

Specialism Day

November 12th

a day to celebrate our science and arts specialisms throughout the school

Specialism celebration day

Not only will we be having a Skybolt Rocket on site on 12th November in the daytime but also Wensum Valley Ballooning club will be bringing a hot air balloon on site. Students will have the chance to see the balloon and discuss the science behind its flight. Wensum Valley Ballooning Club have kindly donated two raffle prizes of 1st prize: a hot air balloon trip and 2nd prize: 1 years membership to the club. Raffle tickets are on sale at school – proceeds towards video camera equipment for the science department.

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Trip donated by Wensum Ballooning Club.

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calendar

NOVEMBER			DECEMBER		
<u>2</u>	SCHOOL CLOSED		<u>2</u>		7W and 8W Parents' Evening
<u>3</u>			<u>3</u>		
<u>4</u>	Main School Open Morning 9.15-12am and Evening 7pm	Year 12 Fine Art and Textiles Curwin Print	<u>4</u>		
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<u>16</u>	Senior House Netball and Football		<u>16</u>	Carol Service at Wymondham Abbey	
<u>17</u>	Junior House Netball and Football		<u>17</u>		
<u>18</u>			<u>18</u>	END OF TERM	
<u>19</u>	Year 7 House Netball and Football		<u>JANUARY 2010</u>		
<u>20</u>	House Swimming Gala		<u>5</u>	BACK TO SCHOOL	
<u>21</u>			<u>6</u>		
<u>22</u>			<u>7</u>	Year 12 Parent's Evening	
<u>23</u>	Year 10 Work Experience W1		<u>8</u>		
<u>24</u>	Music Chamber Concert		<u>9</u>		
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<u>29</u>		History WW1 Battlefields Y9 A/B	<u>14</u>	GCSE Presentation Evening	
<u>30</u>	Year 10 Work Experience W2	History WW1 Battlefields Y9 B	<u>15</u>		
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<u>2</u>		History WW1 Battlefields Y9 B			

From the Head,
Victoria Musgrave



Welcome to our second WyHigh of the term. I hope you are enjoying the new format of our newsletters and we would always welcome feedback from you about how we might improve our links with parents and members of the community. Lots of things have been happening at the school and some are listed below:

Choirs event

I recently attended St Andrew's Hall, Norwich on 14th October for a Schools' Choir Event where a large number of our students sang. The atmosphere was electric and I felt very proud as I sat in the auditorium watching all of the young people working together. My thanks to Mr Horner and his team for organising this event; it was superb. Well done all choristers.

Shoe boxes – Operation Christmas Child

Once again, I appealed to the students on behalf of my church (the Norwich Central Baptist Church), to help me to provide some shoe boxes for children less fortunate than themselves. This year, our students and staff excelled themselves and I had to take two car loads of boxes with, in excess of 150 boxes being made up by our students, parents and staff. Best tutor group was Mr Pearce's who managed to provide a stunning 16 shoe boxes but there were other tutor groups who provided 6 or more. Thanks to individuals and to classes. A superb effort.

Remembrance Day 11th November

our students will be placing a wreath at the cenotaph in Wymondham and yet again our Battlefields trips will be going to the Northern France cemeteries and battle field sites. This is a trip I went on last year and was one of the most moving experiences of my professional career. My thanks to History and English staff for organising the trips and for Mr Wadlow for his excellent historical input in bringing the scenes to life; there is rarely a dry eye on these occasions.

Mock exams Year 11 and Study Leave

This year NOT ALL our students will be going on study leave. I held an assembly with our Year 11 students on Tuesday 3rd November on their return from half term informing them in no uncertain terms that students who are not up to date with the coursework and who are not working to target will not be allowed to take study leave during the forthcoming mock exam period. They will be expected to register in school daily and work in supervised areas to catch up on any late or outstanding work. More information will be being sent home to parents.

Open Days and Evenings

This term we have held a number of Open Events at the school which have been great successes. Our sixth form open evening saw more than 1000 visitors coming to look at the work of the school. More recently our main school open days were well attended culminating in a wonderful evening on 4th November, with a packed hall and visitors going to all departments. Staff have worked very hard in order to ensure that they gave all visitors a clear view of the important work that is going on at Wymondham High.

