

# NEATHERD HI



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# WELCOME

**Dear Readers**

**Work hard and play hard is definitely a theme running through our Summer 2018 newsletter! Whilst our annual, due out in September, gives a review of the whole academic year, this newsletter showcases the wide range of rich educational experiences that have been available to our students this term.**

**Towards the end of term we have enjoyed, amongst other events, Curriculum Enhancement Week, The Prom, Work Experience Week, The Music Concert and our Prize Giving ceremonies. The year has ended with us welcoming into the Neatherd family the biggest cohort of new Year 7 students the school has ever seen, currently standing at 286, who all took full part in our fantastic Neatherd Sports Festival.**

**As we then take a deep breath at the end of this packed and rewarding term, we are all looking forward to recharging our batteries, before seeing students again on Thursday 6th September.**

**I wish you and your families a very happy summer holiday!**

**Yours**

**Peter Devonish**



## DoE EXPEDITION

The weekend of 14th and 15th July saw an intrepid band of students and staff undertake the season's finale, the Bronze Assessment and Silver Practice weekend. Resplendent in their colours of green and grey with their rucksacks covered in garish green, bright blue and putrid



pink, the 3 groups of intrepid explorers found their ways around the Southrepps area to complete their Duke of Edinburgh expeditions.

Well done to our Year 9, 10 and 11 students who always had a smile on their faces.

# SPORTS FESTIVAL



With over 1200 pupils involved in over a choice of nearly 40 activities, our Sports Festival proved once again to be a busy and brilliant opportunity for pupils to get absorbed in all things sporty.

Activities on offer included archery, boules, boxing, Brazilian Jujitsu, dance (ballroom), darts, goalball, golf, handball, netball, silly races, softball, taekwondo, ultimate Frisbee, yoga, zorb football and much more.

As in the last few years, pupils chose three activities that they would like to participate in. The rest of the day was spent participating in our competitive, traditional sports day where the track races took place. Pupils competed in 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, hurdles and 4 x 100 mrelay. As always, taking centre stage, and eagerly anticipated was the staff relay! The field events were

completed on an earlier date.

Additional points were also gained for their House through our Performer of the Activity scoring system. After each session the Activity Leader ranked five people who they thought had performed their best. These were then added to the race results.

This year it was the turn of Carter House to raise the trophy. Congratulations to them.

We would like to take this opportunity to say a massive thank you to all pupils and staff involved. It is an immense, full-on day, and its success wouldn't be possible without everyone working together.

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# LIVE WIRE

In June our BTEC Music group presented their summer concert "Live Wire" in the Memorial Hall. The evening was opened by the Neatherd Ukulele Group, accompanied by Mr Owen and Lizzie Vogel, performing the well-known 'Riptide' by Vance Joy and 'Hotel California' by the Eagles. This was followed by cajons. Next, was a piano solo by Paige Mitchell who played Lullaby and Allegretto which left the audience jubilant. Luke Maxwell and Hannah Coe sang 'A whole new world' from Aladdin along with Lizzie Vogel on piano once again. As confirmed by Mr Cannon 'it fulfilled our childhood dreams.' Hayleigh Crichton and Bethany Costello presented an Imagine Dragons song 'Demons'...can't wait to see what they'll bring next year! Gabriel Lintner-Lake, who has only played guitar for 9 months, left the audience stunned as he played 'Spanish Romance'. Alex Crichton and Courtney Derrig played Dance-Dance on keyboard. To fill some time, we were given an astonishing impromptu drum solo by Mr Cannon which surprised us all. We were delighted to also have The Toftwood Junior School Ukulele Group present who showcased 'Three little birds', 'Walking after midnight' and 'King of the road'.



