

## All Through the Year



### Trust Update

#### Dear parents, students, staff and governors

This half term has seen some events which are now firm favourites in the Trust calendar together with some new activities which have been well received. Alongside, the main events, many smaller ones involving cross-campus links increasingly become part of our normal way of working, benefiting pupils and staff alike.

Pupils are busy preparing for SATs,

GCSEs and 'A' levels whilst balancing their examination work with a range of other activities to aid their all-round development. We conclude the term with our annual Trust Concert at The Apex and we will report on this in our Whitsun edition.

As the term ends we wish you a relaxing Easter holiday ready for an action-packed summer.

#### The able and talented History day

Pupils from years **four and seven** across the Trust came to County Upper for a day focusing on the **topic of fake news**. Mixed groups looked at a number of stories throughout history to decide whether they were true or not and learned a range of skills to help them decide. At the end, each group presented its findings using multi-media. Throughout the day, pupils were helped by **year**



**eleven students** from County Upper's history society and the **sixth form Captains of History**. The pupils had a very worthwhile, enjoyable day and were a pleasure to work with. We thank **Miss Barran** for organising it.

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# The Maths Problem Solving Day

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It involved pupils from **years four and five** across Barrow, Tollgate, Horringer Court and Westley. Pupils were supported by year nine students from County Upper. In mixed groups, pupils completed some icebreakers before going onto the problems linked to the book which involved **finding Blackbeard's treasure**. These required pupils to solve co-ordinate, logic, number and word questions.

The date was chosen to coincide with **World Maths Day** and the Trust celebrated it in true style.

As always, **all the pupils were a credit to the Trust** and worked extremely well together. We thank **Mrs Crichton** for organising it.

## More success in mathematics!

Trust pupils took part in the UK primary and intermediate Maths Challenges, gaining a number of bronze, silver and gold awards. We especially congratulate **Peter Hyde** on progressing to the next round of the primary competition and **Riley Hutt, Marla Ind, Mario Saenz de Villaverde**

and **Stella Wilkinson** who progressed at Intermediate level.



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# The annual Diocesan Art Exhibition

**All the Trust's campuses** were involved in the **Respect 2018 exhibition, entitled Choices**. It encouraged participants to focus on choices we make in life, both positive and those that are challenging. Pupils worked collaboratively, creating their own 2D and 3D card and fabric designs to make shapes and symbols which were attached to floor standing screens. All the work was displayed in St Edmundsbury Cathedral in March and the Trust's five campuses contributed a third of the work from across Suffolk. We **congratulate all who took part and thank the Trust's art staff** who made it possible.

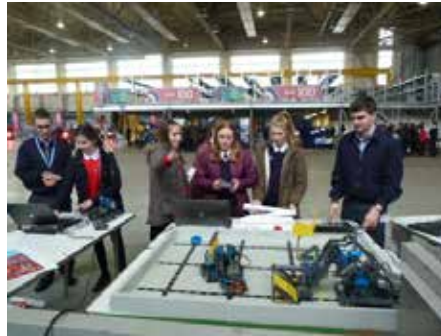




# The STEM Challenge

A **year eight Trust team** from our Horringer Court and Westley campuses joined twelve schools from across Suffolk and Norfolk at **RAF Marham** to view STEM in Action and participate in a STEM Challenge. This involved **building and testing an aeroplane** using kits provided by the RAF. **County Upper's year nine team won** the first of these events organised for the RAF 100 celebrations and so the Trust was given permission to enter a year eight team. They had an excellent day and **despite being the youngest there, finished as runners-up**. We **congratulate the fifteen girls from across our middle phase** who certainly did the Trust proud.

We thank **Mrs De Jongh** and **Mrs Walker** for making it possible.



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# The Football Festival

This half term's focus has been on basketball and football. Younger pupils in the Trust have been much inspired by the **success of the basketball teams in the middle and upper phases all through the season**. Sixth form students have also given much

encouragement to the primary phase footballers. **Years four and five** came together at County for a football festival to conclude the half term. They were excellent and had a lot of fun while the **Westley Year 7 and County Year 9 and 10 Sports Leaders** did a

superb job of hosting it. The event was **organised by Charlie Cook in year twelve**. Well done to everyone involved and our thanks to **Mr Marshall for co-ordinating this half term's events**.





# The Science Performing Arts news Festival

For the fourth successive year, the Trust, **led by Mrs Payne**, organised a two day Science Festival to coincide with **National Science Week**. **Led by County Upper's large team of STEM Ambassadors and a range of local STEM companies, Moyses Hall museum and Suffolk Wildlife**, both days were superb with a full range of hands-on activities and introduction to careers in STEM fields. Over **six hundred primary aged pupils** from across Suffolk and Norfolk visited on the Friday while over **eight hundred members of the community** came on the Saturday. On both days we were privileged to welcome **Dr Emily Grossman**, the eminent scientist and well known TV presenter who gave an interactive talk entitled 'Weird Wonderful Science Facts'.

**We congratulate all who took part in this amazingly successful weekend.**

Mr Jermy, the Trust's music co-ordinator arranged a **special music day** at the Royal Hospital School. Following the middle phase's very successful 'Blast off' day last year, this year our **year four pupils at Tollgate** got an introduction to brass instruments. Plastic instruments replicating trombones were used in a range of workshops. There was a lot of laughter as all the pupils tried to play the pbones and they created some interesting sounds! The day culminated in a performance involving all the children. They had a superb day and were **excellent representatives of the Trust**. We thank **Mr Jermy** for organising it.

**The Trust's most talented dancers had an excellent time at the Sudbury Festival.** They entered a wide range of classes in ballet, tap, modern, music theatre and Latin styles. This included solo, duet, trio and group pieces involving pupils from across our age range. A huge number of awards were received **and a number of our pupils were invited back to dance in the Mayor's concert for outstanding pieces.** We congratulate them all and thank **Mrs Stoten** for co-ordinating the Trust's dance activities.

