

All Through the Year



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Trust Update

Dear parents, students, staff and governors

It is in the first half of the summer term that we support our younger pupils through their KS1 and KS2 SATs and our older students as they begin their GCSEs and 'A' levels. However, we always strike a balance between these and the Trust's enrichment programme. Since returning from Easter, we have had more good news from our STEM

programme, our green-fingered students have been preparing for Bury in Bloom and, above all, we have had the first half of our 'summer of sports' which we are featuring in this edition.

As we move into the final half term of the year, we still have much more to enjoy and to celebrate.

Warhammer club goes to Nottingham

For the second year in a row, the Trust's Warhammer team made the **national semi-finals in Nottingham**. The team was selected from the club members who meet weekly at Westley and comprises students

across the middle and upper phases. The team competed admirably and, as last year, were complimented on their sense of fair play and team spirit. **We congratulate the team and thank Mr Lloyd for running the club.**

Cross-Phase Leadership

One of the many advantages of our All-Through Trust is the wealth of opportunity for individuals through to large groups of pupils to offer leadership to younger pupils. We have just begun training ICT leaders in the middle phase to act as primary mentors and this half term we have seen some excellent examples of individual students supporting Tollgate.

Artists and dancers support pirate day

Nursery and reception pupils at Tollgate had a special pirate day to launch their topic. The children and staff all dressed up and completed a variety of activities. The pupils followed the clues to find the treasure, performed their pirate dance and had a go at some pirate crafts. Students from **County**

Upper helped with the artwork and the Tollgate pupils used the dance skills they had learned in a workshop led by County Upper earlier in the year. Everyone had a great day and we congratulate all who took part and **thank the nursery and reception staff** for providing such an excellent experience.



Owen's green fingers inspire



Our **gardening clubs** across the Trust continue to thrive and this half term, **Owen Jones**, who has been a member since his days at **Westley** and who is now key to **County Upper's** success, has been visiting **Tollgate** each week to help them prepare their entry for this year's Bury in Bloom competition. Students from **Horringer Court** have also been helping on a regular basis so that the

primary pupils have really enjoyed their club. Alongside **Mr Morris**, who teaches art and design across the phases, Owen and the Horringer pupils have encouraged and inspired the pupils with their entry and they can be very proud of their results. The entries from across the Trust's campuses are all to be commended and we look forward to the judging.

Our Summer of sport

Our **Bury Sports Trust for All-Through PE** has been very busy this half term. Along with the regular clubs and lessons, there have been a number of extras for pupils of all ages to enjoy.

The MCC Cricket programme

All five campuses have benefited from this new national initiative designed to encourage grassroots cricket. Mr Bishop, at County Upper is a former professional player and long-time Captain of both the Suffolk and Bury teams. It was therefore natural that the Trust would be selected for this programme which has seen pupils across the Trust receive **specialist coaching**.

Everyone involved has really enjoyed the experience and we thank **Mr Bishop, the Bury Cricket Club and the MCC** for this excellent opportunity.



Basketball takes the spotlight

This half term we have had **festivals for both boys and girls in year five** across the middle phase to celebrate the success of Trust basketball. Both festivals were held at County with assistance from the older sports leaders.

The **U13 West Suffolk final** saw **Horringer Court** U13 girls' squad take on the team from **Westley**. In a close game, Horringer Court took the title with Westley as runners-up. It was excellent that our two teams were the finalists and that the Trust's older players were selected to referee and do the table officiating.



Meanwhile, **The Trust's Academy U14 boys' basketball players** played in **Belgium** against teams from across Belgium and Luxembourg. They represented the Trust admirably throughout the weekend and did well to finish fourth in their first overseas competition.

We thank **Mr Johnson** and **Miss Brawn** for all the basketball we enjoy.



Tollgate's the place to stay fit

This term alongside the **cricket coaching** and **swimming lessons**, Tollgate pupils have loved coming to County for **trampolining** and are really enjoying their **football coaching** club with Mr Marshall. **Dance** continues with Mrs Stoten and Mrs Wappett so everyone has the chance to stay fit and have fun.



The Newmarket and Felixstowe Dance Festival

During this first half of the summer term students from across the Trust have been hugely successful at both the Newmarket festival of dance and the Felixstowe dance festival. Students competed with others from Suffolk, Norfolk, Essex and Cambridgeshire and were rewarded by gaining winning places in most sections. At the Felixstowe festival County Upper girls **Sarah Burns, Millie Cooke Wharton, Elizabeth Sanders, Philippa Corley** and **Leah Barker** were honoured in their classical group for achieving the most outstanding piece of the whole two day competition. Well done!



Outdoor Frisbee for the middle phase

Pupils in year five have continued to enjoy sports sessions at County Upper as part of their 'Curriculum Fridays'. Having completed a **trampolining** programme, the pupils are preparing for a **frisbee** challenge and enjoying it very much!



The tennis festivals begin

With Wimbledon firmly on the horizon, tennis competitions are well underway across our campuses. Just before half term, **year three pupils** from Barrow and Tollgate enjoyed a tennis festival at County Upper, supported by some of our sports leaders, so that the primary pupils could put their newly learnt skills into action.



The STEM success goes on

This half term, the Trust was very proud that **County Upper** was awarded the **STEM Secondary School of the Year** at the Royal Society for its work in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. Its teaching and results, extra-curricular programme, the science fair, its courses for other schools and, of course, its **all-through work** in the Trust all contributed to the judges' decision.



Our **Academy mathematics team** which finished as runners-up in the UKMT Team Maths Challenge regional final, scored sufficiently highly to be **invited to the national finals in London** later this term. This means they are now in the last 88 teams from over 1750 in the UK.

Very well done to **Felicity Ellis, Marla Ind, Mario Saenz de Villaverde** and

Stella Wilkinson and thank you to **Mr Masterman** who runs the Trust's able and talented maths programme.

Meanwhile, **two teams from Horringer Court** competed in a regional maths challenge at South Lee. The girls' team won the competition while the **boys came third**. Very well done to both teams and our thanks to **Mrs Field** for preparing them.

The Academy golf day at Wentworth

As a reward for their progress and commitment to golf, the Academy golf club members had a very special day at Wentworth. They were very lucky to watch the action at **the BMW PGA Championships**. As it was a Pro-Am event, celebrities were playing alongside the professionals and the Trust's students were thrilled to meet **Ryan Giggs and Paul Scholes** from the world of football.

We thank **Miss Holton, Mrs Flack and Mr Pyle** for making the visit possible.



The Trust's **computing success** continued this half term with the **national finals at Adastral Park**. The Trust's middle and upper phases were both in the finals with pupils taking awards in the design and innovative programming awards. **County Upper's senior team won**

the national competition and now go on to represent the UK at the international finals in Japan later this summer. We congratulate all who took part and thank **the computer science staff** across the Trust for the excellent experience they provide in and out of the classroom.

