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Artwork by (top left to right: 'Derek' by Ella Crouch,
'Africa Dress' by Alice Knights, Dan Heap, Will Phillips



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From the Head,
Victoria Musgrave

Dear Parents/Carers

welcome back...

The weather is brighter, the staff and students have had a holiday and everyone is now focussed on the future. For years 11,12 and 13 it is the summer external examinations and we are looking forward to improved results this summer particularly at GCSE. Our staff and students have been working very hard and there will be 'after school revision sessions' available in most subjects. Students will be made aware of these and they will be posted on the calendar on our new website. Year 9s have now made their option choices and years 7 and 8 are working hard to complete their school year successfully.



we push on...

It has been a tough year with Ofsted in the Autumn Term, a major restructuring of staff in the Spring Term and now our sights are firmly set on a successful future, with your help. Rigour is of the essence in every aspect of school life from punctuality in the morning, to school dress throughout the day, to improved attitudes to learning in the classroom, better organisation of learning and teaching and a relentless focus on the standards agenda within our school, culminating in well planned and presented homework and classwork. We want our students' to do well and we know that you want the same for your child.

where are they now...

We are experiencing some problems at the moment with large numbers of students and staff stranded in far flung corners of the world and my principle concern (other than welfare of individuals) is that those students involved in external examinations get home in time to complete them. As I write indications are that flights are now beginning to operate so we hope that this week things will get better. Our best wishes to all those stranded and we hope you get back to us soon. We have staff in Beijing, the Maldives, Turkey, and the US as well as parts of Europe, and students all over the world. Perhaps on their return we might get them to do a 'blog' of their experiences. I did see one of my colleagues on the news being interviewed at Bangkok Airport. She did look miserable as not only have they got the transport difficulties but there is political unrest there as well.

summer uniform...

Very little change except that students do not need to wear jumpers for school BUT they do need to bring their blazers for travel to and from school and we have not adopted the 'BLAZERS OFF' rule yet as the weather is not yet good enough. Girls need to wear either ankle or knee socks if they do not wish to wear black/navy tights. Of course, when it is warm in classrooms and at lunch time when students are 'out and about' on the field, blazers may be removed but students should bring their blazers every single day throughout the Summer Term. NO HOODIES, NO FLIP FLOPS OR BACKLESS SHOES, NO BARE LEGS ETC. The same rules apply to Sixth Form.

changes in september to the school and staffing...

We have major budget difficulties and the school had a projected deficit budget in the future. Therefore, we have had to work quite quickly to ensure that the school does not get into financial difficulty. As a result we have restructured both the Leadership of the School and the Administration of the School to ensure some cost savings and we have asked that all teachers within the school take on an additional period of contact teaching. We felt that this would work better than increasing class sizes which many schools have had to do owing to the recession.

Further details will be made available to staff and students in the Summer newsletter. We look forward to an exciting summer term and my thanks again to you all for your support of our school.

Students in Geography have been looking at rivers this term; below and inside are some examples of poems they have written on the subject.

The River Rap

We use and abuse rivers in many ways
These are just a few:

We use them for farming and leisure
We also use them for a loo

Electricity can be made

By making a water wheel

It is home to many things

Such as a fish and a seal

But we put harmful things in the river

Such as toxins that kill all the fish

Or corrosive materials that kill all the plants

We should all stop this we wish!

If there is an oil leakage

It cuts out light from the sun

This kills all the plants, then the animals too

Then rivers aren't so fun

When the animals die

They could become extinct

This would be extremely bad

All these things are linked

We need to save the rivers

That's what it's all about

We'll lose our food and water

Then we will all die out.

Josh Field, Ellie Soden, Luke Bates,
Any Grace-Howe-Abram and
Lewis Skinner

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Help take the heat out of the exam period...

The exam period is a stressful time not just for those taking exams, but for the rest of the family too. But don't panic... if you are looking to ease the pressure that exam stress can cause and support your son/daughter through their exams, help is at hand!

Stressmeless.org is an online resource for young people preparing for and taking exams, developed by Connexions Norfolk for local students. Offering tips and advice from other young people, as well as useful resources like a personalised revision timetable, stressmeless.org should be the first stop for those gearing up for exams.

