

# News from Norwich School



Michaelmas 2016

## School News



### Festival of Lessons and Carols

Norwich School welcomed pupils, parents, friends and family to a candlelit Norwich Cathedral for a Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols. The readings were given by members of the school community and interspersed with carols and anthems led by the Chapel Choir and the Norwich Cathedral Choristers.



# The Arts

## Drama

Pupils thrilled audiences at venues around Norwich with outstanding dramatic productions including *James and the Giant Peach* at Norwich Playhouse, *The Producers* at The Garage and *Sweeney Todd* at Epic Studios.



James and the Giant Peach



Sweeney Todd

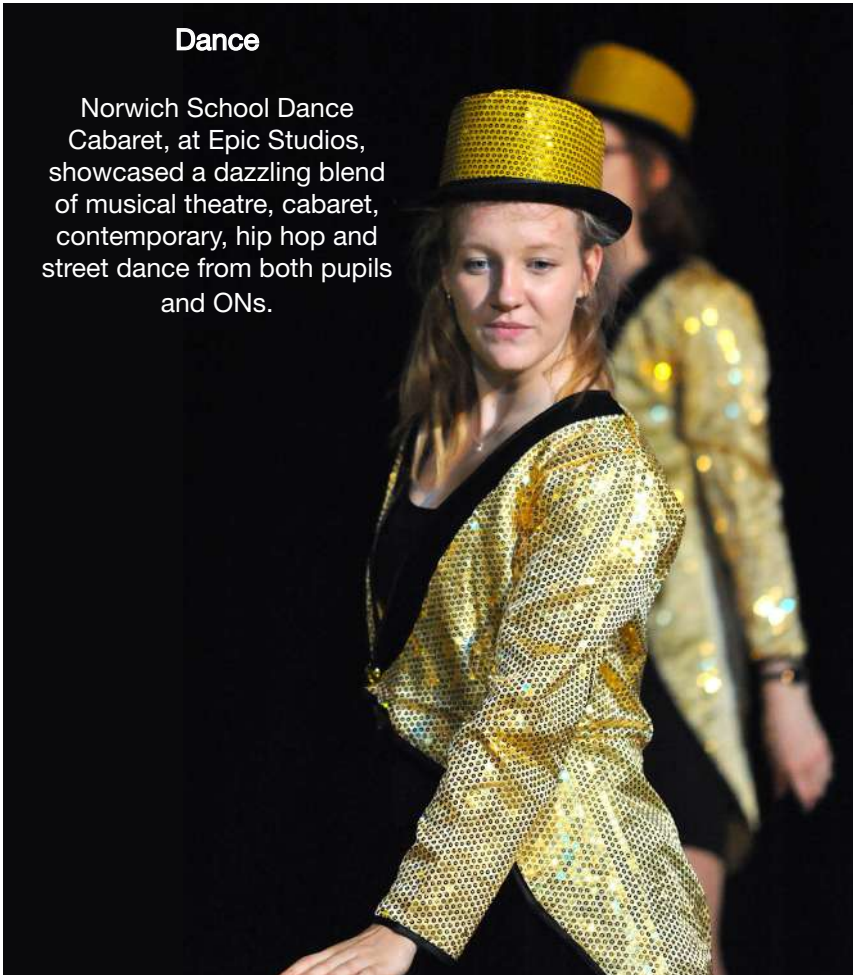
Sweeney Todd



## Dance

Norwich School Dance Cabaret, at Epic Studios, showcased a dazzling blend of musical theatre, cabaret, contemporary, hip hop and street dance from both pupils and ONs.

