

Lent 2017

School News

A fantastic term of sport

The Lent term was a fantastic one for sport: the U19 netball squad qualified for the National Finals as Eastern Region Winners and placed 11th in the country; the 1st XI Boys Hockey reached the quarter finals of the National Cup; the U14 girls hockey team placed 5th at the National Finals and the Cross Country teams retained their title in the East Anglian League. (Read the hockey and netball round ups on page 3.)

U19 netball at the Nationals



1st XI boys hockey in the National Cup



U14 girls hockey, placed 5th at the Nationals

Cross country winners of the East Anglian League



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Opening of the redeveloped Blake Studio

Norwich School celebrated the reopening of the Blake Studio with a fantastic display of creative arts.

The redevelopment of the Blake Studio, which will seat just under 200 people, provides Norwich School with a much awaited drama, plenary and lecture space.

The opening saw almost 100 pupils from the school showcase their creativity and talent through music, drama and dance performances to the theatre's first audience.



Upper 6 pupils celebrate offers from top universities

Pupils in Norwich School's Upper Sixth celebrated receiving offers from their chosen universities.

15 pupils, representing 10% of the Upper Sixth, have so far received offers from Oxbridge – 10 at Cambridge and five at Oxford. Subjects to be studied include Natural Sciences, Engineering, Medicine, History, Archaeology, Maths and English.

Many pupils have also received offers from other top universities including Bath, Bristol, Durham, Exeter, Imperial, Kings College London, Nottingham, St. Andrews, UCL and Warwick with the school's emphasis on supporting pupils in following the path that is right for them.

They intend to study a wide variety of subjects from Engineering, Fashion, Law and Maths and Sports Science, to English, Product Design and Medicine.



Some of the pupils who have received Oxbridge offers

Sport

Hockey

Senior boys hockey has been incredibly successful this term with barely a match lost. Our 1st XI have had one of the most successful boys hockey seasons in the school's history. Having won 15 out of 16 of their games to date, and scoring 68 goals in the process, the squad have excelled themselves. They reached the quarter finals of the England Hockey Board School Cup after beating the Perse School in the sixth round of the competition.

The 2nd XI squad recorded some great results and progressed through the season unbeaten.

The Under 14 girls hockey squad travelled to compete at the England Hockey National Finals held at the recently opened Hockey Centre at Olympic Park, Stratford. They finished 5th against the best schools in the country.



Netball

It has been a great season for all the senior teams this year with 14 wins and four losses. The U12A team had a successful season with huge wins against Gresham's and Norwich High School and the U14 Regional Team represented the school exceptionally, holding the title of County Champions.



Rugby

The Upper 6 rugby team took on the Lower 6 squad in a charity match which saw the teams come head to head on the Lower Close. This year, the Upper 6 team were crowned champions.



Cup Run

The whole school gathered at Mousehold Heath for the annual Cup Run. With fine weather conditions some impressive times were recorded. Valpy House clinched this year's overall title.



