

News from Norwich School



Michaelmas 2017

School News



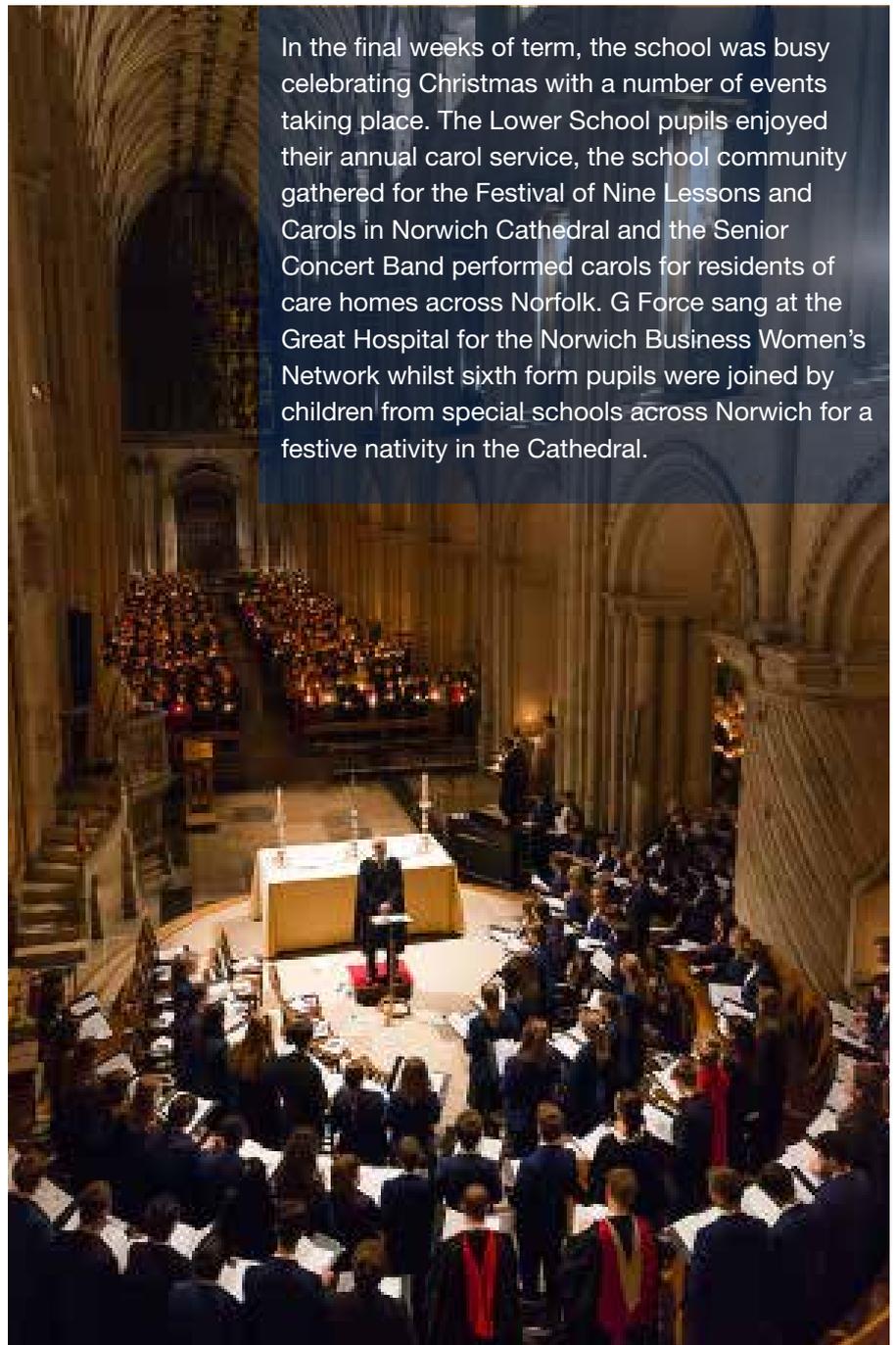
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Norwich School has been named as East Anglia Independent Secondary School of the Year in the Sunday Times annual schools guide, Parent Power

The guide, which identifies the highest-achieving schools in the UK, bases its rankings on assessment of all academic results on a school-by-school basis. It is aimed at helping parents compare the performance of a given school with other schools both regionally and nationally. The school's outstanding academic results in the summer and also the achievements of pupils over the past few years led to Norwich School being crowned the best school in the region. Norwich School has consistently achieved the top A level and GCSE results in Norfolk and Suffolk. It is the 11th consecutive year that pupils have produced A level grades at A*-A and A*-B in excess of 60% and 85% respectively and GCSE results have been similarly impressive.