New features have been added this year, including an upgraded revision timetable tool, advice for parents on the best ways to support your teenager and a message zone where young people can share their own tips for reducing the pressure of the exam period.

Find advice, tips, videos, games and revision tools at www.stressmeless.org

Sixth Form Environment Committee

The Sixth Form Environment Committee has purchased three benches for the quadrangle. These are no ordinary benches – each bench is made from 2000 plastic bottles! They are hard-wearing and weatherproof. They were paid for from the prize money for winning the Norfolk Schools Environment Award. Students will be able to enjoy the pleasant surroundings while they do all that extra reading in their private study time.

Rebecca Warrington

Rebecca Warrington is one of a number of students committed to excellence in her chosen sport, volleyball. She commits to training 4/5 times a week and one of the sessions is held in Gorleston where there is quite a stronghold of junior players playing at a similar level. Rebecca and her team mates were recently mentioned in the press:

'Four members of Great Yarmouth and Gorleston Volleyball Club at the weekend took their first step up the representational ladder in terms of national standard volleyball by making it into the regional squad for this season's Volleyball England Interregional Championships, one of the most important dates on the volleyball calendar. They join girls mostly from the volley ball stronghold of Essex in making it into the East of England volleyball squad and development programme, a huge achievement. Krista Lehra, who attends Great Yarmouth High has been picked for the U14 squad whilst Chloe Anderson and Jodie Brady, both students at Oriol, have both been selected for the U16 squad despite being U15 players. They were joined in the squad by Becky Warrington from Norwich who also trains with GYGVC. Their coach Dave Richards, said that the girls and the club should be very proud of their achievements. "This is the first step in terms of talent recognition and elite development for volleyball players in this country. The girls will now go and train, play with and play against the best players in the country in their age groups in a major national tournament where not only will they get to sample top level competition but also play in front of coaches from the UK school games teams and the junior national squads. "The squads will now train in preparation for the finals which are held on the May Day bank holiday weekend. The first representational volleyball honours for young players from Norfolk should set agood example to others about the potential of players in this area to progress to a high level in the sport.'

Great Yarmouth Mercury 2nd April 2010

There is Junior Volleyball training session for beginners/intermediates held at the UEA Sportspark every Saturday, 10.20–12.20, £2.50 per session.

The End of Year 'SHOWCASE #2' exhibition and view

This year, the Art department is pleased and delighted to announce that we have acquired Wymondham Arts Centre from Monday 12th July until Friday 19th 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 hoping to invite another quest speaker to formally open the exhibition. More details to follow later in the year.

Sainsbury and Tesco Vouchers

We are collecting Sainsbury Active Kids and Tesco for Schools vouchers – if you have any you would like to give us, they can be put into one of the voucher boxes at either the north or south reception.

New Web Site

We are in the process of designing a completely new web site, but rather than wait until the whole site is finished we thought we would let you see what we have done so far. Some of the links will take you to pages that have not been completed yet - they are there for you to see what is coming... the address is: <http://www.wymondhamhigh.norfolk.sch.uk/>

New Meal Price

The new meal price at school is now £2.10. There is a copy of the new menu enclosed.

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.

W_yscience and engineering week

The week was March 15th–19th

Monday

An engineering challenge. Students were given simply a pencil, tape and card to build a wind turbine which powered by a hairdryer could lift the most coins in a plastic cup.

Students were supported by members of the Sixth Form Science Committee and the prize for best problem solver was **Ryan Harmer** in Year 9

Tuesday

Fourteen of our most able students in Physics and Maths in Year 10 went on a visit, organised by Dr Thistlewood to The Cavendish Labs in Cambridge. Here they joined other young people from the region to experience working using apparatus, ICT and mathematics in a University setting. First they were given a lecture, supported by handouts from Dr Lisa Jardine-Wright developing their mathematical skills to solve Physics problems. Then the lab session, which involved using an optical bench to collect data and then determine the Lensmaker's Formula. After a break in the spring sunshine, the students returned to the lab to benefit from the data collected by Astrophysicists at Cambridge, which they measured and then used Excel software to help them determine the age of the Universe!

There followed a Question and answer session during which **Njeri Chege** impressed Dr Jardine-Wright by explaining very clearly the difference between Dark Matter and Dark Energy.

