

Art Award

Before Christmas Katherine Waldron (bottom left) was judged the winner of the inaugural East Anglian Schools Portrait Prize. Katherine won the prize from 25 shortlisted students (which included 6 students from Year 13: Ella Crouch, Melissa Gunn, Ellie Wall, Rachel Stringer and Adam Land) from schools across the Eastern region, whose work was on display at Anteros Arts Centre in Bergh Apton.

Katherine will be awarded with a framed portrait of herself, worth £800 painted by professional artist and Anteros Artist-in-Residence Will Teather. Will Teather, who has completed many prestigious commissions and previously featured in International art prizes, said that he believed 'Katherine has an exceptional talent, and hopes that this is the first step in a blossoming artistic career for her.' Katherine's winning portrait of herself and her sister and the work of the 6 shortlisted students will be on show in the display cabinet opposite the reception and in the display window near the school's main entrance.



Catherine, Ella, Ellie and Melissa

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From the Head,
Victoria Musgrave

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to the first half term of 2010 WyHigh. We hope you were safe in the snow and apologies over having to close the school for two days, but as most of you are aware, hazardous conditions prevented not only the buses getting through from rural communities, but also made the Wymondham High School site very treacherous.



Top 100

We are all back into the swing of school life now and this term has been a very busy one following the Ofsted Inspection just prior to Christmas. We hope you have all had copies of the inspection document which can be accessed through our main website and the staff and students are now working towards making this school the outstanding place it deserves to be. We had some very good press coverage recently when we were identified as the highest performing Sixth Form in the authority and in the top 100 of schools nationally; we feel very proud of this achievement.

Dress Sense

Again, parents and carers may I thank you for your unstinting support of our school particularly with regard to uniform. We still see our young ladies coming to school in the wrong footwear and with too much makeup and nail varnish and it would help us enormously if you could stop them leaving the house as if they are going to a nightclub. Generally our young gentlemen are somewhat easier, although again trainers are beginning to appear. We do have a stock of brand new black old fashioned plimsolls which we insist they wear at school should they come in trainers. We know they don't like this but hopefully, it will be supported by you. Similarly, piercings can be a problem and we will be sending people home who come to school with inappropriate piercings. All of this is outlined in our uniform rules.

School coats

We have purchased a stock of new school top coats which we will be selling to our new intake parents at the forthcoming events. These are lovely, navy blue and white, windproof and waterproof tops with the school badge on them; these can be folded and stuffed into school bags. Our students have chosen them and designed them. We will have them on sale at the school shortly with a model in our front window wearing one for you to see.

Newsletter

This newsletter is packed with your children's achievements and one or two parents have been concerned that their son or daughter has not featured. We need to know what they are doing outside school and therefore if you have any items to include in the newsletter, please direct them to my office at head@wymondhamhigh.norfolk.sch.uk and I will ensure that they are forwarded to the right people.

With best wishes for the half term break.

Farewells

Some farewells sadly, this term; notably Mrs Franklin – Head of Abbey House who is leaving to work for Norfolk County Council as an advisory teacher. We will all miss her very much indeed. Also our farewell and thanks to two parent governors; Mrs J Beer and Mrs E Chidley. We thank them for their contribution to life in the school.

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please contact the school office on 01953 602078

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There seems to be a theme developing here...

1. Old Clothes

Please don't throw out any unwanted clothes and other textiles/ fabrics you might want to dispose of just yet. Our Business Manager, Julie Cooper, is looking into getting a clothes bank for the school and if the plan goes ahead we will be asking you for all your old and/ or unwanted clothes. We are hoping that a clothes bank will raise us lots of money!

The plan will be to put the money raised into energy saving devices around the school that will save us yet more money (and of course, more importantly, reduce our carbon footprint). Hold tight to those clothes and I'll let you know as soon as there is a decision.

Lisa Freaney

2. Textiles

In the meantime if you have any textiles, wool, sewing materials and equipment we would be delighted if you would think about for donating them to the Art department.