After the break, Katie Lee played her own song 'One Last Time' on her guitar and delighted the audience with her incredible vocal chords. This was followed by a popular song, 'This is me' from 'The Greatest Showman', sung by Lilimae Nicholson, who appeared with Ms Selwin on piano. Next followed George, Luke and Ryan on Guitar and Drums. Alex Crichton blessed us with a piano piece 'Goodbye'. Neatherd Vocal group displayed some beautiful harmonies with 'Rain' and a mash-up of four chord with Ms Witton and Elizabeth Vogel. After that, Lauren Windle and Lizzie Vogel played 'Waving through a Window' from 'Dear Evan Hansen', a musical about a boy with social anxiety. Later, Lizzie and Naomi Vogel played 'Sonata No, 4 in F' on Flute and Cello. To end the evening, the audience was blown away by 'The Cheapskates' with Ms Witton with an incredible guitar solo as well as Sweet Child of mine, which ended the whole evening exquisitely with an old favourite. Everyone I spoke to loved the evening. We say a huge thank you and good luck to the BTEC Students.

**Clarissa Huxley, Year 8**

**PRESS GANG**



# SCIENCE FAIR



We celebrated another successful Science Fair this year. Students were

tasked with doing research about a topic that interests them and maybe doing an experiment. They created a display of their findings and showed their results to students from the school. The standard was excellent as always and what was particularly impressive was the variety of ages and abilities that took part.

We were lucky enough to also have five judges from different companies this year celebrating all aspects of science: Dow Chemical Company, John Innes Centre, Institute of Physics and RAF Marham, so students also had the opportunity to ask them about any future careers they are interested in.

It was a really hard year to judge as it

was clear a huge number of students had spent a lot of time and effort developing their projects. Out of the 24 projects and around 80 students who took part 'Crystals', 'The Five Senses' and 'The Dangers to Marine Life' won gold, silver



and bronze medals respectively, and the prestigious Mike Cripps Award went to 'Prosthetics and Me'. In addition, around 35 certificates were given to students who did an exceptional job and everyone received a goody bag and a badge to commemorate the day. A very well done to all who took part and helped out!

"We would like to thank Mrs Sheldrake and the whole Science department for organizing such an amazing event. The number of exhibitors was extraordinary and the quality of their work impressive indeed!" says Mr Mallett, Deputy Headteacher.



# STAFF INTERVIEWS

## PRESS GANG

Members of our Press Gang have been busy interviewing teachers and support staff from different departments as we thought that both parents and students (and also fellow members of staff) would like to find out more about them:

### Miss Jay - Art Technician

#### **How long have you been an Art Technician?**

I volunteered for four months as an Art Technician and started my employment in September 2016. After the summer I will start my teacher training course.

#### **What inspired you to become an Art Technician?**

I have loved Art since I was in Year 8.

#### **How did you become so good at Art?**

I practised lots, I studied hard, I had enthusiasm and I had a good work ethic.

#### **Where do you get your wonderful ideas from?**

Maps and the environment around me.

#### **What other interests/hobbies do you have, other than Art?**

I love to grow veg, have long baths, sewing, cooking and cuddling cats.

#### **Do you have a favourite Artist? If so, who and why do you like their work?**

Sarah Sze, because her objects create installations.

#### **In Art Club, what is your favourite project so far?**

My favourite project was the mushrooms we made from wire because they have two aspects and they help us improve our Art because they are fiddly.

#### **What is your favourite memory from working at Neatherd?**

Meeting amazing students and supportive staff, but above all the Art Club has been my most favourite memory.

**We wish you all the best for your Teacher Training and thanks for all you have done for Neatherd, we will miss you!**



### Mr Humphreys - Assistant Headteacher and History

#### **Did you ever want to be anything other than a teacher?**

I did want to be other things, but I can't remember what now, but my family were teachers, so I followed in their footsteps.

#### **What was your behaviour like at school?**

I was bright but got easily bored so wasn't the best-behaved pupil (although I never got caught!). I worked better in certain subjects.

#### **Do you have a favourite quote from history?**

'Weak people revenge. Strong people forgive. Intelligent people ignore' Albert Einstein.

#### **If you could time travel, what period or event would you visit and why?**

Sounds a bit crazy but World War II, I find the blitz fascinating. Another would be early Wild West.

#### **What is your favourite holiday destination?**

The Greek Islands, there are hundreds of them. I have visited 8 and my favourite is Crete.

#### **What has been your most memorable moment at Neatherd?**

Being interviewed for the school magazine!!