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In the final weeks of term, the school was busy celebrating Christmas with a number of events taking place. The Lower School pupils enjoyed their annual carol service, the school community gathered for the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols in Norwich Cathedral and the Senior Concert Band performed carols for residents of care homes across Norfolk. G Force sang at the Great Hospital for the Norwich Business Women's Network whilst sixth form pupils were joined by children from special schools across Norwich for a festive nativity in the Cathedral.





At the start of term, the Norwich School community, including pupils, staff, parents, and Old Norvicensians, joined together for the school's annual prizegiving in the beautiful setting of Norwich Cathedral.

This year's speaker was the Lord Bishop of Norwich, the Rt Revd Graham James, who focused on the importance of the smallest words and actions in such a big world.



The first leadership and service conference, 'Step-up', was a great success. In a Ted-talk style conference, members of Upper 5 were treated to four excellent speakers. Leaders from amongst the Upper 5 year group, identified by Tutors and Housemasters, led discussion groups which followed each talk.

The Arts



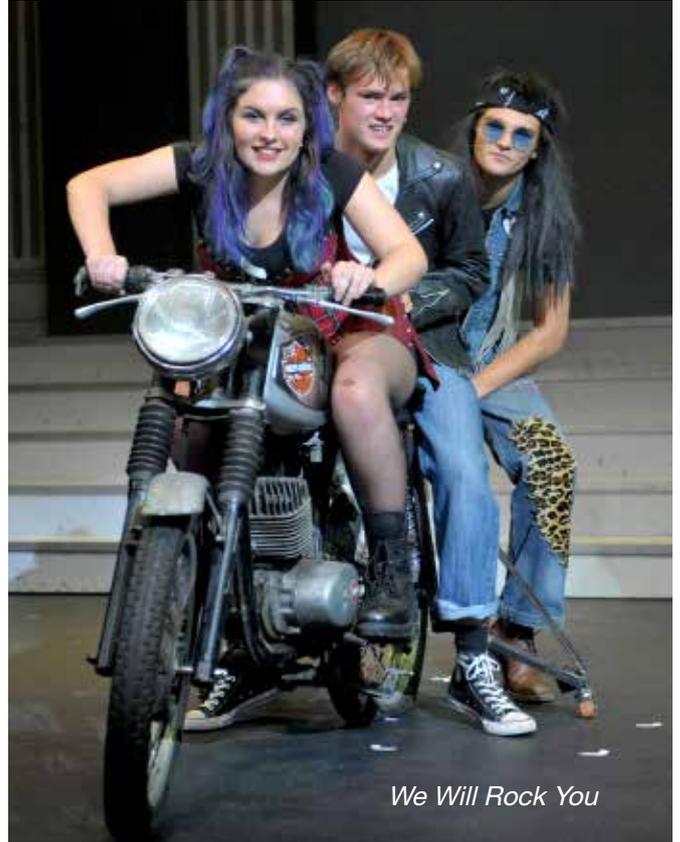
The Blake Studio hosted a revival of a Norwich School event as E23 Radio presented *Bandfest* - an evening of rock music from the school's budding (and established) rock stars including staff band 'Beard' who brought the house down with some classics (pictured above). The event raised £400 for La Casita María Esperanza, a day centre for children of low-income families in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Making Musicians returned to the Cathedral with a fantastic hour of music performed by Jonathan Jolly (L6S) on the saxophone and Elizabeth King (L6B) on the oboe.

