

All Through the Year



Trust Update

Dear parents, students, staff and governors

Last half term was a long one and the Trust activity continued from harvest festival through to Christmas. As you will see, this includes shared activities and planned Trust days alongside all the day-to-day work that goes on to ensure that our curriculum and assessment are truly all-through. The first of this year's Trust assessments are complete and show that the vast majority of our 2,200 pupils are on track in all aspects of their learning. The results are about to be shared with parents and carers so that we can all continue to work together for the benefit

of each and every one of our pupils.

As we move into 2020, the 15th January deadline for applications to our middle phase is rapidly approaching. We were very pleased to see so many people at our open events before Christmas and there is still time to meet us before applications forms need to be with Suffolk County Council. Please contact us if we can help. For those families already in our Trust, we thank you for all the support that you give us and we wish you all a very happy new year.

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The County Harvest Festival Service

With Suffolk still a largely rural county having agriculture at its heart, the annual Harvest Festival Service in **St Edmundsbury Cathedral** is an important celebration of our county's life. **Tollgate and County Upper** were therefore proud and privileged to represent our Trust at the Service. This was led by the Bishop of Dunwich and the Dean with a large congregation including the Lord Lieutenant, the High Sheriff, our MP and a number of civic dignitaries. **Art work from Tollgate pupils** was displayed in the cloisters. **Pupils from Tollgate and County Upper** walked in the procession from The Arc to the Cathedral and then **read lessons and prayers** during the service. All those who took part were **excellent ambassadors for the Trust and were rightly much complimented afterwards**.



The Trust's Science Days

The **first of the termly days** took place in November when **year four pupils** went to **Horringer Court** and **year six pupils** went to **County Upper**. At Horringer Court, **year seven pupils** expertly guided year four pupils through a number of investigations. They made and used plant indicators to classify chemicals as well as observing their own cells under the Microscope. **Great fun was had by all, the pupils showed super science skills and the older ones were impressive leaders.**

Meanwhile at County, **science ambassadors** worked with year six pupils from across our middle phase. They needed to use their understanding of forces and electrical circuits as well as some logical thinking to build a chain of events starting with a marble on a slope and finishing with a candle being lit. The whole activity resembled the Mousetrap game and was hugely enjoyable as well as scientifically challenging. **All the students were a credit to the Trust.**

We thank **Mrs De Jongh, Dr Hanfrey and all the science staff** who made the day such a success.



The Enterprise/Mathematics day

Pupils from across **year eight** came together at County to demonstrate their entrepreneurial skills and to consolidate their recent work in mathematics. **The business element of the day** gave teams a choice of two activities. Either they looked to run a fundraiser or to set up an ice cream van. Teams looked at starting up their business by considering factors such as capital outlay and their fixed and variable costs. **Each group gave a presentation aided by posters they had made and there were prizes for the most points, the best team-working and the best presentation.**

The **mathematics element** took the form of a quiz with mixed teams from Horringer Court and Westley working through a series of rounds. These included quick fire starters, multiple

choice questions, logic problems, problem solving teasers and functional maths investigations. **Our sixth form Captains of Mathematics** marked each round and provided the cumulative scores which served to increase the element of competition and a number of teams remained very close

through to the final round! Throughout the event, **year ten mathematics ambassadors** from County supported the year eight pupils and **everyone involved was a real credit to the Trust.** We congratulate them all and thank **Mrs Ibrahim, Mrs Crichton and Miss Scott** for arranging the day.



All the music for Christmas

As well as all the traditional concerts and services arranged by each campus, the **Trust's musicians also came together to perform in the community.** The annual **EACH service** was held in St Edmundsbury Cathedral and Westley's choir, signing choir and County's chamber choir performed to a large, appreciative audience. At the **Christmas Fayre**, County's swing band and Tollgate's choir performed and Horringer Court took part in the opening parade. Meanwhile, County's choirs and brass ensemble and Horringer Court's musicians took part in services in **St Mary's** and Westley held a carol service in **All Saints Church.** Horringer Court and Westley pupils entertained residents at **Glastonbury Court** and shoppers at **Tesco.** Tollgate and Westley's choirs were much praised at **Manson House.** Across the Trust, musicians also entertained at the Gala Pantomime performance at the Theatre Royal, Newmarket Hospital, St Peter's care home and Lackford Lakes. We **thank the music staff across the Trust and congratulate all our musicians.**



The Horringer Community Village Light Up

This community event began seven years ago and the **Trust's middle and upper phases** are always delighted to contribute to the performance which precedes the lighting of the tree. This year eight students from the Trust performed **songs and dances from the musical 'Elf'** as well as **helping to**

create the set. They were excellent representatives of our Trust and we congratulate **Amy Allum, Isabel Buchan, Jasmine Fuller and Olivia Hasler** from our Horringer Court campus and **Kate Fuller, Lauren Hasler, Hannah Perry and Isobel Perry** from County Upper.



All the sporting activity

Sport plays a huge part in the life of each Trust campus and from year five upwards, teams across the full range of competitions not only take part but consistently **win at Western Area and County level**.

In addition, **our sports partnership** is now well-established and externally recognised as a model for how such partnerships should be run. Last half term we set up **student panels** at each campus. Each panel involves pupils talking about their experience of PE, and how they think we could improve enjoyment and participation further. They were greeted enthusiastically and will be a regular feature from now on. **Year four pupils at Tollgate** enjoyed an excellent trampolining festival at County Upper. **Year ten Sports Leaders** from County did an excellent job at Tollgate when they planned and taught PE with the reception class at Tollgate.

In a new venture, our **senior Sports Leaders** from County were invited to **Kedington Primary** where they planned and taught PE classes for years one, two and five.

We congratulate all who took part and thank the PE staff across the Trust, led by Mr Marshall, for all the sport we enjoy.