#### **Do you have any hobbies?**

I collect records and enjoy watching sports. I grow chillies and enjoy cooking.

#### **As a parent, do you agree with students having to do so much homework?**

At Neatherd you do get more than my son, but it is more structured with the 1 hour a night system. I'm not a big fan of homework and there shouldn't be a need for homework during holidays.

#### **If you could have one superpower what would it be?**

To be able to look into the future and find out the winner of the Grand National!



Alyssa Baines and Jessica Day, Year 7

# WORK EXPERIENCE



Between 9th to 13th July, Year 10 students spent curriculum enhancement week at individual companies and places for an experience of the world of work. Students decided on their placement, and then completed a week of work with various activities. The students were not paid, and worked similar hours to the real workers, along with following a certain dress code and also being responsible for contact with the employer. Each pupil was given a 'work experience journal', which was filled in each day, along with

a 'job study', in which students had to complete an interview with their employer about their job. Year 10 student, Imogen Garrod, said that they found the week to be 'an important part of education and career advice', and thoroughly enjoyed her placement! Thanks to each placement for taking on the students, and also to Mrs Broughton, who helped to organise each student with their placement.

Amy Thexton, Year 10

**PRESS GANG**

# CE WEEK

There were many brilliant activities and trips that took place during Curriculum Enhancement Week, including the Year 7 trip to Normandy, the Year 8 trip to Bramley Lakes and Year 9 Battlefield trips to France and Belgium. All of our Year 10 students took part in one week of Work Experience with local and national employers.

At school, the Year 7 students joined the Creative Arts Faculty for a day full of "other cultures" experiences. In drama they "visited" Italy and experimented with the 15th century roots of modern slapstick comedy: Commedia Dell'Arte. They also learned "The Time Warp" (dance) – as an example of American gothic. In music they got to grips with South American samba rhythms and in art they "went" to France and created portraits using pointillism.

During the week, Year 8 students spent



some time in Science working together to build and launch rockets across the school field! They then had the opportunity to explore the feasibility of living and working on Mars and build a model orbiter or lander!

Year 9 students took part in a number of different business challenges at school where they had to work as a team. Luke Askew, who is a motivational speaker, delivered two sessions to help students fulfil their potential! Year 9

geographers who have opted to take the subject for GCSE visited Norwich to undertake some fieldwork. The enquiry skills learnt on the day will be invaluable moving forward to GCSE.

Year 9s also had an important day learning about relationships and sex education. They experienced external visitors talking to them about contraception, sexting, gender and sexual identity, and the importance of healthy relationships. Students from the SRB have enjoyed some time on

**As part of Curriculum Enhancement Week the year sevens who didn't go to Normandy went on a trip to Africa Alive on the 12th July.**

**The learning objectives were:**

**To research the different environments for wildlife in Africa  
To develop and understand the habitats for wildlife in Africa**

**To be able to explain the similarities and differences for wildlife in Africa and the UK.**

**Some students got medals for collecting stamps which were hidden around the park.**

**Many year 7s got the chance to ride a train and listen to a guide who spoke lots about the park. Also the year 7s watched an extraordinary bird show. We got to watch three amazing birds show off the abilities they use to keep themselves safe in the wild.**

**As the day came to an end, many students learned a lot about the beautiful creatures in Africa and what their adaptations look like.**

**Evie Hamilton and Jessica Day, Year 7**



Work Experience at Morrisons in Dereham, as well as time baking a superb apple crumble with Mr Taylor!

# NORMANDY TRIP

**Day 1:** We got to school at 6am, said our goodbyes to our parents and got on the bus to Normandy. After many stops and many hours on the coach, we arrived at the château around 6.30pm and had our tea.

**Day 2:** We were woken up bright and early to a breakfast of hot chocolate, croissants and baguette to prepare us for a busy day ahead. We boarded the bus and travelled the short distance to Deauville where we spent some time wandering round the local market buying lots of goodies (great practice in speaking French) for our picnic lunch. We then ate our picnic lunches by the beach where the contents of our picnics were judged by the teachers for the prize of best picnic, which was won by Miss Collins' group. After lunch we got back on our coaches and headed to Giverny, the location of Monet's House and Gardens. There was a photo competition here, which will eventually have its own display in the languages corridor. After going around the house, gardens and gift shop, we got back on the coaches and headed back to the chateau for tea and a great magic show and creative balloon show.