Plans for Carol Concert

Our annual Carol Concert will be held in Wymondham Abbey on Wednesday 16th December so please make a note of this in your diaries, particularly if your child is taking part. We expect to have musicians and choristers on the night and if it is anything like last years, it will be a superb event.

Dress

May I respectfully remind parents that NO FACIAL piercings are allowed at this school (apart from a single stud in the earlobe). Currently we have been encountering some difficulties with students who believe that nose and lip piercing are acceptable and this is simply NOT the case. If your child wishes to have piercings they should be done during the 6 week summer holiday period to allow time for healing. Please discourage your youngster from this practice. Shoes and Tights – again we are seeing one or two strange types of footwear creeping into school most notably a black plimsoll with laces (worn by girls and boys – purchased at Primark, I think). This is not appropriate footwear. School shoes should be as described in the uniform list. Similarly plain black of navy tights are appropriate wear – not some of the strange patterned variety that seem to be appearing at Wymondham High. The standard of uniform has improved dramatically and we need to keep this up. May I again stress to the parents of girls that heavy makeup is not suitable for school – if you only knew the number of girls I have to send to the office to take off makeup daily, I am sure you would be surprised. Please remind some of your daughters that we are a school and not a night club!

Homework

My thanks to parents for their continuing support with homework. This is a vital part of your child's education. May I thank you once again for your support of the school in its mission to raise standards for our all young people.

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Wyspecialisms

From sliding doors to traction motors

After the enormous success of the door opening system designed during the Engineering Scheme in 2008, the task this year was always going to be a daunting one. However, the four students, Fay Johnston; David Heard; Tom Mutungi and Karl Palmer certainly didn't disappoint. The challenge was a very difficult one which involved monitoring currents flowing through the enormous traction motors that provide the drive to the train's wheels.

The team produced the solution shown in this picture, which was shown to the public at RAF Honington. It looked impressive with its many bulbs, lots of switches, and flashing lights. The guests could simulate a motor short circuit of the traction motors. The fail signal was sent from our simulated train (wooden box) through the wireless network to Crown Point Depot in Norwich to inform the engineers there, which motor had failed on our train. It worked beautifully and greatly impressed the judges.



This group of talented students has further cemented the relationship with National express, so much so they have enrolled once again with Wymondham High school. This will enable us to develop another challenging project for four students in 2010, giving them a real taster into the field of engineering. All four were awarded with the coveted British Science Association's Gold Crest award.

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Focus on physics

Wymondham Students at Hethel

On the 23rd September, thirty year 12 students from the Physics, Maths & Technology Departments attended a convention held at the Hethel Engineering centre. This event is held annually and is intended to provide careers information, and to showcase regional engineering and manufacturing companies. As well as getting the chance to meet the representatives of these companies and listen to presentations from engineers, students were also able to try their skills at the F1 simulator and get their hands dirty on the Lotus Wheel Change Challenge. Our students were particularly successful in the latter, with one of our teams proving fastest in the afternoon competition!

Physics Olympiad

Several Year 13 physicists will be competing in a national Physics Challenge over the next few months. Watch this space!

Lectures at The Cavendish Lab, Cambridge

Year 12 physics students will be visiting the Lab for lectures on 'The Physics of Car Crashes', 'Mobile Phone Technology' and 'Rogue Waves'.

In October, twenty Year 12 Physics students attended the first event in this year's series. The lecture, titled 'Physics and sport', was given by Professor John Barrow. Prof. Barrow gave an interesting and varied account of how physics and maths can be used to explore the nature of cycling, weightlifting, gymnastics and premier league football, amongst other sports. This was the first of six lectures and further visits to Cambridge are being planned. Watch this space!

Four students, from Years 9–11, will be competing in the regional Top of the Bench Heats organised by the Royal Society of Chemistry, on 6th November at Bayer Crop Science. It is a science investigation day where students will get hands-on experience. Good luck to the team.