Cabaret -  
ON Marcus Bell (09-14) returned to perform and choreograph a piece



Homework - Painting by Tim Ollivier

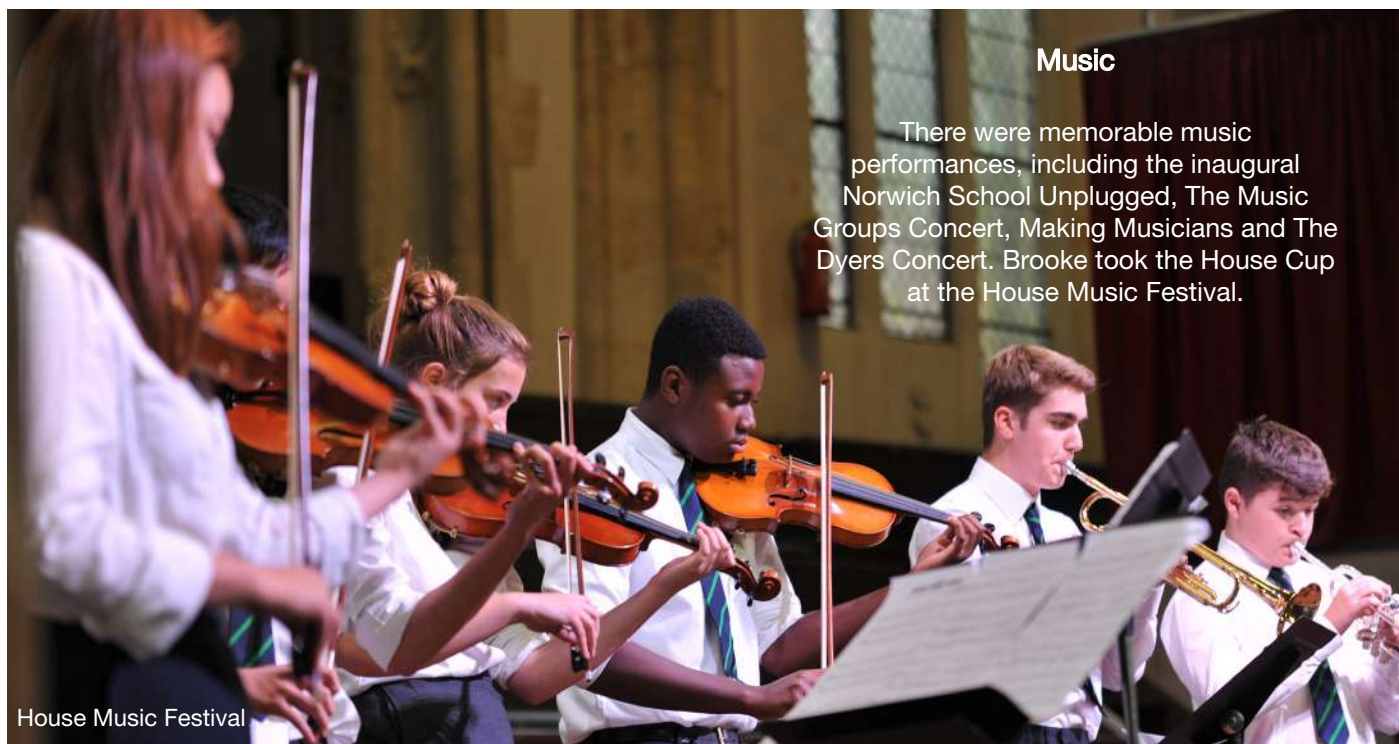


Homework - Artwork by  
Louise Richardson

## Exhibitions

The Crypt Gallery staged exhibitons including: Homework, by staff in the Art and Design Department and Settle, with work by the Artist-in-Residence and new Art and Design Gap placements.





## Music

There were memorable music performances, including the inaugural Norwich School Unplugged, The Music Groups Concert, Making Musicians and The Dyers Concert. Brooke took the House Cup at the House Music Festival.

House Music Festival



Choral Society



Norwich School Unplugged



House Music Festival





## Another strong year of rugby results

The 1st XV recorded impressive wins against St Joseph's College and National Cup semi-finalists Felsted, but lost a close battle to Oundle 24-22 in the second round of the Natwest U18 Cup. The U16s won the County Cup Final against Gresham's 48-5. The U13s enjoyed their tour to Newcastle and Edinburgh whilst many of the 50 boys of the U12s relished their first taste of competitive rugby.

Alex Leeder (U6N) has recently been selected to represent the South East Independent Schools Barbarians, also known as The Lambs. Tom Bailon (U5V), Freddie Steward (U5V) and Oli Udy (U5N) continued their work with Leicester Tigers U16s while three Middle 5 and seven Lower 5 pupils continue to train weekly with Tigers in their respective age groups.

## Girls add to rowing numbers

The popularity of girls rowing has increased since September, meaning that girls are now competing in every age group from Lower 5 - Lower 6. Beth Hood (L5B) and Scarlett Udy (L5N) were the first Lower 5 girls to compete for the school at the Bedford Head.

Elsewhere, there were strong performances from a variety of age groups. At the Hampton Small Boats Head, the J18 pair of Will Stoner (U6V) and Joe Burrell (U6B) placed 2nd in a competitive junior pairs event, whilst the J17s also produced an impressive performance. This was followed by a win for the senior coxed four against the UEA at the Norfolk Long Distance Sculls.

Individually, Will Tremelling (L6C), placed 6<sup>th</sup> of 39 at Hampton and won gold in a field of 47 entrants at the Bedford Head.





## U14 Girls Hockey Team win Eastern Region Championships

The U14 Girls Hockey Team were crowned Eastern Region Champions at Redbridge Sports Centre, Essex. The tournament consisted of the top four teams in the East of England, who played each other in a round-robin format.