**Day 3:** Another early start as today was the day we visited Bayeux, the home of the historic Bayeux Tapestry. The tapestry was extremely long, around 231 feet (70 metres) in length! After that, we had time to wander round the market and got the chance to buy ice creams, crepes and souvenirs. After lunch we boarded the coach again to go to Arromanches. There we had the opportunity to watch a movie detailing the Allied landings as well as take photos of the beach itself. After the film we went to the gift shop and then got back on the bus to the chateau.

We had tea and some people chose to do fun activities outside; others watched the England vs Croatia football game.

**Day 4:** Today we visited Mont St. Michel which was two-and-a-half-hours away. Once we got there, we went around the island in groups. We had two hours to explore! Many people got souvenirs, food, postcards and there was even the option of clothing to buy! There were lots of photo opportunities too, which many took advantage of. We then walked back to



the bus and headed back to the chateau. We had an amazing barbeque and some lovely music played on the accordion by Monsieur L'hotel! After wishing one of the pupils a Happy Birthday, we went outside and took a quiz in our groups. The quiz was won by Miss Powell-Bowns' group, who won biscuits. We then went to bed for our last night in the Chateau.

**Day 5:** We had breakfast and then said one final farewell to the Chateau and the L'hotel's and boarded the bus for the long journey home. After many stops and many hours of travel, we made it back to the school at around 19:00 and went our separate ways. It had been an amazing week, we got to see so many amazing sights and it was an experience we will never forget.

Alyssa Baines, Year 7

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# BATTLEFIELDS TRIP

The Battlefields Trip 2018 started with a preparation day at school on Monday 9th July. This gave the Year 9 students an opportunity to refresh their memories about World War One. We walked down to the Dereham War Memorial, where they could pick a person who they would like to research. When back at school, time was dedicated into looking up people from the Dereham Memorial, as well as personal relatives. This meant that when we got to France and Belgium they could put their poppy cross at their chosen place. Bright and early on Tuesday 10th July, the journey to Belgium started.



Once there, we went to Flanders Field Museum, followed by Talbot House. Throughout the trips, the students were very thoughtful about the stories of the people and places we went to. On Wednesday we went to Tyne Cot cemetery, the largest cemetery for Commonwealth soldiers. Here Jayden and Charlotte laid a wreath at the Norfolk regiment on behalf of the school. At Langemark cemetery, Hogan and Olivia laid a wreath to remember the German soldiers. We took part in the Last Post ceremony at the Menin Gate that evening and Oscar and Holly laid a wreath, along with a soldier who won a Victoria Cross for his service in World War Two. The following day we visited sites

in France, such as Thiepval and Vimy Ridge and on the Friday we embarked on our journey back, via Essex Farm and Hill 60.

The students were a credit to the school and showed a genuine interest in what we were doing there.

A big thank you to Mr Foulger for his fantastic organisation and all his hard work. This trip will be running next year, so Year 8s, keep it in mind. Miss Cross



# BRAMLEY LAKES

This year's Year 8 cohort had a brilliant week at Bramley Lakes, learning a variety of skills such as teamwork, communication, trust and resilience. The students threw themselves into a variety of activities, including rock climbing/zip wire, canoeing, raft building, archery, high ropes, low ropes, catapult and abseiling, putting these skills to the test. The students (within their assigned groups )

were put through many challenges during their two and a half days from putting up tents, to protecting an egg in the 'great egg race challenge', to performing a talent shown in front of a lit campfire. The students came away from this trip not just with memories but with a new found independence and maturity going into Year 9.

**Mr Lyons**



# STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

The summer holidays have finally arrived and all the students and staff look forward to a well-deserved rest. But looking back on the School Year 2017/18 - what have been the highlights for our students?

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**Bethany Jackson, Year 7:**

My highlight of the year was going to Normandy with the school as I met many new people and experienced a different culture.



