



## Gymnastics Gold!



Our gymnastics team competed in the Suffolk Games final this month, comprising of competitions in trampoline, vault and synchronised floor display. Our floor routine was performed to the song 'This is me,' from the Greatest Showman, and brought the house down via thunderous applause: the team then went on to triumph by winning the Championship overall. This was an amazing achievement and a super way to end the autumn term's sporting series.

## BOCCIA Round 1

Dan Bentley, our paraolympian coach, has commenced work training the students for this year's BOCCIA campaign. The first



competition rounds have taken place and we are through to second stage (there is a long way to go yet). The next competition (regionals) is in March 2019



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## Mock Exams

Level 1 and Level 2 exam students (for 2019) are sitting Mock Exams this week. The results will help us create personalised improvement plans for next year's final stages revision programmes. Our exam centre will be very busy next year with boys sitting GCSEs in Science, Maths, English, English Literature and History plus Functional Skills Maths, ICT and English and BTECH Hospitality.

## Remembrance Day



This year we were lucky enough to have Brigadier Johnny Walker visit us to make a presentation for Remembrance. As an ex-soldier, he

was able to give the boys a very clear insight into the actual hardships endured by soldiers on the front line. Two of the boys read poetry during this special assembly, which added to the poignancy of the event.

## Charity Cake Auction

A few days later, a silent cake auction was held (all baking done by the students) and this raised a very satisfying £65.00 for the Poppy Appeal.

## Parents and Carers Meetings

We are holding a series of parents' and carers' meetings in the New Year. We know it can be difficult for parents to attend, thus carers from the Home will report back to those who are unable to make it. These meetings are designed to supplement the school report and to give everyone a chance to ask questions about progress or next steps etc. If you would like to attend a personalised school meeting, please contact Sophie on [sophielamb@broadlands-hall.co.uk](mailto:sophielamb@broadlands-hall.co.uk) and she will set this up for you.

## Christmas Tree at Hundon Church

We were honoured to be asked to create a festively decorated tree for the local Church this year. It was given pride of place in the entry vestibule and we attended a carol and tea service there on the 13th December. Each student decorated a giant bauble with an original design.

## Film Club and Theatre



As members of the National Film Club, we are rewarded with free cinema tickets to special day-time performances in November. Almost all boys were taken

to see two films during the festival following which they completed learning activities designed to compliment the movies. This proved to be a really enjoyable way of delivering key messages about Aspiration, Ecology, Evolution and British Values.



## Reassuring Inspection

Local Authorities obviously want the very best schools for their young people and so they carry out their own inspections (to supplement Ofsted inspections) periodically. We were pleased to host an Inspection this term and I am delighted to be able to tell you they approved of our very lovely school. Here are just a few of their comments:

*"There is evidence in the corridors and the classrooms that celebration of achievement, both academic and personal, is important in the school and that there is an ethos of developing good relationships and mutual respect."*

*"The school offers a broad curriculum with a range of GCSEs. It has links with local secondary schools for additional GCSE offers. It has the use of the science lab and DT facilities at the private school owned by the same proprietor."*

*"Lesson observations showed evidence of good relationships between the staff and pupils involved."*

*"A case study was given of a child admitted with no verbal communication due to ASC needs. He is now using some key words and phrases"*

*"An interview with a Year 8 pupil was conducted. He was happy to talk about the positive aspects of attending the school and felt that it enabled him to learn as there were fewer distractions than at his previous school and he had not learnt anything there. He particularly enjoyed art and disliked maths although felt that it was maths in which he had made the most progress."*

## Christmas Celebration

A copy of our programme is attached. It is very much a 'homely' affair, with group singing and signing opportunities for all.

**May I wish you all a very Happy and Safe Christmas.**



### **DATES FOR YOUR 2019 DIARY**

**Presenting Broadlands Showcase – ‘Through the Ages’    March 29<sup>th</sup> 2019**

PD Day (Staff only in school)	04/01/2019
Spring term begins	7/01/2019
Spring half-term	18/02/2019 – 23/02/2019
PD Day (Staff only in school)	24/02/2019
Last day of term	05/04/2019

**Easter Holiday 2019 – 8th April 2019 – 25th April 2019.**

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