Norwich School, representing Norfolk after their win at the County Championships, were victorious in all three games and will now go on to represent the East of England at the National Finals at the Olympic Hockey Centre, Stratford, in February.

## Hockey Success Continues

The 1st XI won 11 out of the 15 fixtures, only losing two; they were also crowned Norfolk champions for the 4th year in a row.

The U14s, U16s and U18s all qualified for the Regional Finals and we have had a record number of pupils selected for the East Region Performance Squads.

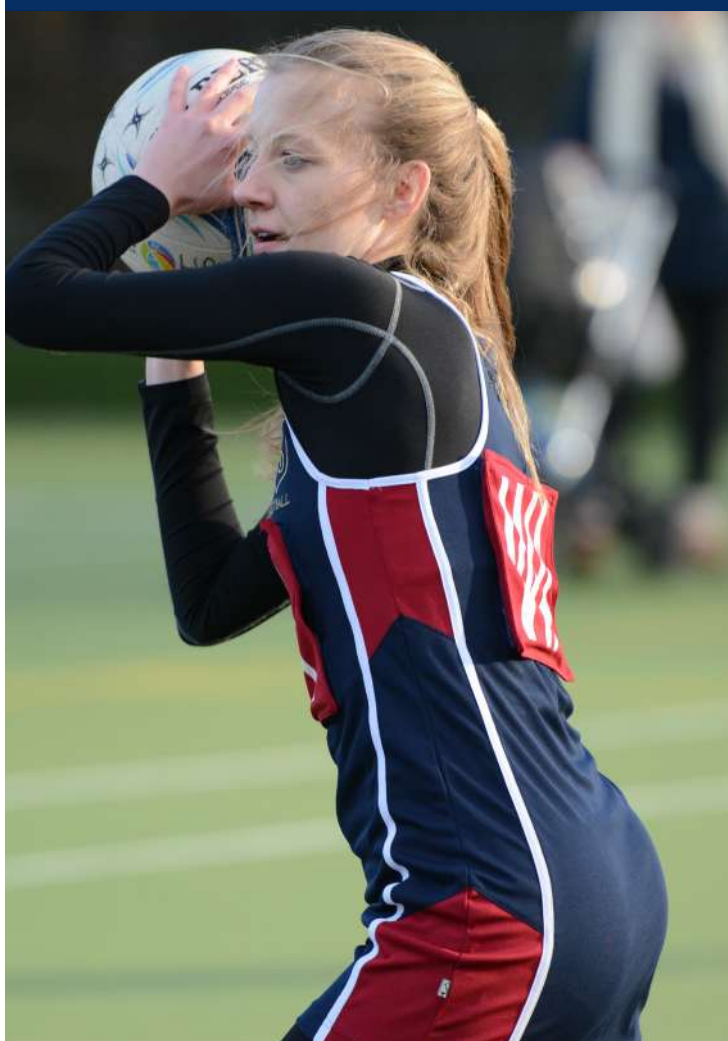


## Clean sweep for netball squads

In November, the school's senior netball squads all travelled to the UEA to compete in the County Championships.

The U19s led the way with a series of impressive victories, scoring 77 goals and conceding just 17 throughout the whole tournament. They can travel to the regional finals in great spirits after playing some fantastic, fast-paced netball.

Not to be outdone, the U16s, scoring 72 goals and conceding 25, and the U14s, scoring an incredible 79 goals and conceding just 10, also qualified for their respective Regional Championships as county champions.





# Trips



Duke of Edinburgh



Hautbois House



Hong Kong



Bramley Lakes

This term saw a range of trips take place, providing a variety of fantastic experiences for pupils involved.

These included trips to the East Coast of America, Hong Kong, rugby tour to Edinburgh, the Globe in London, Duke of Edinburgh Gold expedition to the Yorkshire Dales, Bramley Lakes, Hautbois House and a design trip to Great Yarmouth.



# News In Brief



## Norwich School ranks 14th nationally for university destinations

The Times School Guide, released in December, ranked Norwich School in 14th place in the national 'Destination of Independent School Leavers' table. The figures take into account the number of pupils admitted to Oxbridge, Russell Group universities, Overseas universities and the Sunday Times top 40 destinations.

## Lord Ashcroft visits school on Trafalgar Day

In October, the school was treated to an address by one of its most famous ONs on the subject of another famous one. At the annual Trafalgar Day service, Lord Ashcroft told the dramatic story of Nelson's victories in battle.



## Hall School joins pupils and staff for a special Nativity in the Cathedral

Staff and pupils were joined by students from the Hall School to perform a festive nativity play in the Cathedral. Special Schools from around the county came to watch the performance.



## Great Britain Olympic gold medallist opens hockey pitch

Olympic gold medallist and Great Britain Hockey Team member, Shona McCallin, visited Norwich School to meet pupils and open the new state-of-the-art hockey pitch located at Redmayne Fields.