**Megan Downes, Year 9:**

My highlight this year has been having teachers support and having a good bunch of friends. Also achieving the 2 miles in cross country.

My highlight has been the Sports Festival, because I love sport and its competitive to drive you to do your best.  
**Seth Harvey, Year 7**

**Thomas Eagle, Year 8:**

My highlight of the year was watching the movie "Osmosis Jones" in Biology, it was very educational but also entertaining

**Mali Crowley, Year 9:**

Being able to achieve the grades that I wanted in my Year 9 exams and getting the opportunity to become a Prefect



**Mikyla Oswick, Year 9:**

CE week was really interesting because I got to try things I hadn't done before, it was fun.

**Ella Handel, Year 7:**

I enjoyed going to Normandy the most as I got to go with my friends and we had a great time!



**Finn Langford, Year 9:**

Sports Festival has been my highlight, it is always such fun.

**Olly Sherwood, Year 10:**

Getting over my target in a science test, my target is a 3 and I got a 5

# STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

**Alfie Collins, Year 8:**  
The Bramley Lakes trip was my highlight, we got to do lots of different activities.



"I think my highlight of this year has been the Curriculum Enhancement week and not just because we went to Normandy! As well as having a well-deserved break, I also got to reflect on how much we've grown over this year. But this whole year has been amazing, and I can't wait to see how next year will go. Larissa George, Year 7.

**Poppy Chapman, Year 7:**  
My highlight of the year was making new friends and doing new things.

**Marco Coelho, Year 10:**  
It has been Sports Festival, because I really enjoy it.

**Sophie Eves, Year 7:**  
Making new friends!



**Nathaniel Carter, Year 7:**  
Definitely the Normandy trip, I loved all the activities and experiencing a new culture

**Nathaniel Kingsland, Year 7:**  
The best bit for me was to learn so many new subjects, especially DT as we didn't have them at Primary School.

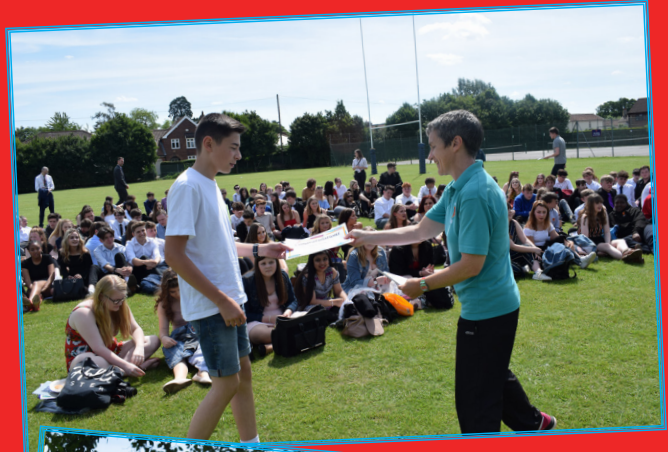


**Robyn Moore, Year 9:**  
My highlights have been to participate in challenges and also CE week because the things we did were different to everyday lessons and inspiring.

**Lily Arrowsmith, Year 7:**  
My highlight of the year has been doing PE because I enjoy getting active.

**Ollie Howarth, Year 9:**  
My highlight was CE week, it was real fun!

# — YEAR 11 LEAVERS DAY —



# YEAR 11 PROM

On 6th July, staff and Year 11 students came together to celebrate the class of 2018. The venue was Wensum Valley Hotel and Mrs Smith, Mrs Wickers and Miss Cross were already busy in the afternoon setting up the decorations. With the sweetie table laid out, the last thing to do was to rush home and get ready for prom!

How students come to prom is always a talking point and this year did not disappoint. We had a range of vehicles bringing them to Wensum, from stretch Range Rover limos, to a tractor, to sports cars to a tandem! Everyone looked stunning – it was so great to see students

dressed so formally. This year we had three kilts! There were some lovely suits too: navy seemed to be the “in colour” this year. The dresses were beautiful – lots of long dresses and the navy was popular for the girls too!