Ten Year 8 students had the chance to visit the Eco Tech centre, courtesy of the UEA and Aim Higher Norfolk, on the 4th November to visit the Starchaser Skybolt and to take part in four workshops, including: Team Starchaser – the history and development of British space flight, the missions, the ambitions. Rocket Factory – design, make and launch a rocket, investigating materials and properties. Propulsion Lab – Newton mechanics, chemical equations in rocketry, engineering and thrust. Cosmic Chemistry – creation of the universe, space chemistry and geology, earth's geothermic events.

Over fifteen AS Science students have started a 7 weeks Scientific Literacy Course. The course covers areas such as writing, presentation and communication as an introduction to the skills needed for university. The pilot project will hopefully filter through other departments at WH in the future..

Wymondham High, together with the School of Biological Sciences, have been granted a Community Outreach Award by the UEA, enabling the school to purchase electrophoresis DNA analysis equipment. Staff and technicians at WHS will receive training on the equipment and it will be used both in house and to support other secondary schools in the area.

New Science labs in use...

Three new labs are now operational in the science department. These include a double partitioned lab which is capable of being opened up and used for science events and lectures.



CHILDREN IN NEED

NOVEMBER 20TH

NON-UNIFORM DAY

OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS

HOUSE COLOUR THEME

COST £1 (pay Form Tutor)

FOR YEARS 7, 8 AND 9

**THERE IS A BEST BEAR
COMPETITION**

**JUDGING TAKES PLACE IN
THE GYM AT BREAKTIME...**



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modern foreign languages

german exchange

It is that time of the year when we welcome our friends from our partner school, the Hittorf Gymnasium in Recklinghausen, Germany. Twenty students and their teachers have just spent a week with our students and their families.

The German students made a favourable impression and took part in different lessons with their partners. Of course, they were a great asset in German lessons telling our students about the German school system and their school day.

They enjoyed school meals and were envious of our playing fields and sports facilities but had mixed views on uniform and the length of our lessons.

Two Year 11 students, Alex Roots and Jess Stratton, interviewed the German teachers, Frau Heidelore Lehwald (party leader) and Herr Klaus Burghardt (see what they have to say over the page).

a parent's comments

'It was such a great experience not just for the students but for us all. We really enjoyed having him to stay in our home and the whole experience was one we will remember for a long time.'

It is now 30 years since the German Exchange started.

European Day of Languages 26th September

We celebrated the diversity of languages spoken in Europe and the world with a Languages quiz. Winners of French dictionaries were Heather McIntosh Year 9, Michael Farmer E9 and George Bradfield Year 8. Bon effort! Teachers also greeted their classes by saying 'Hello' in different languages.

Year 8 Normandy and Rhineland Visits

You should have received a letter publicising these successful trips.

French Connection

Mrs Diehl (International Coordinator) and Mrs Waller (Team Leader MFL) visited Toulouse last month to establish a link with a French school and to set up a cross-curricular project.

French Theatre Group

The Onatti Theatre company visited on October 20th to perform *La Chambre de Jean Paul*, a comedy in French for Year 9 students.



lessons, uniform and lack of sleep, it's all part of the german exchange...

Two Year 11 students, Alex Roots and Jess Stratton, interviewed the German teachers, Frau Heidelore Lehwald (party leader) and Herr Klaus Burghardt.

Q. What subjects do you teach?

HL: English and Geography.

KB: English and History.

Q. How long have you been teaching?

HL: For 30 years.

KL: Since 1971.

Q. What are the ages of your students?

10 – 18 years old.

Q. What is your school like?

It's over 100 years old and a grammar school with 1000 students.

Q. What is the Bilingual Wing?

It's very special – the students choose to study history, geography and social studies in English.

Q. What are the differences between Wymondham High and Hittorf Gymnasium?

The uniform and the buildings are different. We now have lessons in the afternoon as well. Teachers teach two subjects and wear more casual attire. Recklinghausen is bigger than Wymondham - there are five high schools so there is a wide choice of subjects.