Gillian Francis

3. Buggy Costumes

Buggy really needs help with costumes: double breasted suits, trilby hats, judo suits. If you have anything please let us know. You don't have to donate anything, a loan would be just as good. Thank you.

Gail Haythorpe

Languages Day Friday February 12th

Advance notice that Friday 12th February is Year 9 Languages Day. Instead of normal lessons there will be a programme of taster sessions of different languages, a German play, quizzes and competitions. International students from UEA will deliver lessons in several languages and talk about different cultures. International snacks will also be on sale at break and lunchtime.

Exam Fever

At the end of last term year 11 students were given the chance to experience what it may feel like in the Summer when they open their results. During the afternoon of the 14th February, the students gathered in the hall to collect their trial exam results which were distributed in sealed envelopes.

The event was recorded on DVD and some students agreed to open their results for the first time in front of the camera. Even those pleased with their results were determined to work harder in preparation for the 'real thing'.

The DVD will be shown to the whole of year 11 and future year groups during assemblies to re-capture the experience and remind them all of how important it is to prepare properly for their final exams.

Christine Woods

Parent Governor changes

Jean Beer has resigned from the Governing Body – this means that there are two parent governor vacancies, so the recent ballot papers do not need to be counted and we are pleased to welcome both Stuart Barnes and Robert Mills to the Governing Body.

Well Done Nancy

It's nice to get letters from people outside of school who appreciate our students. Here is one that we received recently about Nancy Rolph.

'I am writing to you with regard to Nancy Rolph, a Year 11 pupil at Wymondham High. We are very fortunate that since completing her year 10 work experience at Norwich Castle, Nancy has continued to volunteer with the museum learning team. She was a peer tutor for our summer schools in 2009 and is currently peer mentoring at the monthly museum club for youngsters aged 7–14 years. Nancy is a great support to the children, a number of whom have special education needs, and I think she has also benefited from the role. On February 11th I have been asked to speak at a conference for museum staff about involving young people as peer tutors in museum education. The conference is being held at IWM Duxford and I should very much like Nancy to come with me so that we could deliver a presentation together. Would it be possible for Nancy to miss this day at school to accompany me? I look forward to hearing from you.'

Katrina Siliprandi, Head of Learning Department, Norfolk Museums and Archaeology Service

London Trips February 2010

After February half term the Art department will be running two enrichment trips to London galleries for Year 11 and Year 10 fast track students (GCSE), Year 12 (Fine Art, Art Multimedia and Art Textiles students) and Year 13 (Fine Art and Art Textiles students). Department staff will accompany students to galleries such as Tate Modern, the Victoria and Albert Museum, the National Gallery and the National Portrait gallery. Students will really benefit from the trip. For some it will be their inaugural trip to London and first time in an art gallery. Students will get the chance to stand face to face with paintings/imagery that they have seen in books in the department.

End of year exhibition

A note for all students' and parents diaries is the end of year 'SHOWCASE #2' exhibition and private view. This year, the Art department is pleased and delighted to announce that we have acquired Wymondham Art's Centre from Monday 12th July until Friday 16th July 2010. The exhibition in July 2009 at Norwich University College of the Arts was a huge success and proved to be very popular with the general public. We are hopeful to be inviting another guest speaker to formally open the exhibition. More details to follow later in the year.

We want to hear from you...

If your child has done something that you think we should know about, then do let us know. You can write to us at head@wymondhamhigh.norfolk.sch.uk, giving us details about whatever it is your child has done. It doesn't have to be a great academic or sporting achievement, it can be about anything that says something positive about your son or daughter.

Wyfocus

young enterprise

It has been a few years since Wymondham High participated in the national Young Enterprise programme – a scheme which allows students to set up and run a small business for a year – so we were delighted with the response when thirty five Year 12 students signed up for it in September. The demand was such that we have in fact created three separate companies. Each had to raise share capital to pay start up costs and insurance premiums before trading.