'Awesome. That was more work than I expected. The maths was hard.'

Wednesday

Dr Jan Kaiser, from ENV at UEA came into school with one of his PhD students Chris Brown to demonstrate and talk about their atmospheric glider. This elegant bright yellow machine dominated the scene in S10. It glides not through the air, but in oceans, gathering physical data and transmitting this to research scientists to aid their monitoring and predictions about our climate.

Our students, ranging from Year 7 to Year 13, listened carefully and responded with an impressive level of questions and answers. The UEA staff were able to explain how their own education had led to their current work and the range of expertise used on their team.

They had also brought along some appealing spiralling Cartesian divers, these were used to explain the science behind the rise and fall of the glider in the oceans and proved an entertaining challenge!

Thursday

The Science Staff have a hidden talent! Most of them are very capable jugglers: so after a successful juggling session last year during Science and Engineering week, we decided to repeat the workshop.

Mr Moore led the way, juggling balls, rings and clubs and giving tuition to the students who had turned up to have a go. Mr Friar then added the Diablo to the mix, by then we had filled the Drama Studio with science staff and students from Year 13 to Year 7 either demonstrating skills they had already developed or picking up tips for starting off using scarves or balls.

It was a stress releasing way to spend the lunch break and lovely to see staff, and students from a variety of academic backgrounds all working alongside each other. We did not talk much science!!

Meanwhile, **Gyles Whiting** and **Andrew Bell** (two Year 12 students) had been to Cambridge for a day of Chemistry... watching Chemists burn things! They really enjoyed the whole experience.

Friday

At lunchtime there was a quiz for students to complete, set by the NSEW Team at The British Association for Science. Students worked as teams or as individuals and the prize-winners were, in Main School: **Leah Howell** and friends and Sixth Form: **Liam Carter** and friends.

Saturday

Many students headed to The Forum in Norwich to see the displays and take part in experiments set up to celebrate NSEW.

Also Saturday 27th March. Many of our Gifted and Talented science students and their families went to UEA for another morning of 'Saturday Morning Science'. This time Dr Andy Jones from UEA talked about The Spread of Cholera in Victorian London and author Richard Robinson explained the science and maths behind one of his books 'Why the toast always lands butter side down?' This series of talks have been welcomed by our students, both as a chance to further interests and also as a chance to meet up with others and involve their families in their interests.

COMING SOON

5TH MAY 2010 Salters
Competition at UEA

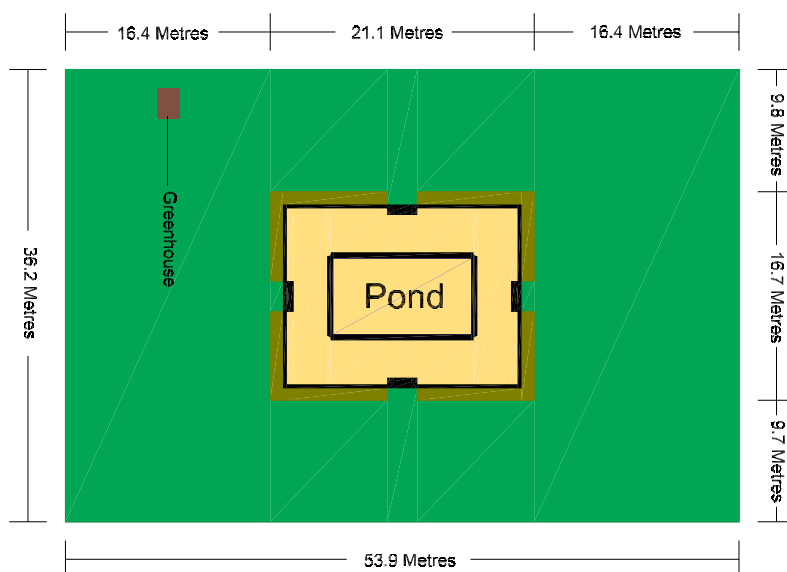
KS3 Science club continues on a Monday after school in S10 led by a variety of staff. We are currently joining in with some chemistry experiments, helping to prepare this year's team for The Salter's Challenge at the UEA. We have regular members but have room for a few more if interested students now have time available on a Monday. See Mrs Oakes for more information.