In Germany there is no school uniform and lessons are only forty-five minutes long!

Q. Do your students enjoy learning English?

Yes, they do. It's the most popular language

Q. What do you think about the exchange?

It motivates the students and is a great cultural experience

Q. Have you enjoyed your stay here?

We always enjoy staying here and are made very welcome.

It can be tiring because we don't sleep enough!

Danke schön

Wymondham Youth Orchestra

Are you a budding musician – then WYMS could be the society for you!

Wymondham Youth Orchestra's 21st season is well under way. Amongst its members it can boast local and national prize winners but, under the exuberant and enthusiastic direction of its conductor, Margery Baker, it encourages players from Grade 3 upwards. The orchestra has an ever-growing repertoire from Bach to Blues.

Wymondham Youth Music Society runs a wide range of other ensembles and musical activities with groups for recorders, brass, saxophones, flutes and younger string players. WYMS also provides tuition in music theory with many students achieving outstanding marks for Associated Board Grade 5 Theory Exam.

All these activities take place on a Thursday evening at Wymondham High School with whom WYMS has enjoyed a long association.

More information about our activities can be found via wymondhamonline.co.uk website or from our 2009–10 brochures that can be found in the School Music Department.

Night Hike 09!

Scared of the dark? Well then the outdoor activity committees' latest venture might not have been for you!

On Friday the 25th of September, 12 or so intrepid explorers, 5 brave teachers, and 2 adult helpers embarked on a journey across the Norfolk countryside. They experienced the freezing cold and many navigational challenges that the pitch black night brought to the walk, armed only with Hi-Vis jackets, an OS map and the Tacolneston mast in the distance as guidance. The 3 groups of year 12 and 13's set off from Waitrose at Eaton hoping to make it back to Wymondham Train Station before Midnight! It was not only, therefore, a great chance to get to know people, but also to get outside and enjoy being active! All did reach their final destination, even if there were one or two detours along the way.

Thanks to Mrs Edmunds and all of the teachers who helped along the way; Mr Harrison, Mr & Mrs Costello, Ms Green, Mr Gillespie and Mr Edmunds. We hope you all had fun!

SPORT

The under 14 netball team took part in the area qualifying tournament for the nationals schools and very narrowly missed out. They were winners of their pool but were unfortunately drawn against Wymondham College in the semi-final. Wymondham College just beat them and went on to win the tournament. In the 3rd and 4th play off Wymondham High and Attleborough fought hard and it took extra time to separate them, with Wymondham High eventually finishing 4th. It was an excellent performance especially as 4 members of the team were Year 8s. All bodes well for next year!!! Michelle Chadband

Boys Football Club Report

All football clubs have started well with a record number of students taking advantage of these inclusive clubs. The squad members have been training but have been joined by many other students coming along for some fun.

The Year 7, 8 and 9 club has been full to bursting point, so much so that we have needed the help of 4 really keen Sixth Form lads who are gaining valuable coaching experience. Well done to everyone for their enthusiasm.

Football Results

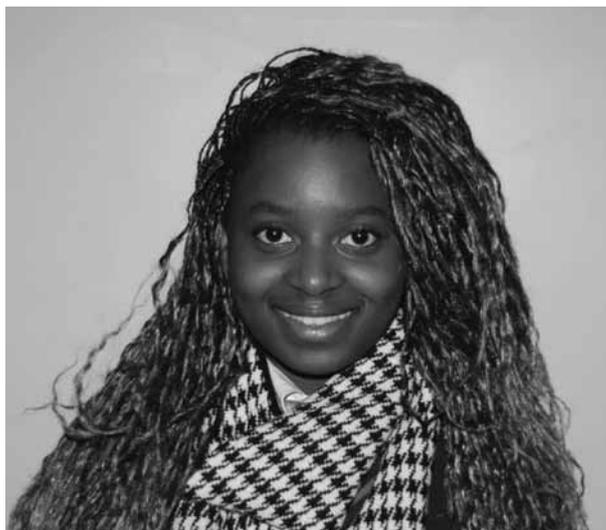
Year 7 against Wayland (lost) 4-1 (motm Matt Thresh)
 Year 9 against Methwold (won) 3-0 (motm Alex Wilson)
 Year 9 against Northgate (lost) 3-2 (motm Asher Websdale)
 Year 10 against Wayland (won) 3-0 (motm Tom Smith)
 Year 11 against Wayland (lost) 4-0 (motm Tommy Monk)
 Year 11 against Wymondham College (won) 2-0 (motm Craig Jones)
 Year 11 against Northgate (drew) 2-2 (motm Jamie Springall)

