

# News from Norwich School



Michaelmas 2018



The school commemorated 100 years since the signing of the Armistice through a series of memorable initiatives including the nationwide *There But Not There* project. Silhouettes paying tribute to soldiers who died in battle during WW1 were displayed in Norwich Cathedral during the week of Remembrance. Each figure represented someone who had an association with either Norwich School or Norwich Cathedral. Further Armistice centenary stories are continued on page 2.

# School News

The Armistice commemorations continued at the annual Remembrance service in Norwich Cathedral, where fallen Old Norvicensians were remembered through poetry and music (1). The Lord-Lieutenant of Norfolk, Mr Richard Jewson, addressed the congregation, speaking of the dramatic impact that the war had on family life and how we need to appreciate what we have today (2).

Six members of the 8<sup>th</sup> Norwich Sea Scouts undertook the challenge of a lifetime to complete their Scouts Explorer Belt: cycling through France whilst visiting the graves of fallen ONs (3). For two pupils, Harry Peachment and James Hill, this was the final requirement for them to achieve the prestigious Queen's Scout Award.

The Crypt Gallery held its Armistice Exhibition, *All Fades to Silence*, a collaboration of pupils' poetry alongside photography and an installation to commemorate the 52 Norwich School pupils who fell in WW1 (4).



In November, the school community remembered its most famous ON, Horatio Nelson, at the annual Trafalgar Day Service. For the first time in the school's history, pupils from Reception to U6 gathered around Nelson's statue to pay their respects.



The annual Prizegiving was a fantastic celebration of the 2017/18 year at Norwich School with many pupils receiving prizes. The principal guest was Claire Harvey MBE, CEO of Diversity Role Models and GB Paralympian. Claire spent the day meeting pupils before presenting prizes and delivering an inspirational speech in the evening.



Authors Nathan Leamon, Paul Dowswell and Dave Rudden visited the school to give workshops to pupils and talk to the Norwich School community about their books.



Norwich School was awarded the highest category of recognition for a Young Chamber Award because of the unique experiences the school offers pupils in a business environment.



A Sixth Form team, *Trading Ahead*, took 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Student Investor Challenge. Teams were given a virtual £100,000 to invest in the stock market over five months.

# Advent

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The final weeks of term saw the school celebrating Advent with numerous festive events: the school community gathered for the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, which took place in Norwich Cathedral (1); Senior Concert Band performed to local care home residents, with an abundance of mince pies (2); Sixth Form pupils acted in the annual Special School's Nativity Play with children from the Hall School and Fred Nicholson School (3); Norwich School Staff served lunch to pupils on the last day of term (4); Pupils competed for the best-performed carol to a festive audience at the School House Carol Extravaganza (5); the school gathered in Norwich Cathedral for the end of term assembly (6); and the first ever Reception Nativity play took place in the school Chapel (7).



# The Arts

In addition to the Armistice exhibition, The Crypt Gallery was open to the public for various events: *Seeing Things*, in partnership with the Norfolk and Norwich Association for the Blind; *Sketch for Survival*, a wildlife exhibition led by Explorer's Against Extinction; a GCSE exhibition showcasing the work of current GCSE pupils; and a staff show.



Many pupils took part in the Junior Dance Festival, filling the Blake Studio over two nights. Some of the dances were choreographed by pupils, others by external choreographers (1). Earlier in the term, there was an opportunity to attend a workshop with *CATS* musical star, Elizabeth Futter.

There were many memorable musical performances: The *Unsigned* event saw Norwich School and CNS pupils perform original work at the Anteros Art Foundation (2); the school's Chapel Choir sang in the annual Dyers' service in London (3); Making Musicians, an initiative to help grow musical talent, held four recitals (4); School House took first place in the House Music Festival at St Andrew's Hall (5).

In Drama, the Intermediate Play, *Any Sacred Thing*, impressed audiences (6); the Junior Play continued the Armistice commemorations with their production of *Oh! What a Lovely War* (7); pupils performed the Senior School Musical, *Chicago*, across five sell-out shows at Norwich Playhouse (8).



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# Sport



In rugby, the 1st XV finished the regular season unbeaten and they reached the last 16 of the National Cup, missing out on a quarter final spot by only two points to Rugby School.

The U14s and U13s both finished the season as County Champions. An impressive 24 players have been involved in representative and pathway rugby with Norfolk, Eastern Counties and Leicester Tigers/ Northampton Saints Developing Player Programmes.

In rowing, pupils Harry Hook and Huck Hemsall won Club pairs at the Pairs Head, London. At Bedford Head the J16 boys won the quads event and Rowan Parsons won the J16 singles. At Star Head, it was the turn of the J15 squad who produced incredible form to completely dominate every boat class in their year group. Olivia Holdcroft also held her own to come away with a win for the girls squad in WJ16 1X. At Wallingford Head, the J16 boys powered their way to victory over the 4500m course.