There was a “mocktail” on arrival and a sit down meal. The tables looked great, with the colour scheme of gold and black. After a short speech from Miss Cross, and some flowers to thank all the hard work Mrs Smith put in to the organisation, the dancing began!

Thank you to everyone who attended and made it a great evening. Congratulations, class of 2018.



## AUTHOR VISITS AND MACBETH

The school had a visit from author William Hussey in April. With visits to year 8 and 9 students, he had a creative writing workshop and a 17th century witch trial. Hussey also entertained half of the year 10 students with a helpful history of gothic literature, focussing greatly on the exam text 'Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde' which was a real help to the future GCSE students, along with a great hour of fun and entertainment for all three years. Year 10 students also took a trip to see a modern version of Macbeth (a GCSE exam text) in May. The trip took place in Cinema City, Norwich and lasted the full morning. The modern take was a slightly different interpretation of the original, with the use of 'modern' technology and clothing. However, the witches were a bit stranger than usual, being played by ten-year-old girls in pink onesies and fluffy slippers!

During the Neatherd Festival of Literature Vampirates author Justin Somper visited Year 7 students. He gave a swashbuckling presentation to the whole year group followed by various creative writing workshops throughout the day. As it was also our non-uniform day, Justin kindly helped judge our book character winners.

**Amy Thexton, Year 10**

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## SNAG INFORMATION TRIP

On 16th July The SNAG (School Nutrition Action Group) left on a trip to local farms as part of the Gold Award. The day began with a trip to Honingham Thorpe Farm, where they saw sheep and learned how wheat production works. They also rode on a tractor trailer on the way back, and were shown more crops like potatoes, barley and shown the precautions they take to ensure a good crop.

Afterwards, the group took a trip to the Dereham allotments where they learnt what a variety of plants can grow in a small place before returning to school to

plan SNAG activities for the coming school year. In the afternoon, they got back in the minibus, and drove to "Nurtured in Norfolk", who grow mini herbs and plants.

The SNAG group enjoyed the intriguing smells and the strange taste of edible flowers. To end the day, the pupils explored the freezer and discovered what goes into the packaging of products like the flowers and herbs like basil. The SNAG group enjoyed the trip and look forward to putting their new knowledge into making the school garden even better.

**Clarissa Huxley, Year 8**

PRESS GANG



# GUEST STUDENT

For the last three weeks of term, Neatherd had a special guest at school: Eva Sloupova came all the way from the Czech Republic to experience what school is like in England. She gave up her own holidays to improve her amazing English even further, took part in all the lessons and joined in with all activities going on. Some of our Year 9 students took her under their wing and helped her throughout her time. **Megan Downes and Robyn Moore** interviewed her about her time at our school:

***What has your experience at Neatherd been like?***

It is a very supportive environment and everyone has been understanding and helpful. All of my lessons have been fun and interesting. I am so grateful that I was given the opportunity to experience school life in a different country and learn about their culture and language.

***What has been your favourite subject and why?***

I really enjoyed reading books in our

English lessons and also Society & Ethics as the topics we discussed were inspiring.

***What are the differences between the school in England and the Czech Republic?***

The biggest difference is that in the Czech Republic students are in the same class for all subjects for the whole year. Here you have your lessons with different people. This helped me to make some friends in different lessons. We don't have to wear a school uniform in the Czech Republic and everyone has to take two foreign languages. I learn English and French.



## CREATIVE WRITING GROUP

The Creative Writing Club is a brilliant lunchtime group offered here at Neatherd High School. It's held at lunch time, in the Library every Monday, Week A. The Creative Writing Club can help you with your literature appreciation and writing style. Mrs Sangster runs the club and

encourages us to explore different styles of writing and hone our skills. Free membership in this club means that you have unlimited access to national writing competitions and challenges. The Creative Writing Club ensures that our patron of reading, Alex Scarrow, will continue to serve our school. Club members have met Alex Scarrow on numerous occasions to discuss his books and different writing styles. The frequent opportunities to talk with a successful contemporary author are not to be missed! The number of members in the club varies from six to fifteen. All year groups and abilities are welcome to join. It's also a great social activity to meet up with likeminded students.