Netball Results

U16 against Hartismere (won) 18-2
 U16 Area Netball Tournament 3rd in section

Back from the dead in a game of two halves

The students who took part in and won the Paston 10's rugby competition on Wednesday 21st October were: David Blake (Captain), David Mayse, Ben Alves, James McLauchlin, Alastair Trench, Adam Barker, Josh Plail, Callum Dornan, David MacKenzie, Ed Burt, Henry Dyson, Toby Unglass, James Hadley, Shaun Woodward. They lost their first game quite convincingly but came back to win all of their next 5 games.



Gervelie's Journey

Year 10 students have been working on a Theatre in Education project based on the experiences of child refugees. They intend offering a performance and workshop covering the experiences children have as they leave their homeland and seek asylum in the UK. The main stimulus for their work has come from the book *Gervelie's Journey*, by Anthony Robinson, Annemarie Young and June Allan. 'The story tells of the bravery of a father and daughter who survived terrible hardships and horrors of war to seek a new life.'

The students who are studying GCSE Drama are currently devising a performance and workshop suitable for Year 6 students. They were lucky enough to meet and work with Gervelie (pictured above) and test run some of their ideas. Kay Southgate, Arts Coordinator, arranged the visit by Gervelie, a Notre Dame student, to help support the TIE project. The intention is that Gervelie will also attend the performance and workshop in January of next year.

Mrs Haythorpe introduced the topic at the beginning of the term to encourage the class to take responsibility for their own learning. They have to work as a team and prepare their project from letters of introduction, publicity, devising, rehearsal, performance to workshop. Students have to keep a working journal and write up documentary evidence to support the practical work they undertake.

This is a fantastic opportunity for the GCSE students to get involved with a contemporary issue and focus their own learning. They are nurturing links with other schools through their imaginative and creative work highlighting the problems and misunderstandings many refugees suffer.

Pictures from the night hike – as you can see, it was quite dark!!!



IN SHORT

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able and talented news

Excellence East

Excellence East is an organisation which runs events for able and talented young people in the east of England. This term we have gained places for many of our able and talented students to attend a variety of events and courses. Dominic Oakes and James Calow (Y9) attended a course at UEA on Robot Programming and Games Development. We have also enrolled 10 of our most able Year 10 students on a course at Cambridge University which will take place in February, designed to give them a taste of university life and to stretch their thinking through a range of cross-curricular activities. A similar day is being organised for Year 12 students by Mr Higgins. In Year 11, at least five students have signed up to a Saturday course at UEA to help them with their A Level subject combinations. Well done to all those who have got involved so far.

For more information on Excellence East events, please visit excellenceeast.org.uk and see Mrs Bartram if you wish to sign up for an event. Many events are free or subsidised.

Other news

there will shortly be a new noticeboard for Able and Talented students. This will be placed on the ground floor of the North Block, outside the English classrooms. Opportunities both within and outside school will be displayed here. We will also be using the space to display your successes and achievements, so if you have done something noteworthy that you would like us to celebrate (whether you are on the able and talented register or not), please see Mrs Bartram with details.



The G20 (Good to Outstanding) students in both Years 10 and 11 have benefited from a motivational seminar by larger than life character, Dean Hay. Ex-army officer, ex-boxer and ex-teacher Dean works for a company called Maximise who specialise in inspiring and often re-focusing students at the critical time in their educational development. This was Dean's fourth visit to the school and was just as lively and positive as his previous sessions. He entertained and galvanised the 25 Year 10 students in his care for 4 hours, running through a repertoire of motivational games and study skills. The feedback from the students that attended has been outstanding and I'm delighted that Dean will be returning immediately after half-term to work with Year 11.