Following one or two false starts, which are, of course, all part of the learning experience, the teams are all preparing for a trade fair in Norwich in March and entry in to the national competition. We are indebted to our three local business advisors, Simon Pomfrey, Neal Willis and Ben Beaugeard who have provided invaluable guidance and support.

Wymondham 1 have been raising money for Cancer Research and staged an event before Christmas that brought in £180, running a Christmas tuck shop. Wymondham 2 have been distributing Candy Canes with personalised messages and the 'Really Tough Corporation' have been working on a commercial script for a play and clothing for school.

Representatives of each team attended a half day workshop at the end of last term, looking at continuity planning in business. It was run by City College.

We have teamed up with a former Wymondham High pupil, Mr Tim Bush of Williams Lea on the Gateway Business Park and plan to take groups of Business Studies pupils to see a real firm in action. This should take place later in the term. Finally, all Business Studies students have signed up for a revision conference in London on April 27th.

Stephen Mears

» YOUNG ENTERPRISE PROGRAMME... a scheme which allows students to set up and run a small business for a year...



Wyspecialisms



Bright Sparks

Bright Sparks is a Young Promoters scheme coordinated by Creative Arts East and funded by V for Volunteering.

A group of students from Wymondham High have joined the Bright Sparks team affiliated to Wymondham Arts Centre. The group is being led by a young volunteer with support from Community Arts Coordinator Kay Southgate. With training from Beverley Bishop, Rural Touring Manager from Creative Arts East, the group is learning about all aspects of event management such as budgeting, marketing, health and safety and stewarding. They are promoting a professional show to be put on in Wymondham Ex-Serviceman's Club (formerly the Regal Cinema) on February 12th. 'The Family', is a spectacle of dramatic storytelling, populated by gothic characters, gypsy musicians and strange secret, performed by Rogue Theatre.

Rogue Theatre is one of the most exciting theatre companies touring the UK today. They combine drama with poetry, dance, mime, costume, cabaret, martial arts and live music. Suitable for an audience of age 12+, this show will thrill anyone who has an interest in exciting theatre and cutting edge performance. There are just 70 seats available in a cabaret style, with a bar and light snacks available on the night. The audience is encouraged to dress up in Gothic style to add to the ambiance.

There are a limited number of free tickets for Under 26's available by registering online with Creative Arts East. Otherwise, Adult tickets are £7, children/ concession tickets are £5, and tickets are available by calling 01953 713390 or by seeing one of the Bright Sparks promoters: Glenn Gridley (C3), Laura Frostdick (M11), Sofia Morana (C4), Ellen Lupin (A5).



DRAMA

On December 10th our A2 students performed their A Level Theatre Studies and Drama Unit 3 performance work in The Studio. This was their examination; the work was in response to an article by Jim Reid 'Money to Burn,' documenting the burning of a million pounds by The K Foundation. In 1994 the K Foundation 'burnt 20 tight bundles of £50,000. Twenty Thousand £50 notes up in smoke. For no apparent reason; it was an extreme example of the kind of provocative act for which the K Foundation had gained a reputation. This is exactly the sort of material we are interested in for our Year 13 students devised work, it generates so many opinions; everybody has one. The K Foundation were formerly known as The KLF, the very successful pop group who infamously turned their back on the Music Industry by leaving a dead sheep outside The BRIT Awards ceremony. They questioned the concept of Art and in particular the merit of the Turner Prize (everyone remembers Damien Hirst's 'Cow').'

The A2 students provided two very different performances in response to this stimulus examining the role of money and its impact on the individual and society.

GROUP ONE performed Mundo De Dinero - a story of power, magic and the most corruptive black substance in this and every world... money. Ladies and gentlemen we present to you back stage of the world famous circus Mundo De Dinero, many years ago.