W_ycreative arts

Inspirational Science

Can you think of a way to bring together the arts and science specialisms in the South Quadrangle? It could be art with a science theme or a science project linked with the arts. Perhaps an open learning environment or a small amphitheatre with a science surround.

Either sketch your ideas or write a brief about your project and e mail to chadwickj@npr.md.e2bn.net or send to Mrs Chadwick, Science Dept., The pond, greenhouse and tree must remain as they are on the scale drawing.



STRETCH

Year 2 students at Ashleigh Infants School really were stretched when they investigated forces as part of Science and Engineering week in March. Donning goggles and wielding masses 60 students set about testing the elasticity of hair scrunchies by measuring how far the scrunchy stretched as more masses were added. Students then plotted their data onto a graph, impressive skills for such tiny scientists! This event is just one of several supported by Wymondham High aimed at supporting science in our primary schools and the wider community. Coming up, Wymondham High is hosting The Ugly Bug Ball, a free family fun day on May 22 exploring the world of bugs and minibeasts (see back page for details). For more information please contact Mrs Jarrold at Wymondham High or your local primary school. Rachel Jarrold

COMING SOON TO SCIENCE
 5th May Salters Competition at UEA
 22nd May The Ugly Bug Ball
 28th June Science Olympiad AT UEA

CSI:

CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATION

Wicklewood CSI ...using science to solve crime...

The door of the school swung broken on its hinges. Glass littered the corridor. Was that dark stain blood? Mrs Beardsworth entered cautiously, uncertain as to what might lay ahead. As she turned the corner she saw it.... a body lay in a pool of blood upon the floor! Who would do such a thing and how would she find out?

This was the task set before eight Year 5 students and their families at a Forensic Science evening at Wicklewood Primary School in March. Using their skills of observation, investigation and reasoning teams set about solving a series of clues to reveal the culprit. Children and parents recorded the clotting time of blood to estimate the time of death. Chromatography was used to separate the pigments in ink and in so doing identify the pen used to write notes found at the scene. Finger prints were analysed and powders tested to compile evidence against the four suspects. The deciding piece of evidence came in the form of DNA fingerprinting.

The evening was met with great enthusiasm, giving parents and children an opportunity to try real life science. And who could commit such a dastardly act? Why, Mrs Mapes!

This event was supported by Wyomndham High School as part of the Science Specialism Community Outreach Programme. Thanks to Mrs Chadwick and Mrs Ottaway for their support with this event.

Rachel Jarrold



2010 Go4Set OPITO Project

Six students from Year 8 (Keziah Watson, Miles-Bate Weldon, Ruby Douglass, Craig Woolrich, Joe Pitfield, Ben Aylmer) are undertaking the Go4Set project in conjunction with National Express and sponsored by the Oil and Gas industry (OPITO).

The team attended the launch day at the Ecotech Centre in Swaffham in March and won the team building challenge. They also visited the National Express Depot in Norwich to perform an energy consumption & loss survey (picture below of the Team outside the National Express Depot).

In May the Top Class Team Year 9 Internet Challenge starts, a Year 7 team will represent WHS at the Salters Festival of Chemistry at the UEA, the Banham Zoo Conservation Team will be visiting and a new science award will be launched.... watch this space!

WY public speaking competition

On the 2nd of March, three Year Ten students competed in this years English Speaking Union, Public speaking competition. This year was the 50th anniversary for the competition.

Within the team, you have a Chair Person, Rachel Gover, a Questioner, Hannah Mitchell, and the Main Speaker, Eleanor White.

As Wymondham High had won the competition for three years in the past, of course the girls had no pressure there...

And so after several weeks of commitment and sacrificed lunchtimes, the girls had produced a strong speech on the topic of 'Society Glorifies Violence'.

The competition was fierce as the girls were competing against schools such as Langley, Thetford Grammar, and the usual Wymondham High rivals, Wymondham College. And so, with prompt cards in hand, the team stepped up and performed to the panel and audiences and fellow speakers. They performed brilliantly and did Wymondham High Proud. Unfortunately, due to the impeccable speech from Thetford Grammar they took the title and the trophy home.

Although the girls were disappointed they all walked away having enjoyed their experience, and they agreed that they would happily do it again next year.