The Storyteller

Report written by Tom Arger M7

As I came into English the other day, I got my things out but was then told to put them away. Mrs Stevenson told us we had a storyteller. As we got there we were told two stories would be told to us. I was looking forward to this as it would be interesting to hear them and where they are from. They were from Ghana. This was very enlightening and I wish to hear some more one day!

I am very excited as the storyteller has told us that we could enter a competition to write our own story and add things to the stories that were told. If one of them gets chosen they will get taken to Ghana to see what they think.

BUGSY MALLONE

Preparations for our school musical Bugsy Mallone are going well. Splurge guns have been tested and are now in production; singers and dancers are being put through their paces; and the drama and music staff are surviving on strong coffee and biscuits. The all important cast list was published before half-term and, though there maybe changes, below is a list of those taking part so far.

Singer – Ali Chadwick
Bugsy Malone – Haydn Leeds
Bronx Charlie – Guy Pickles
Blousey – Tilly Abram Howe
Doodle/ Baby Face – Alfie Smith
Knuckles – Jack Goddard
Fat Sam – Sam Dart
Fizzy – Michael Gukas
Louis – Tom Stevenson
Snake Eyes – Harvey Shread
Roxy Robinson – Duncan McDonnell
Flash Frankie – Paul Banham
Barber – Sofia Moran
Tallulah – Aimee Shinfield
O'Dreary – Jasmine Hall
Captain Smolsky – Amy Tyler
Ritzzy – Holly Bray
Dandy Dan – Warren Tutt
Leroy – Jack Betts
Yonkers – Sophie Morris
Laughing Boy – Esme Southgate
Benny Lee – Holly Bray
Undertakers – Jack Betts/Isacc Gukas
Paper Boy – Sophie Morris
Radio Announcer – Phadra Morris
Waitress – Anna Wyatt
English Reporter – Eloise Hare
Foreign Reporters TBA
Louella – Lizzie Starling

DANCING CHORUS

Tillie – Anna Wyatt
Loretta – Ellie Sharp
Dotty – Frankie Mapes
Bangles – Eve Silver
Velma – Rachael

STUDIO THEATRE

Tickets for all performances can be purchased from the following outlets: Kay Southgate 01953 713108 or from The Book Fountain, Whartons Court, Wymondham.

Here's a flavour of what's coming up in the Studio and Visual Art Theatre next month. Workshops in Keyboard, African Drumming plus films and live theatre. For a complete list of live theatre and films, look out for the leaflet to which goes out via tutor groups in the first couple of weeks of term....



Set in northern Australia before World War II, an English aristocrat who inherits a sprawling ranch reluctantly pacts with a stock-man in order to protect her new property from a takeover plot. As the pair drive 2,000 head of cattle over unforgiving landscape, they experience the bombing of Darwin, Australia, by Japanese forces firsthand.

Wednesday 11th November

Australia (12A)

Cinema screenings: Studio Theatre
7.30pm, tickets £4

WYMONDHAM PLAYERS PRESENT

My Own Show by Lesley Bruce

Fay, the host of a TV show is worried that her career is on the wane, and her private life isn't up to much either. Fay is mortified to be reunited, on the set of This is Your Life, with Caroline Pollard, an old school 'friend'. The fickle nature of fame, the difficulties faced by older women in the media and the vagaries of friendship are dissected in this sly and witty comedy.

18th-21st November

Shows start at 7.45pm, tickets £6
(£5 concessions) from Geo Reeve,
(tickets not available from the usual
Wymondham High outlets).

MOODSTRUCK THEATRE COMPANY PRESENT

Talking Heads

'A Bed Among the Lentils' and 'A Chip in the Sugar'. First broadcast in 1987, Alan Bennett's series of monologues are now probably the nation's favourite dramatic pieces of all time. Graham has settled comfortably into middle age, unmarried and still living at home with Mother, when a man from her past returns, disturbing more than just the order of things. Vicar's wife Susan, bored with her insensitive husband and his doting parishioners, seeks refuge in the communion wine and the friendly corner shop. A Village Stage production supported by Creative Arts East.