GROUP TWO presented A Little Note to Say... When was the last time you considered how much a £5 note means to you? Ever wondered where your money goes when you spend it? Exchanging hands, changing lives and influencing others. WE HAVE!

The performances combined both naturalistic techniques with surreal movement in a contrasting and creative way. Students performed to a full house, the audience was very interested in the ideas explored and had an entertaining evening considering the role of money in today's society.

Exchange Radio

Each year Norfolk Business Exchange and Norfolk and Norwich Hospital Radio obtain a licence to broadcast across Norfolk for three days and hand the airwaves over to young people. For the last four years I have worked with sixth formers to create a show, using a mix of pre-recorded and live interviews, with a mix of music and chat thrown in. Students have really risen to the challenge and enjoyed the experience. Any students keen to join the group should contact me in the Arts Office (Tuesdays – Thursdays). Everyone else should note in their diary the date of our broadcast: March 25th 5–6pm (time and frequency tbc).

Kay Southgate

Bugsy

Bugsy really needs help with costumes: double breasted suits, trilby hats, judo suits. If you have anything please let us know. You don't have to donate anything, a loan would be just as good. Thank you. Students are working very hard every lunchtime and after school. We are now about to start weekend rehearsals.

Gail Haythorpe



...the world famous circus Mundo De Dinero...

MEDIA

As an ex-pupil of Wymondham High School and a background in Film and Television it gives me great pleasure to return in a teaching capacity, within the Arts Department as a teacher of Media Studies.

This term I have worked closely with the current group of year 12s in their decision over whether to opt for the print or film task in their practical production. With print being a music magazine front cover, contents page and double page spread, and film being the opening sequence of a film, there really is scope for students to really explore their imagination and creativity. With a task like this, students are able to put into practice the theory work completed already and transfer this into an exciting, well produced practical assignment worth 50% of their overall AS grade.

Linking the music world with fashion, interviewing local bands and getting the most from software such as Photoshop, have all been popular approaches for those taking the magazine option. With those going for the film opening sequence keeping tight lipped over storylines, and keen to integrate skills learnt in sound effects and character workshops.

Whilst finishing off their Major practical assignments year 13 are now well underway with their study of Japan, and its national and global identity through media. Having introduced Japan to them in terms of history, culture, economy etc we are going on to explore cinema from 1950 to the current day, paying particular attention to Anime and Manga, J-Horror, TV quiz shows, Comic books and computer games. How Japan reflects itself to the West, whether they are cultural exports or purely for profit, the West's perception of Japan, and the position of Japanese media in a global economy, are all areas to be addressed and questions to be answered ready for A2 exams.

All 4 groups, across the 2 years have a great opportunity to really express themselves, learn about new cultures, have fun and be creative, in what is a very exciting subject course this year. Mark Cole

Wymondham science

Science Club

This term in science we have restarted KS3 Science club on Monday after school, which will enable G&T students and other interested children (subject to numbers) to develop areas of science exploration. We start with a project 'Rockin' Crystals' prepared for National Science and Engineering week (in March). We hope to be able to present some of the work done in the NSEW.

STEM Club

We are also starting a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) club for years 9, 10 and 11 on Wednesdays after school. This will be run in conjunction with Maths and Technology departments. Again, although primarily aimed at G&T students in these areas, other keen students will be welcome. We have just received our new Lego Mindstorms NXT 2 Robot which will enable pupils to learn and develop skills in programming robots. Other projects, including a bridge building challenge are planned, but it is also an opportunity for the pupils to bring their ideas to the group.

Science at UEA

A new series of Saturday morning science at UEA will be presented this term, these are aimed at pupils from 10-14 years (but have been enjoyed by adults too). Pupils have to apply for the free tickets by phone or online and should be accompanied by an adult and arrange their own transport. Mrs Oakes hopes to have about 20 tickets for those unable to obtain their own and would like encourage G&T pupils who did not make it last term to give it a try!