Shona McCallin was part of the history-making women's hockey team at Rio 2016, which collected the first ever GB Olympic gold medal for women's hockey.



## English Schools Ski Champions again

In October, the U14 Boys Ski Team triumphed for the third time in a row at the English Schools Ski Association National Championships. The finals, held at the Norfolk Snowsports Club, saw the team compete against teams from around the country who had qualified from their respective regional qualifiers in September.







### **Natasha Devon MBE talks to pupils and parents about mental health**

Natasha Devon MBE visited the school to talk to pupils and parents about the issues of self-esteem and mental health. Natasha, part of the Self-Esteem Team, which aims to educate teenagers, teachers and parents about mental health and body issues, gave her talk as part of the Personal Health and Social Education (PSHE) initiative.

### **Norwich School Chapel – 700 Years Exhibition**

An exhibition celebrating the 700 year history of the Chapel and its associated buildings was held in The Crypt Gallery. Curated by Archivist, John Walker, who sadly passed away in October, the exhibition displayed images, stories and anecdotes taken from the school archives.

John Walker taught at Norwich School for 41 years and, following his retirement from teaching in 2013, spent his time as a Governor and School Archivist.

### **ISI Inspection Update**

On 19th and 20th October, Norwich School had an ISI (Independent Schools Inspectorate) inspection, all aspects of which were successfully met in both the Lower and Senior Schools. The inspection's focus on compliance means that standards are simply met or not met; no qualitative judgements are given.

### **New Blake Studio to open in February**

The transformation of the Blake Studio is due to open in February 2017. A dedicated performance and plenary space, with capacity for just under 200 people, the Blake Studio will host dramatic, musical and lecture events in an environment that offers state-of-the-art facilities. We have a small number of seats available to name in the new studio. Visit the *Support Us* section of the website for more information.

### **Medal at the British Schools Orienteering Championships**

In October, 11 pupils travelled to Leicester for the British Orienteering Championships. There were notable performances across the squad by the intermediate girls, intermediate boys and junior boys; however, the performance of the day came from William Blyth-Bartram (U4S) who placed joint first but was awarded second place for completing the course in a slightly slower time.



# Achievements

Emily White



William Pank



India Bussey



India Reardon



## Individual success and achievements

Showjumper, **India Bussey** (U5V), qualified for the Horse of the Year Show, dubbed 'the world's most famous horse show,' and placed fourth with the pony *Ranchwood Latte*.

**Laura-Rose Cooke** (U5C) enjoyed success at a variety of gymnastics competitions. At the British Challenge Junior FIG Cup, Laura collected a bronze medal, earning her a place at the British Championships in March. Laura also won the Federation of International Gymnastics team trophy with Norfolk and earned a team bronze with England A at the Rushmore Rushbowl competition.

**Sarah Carroll** (U6N) won the inaugural Science and Art competition with her piece *Rainbow Rose*. The judge, Professor Keith Roberts, described it as 'beautiful' and a demonstration of 'real scientific investigation.'

**Emily White** (U4N) has been cast in the Sound Ideas Theatre production of *Into The Woods* at the Norwich Playhouse, which began on the 13<sup>th</sup> December.

**Monica Raviraj** (M5V), on her return from injury over the summer, played in and won the U16 Girls Winter Regional Tennis Tournament in Cambridge. In winning the tournament, she was crowned U16 Champion.

**Dani Long-Martinez** (M5N) had a double success in tennis tournaments over half-term. Firstly, he and his brother, ON, Jack Long-Martinez (08-15), won the National Finals of the Quorn Family Tennis Cup. Dani followed this up by winning the U16 Boys Singles event at the Regional (Grade 3) Tournament the following week.

**India Reardon** (U5B) was awarded joint 2nd place in the prestigious Bishop's Prize for Music in the intermediate category. The prize aims to help young composers find an engagement with the relationship between the Christian Gospel and music in worship.

**Katie Cox** (L6N) has been selected in two representative squads recently. Firstly, Katie has been selected to play for the England Rounders Team for the third year running. She will play for the England U19s, despite only being 16. Katie has also been selected for the East Region U17 Squash Squad.

**Rory Cruickshank** (U6P) has been invited to the Great Britain junior rowing potentials training camp in Portugal during the Christmas holidays.

**William Pank** (L5P) has had a fantastic term, winning the Tim Whelpton trophy for outstanding sailing achievement by a young person at national or international level at the Norfolk and Suffolk Boating Association AGM. This follows William's win at the World Feva Championships in Santander over the summer.

**Sam Briggs** (M5S) was accepted to join the National Youth Guitar Ensemble.