brawn
Eleanor Brian
Ellis Briggs 2
Georgina Brittain 2
Skye Brook
Abigail Brumpton
James Buckmaster
Georgina Buttery
Chloe Calver
Ronan Campbell 2
Christopher Cant
Tabatha Christopher

Lucy Clark
Callum Cocksedge
Alice Codling
Megan Coleman
George Culloden
Amber Cunningham
Chloe Cunningham 2
Benjamin Curran 2
William Curwen
Tilly Dalglish
Gabrielle Deora
Ellie Dorey
Alexander Earle
Jordan Ebbage 2
Luke Edgeworth
Alice Elsom
Dylan Evans
Chloe Evans
Megan Feetham
Eleanor Freeman 2
Toby French
Robbie Frost
Jessica Fuller
William Gair
Alex Gardiner
Luke Gardiner
Khembe Gibbons
Lauren Gibbs
James Godfrey
Pamela Gower
Isabella Graves
Zachary Griggs
Zoe Hall

Laura Harris
Conor Harris
Jordan Harris
Samuel Harrison
Digby Hayden
Jessica Hempstead
Jack Hempstead
Bonnah Hitchings
Andrew Hodgson 2
Rebecca Holmes
Rosie Hudson
Kally Huggins
Jessica Hull-Archer
Chloe Isles 2
Benjamin Jay
Toby Jeffery
Heidi Jennings
Ross Jepson
Raj Khandaker 2
Semir Khazna
Gemma Kitchen
Bethany Knight
Rebecca Langford-Fox
Matthew Le Poidevin
Danny Lines
William Lockyear
Marc Manning
Aiden Manning
Chloe Marsh
Isabella Marsh
Russell Medcalf
Ruth Middlehurst
Luke Miller

Alicia Mills
Chloe Mitchell
Joshua Moss 2
Jack Murphy
Katherine Nash 2
Harvey Newman
Callan Norton
Abigail Nunn
Christian Oldfield
Molly Ollington
Alfie Orr
Charlotte Orriss
Sophie Padbury
Harry Page 2
Elliot Pearson
Connor Pepperall
Jack Phillips
Ashley Proctor
Adam Redgrave
Joshua Reeder
Connor Reeve
William Render 2
Courtney Rigby
Kate Roach
Guy Rodwell
Storm Rossington
Tommy Routledge
Jake Royal 2
Kieran Sanders
Jessica Sansom
Kierra Sharpe
Emma Sheen 2
Max Simpson 2

Alexander Slater
Elliott Smith 2
Tiffany Smith
Georgia Southwold
Todd Sparrow
Edward Spurling
Grace Stoten 2
Liam Sturgeon
James Sumpter
Chloe Taylor
Georgia Taylor
Megan Taylor
Kelly Thompson
Jessica Tooke 2
Alexandra Tooke
Ashley Trent
Leah Vermeulen-Cole
Chloe Vince 2
Fionnuala Walmsley
James Wappett 2
Sidonie Welton
Megan Wheeler
Harry Whiting-Noakes 2
Chelsea Whittleton 2
Ashley Wiggins
Christopher Wilson
Barnabas Wilson
Adelle Wood
Thomas Wordley
Joseph Wragg
Eleanor Wright

YEAR 10

Robert Arnold 2
Callum Bartrum
Matthew Bowler
Emily Carr
Amy Chapman
Samuel Chittock
Aaron Coe
Matt Cook
Evangeline Courtier
Imogen Deverell
Louise Emmett

James Farrant
Owen Foot
Stephanie Foulds 2
Glyn Frost
James Gardiner
Thomas Gidney
Jennifer Gurney
Damien Halls
Kyra Harvey
Emma Healey
Laura Hicks
Alisha Hodgson
Riannah Howlett

Ben Jamieson
Miles Jolly
Tomas Jonaitis
Melissa Kennedy
Chelsea Larkin
Gemma Lines
Molly Lloyd
Henry Lord
Hayden Marsh
Siobhan McKenna
Leah Mead
Jake Morris
Yazmin Nash

Thomas Orme
Benjamin Pearce
Ella Pettit
Ella Price
Ashlee Purdy
Katie Ramsbotham
Keran Roach
Laura Robinson
Kallum Robinson
Wichai Saensawat
Thomas Sheen
Charlotte Smith
Gareth Stannard

Danielle Stanton
Ella Sullivan
Pisti Szabo 2
Tristan Venezuela
Alex Walls
Oliver Walters
James Watson
Lydia Watson
Harriet Welham
Connor Wells
Daniel Wright
Jack Yallop

YEAR 11

Thomas Allen
William Amps
Charlie Bailey
Nadine Basson
Sasha Black
Matthew Block
Adam Borley
Sean Borley
Terry Boscheck
Cassie Bowden
Heather Brand 2
Sian Chadwick

Ashley Childs
Shannon-Marie Clerkin
Codie Cocksedge
Thomas Curran
Georgia Curry 2
Catherine Dampier
Lewis Florian
Holly Frances
Sadie French 2
Jordan Gardiner
Alexander Harries
Sasha Hayden
Kelsey Haynes

Fiona Hills
Ryan Hindle
Tazmin Ireland
Abigail Johnson
Kayleigh Kidd
Robert Kimpton
Rory Lankester
Sam Lebbon
Abigail Ling
Amon Manning
Leah Mapston
Laura Martin
Melissa Mayne

Amber Millington
Liam Morgan
Danielle Mullard
Madeline Nash
Ashley Naylor 2
Jake Naylor-Smith
Catherine Plant 2
Isla Quelch
Bradley Rackham
Alexander Ramsey
Scott Ransom
Samuel Reeder
Jessica Rigden

Josh Robshaw
William Rout
Jack Routledge
Carl Smith
Lauren Steward
Philippa Strachan
Robert Thompson
Megan Thurlbourn
Karina Thurlow
Chiedozie Uzor
Francesca Vizor
Thomas Webb
Dominykas Zindulis 2

TUTOR GROUP SUCCESS

We congratulate this month's winners

ATTENDANCE

Year 9: 9K
Year 10: 10L
Year 11: 11S

CERTIFICATES OF MERIT

Year 9: 9M
Year 10: 10K
Year 11: 11P

THE QUIZ

Year 9: 9P
Year 10: 10N
Year 11: 11N
Sixth form: 6KG/DN