Sophie Blanco, Year 7

PRESS GANG



# HUMAN RIGHTS

Your human rights are your basic freedoms shared by everyone. They apply to all, no matter race, nationality or beliefs. They can never be taken away from you, unless to break the law. They are protected by the Humans Rights Act 1998.

When speaking to Mr O'Brien about this important topic, he commented as follows: "The most important human right for young people at school is undeniably to feel safe and to be treated with dignity. No-one can learn or reach their potential if they do not feel secure. We do our very best to teach this to students as you will have seen from the anti-sexism assemblies we have done recently." He stated that "it is sometimes a challenge to manage keeping the school safe with clear rules but also allowing students freedom of expression. We do our best to listen to the school council and encourage pupils' voice – but are always interested in getting more feedback."

## **Your Rights and Freedoms:**

1. You have the right to life. This means no-one has the right to try to take your life, you have the right to safeguarding and protection.
2. You have the freedom from torture and inhuman or degrading treatment. This includes the right to not be bullied as well as others putting you down.
3. You have the freedom from slavery and forced labour. Slavery is when someone treats you like an object. Forced Labour means someone forcing you to work under threats of punishment.

4. You have the right to liberty and security. This is basically the right to protection and to feel safe. The right to liberty basically means the right to be free from society's unjust restrictions.

5. You have the right to a fair trial. You have the right to be innocent unless proven guilty. You shouldn't be punished unless someone has proof against you.

6. You have the right to no punishment without law. You can't be convicted of a crime if it was not a crime when you committed it.

7. You have the right to respect for your private and family life. This protects your personal information like your letters, emails e.t.c.

8. You have the freedom of thought, belief and religion. You have the right to believe whatever you want, think whatever you want and follow any religion you want.

9. You have the freedom of expression. You have the right to freely express your opinions without government interference. Although this is true you also have a duty to respect others and respect their opinions.

10. You have the freedom of assembly and association. You can meet with whoever you want.

11. You have the right to marry. No matter what religion, shape, colour you can marry them (if of age of course).

12. You have the right to protection from discrimination

13. You have the right to protection of property. An authority cannot take away or damage your property without good reason .

14. You have the right to an education. No matter who you are or where you are you have the right to knowledge.

15. You have the right to free elections. The government has to hold free elections to support your freedom of expression. The votes must also be secret.

16. Last but not least, you have the right to the abolition of the death penalty which links back to your right to life. You cannot be killed as a punishment.

Clarissa Huxley, Year 8

**PRESS GANG**



# NORWICH CASTLE TRIP

On 17th July, Year 10 History students visited Norwich Castle Museum, to help with their GCSEs, as the castle is a topic. The students had four tours during the day, and were given half an hour to walk around by themselves. The tours included the museum, the courtroom and tours which showed small parts of the building, along with collections. The trip provided a first-hand experience on what the site looks like, plus some extra information and ideas, to help with the students' revision.

Amy Thexton, Year 10

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# SNAG: BIG DIG

"The Big Neatherd Dig" took place on Tuesday, 17th April. Most of the SNAG members attended and lots of hard work was done. A huge variety of plants were put in the poly tunnel including some watermelons which



feed an army and we are on the right path. "The Big Dig was really successful, a special thanks to Mr Kearns who attended as a parent," says Mr Anderson, Leader of SNAG. "Mr Kearns brought a long-handled spade which worked a treat. Robin Stratford from the local Dereham Allotment and Gardening Society (DAGS) also volunteered

we have great hopes for. The allotments were also dug up all ready for this year's plants which we also hope will surpass expectations. We hope to have even more days like this to achieve our annual goal: We want to grow enough food to

his rotivator services."

Clarissa Huxley, Year 8

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# FASHION SHOW

Last year's fashion show was always going to be a hard act to follow because of the tremendous support we received from owners and managers of local fashion stores who provided us with their ranges of high street fashion to grace our catwalk. This year we took a different approach so that all of the garments on the catwalk were either made from scratch or were put together as outfits from things found



or stolen from the textiles and drama cupboards or weird and wonderful finds bought from charity shops. Of course the stars of the show as always were the garments made by our Year 11 GCSE textiles students and some of our talented Year 9s.