'I found the experience nerve racking, however I feel that I have benefited from it, and I learnt vital skills on how to speak publicly.'
Rachel Gover

'Owing to great support from the audience, the night was a great success and definitely gave me more confidence in public speaking.'
Eleanor White

'The competition was a brilliant experience, and I feel that I have really benefited from it. I really recommend it to anyone who has the opportunity, as it will be valuable later on in life.'
Hannah Mitchell

We would all like to thank the students and teachers who came to support us on the night. But we would like to say a huge thank you to Miss Macpherson for all of her help, throughout the competition, it wouldn't have been possible without her.

River

I was born on the peak of a mountain,
the highest pinnacle. My source.
Melt-water churned around me;
Trees shivered at my icy touch.
I swerved down towards drier land;
Stumbled over a waterfall then fell back,
laughing.
Sped through a gorge and
Shot through a dam.
Soon children joined me, my tributaries.
I grew; only to find
That part of me was missing!
I must have forgotten it when I passed the
treatment plant.
I began to slow down. I meandered my way
through life.
Was pumped into fields and slurped into
factories.
I yawned as a cargo boat bobbed over me.
I settled down; found a husband, my
confluence. We are one.
Humans paddled, swam and splashed in me.
We laughed together, best pals.
Old-aged, I slowed down to a crawl.
I grew wiser, knew I had been tricked
by them
The moment they started to pour filthy water
down my throat.
I choked; tried to scream. The chemical
sludge from a factory stifles my sobs.
Rubbish floats in my hair.
Fish lie dead in their thousands, riddled
through with toxic chemicals.
Decrepit, deceived, and dying, I have only
one wish: Please bury me in the sea.

Ellie Payne

Thriller in Year 9 with Miss O'Hare...

Miss O'Hare has been thrilling Year 9 students with a project to get their feet, and their team work moving; here's what two of the participants thought.

'A somewhat big project for the year 9's this year was to successfully choreograph and perform our own routines to the song Thriller by Michael Jackson. Most of the year's 9's chose to do this particular project in small groups, however, we – 9WD – decided to perform to the song as a whole class. At first there were definitely some conflicts and clashes of personalities. Some people didn't listen, some weren't interested in making the performance look good and some were simply too bossy. At first we had no inspiration. We had no clue as to what we were even doing. Nevertheless as more of us started to get used to the fact we'd have to listen and realise how good the performance could actually be, we all came together as a group. When this happened everything else was easy. The moves were simple yet effective, the costumes ended up looking very zombie-like and the make-up looked amazing. It was definitely my most favourite project of the year so far.'

Sameeksha Bhandari 9WD

'Thriller was fun because we had to work as a class and mix ideas. I enjoyed every bit of it because everything was co-ordinated. We had to bring costume, which was exciting because we had to look like zombies. I also found that if you work as a class you get many ideas, and that improves the performance and everyone participates.'

Stephen Tadiwanashe Gombakomba 9WD



Britten Sinfonia

- A concert in school last term completed
- a project with 6 cluster schools, based
- around the book 'Mr Big', and involved
- the children in singing and composition.
- Members of the Britten Sinfonia visited
- each school with Hannah Conway, the
- project leader, and I also visited the schools
- to support the preparation for Monday's
- concert.
- The project involved Year 1 and Year 2
- students from Spooner Row, Morley,
- Barford, Barnham Broom, Browick Rd.
- and Wicklewood. Over 100 students were
- entertained by a string quintet, and the story
- of the book was re-told using a variety of
- pieces. Many of the children wore masks
- they had made as part of the project, and
- the high point was their performance of
- specially written songs, accompanied by the
- musicians.
- We have the opportunity of financial support
- from a charitable trust, and will meet next
- term to plan future events. We hope to
- provide a range of musical activities to link
- all the schools in the cluster on a regular
- basis.
- Mark Horner, Head of Music
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Year 8 Football South Norfolk Cup final win against Hartismere