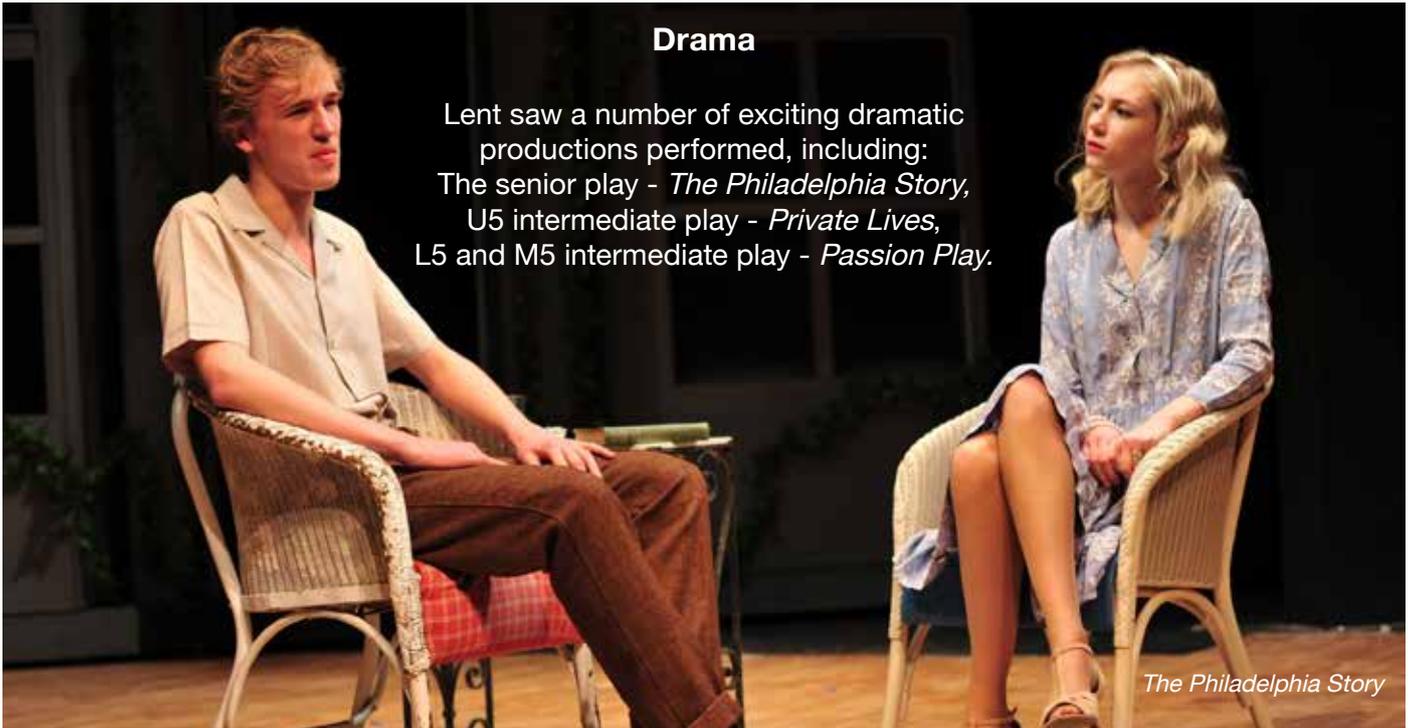
Overall positions:

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| 8th | Repton |
| 7th | Seagrim |
| 6th | School |
| 5th | Coke |
| 4th | Parker |
| 3rd | Brooke |
| 2nd | Nelson |
| 1st | Valpy |

The Arts

Drama

Lent saw a number of exciting dramatic productions performed, including:
The senior play - *The Philadelphia Story*,
U5 intermediate play - *Private Lives*,
L5 and M5 intermediate play - *Passion Play*.



The Philadelphia Story



The Philadelphia Story



Private Lives



Passion Play



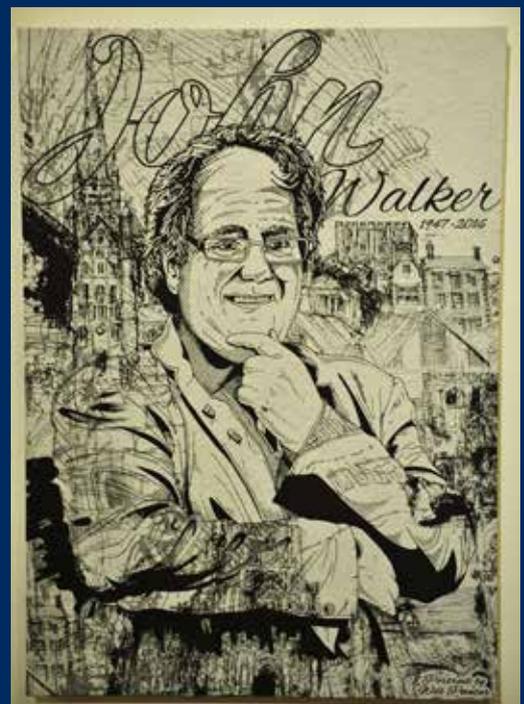
Dance

The Junior Dance Festival gave pupils through from Lower 1 to Middle 5 the opportunity to perform at the Garage. The audience enjoyed a variety of creative dance routines choreographed by professionals, senior pupils and junior dancers.



Exhibition celebrates the work of John Walker

An exhibition displaying a selection of the work of John Walker was held in The Crypt Gallery to celebrate both his life and work. John, who sadly passed away in October, taught at the school for 41 years and was a passionate teacher and artist.



Choral Society Concert with
London Mozart Players



Music

Norwich School Choral Society combined forces with the world-renowned London Mozart Players at their annual spring concert. The programme contained works spanning five centuries, and included Vivaldi's *Gloria*, Mozart's *Ave Verum Corpus*, *Adagio for Strings* by Barber, and a large-scale setting of *Vespers* by Richard Allain, Norwich School's Director of Music.

The Music Scholars and Award Holders Concert in the beautiful Marble Hall at Aviva provided the opportunity for the school's musicians to perform outside of school in an inspiring space.