The theme for the show was "Fashion Through History". Travelling through the centuries, the show finally arrived via the 18th and 19th centuries, through the



1920s into steam punk, punk and on into the 21st century.

In addition to our romp through the history of fashion, students decided to add a section to the show that could reflect their ideas about their own identity. As Zayna and Lucy (Year 9) stated in their introduction to the show, "You don't always get to express who you are – especially in school. And whatever age you are, fashion is one way that you can really express your individuality."

Designers for the show also felt that it's important to challenge gender stereotyping so for the final section of the show they put together outfits and "looks" that deliberately set out to challenge what is feminine and what is masculine.

The focus of the show was very much on personal style so, as a special feature of this year's show, a panel of judges was appointed to

award prizes to the most stylish outfit on the catwalk and to the most stylish members of the audience. Neatherd's very own Style Council comprised Mr O'Brien, Ms Donatella Versace (AKA Ms Carter-DuBois née Smith) and Year 9's own Jayden McKenzie. The

judges awarded the catwalk prize to Year 11 Jess Bradley for her 1950s Christian Dior inspired skirt and bodice. The audience prizes were very much deserved but unfortunately we did not catch the winners' names.

The show was free to enter but much needed funds for future performance events were generated through the sale of refreshments and raffle tickets provided by the amazingly supportive Tash and Renie Nicholson. Thanks go to all of the students: technicians, models, dressers and judges, and to staff helpers too.



# ART EXHIBITION

In June the Creative Arts department invited staff and students to their annual Art and Photography exhibition for all years. This event showcased GCSE exam work, but also displayed some other fantastic work by the Key Stage 3 students, for example: the clay dragons the Year 7s had made in lessons.

It was a great turnout with lots of parents, teachers and students attending. There was a lot of interest shown in Courtney's work, in particular her black and white portraits.

Art Club created a drawing vending machine in which members took it in turns to draw portraits. The Art Club members also created a spinning art work display for those attending to stand inside and spin it. This allowed them to see GCSE art without moving because it spun around them.

There was a really great atmosphere as everyone admired the work on display and lots of positive comments.

All of Year 11 who had their work displayed should be proud of it because all the work was outstanding.

**Jessica Day, Year 7**

**PRESS GANG**



# Calendar dates

Thursday 6th September to Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Year Groups Affected					
7	8	9	10	11	

## September 2018

●	●	●	●	●	Thursday 6th: School re-opens & School Photos
				●	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> : Year 11 Intervention Afternoon
●					Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> : Year7 Information Evening
●					Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> Year 7 Disco

## October 2018

					Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> to Wed 31 <sup>st</sup> : Year 6 Open Mornings
					Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> : Year 6 Open Evening
				●	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> : Year 11 Post 16 Options Evening
●	●	●	●	●	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> : School closes for half-term
●	●	●	●	●	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> : School re-opens

## November 2018

			●		Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> : Year 10 Work experience Parents' Briefing
●	●	●	●	●	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> : Neatherd's got Talent
				●	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> and Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> : Year 11 Mock Interviews
					Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> : Ex Year 11 Certificate Presentation
●	●	●	●	●	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> : Kids Lit Quiz
				●	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> : Year 11 Full Report Posted
	●				Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> : Year 8 Short Report Issued
			●	●	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> : Ski trip Parents' Meeting
●	●	●	●	●	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> : Flexible Learning Day 1
	●				Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> : Year 8 Parents' Evening
		●			Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> : Year 9 Short Report Issued
				●	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December: Year 11 Mock Exams

## December 2018

●	●	●	●	●	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> : Parent Forum
●					Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> : Year 7 Short Report Issued
●	●	●	●	●	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> : Christmas Dinner
●					Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> : Year 7 Parents' Evening
			●		Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> : Year 10 Short Report Issued
●	●	●	●	●	Monday, 17 <sup>th</sup> : Christmas Concert
●	●	●	●	●	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> : Non-uniform Day
●	●	●	●	●	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> : School closes