- On the road to the final we beat Old
- Buckingham, Diss, Wymondham College, and
- finally Hartismere.
- Our semi final win against Wymondham College
- was a really tough battle in horrible conditions,
- wet, windy and cold, but our attitude was
- excellent and we beat them in a really close
- match.
- The final against Hartismere was an excellent
- performance. We started the game brightly
- dominating the game early on. We passed the
- ball well and managed to get it wide to **Ryan**
- **Goffin** and **Migdad Edres** who were creating
- lots of chances from the wide areas.
- Migdad scored the opening goal from a cross
- from **Ryan Goffin** to put us 1-0 up. From then
- on our strikers **Ross McLachlan** and **Rees**
- **Stevenson** caused their defence a lot of
- problems. **Ross McLachlan** put us 2-0 up late
- in the first half and eventually went on to score
- a hatrick.
- Our midfield worked really hard with **Ryan**
- **Bunting** and **Micheal Farmer** winning their
- tackles and passing the ball well.
- **Chris Greenslade** and **Sam Lubbock** were
- excellent in the centre of defence denying
- Hartismere centre forwards any real chances;
- they were left to feed on scrapes. Full backs
- **Owen Lancaster** and **Fraser Fields** were strong
- in defence and supported the midfield well,
- going on some rampaging runs from wide areas.
- Our defence looked solid and when Hartismere
- did have a chance, goalkeeper **Craig Woolrich**
- denied them. We ended up winning them game
- 4-1.
- Substitutes **Ed Morely**, **Tom Read** and **Bradlie**
- **Harcourt** all came on and did an excellent
- job. This was a real team effort with everyone
- pulling together and showing an excellent work
- rate and attitude. The boys were a credit to the
- school.
- Man of the Match was **Chris Greenslade** who
- was solid as a rock in central defence.
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artgallerynews

The start of the summer term is a crucial time for GCSE and A Level art students who are working on their externally set exam projects. For the GCSE and A-Level students their exam dates are only a few weeks away. Department staff will be staying late after school to support students with their portfolio work.

Last term, we reported on the 6 Year 9 Art Fast-Track Photography students who had their digital photographs shortlisted in The EDP and Pensthorpe NatureWatch photography competition. I am please to say that the six Year 9 Art Fast-Track Photography students have won the schools competition.

Reporter Sarah Brealey from the EDP said that 'when we launched our NatureWatch campaign our aim was simple – to encourage more people to step outside and explore the wonderful natural world around them – especially youngsters... this is definitely what Wymondham High have done!'

Congratulations go to the following students which include: **Leah Howells, Jake Miller, Zoe Read, Katrina Taylor, Emily Marshall-Nicholls** and **Lauren Pincher**. Special mention also goes to **Miss Bowman** who was runner-up in the adult category. The award was presented at the Pensthorpe Nature Reserve, near Fakenham, on Thursday March 25th. All photographs can be seen in the Art photography fast track display cabinet outside the art department opposite the maths rooms M14, M15 and M16, and on our new web site.

London trips

In March the Art department embarked upon 3 enrichment trips to London galleries. Department staff accompanied students to galleries such as the Royal Academy, the Victoria and Albert Museum, the National Gallery and the National Portrait gallery. The main exhibition students visited was at The Royal Academy of Arts. The famous gallery presented a landmark exhibition of the work of Vincent Van Gogh (1853–1890). The focus of the exhibition was the artist's remarkable correspondence. Over 35 original letters, rarely exhibited to the public due to their fragility, were on display together with around 65 paintings and 30 drawings that express the principal themes to be found within the correspondence. This was the first major Van Gogh exhibition in London for over 40 years, which gave students a unique and an amazing opportunity to gain an insight into the complex mind of Vincent Van Gogh.

Exam Support Day 15th April 2010

Over the Easter holidays, GCSE, AS and A2 students were given the opportunity to come in to school to access the department's resources, materials and equipment. Over 30 students voluntarily came in to work on their exam portfolios. Students were painting, drawing and printing. Some students were felt making and working in the multimedia suite on digital imagery. I am sure that their efforts will pay dividends over the coming weeks!

Year 10 Exhibition: Since September, year 10 students have been embarking upon their first coursework project entitled the 'Environment and Natural Form.' Since early March students have been working hard on their final pieces. The department is now ready to 'show case' final pieces in an exhibition in and around the north reception area early in the summer term. Keep your eyes peeled for a plethora of paintings inspired by Wells-next-the-Sea and Holkham beach. All exhibiting students and parents will be invited to a private view to celebrate student's successes. The date will be announced soon!