During half term a few Year 10 pupils will have the opportunity to be some of the first to see the refurbished Natural History Gallery at Norwich Castle Museum and debate the ethics of natural history collections. With training from BBC voices they will create a documentary on the ethics of collecting specimens.

Science Specialism Community

Although the Community arm of the specialism is in its infancy, strong links with local schools and organisations have been formed. Wymondham High has provided equipment that has enabled primary school children to see the bacteria that grow on their hands and the importance of hand washing. Over the coming months further visits to schools are planned and we are continuing to work with the University of East Anglia and the Castle Museum in Norwich.

Why work experience

Year 10 missed the Ofsted inspection at the beginning of December because they were out of school on their work experience placement. For many of our students this was the first taste of the world of work – for some it came as a bit of a shock! As part of the activity they were required to write a journal describing their placement and their experience of ‘proper work’; below are some of the comments they made along with the name of their place of work. As you will see from their comments, it was an experience they enjoyed and benefitted from.

Ellie Smith: Chapel Road School

The world of work is very tiring and hard work, however if you stay positive and happy it becomes rewarding. It was a great experience which taught me a lot – I wouldn't change it for anything.

Samantha Harvey: Barnham Broom

Very full on, with lots to do. A lot is expected of you and you feel inclined to live up to expectations. It was really good, it showed me a lot about working with children and qualifications and things needed to become a teacher.

Mamie Hodgson: John Innes Centre

Exciting, because it really was an experience, I learnt loads and it really gave me a taste for work. Everyone was really friendly and I had a great time.

Peter Harvey: Laurence Scott Ltd

It was very busy and a lot more on a bigger scale than I imagined. I would rate it 9/10 because I had plenty of things to do and also they were slightly hard and gave me a challenge. I think that it may be something I may like to do in the future.

Annabelle Bridges: Robert Kett

I would rate the experience high and would like to do it again. It was nice being out of school and in different situations. I think my work placement was really useful as it gave me an insight into the world of work, and enjoyed the whole two weeks.

Rachel Gover: Whitbread Premier Inn Hotel

You have to think on your feet more and react with how you would deal with the situation in hand... it's more hands on. I really enjoyed the experience. I learned lots, made friends and like to think I have more self-belief when going into the place of work. I really wish I could continue to work there, I recommend people going to hotels for work experience. It opens your eyes to the world of work.

Aaron Durrant: Tacolneston Primary School

The world of work for me is the whole process of working and what you must be able to do in this process. I would rate it as 9/10 because it was great and the work was fun and everyone there made me feel welcome. It really helped give me a pointer for the future.

Farah Hamouda: Ashleigh Infant School

You have to be responsible and mature and do the work properly. You have to be reliable for tasks you are set. It was very good 10/10, I don't have any problems with it. I enjoyed it a lot and don't have any criticisms against it.

Vicki Cook: Robert Kett Junior School

The world of work is complex and I do not know the ins and outs of it yet! I have enjoyed my brief experience in it so far and look forward to making it my home in a few years time! 11/10 because it was an amazing experience and it has helped me to decide what I want to do in the future. I was sad to leave the school I was working at because I had a fantastic time there. But I now know what I want to do in the future.

Alex Wigney: Inturn Trading,

The world of work is a tough place indeed, much different from school. I have learnt that if you don't enjoy a job don't take it up, otherwise it could be very tough for you. I would rate the experience 5 stars because I learnt lots of tips and new things, and it gives a good idea of what work is going to be like when I leave school. School: please do it next year for Year 10.

James Coleman: John Innes Centre

I would say that this experience was great; we got to see what it was like in the real world, and I really enjoyed doing so much practical science.

Annabelle Bridges: Robert Kett

Overall, I have had a brilliant time on my work experience placement and am really pleased on the placement I choose. It has given me much insight into the role of a teacher and has given me a lot of experience about what this job involves. It has made me want to explore this job role as a future career. I have really enjoyed my working two weeks and am quite sad to leave. I have really liked the experience of working with children, and have had a fantastic time!



