NORWICH SCHOOL

News from Norwich School

Lent 2019

320 fixtures in seven different sports. The Lent term was a busy one for sport with some huge successes for the school.

Hockey: After a successful season with only one loss, the Girls 1st XI won the silver medal at Lee Valley in the Tier 2 National Schools Finals. The U14 Girls made the National Schools Finals in Tier 1, finishing 7th in the country.

The Boys 1st XI have qualified for the semi-finals of the England Hockey Tier 1 National Schools competition after beating Oakham in the quarter-final. This is the furthest the school has reached in its history and it places the team at a minimum of top four in the country. They will play in the semi-finals in May at Lee Valley.

Netball: The U19 Netball Squad reached the National Schools Finals. Until four years ago, the school had never qualified for the Finals and no school in Norwich had qualified for 32 years. Norwich School has now represented the East in three out of the last four years. The U14A Netball Team reached the Regional Finals and the U13As had an undefeated season.

Cross Country: For the first time ever, Norwich School won every individual and every team competition (boys and girls) on offer in the Cross-Country East Anglian League, claiming all eight trophies.

Rugby: The 1st XV made the last 16 nationally; the U14 Rugby Team were crowned County Champions; 1st XV Captain Freddie Steward (pictured right) made his Premiership Shield debut for Leicester Tigers Rugby Team and went on to play his England Rugby U18s debut against France, watched by the U13 Rosslyn Park 7s squad.

Rowing: During a successful term, the 1st 8+ finished 4th at Schools' Head.

The Norwich School Dance Show took place at Epic Studios. The level of commitment, athleticism and creativity of all pupils involved was impressive, with many of the pieces from the event choreographed by the pupils themselves.

The entire school headed to Mousehold Heath for the annual Cup Run. This year a new House Run was introduced to increase participation, with the prospect of house points incentivising more pupils than ever to complete the course. Nelson and Valpy Houses took joint 1st in the overall positions, with Repton House winning the

The school celebrated Chinese New Year with various activities taking place to raise awareness of Chinese culture, including an assembly with dancing dragons in the Nave of Norwich Cathedral.

A Norwich School team won the Independent Schools Mock Trial Competition at the Crown Court in Birmingham. The competition, run by Young Citizens, is an excellent opportunity for pupils from across the UK to learn about the criminal justice system whilst working on cases written by partners in the legal profession.

The Choristers had fun in the Cloisters during their annual pancake race.

The OMR (Old Music Room) was renovated to provide a relaxing space for Norwich School Sixth Form pupils to congregate.

The partnership between Norwich School Choral Society and the internationally acclaimed London Mozart Players is now in its third year. For this year's concert, advanced instrumentalists from schools across the county joined members of the school's own Gateway Players. Sixth Former, Adam Possener, was the viola soloist in Bruch's *Kol Nidrei.*

The Unplugged event at Norwich Playhouse (above) was an inspiring evening, showcasing Norwich School's musical talent. Pupils sang original songs and covers, accompanied by a full house band.

Pupils had an amazing opportunity to visit Coldplay's studio 'The Bakery'. They had a tour of the studios and a question and answer session with the band's drummer, Will Champion (pictured below).

Friends of Norwich School held their annual Jazz Night at Epic Studios. The school community was brought together for a night of incredible music and dancing.

In drama, the senior play *Summerfolk* was performed at Norwich Puppet Theatre (pictured below), with a talented cast of 18 actors; the intermediate play *The Starstuck Scandal,* a highly original murder mystery, was performed in the Chapel; L5 performed their play *Salt* in front of a Director from the National Theatre.

There have been some exciting exhibitions in the school's Crypt Gallery. *Response* was a county-wide project (pictured below), which showcased responses from Sixth Form pupils taking inspiration from a place in Norfolk. Entries were submitted to a judging panel drawn from Norfolk Contemporary Art Society (NCAS), Hudson Architects, Norwich University of the Arts and local artist, Colin Self.

Art, Obsession and Maturity was an opportunity to see work from sculptor Vanessa Pooley, painter Mary Mellor and photographer Julia Cameron.

Artist, Heather Nicholas, exhibited work titled *New Directions* (pictured left), which incuded a range of subject matter and a diverse use of media.

In recognition of its outreach activity, Norwich School was announced winner of the 'Whole-School Community Initiative of the Year' at the prestigious TES Independent School Awards 2019 in London. The award was collected by Assistant Head (Outreach), Nicola Hill, and Assistant Head (Learning and Assessment at the Lower School), Fran Brügger, pictured left.

"The school should be congratulated for its 'broad and deep' outreach programme across both the Lower and Senior Schools."

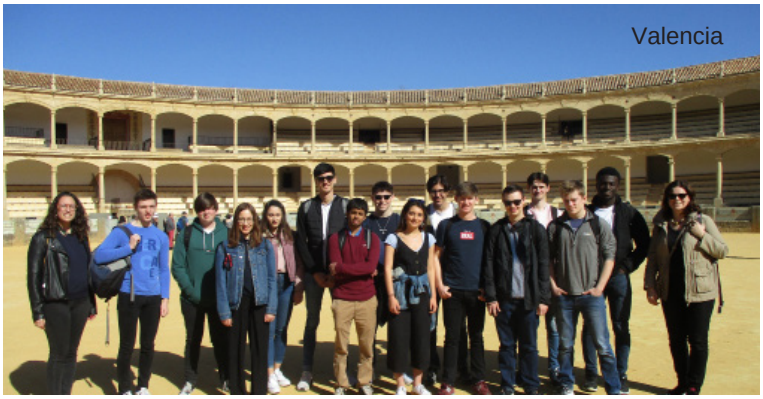
Last year, we worked with over 200 local schools, charities, businesses and organisations on 190 schemes. Pupils spent over 5,700 hours volunteering with 42 local organisations including the Hamlet Centre, pictured above.

