



Arts

The Summer Term has been awash with opportunities to experience the Arts.



A Wire Sculpture artist visited to deliver a whole day workshop in this art form. Students built all manner of



attractive creations out of chicken wire and tissue paper. It was very challenging indeed both from an artistry and physical co-ordination perspective, and the finished works are on display around the school.



WILLY RUSSELL'S
BLOOD
Brothers

The visit to see Willy Russell's Blood Brothers was a great success. This socio-political musical drama is both hard-hitting and very funny. The GCSE students have been studying it in class for examination but everyone loved the emotional journey of the audience experience.

A smaller group of students took a trip to Stratford upon Avon to see Romeo and Juliet at the RSC. This is another examination text and there is no better way to study it than 'live'.





This year, the annual school performance had the theme of 'World Arts'. It was great to have so many guests this year. All the students contributed and many gave excellent performances. Contributions included:

Cajon percussion Improvisation, a Gaelic folk song, a Valiha instrumental solo, Caribbean poetry reading, American dance and a demonstration of Japanese origami. The

afternoon concluded with an all school performance of 'I'd like to teach the world to sing': yes we would!

Fitness for Life

This term, we have introduced 15 minutes of rigorous exercise into every day for everybody: **The Daily Mile**. Why?

- ✔ It helps improve focus, concentration, and behaviour in class
- ✔ Physical activity is known to improve attainment
- ✔ It embeds daily physical activity into the school's approach to Health & Wellbeing
- ✔ It helps meet the recommendations for daily physical activity outlined by the Government.

So, if you plan to visit us between 9am and 9:15, bring your trainers and be prepared to 'jog'!

Resilience

While some students take part in public examinations and others complete certificated study programmes, we are keen to keep in mind the school value of Resilience. Resilience means to work hard and never give up, even when things are difficult or tough. It is about trying your best to achieve as much as possible – for yourself.



Time Travellers' Trip



The *Big Day Out* after Easter was to Kentwell Hall to travel through the ages of history in a day. Students enjoyed the maypole dancing lessons and talking to the personnel enacting scenes from the past. Fortunately it was a gloriously sunny day making a picnic in the Hall's parklands the perfect end to the day out.



Makaton Training

This term, we delivered another two-day, certificated training programme to non-school personnel. This programme is free to participants and carers, social workers and parents are all welcome. We will be running more courses next academic year thus if you are interested, do contact us.

Awards and Sports Day. This is an annual event where we acknowledge the achievements of our students and get together for some fun and games. Thankfully, it was a fabulously sunny afternoon, enabling all our guests to have afternoon tea outside whilst supporting the student events. We were fortunate to have local businessman Richard Langridge as our special guest to present the awards.

Richard spent his career leading large corporations such as Unilever (responsible for big brands such as Birds Eye Artic Rolls!).

As someone who has had the chance to live and work in various countries across Asia, Africa and the Middle East, Richard believes life is an adventure of one sort or another. He would encourage all young people to grasp any opportunity to see as much of their country and the world as possible.

(A small selection of pictures are attached)



Exciting new Accreditation



We are proud to announce that we are now a Duke of Edinburgh Centre. This term we have started an additional extra-curricular initiative, in partnerships with the home staff that will enable students to complete their Bronze Awards. We will keep you posted with their progress as they work towards the expedition component of their award in the autumn term.



Team Building at Eaton Vale



An adventurous 'Big Day Out' this term saw students really demonstrating Courage as they tackled Abseiling and Rock Climbing in Norfolk.



Thanks to all carers, parents and social workers you for your support this year: it has truly been exceptional in terms of new ventures and experiences to promote student progress, newly formed partnerships with the local community and world of work and achievement for everyone at every level.

Dates for you Diary

Last Day of Summer term	20/07/2018
PD Day (Staff only in school)	05/09/2018 and 06/09/2018
Autumn term begins	09/09/2018
Autumn half-term	22/10/2018 – 26/10/2018
PD Day (Staff only in school)	29/10/2018
Last day of term	20/12/2018