SPORT

Area Cross Country Report 2010

The South East Norfolk Area Cross Country Championships were held at Wymondham College on Tuesday 10th January. A 46 strong team of runners represented the school at this annual event. Other schools taking part were Framingham Earl, Long Stratton, Archbishop Sancroft, Langley, Wymondham College and Hobart. Each race had good representation and proved to be very competitive. The conditions were not too bad for distance running as it was fairly calm and not too cold. Unfortunately it was very foggy which made spectating quite difficult.

The pupils were running for individual placings, with the top eight in each race qualifying to represent the area at the County Championships at Sloughbottom Park in Norwich on Wednesday 27th January. The top six school finishers also count towards team placings.

All our runners did themselves proud, racing hard and really pushing themselves to achieve as highly as possible. In all, 14 runners managed to finish in the top 20 in their race. They were as follows:

Year 7

Matt Thresh 3rd, Chris Parker 9th, Aiden Hilton 11th, Rosie Rackham 1st, Elise Barrett 3rd

Year 8/9

Charlie Gibbons 3rd, Ben Dowdell 12th, Ella Morris 18th

Year 10/11

Joe Nicholson 6th, Marnie Hodgson 11th, Saffron Dixon 14th, Sarah Wilson 17th, Phaedra Morris 19th

The team results at the County Championships were: 2nd places for both boys and girls in the U13s and U17s; 2nd in the U15 boys and 4th in the U15 girls. Well done to everyone who represented the school so well. Abnd well done Matt Thresh, Rosie Rackham, Elise Barrett, Charlie Gibbons and Joe Nicholson.

Alice makes the England Team

Alice Ewer has made the final squad of 12 for England U19 Netball. This means she will play for the country in the U21 European Championships to be held in Loughborough in March. She continues to train one weekend per month at the English Institute of Sport in Sheffield.

Now the final squad has been selected she will also get the opportunity to train with the senior squad. Alice also plays for Mavericks based in Hatfield in the premier league for netball for her age group and in the Senior Eastern Region and local leagues for Thoroughbreds, the best Norfolk club. This is a fantastic achievement by Alice and we all wish her well and every success in her matches.

We look forward to hearing all about the European Championships and what it is like to wear the England Strip. We have just heard that Alice has been named vice-captain for the England team.

Rebecca Warrington

Rebecca Warrington (A6) has been asked to play in the UEA Norfolk U15 Girls Volleyball Squad at the Volleyball England National Championships in Surrey at the end of the month.

Match report of under 15's rugby match again Queen Elizabeth's School Ashbourne...

The Year 10 rugby team had set out on a long day enduring a three and a half hour coach journey to Derby, leaving school very early on Thursday 21st January. The journey was very tense and boring for all 20 boys and coaches alike, I think we were all relieved to be off of the bus.

Once at the pitch and warmed up the boys began to get psyched up, and when, Captain James Softley came back from winning the toss, and choosing to play with the sun in the opposition's faces, the other boys started to feel more and more confident.

The whistle went and Wymondham were off on a mission, a fine catch from prop Ed Coleman kicked off the play, but cold and tired from the long journey, Wymondham were not ready for the well prepared Derbyshire side. A big tackle and some fierce forwards from the opposition turned Wymondham over after the first few phases, and as our boys were about to find out, Derby had some fine kickers on their side. After a few quick breakdowns they got through the line scoring on the right wing, after this break the boys heads started to go down, along with their confidence, and a further 2 tries followed before the half time whistle. But before the half was over, a now very eager Wymondham decided to up a gear after a good talking to from Coach Mr Simms. They started to turnover almost every ball at every ruck and maul after flankers Alex Wigney and Alex Winter started setting a fine example by getting around the park to every ruck and getting their hands on the ball. This fired the team up, and after a big tackle from Softley knocked back a player and a fearsome Wigney again followed up to turn over the ball, the backs finally got fed some clean ball. They used it well but to the relief of Wymondham the half time whistle went soon after this passage of play. A worn out Wymondham got a firm talking to from the coaches, yet were keen to get back on the pitch after finishing the first half on a high.