Friday 27th November

Shows start at 7.30pm, tickets in
advance £7.50 (£6.50 concessions).
On the door £8.50 (7.50
concessions). Family (2 adults and 2
children) advance £26, door £28.



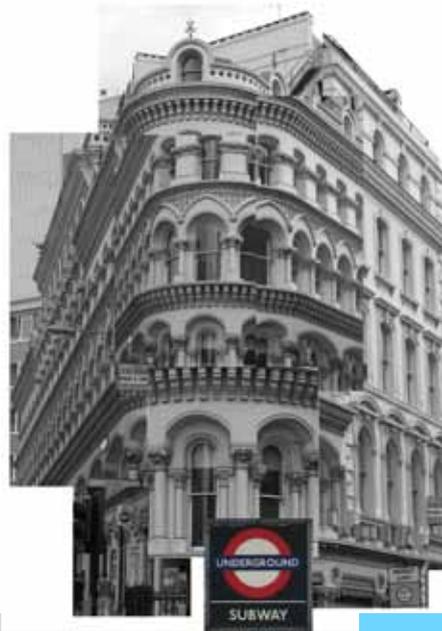
Set in 1980s seaside England, this is the story of Edward, an unusual ten year old boy growing up in an old people's home run by his parents. Whilst his mother struggles to keep the family business afloat, and his father copes with the onset of mid-life crisis, Edward is busy tape-recording the elderly residents to try and discover what happens when they die.

Wednesday 9th December

Is Anybody There? (12A)

Cinema screenings: Studio Theatre
7.30pm, tickets £4

WyART



1. Emma Traynor
2. Will Phillips
3. William Barrett
4. Emma Traynor
5. Dan Heap

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The new start of term has seen the popular introduction of A Level Art Multimedia and GCSE Fast-track Art Photography. This has increased A-Level numbers and GCSE numbers respectively and offers students a varied and visually creative and dynamic range of art courses along with Fine Art and Art Textiles. Adjoining this article are pictures of recent student work which includes Fast track Art Photography and Art Multimedia work. This contemporary art course has involved the use of Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator and Dreamweaver (where students will design websites) and Flash (where students will be working with staff from Norwich University College of the Arts to make short animations). On the 9th October 64 budding and enthusiastic Year 10 GCSE Fine Art students and department staff visited the beautiful, atmospheric and scenic North Norfolk coast where they visited Holkham beach and Wells-next-the-Sea to draw, record and sketch the beautiful and distinctive landscape/seascape

to inspire their first coursework project entitled the 'Environment and Natural Form'. The Art department is again hoping to hold its annual exhibition of work undertaken on this theme around the beginning of March 2010, so parents – watch this space!

This half-term Year 10 Fast track students and Year 12 and Year 13 Fine Art and Art Textiles students, respectively will embark upon the departments second enrichment art trip to the Curwen Print Studios in Cambridge. The centre is a well renowned and respected printmaking studio, which in the past has made original and reproduction prints for the likes of artists Rolf Harris and Paula Rego.

Two professional artists/tutors, specialising in dry point etching, collograph prints and mono printing, will be on hand to tutor students in the numerous and exciting techniques required to make the highest quality, experimental prints.

Students will use their own etchings and collographs inspired from school based workshops. I am in no doubt that the prints students produce on this trip will be vibrant, colourful and full of expressive marks, which in turn will make fabulous additions to students GCSE, AS and A2 projects.

In the next newsletter I will update you with the 'new' developments that are happening across all key stages in this exciting subject area at Wymondham High. However, on a final note, I am pleased to report that the Art Department is continuing to flourish - at times full to overflowing with students, especially on a Tuesday and Wednesday after school when all five rooms are in use with Year 11 catch-up, junior art club, fast track art and A-Level private study. It is truly rewarding witnessing student's exhibit their creative and innovative potential. N Moulton



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