Neil Moulton (Head of Fine Art, Art Multimedia and Art Textiles)

My Life as a River

- My life as a river is painful,
- They pollute me,
- They toxicate me,
- They kill my fish,
- And mostly, they hurt me.
- My life as a river is painful,
- They kill off my oxygen supply,
- They excrete in me,
- They dam me up,
- And mostly, they hurt me.
- My life as a river is painful,
- They put acidic drinks in me,
- They put food in me,
- They take away my water,
- And mostly, they hurt me.
- My life as a river is painful,
- They row in me,
- They canoe in me,
- They kayak in me,
- And mostly, they hurt me.
- My life as a river is painful,
- They use me for transport,
- They build on me,
- They drink my water,
- And mostly, they hurt me.
- My life as a river is painful,
- They fish in me,
- They swim in me,
- They change my colour,
- And mostly, they hurt me.
- My life as a river is painful,
- They break my surface,
- They use me for industry,
- They chuck stones in me,
- And mostly, they hurt me.

Chris Parker

A REMINDER... 2010 Art Exam Dates

GCSE exam: Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th May (Week 2)

AS exam: Thursday 13th and Friday 14th May (Week 2)

A2 exam: Wednesday 5th May, Thursday 6th May, Friday 7th May (Week 1)

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.

Our theatre is regularly thrown open to the public, giving students, 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

The runaway success of the awards season, Kathryn Bigelow's hugely acclaimed study of a bomb disposal team in Iraq has won 6 OSCARS and 6 BAFTAS including best film and best director in both. Rather than questioning the whys and wherefores of the conflict, this film focussed on the tension and terror facing the soldiers left with the clean-up operation in a land where instant death could be around any corner. With Oscars also for editing, sound editing and sound, expect an audio-visual masterpiece.



Wednesday April
28th
Film: The Hurt
Locker (15)
128 minutes War
Drama

Tickets: £4

Written by Frank McGuinness, directed by Sheila Welland, produced by Louis Selwyn. One cell. Three men. Three nationalities. This highly acclaimed play was inspired by McGuinness' conversations with Brian Keenan, who in 1986 was abducted on his way to work at the American University of Beirut. Someone Who'll watch Over Me is the heartrendingly compassionate and tenderly tragic story of Keenan and two fellow captives held hostage together in a small cell.

Friday May 21st
Black Ram Theatre
presents
Someone Who'll
Watch Over Me

Tickets: £12 and £10 concessions



Colin Firth won Best Actor at the BAFTAs for this career-defining performance as George Falconer, a gay English professor at a Los Angeles college in 1962, whose life is thrown into turmoil when he gets a call to say that his boyfriend Jim (Matthew Goode) has died in a car crash. In 1960s California, although the loss might be understood, it's not socially accepted, and George is devastated not to be invited to the funeral.

Wednesday May
26th
Film: A Single Man
(12A) 100 minutes
Drama

Tickets: £4

Art concerns the cataclysmic effect on three friends, Serge, Marc, and Yvan, when Serge purchases an expensive work of abstract art – a large painting consisting of white lines on a white canvas. As the three men engage in an ongoing debate over the value of the painting, emotions run high and the conflict escalates to the point of nearly destroying a long-standing friendship. Rather than a debate about the meaning of art, the play's central theme is the complexities of friendship.

Tuesday 8th June
South Norfolk
Players present
Art

Tickets: £5

saturday 22 may
10am til 2pm



Ugly Bug Ball

Come and crawl, or run skip and jump, to the Ugly Bug Ball at Wymondham High ((entry via Sixth Form entrance next to the Leisure Centre) on Saturday 22 May from 10am til 2pm. A free, fun filled event for all the family...

Get up close and personal with creepy crawlies and go on a mini monster hunt...

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Just what is living in the pond?
Take a dip and find out...

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Make a beautiful butterfly and a ladybird to stick to your fridge or spend some quiet time in a story time session...

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Minimonsters, Story Telling and Dance and Drama will run at timed sessions throughout the event
Please check times when you arrive

FREE BAR-B-Q

If you're hungry after all that fun, fill up with something from the FREE barbecue; kindly provided by the Hope Church

This event is supported by Norfolk Family Learning Partnership and Extended Schools

Shake out those arms and legs and dance at our Ugly Bug Ball