In hockey, the U16 and U18 boys and girls squads participated in the regional indoor hockey finals. The boys U16 and the girls U18 both finished 3rd in the East.

The school reached the 4<sup>th</sup> round of the U18 and U16 girls Tier 2 National Cup whilst the U14 girls qualified for the England Hockey Schools National Finals.



The world's best-selling cricket magazine, *The Cricketer*, published its Good Schools Guide 2019, featuring the top 100 secondary schools. Norwich School is delighted to have been included in the 'Top 100 Senior Schools' selection for the second year running. All entries were judged against an extensive set of criteria, with all the chosen schools having outstanding facilities, fixture programmes and coaching.

Jed Cawkwell, Head of Cricket at Norwich School, said: 'We are thrilled to be included in *The Cricketer's* list of Top 100 Cricket Schools again this year. It is due recognition for all the hard work and dedication that all our cricketers show every year and they should be immensely proud of all their successes to date.'



In netball, both the U19 and U14 teams became County Champions, qualifying for the regional rounds of the National Schools Competition.

The U19 team won all 6 of their games, scoring 68 goals in the county rounds.



# Outreach



Norwich School took part in various outreach projects this term: a collaborative project with Mile Cross Primary School saw Year 5 pupils team up with Norwich School L6 Business Enterprise pupils in a Dragon's Den competition (1); the school held the first in a series of Maths Masterclasses for Year 5 pupils and adults from across the county (2); local primary schools were invited to participate in choral training days (3), netball (4) and hockey (5), whilst Victory Academies were taught Mandarin through the Swire Programme (6); the school was nominated for the TES Independent School of the Year for the Whole School Community Initiative (7); 18 schools from across East Anglia gathered for the third Maths Symposium; and Music Scholars visited Burlingham House Care Home to give recitals and connect with residents (8).



# Trips



Norwich School pupils went on numerous trips this term; L5 pupils had team building exercises at Bramley Lakes (1); pupils participated in Gold Duke of Edinburgh in the Peak District (2); L4 pupils visited Hautbois House (3); U6 pupils visited Nelson's Tomb (4); Forth Form enjoyed a visit to Norwich Castle where they participated in the programme *Armistice: Legacy of the Great War in Norfolk* (5); pupils studying Art and Design visited New York, pictured here in Central Park (6); and pupils enjoyed a skiing trip to France (7).

# Achievements



Jonathan Jolly (U6S) was commended in the Choir School Association's Composition Competition.

Harry Williams (L6N), won the Louis Brooks Trophy, the most prestigious award that any young Norfolk cricketer can win, at the Norfolk Cricket Awards evening.

Billy White (L6N) was selected as one of the National Centre for Writing's Young Arts Professionals.

Alex Illing (L5E) took 1<sup>st</sup> place at the Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing 2018 Grand Finals.

Lucy Cox (U5N) won the Norfolk U17 Junior Squash Championships and the first round of the US Open Squash Championships.

Olivier Vedrenne (L5V) qualified for the Swim England Winter Nationals. Olivier was one of the youngest swimmers at the competition and raced in the 100m and 200m breaststroke events.

Amy Buck (L6P) was selected for the Rank Fellowship Leadership Award 2018-19.

YNOSA athlete, Laura-Rose Cooke (U6C), took her second international gymnastics title this year in Slovenia. She competed for England in the Salamunov Memorial 2018 and returned with 3 individual gold medals, two silvers and the team trophy: the most decorated gymnast at the competition.

Amelia Barclay (U5P) was selected for the Mavericks squad competing in netball at the 2018 School Games.

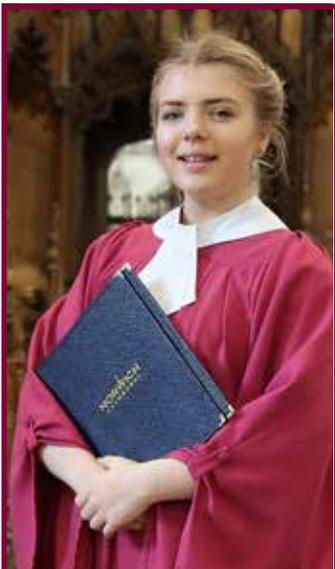
1<sup>st</sup> XV rugby captain, Freddie Steward (U6V), attended the England U18 development camp.

Madeleine Pike (U4R) represented the Regional Water Polo Squad, ICENI, in the U15 National Age Groups Finals.

Charlotte Pollard (U5P) gained a top distinction (141 marks out of 150) in her grade eight singing exam.



Steven Denby (U6N) became the Boys British Schools Orienteering Champion, a Norwich School first.



Brooke Elley (U5P) was selected as a finalist in the BBC Young Chorister of the Year competition.



Robert Stevens (M5B) won 'Best Stage Act' at the Magic Circle Annual Juniors Competition.