The school hosted the Norwich Model Arctic Council (NORMAC), with delegates from both local and international schools. NORMAC is the only stand-alone secondary-school Model Arctic Council in the world today.
Find out more at www.normac.org.uk

Norwich School hosted over 160 Year 5 and 6 pupils from across the county at a DCBeagle maths quiz (pictured above). Norwich Lower School pupils won both events. The school also held another Saturday Maths Masterclass, giving pupils and their parents from various schools the opportunity to take part in interactive maths activities.

Trips

Málaga


Valencia

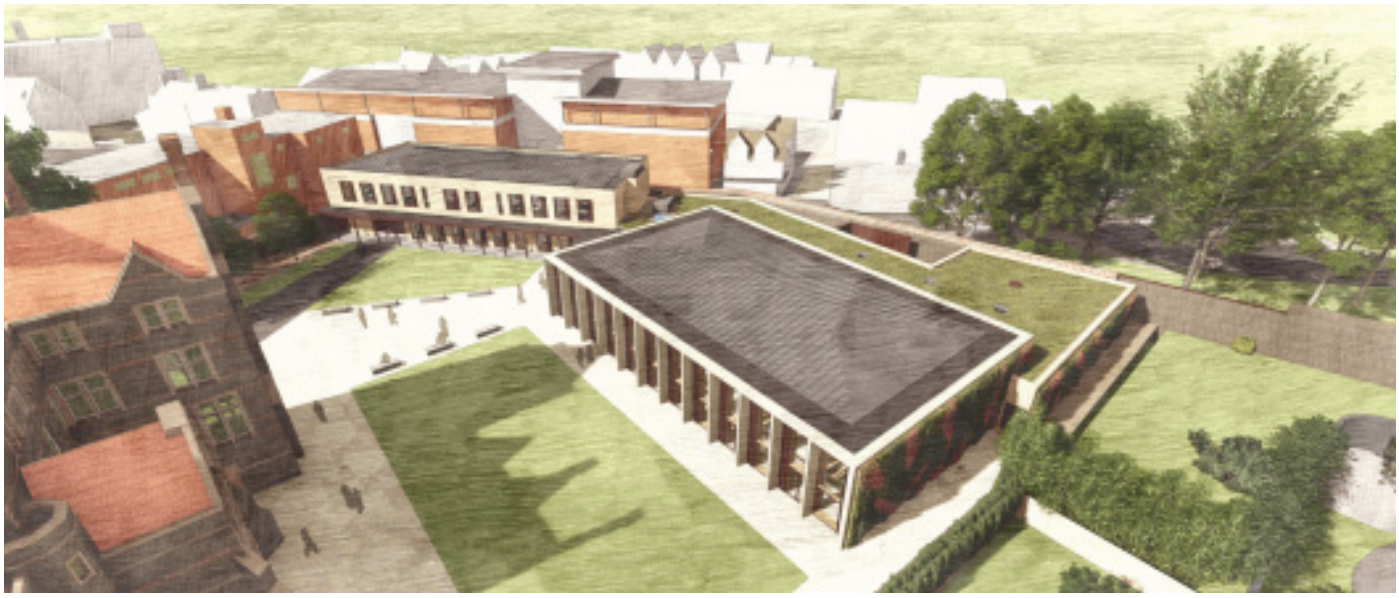
The Globe Theatre

Pupils enjoyed a variety of trips including visits to Málaga, galleries in London, The Globe Theatre, Hamburg, the Yorkshire Dales, Leichtenstein and Valencia.

Individual Achievements

- Colette Maxwell-Preston (pictured left) has gained a place in the Under 12s National Children's Orchestras of Great Britain.
- Madison Kelly became the Eastern Counties U15 Girls 800m Indoor Champion for 2019, winning the final by 10m.
- Billy White and India Riordan have been shortlisted for the Norfolk Youth Awards 2019 in the Arts category.
- Harry Paterson has been selected to be part of the England Boys Squad in Hockey at the 2018 School Games.
- Sophia Basset reached the semi-finals of the National Indoor Hockey Finals with Magpies Hockey U18 Team, finishing in the top four in the country.
- Charlie O'Shea (pictured left) finished 2nd in the European Snowboarding Freeride Junior Tour. He is now ranked 5th in Europe and 7th in the world at junior level.
- Charlotte Pollard won the Jane Roberson prize for voice at the Norfolk Young Musician Competition.
- William Cheung and Harry Peachment received gold awards in the National Royal Society of Chemistry Olympiad Competition.

Other individual achievements are on the school Twitter feed.



The school has submitted an exciting application for full planning permission and an accompanying listed building consent application to replace the current refectory and redevelop the Bishop's Palace Lawn area. The first phase of the plan is to build an iconic dining hall, with increased space and a stunning view towards the Bishop's Palace and Norwich Cathedral. In phase two, a new suite of six spacious classrooms will be built for the provision of maths teaching and the area will be landscaped to create an attractive outdoor space.

Full plans can be seen on the 'Beyond Norwich School' pages of the school website.

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