Just like they finished the first half, Wymondham started the second half very well winning every ruck from the kick off and finishing finely in the corner from a very fired up Jack Goddard diving over the line to score his first Wymondham try this season, and a fine one at that. But despite a fine effort from Wymondham, some fine kicking from both Steve Hadley and Mason Button, and some amazing scrumaging from a formidable front 5 (Ed Coleman, Callum Bray, Toby Wyatt, Jack Goddard and James Coleman) they could not grab back the win. A final score from the Derby winger settled the outcome of the game and took all cup hopes away from us. The final whistle blew with a score of 27-5 and unfortunately Wymondham's Daily Mail Vase was over. However the boys came home having played a very strong second half. The under 15 rugby team were knocked out of the competition finishing in the top 64 in the country, which is an amazing achievement, and with an upcoming semi-final in the Norfolk cup and a possible Wymondham College final, the boys are now training furiously to get through to the final, still with a hope of some well deserved silver-wear.

James Softley

STUDIO THEATRE

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

JAN/FEB 2010

Our theatre is regularly thrown open to the public, giving pupils, parents, staff and the wider community access to affordable arts events. In February and March, you can check out two great new British movies, support local writers bringing new work to the stage, or enjoy an evening of song and glamour from a well respected European company. What's not to like?

Our popular African drumming group welcomes participants of all ages to informal sessions. Drums are available. Cost £1 per session or £10 per term. Runs from Tuesday 5th January to Tuesday 30th March.



Tuesdays in term
time 7.30–9pm
Workshop;
Drumskin



Dark secrets are uncovered in this sumptuous thriller by Stephen Poliakoff as Anna, (Ramola Garrai), is pitched into the heart of a shocking conspiracy during the sultry summer of 1939. The film boasts a starry cast including Bill Nighy, Julie Christie and David Tenant, glamorous costumes and local locations including Great Yarmouth, Holkam Hall and Gresham.

Wednesday 10th
February 7.30

Film: Glorious 39(12A) £4

SOFA SO GOOD

Burglaries are up, so get yourself insured or contact the mysterious Mr Noone. ** Cats are so very important when choosing a sofa and all salesmen are liars aren't they – or so this young woman seems to think. ** A grandmother proves it's never too late for a lifestyle change. ** Boy meets girl; throw in a chesterfield sofa; mix with a liberal sprinkling of cult fiction and what do you get? Production supported by Ketts Theatre Society.

Friday 26th &
Saturday 27th
February 7.30pm

Tickets: £5 on the door.
Bookings (t): 01953 861336

An insightful and entertaining journey through the ups and downs of the fascinating life of Judy Garland told through some of the most beautiful songs ever written, including Somewhere Over the Rainbow, The Man That Got Away, and You Made Me Love You. This pair of rising stars from the European cabaret scene will tingle your spine and goose your bumps. Brought to you in association with Creative Arts East's Village Stage scheme.



Wednesday 17th
March 7.30pm

Drama: Compagnie Comme Si
present Judy and Me

Tickets £7.50/£6.50 advance;
£8.50/£7.50 door; Family
(4 tickets) £26 adv / £30 door.



16 year old Jenny is studying hard for her Oxbridge exams when she meets a sophisticated, charming older man who introduces her to the smart set and cool places of early sixties London. Adapted by Nick Hornby from the memoirs of journalist Lynne Barber, this tale of a sentimental education is told with wit and style with a stunning performance by newcomer Carey Mulligan as Jenny. Tickets £4.