Musicians and singers thrilled the audience
at the annual Jazz Night



Trips and Events

Exchange to Hamburg



Perpignan Exchange



In addition to trips in the UK and abroad, pupils attended conferences and took part in competitions both nationally and locally. These included the Norwich Developer's Technology Conference (NorDevCon) where they tried their hand at robotics, The Model United Nations Conference, The Eastern Region Modern Foreign Language Debating Competition and a trip to Chemistry Live.

NorDevCon



Careers and Networking Event at The OPEN

Guests, pupils and parents met with professionals and experts to ask questions, seek advice, make contacts and plan for the future.



News In Brief



Nelson and Brooke Houses won the Fourth Form benchball tournaments



RAP Project make themselves heard

Founders of the award winning RAP Project (www.theraproject.co.uk), Deana Puccio and Allison Havey, visited the school as part of the PSHE programme. They spoke to pupils on the topic of sexual consent and the influences that social media and pornography can have on young people's approach to sex. Their inspirational talk was well received by pupils.



Awards in the Biology Olympiad 2017

Nine pupils took part in the Biology Olympiad with five gold, two silver and two highly commended awards secured. Two pupils were placed in the top 150 out of more than 7,500 participants, making it through to the second round. Jakob Marshall placed in the top 16 in the second round and has been invited to attend the final round to compete for a place in the 2017 British Olympiad Team.

British Mathematical Olympiad medals

For the first time in recent history, pupils won medals at the senior British Mathematical Olympiad. Elliot Young collected a bronze medal finishing in the top 100 and George Clements collected a silver medal with his finish in the top 50 – a truly impressive achievement.

Charity football tournament raises funds for Street Child

32 teams gathered on the Lower Close to take part in a charity football tournament to raise funds for the charity Street Child. Organised by Sixth Form pupils as part of their community service project, the event raised almost £400 for the cause.



Clean sweep for chess teams at Norfolk Inter-Schools Chess Championships

18 Norwich School pupils represented the school in the Norfolk Inter-Schools Chess Championships at City of Norwich School. Our U18 teams came first and second in their section while our U14 teams finished first and fourth. Every member of the winning U18 team was unbeaten over their 5 matches.

Achievements

Alex Ogden



Monica Raviraj



Emily Leason



Barnaby Shaw



Individual successes and achievements

Alex Ogden (L4N) continued his stellar skiing season by winning gold and silver medals in the Aiglon College races held in Villars, Switzerland. Alex competed in the U12 giant slalom against skiers from both British and international schools, as well as in the combi race which was a mix of giant slalom and pro slalom gates.

Emily White (U4N) has been chosen as part of the internationally acclaimed Spirit Young Performers Company Performance Troupe, made up of talented singers and dancers aged 6-18 including many young professionals from London's West End Theatre. Emily will take part in a special Stars of the Future showcase at the Hackney Empire in London.

Monica Raviraj (M5V), competed in the Aegon U18 Girls County Cup. As part of the Norfolk Team Monica played 3 singles and 2 doubles matches against Dorset, Derbyshire and Sussex. She won all her matches except one 3 set marathon doubles match.

William Pank (L5P) was awarded the prestigious RYA Eastern Youth Champion award. He was presented with the trophy at a ceremony at the RYA Suzuki Dinghy Show at Alexandra Palace by Paralympic sailing gold medallist Helena Lucas.

Dani Long-Martinez (M5N) recently represented the Norfolk U18 Boys County Cup team against 3 other counties with Dani achieving hard fought early singles wins and also completing a doubles win to help Norfolk beat both Wiltshire and Oxfordshire.

Barnaby Shaw (U4P), one of the senior choristers at Norwich Cathedral, was picked to represent the Cathedral at a very special recording at St Paul's Cathedral in London. He was joined by the Choir of St Paul's with choristers from every cathedral in the country, and Aled Jones, to record a CD to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Friends of Cathedral Music.

Edward Maxwell-Preston (U4P) who has played cello in the National Children's Orchestras of Great Britain for the last three years (U11s/12s/13s) auditioned and won a place in the Main Orchestra. This year he will attend three residential courses and perform concerts at Colston Hall in Bristol, Bridgewater Hall in Manchester and Symphony Hall in Birmingham.

May Harvey (L6E) has been selected for the England Touch Rugby Junior training squad. Over 130 youngsters took part in Junior Discovery Days in Manchester and Canterbury, with 90 being selected

Emily Leason (staff), one of our Art and Design GAP students, is to have her own work printed on **Van Dal shoes at Norwich Fashion Week after her design came first in a competition.**