Wednesday 24th
March 7.30pm

Film: An Education (12A)

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As of September, the Art Department is offering current year 9 and KS3 students an additional GCSE art course called Art Textiles which will be run by Mrs Francis. The Edexcel GCSE Art Textiles course is a brand new exciting option which will encourage an adventurous and self motivated approach to art and textiles.

Students will be taught to demonstrate an understanding of past and contemporary art, textile and design practice and be able to produce a personal response that embraces a range of creative, technical, imaginative and skilful ideas using a range of media and processes. It will also provide students with the perfect stepping stone for A Level study.

Key Stage 3

This term all KS3 students are beginning to work on a three dimensional theme. Year 7 students have focused on the concept of sculpture as a form of making art. Students have been using their previous learning, knowledge and skills to look at the work of Alexander Calder and Alberto Giacometti. Year 8 students will be studying 'World Masks' and constructing their 3D masks out of cardboard (kindly supplied by the canteen!). Already students are displaying their imagination and creativity with some original and unique designs. Year 9 students have been inspired by German Expressionist printmakers and will produce self portrait woodcuts from MDF.

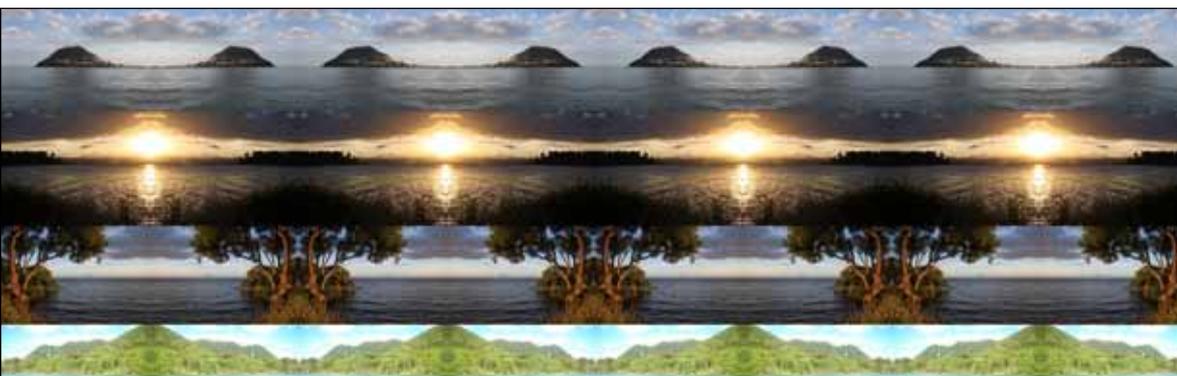
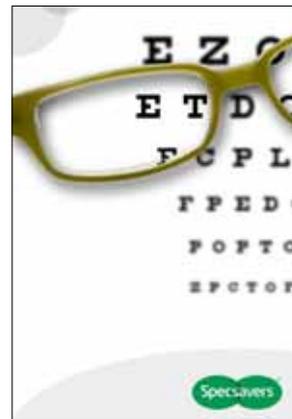
Key Stage 4

Students in year 10 have been working very hard on their first coursework project on the 'Environment and Natural Form.' The department will be show-casing final pieces in an exhibition hopefully before the Easter holidays. Parents will be invited to a private view to celebrate student's successes. Year 11 students are very busy trying to complete their 'I, Me, Mine' mock exam project and will soon be working on their externally set exam project. Students have 8 school weeks before their 2 day exam on the Tuesday 11th May and Wednesday 12th May.

Key Stage 5

Fine Art, Art Multimedia and Art Textiles students in year 12 and 13 are also working to complete their individual coursework projects. The Sixth Form learning room and Art Multimedia room have been heavily used over the last term. The Sixth Form learning room in particular is congested with expressive and colourful paintings and prints. The current quality of work is stunning and very eye catching.

Neil Moulton



Artwork top to bottom: Emma Traynor, Lizzie Gaskin, Sam Harvey, Sam Harvey, Jack Hair, Jack Pearson