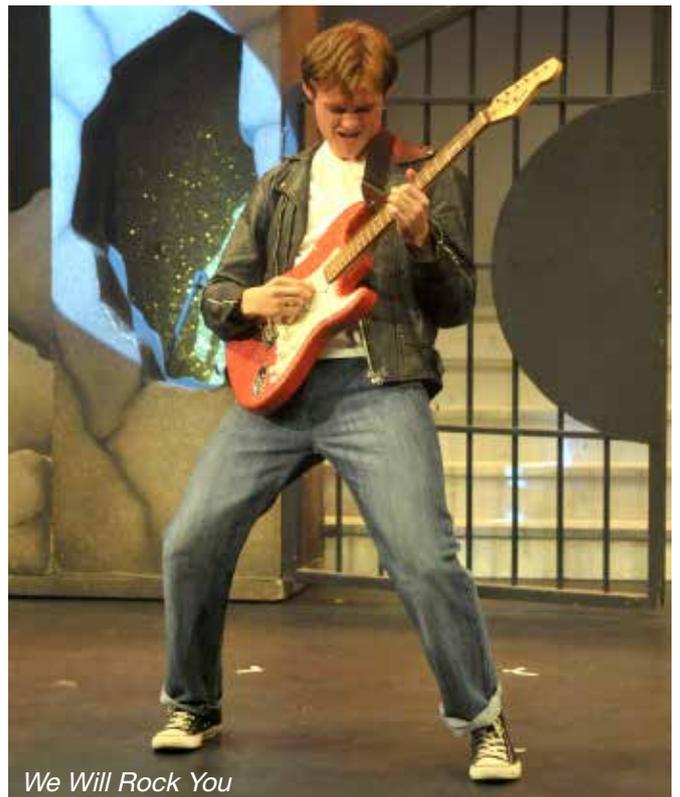


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We Will Rock You



The 2017 musical, *We Will Rock You*, was performed by pupils to sell out audiences at the Norwich Playhouse. Based on Queen's greatest hits, the show wowed the audiences with a fantastic mixture of song and dance.





Pupils gathered in St. Andrew's Hall for the culmination of this year's House Music Festival. There was an exceptional standard of choral and instrumental pieces performed across two days. At the House Shout, Coke House was awarded first prize with *Goodbye Mr A*, but it was Brooke who clinched the overall prize.

The Blake Studio hosted the school's first singer-songwriter event, *Unsigned*. Supported by Young Norfolk Arts, the event raised money for Action Aid as well as the Hispanic Federation and featured pupils from the school, CNS and ONs.



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Members of the Chapel Choir travelled to London to sing at the annual Dyers' Service.

The Arts



The Music Groups concert took place at OPEN at the end of term. The audience enjoyed a full breadth of musical talent. Senior Jazz Band was pleased to invite Juliette Kelly (L6R) to sing a couple of Christmas songs. Chapel Choir surprised the audience with a treat of *Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas* whilst Gateway Players performed a medley of James Bond film music. Over 130 pupils took part in this concert with representation from all year groups in the Senior School.

The Crypt Gallery hosted four great exhibitions this term: *Sketch for Survival*; GCSE Art and Design work; *Visitor*, an exhibition of sculptures and paintings by Laurence Edwards; and *More Homework*, an exhibition by staff in our Art and Design Department.



GCSE Exhibition



Sketch for Survival



Laurence Edwards



More Homework

Sport



Before half-term, the school's under 16 sailing team won the Eric Twiname/ RYA Team Racing Championships for the first time in its history. The team won 19 of their 20 races over the weekend.

The 1st XV played outstanding rugby this term. The U13s won the county festival while the U16s and U15s were county finalists. Several players have represented Norfolk, Eastern Counties and Leicester Tigers DPP.



The Boat Club travelled to Hampton to take part in a 3000m head race on the River Thames. The J17 pair placed 3rd out of the 10 crews and Mattie Tremelling placed 5th out of 62 J16 scullers. The WJ17 double and the J16 pairs all rowed well, finishing in the middle of the pack of well-respected rowing schools and clubs. The club also took part in the Bedford Autumn Head with all teams making a great start to the year.

The U19 and U16 netball teams won the title of County Champions in their respective age groups and will progress to the regional tournament in January.



We were pleased to be named in The Cricketer's The Playing Fields of England, a publication which lists the top 100 cricketing schools in the country.



It's been a fantastic term of girls hockey with a particularly impressive season for the 1st XI. The team won 18 out of its 23 games and scored 90 goals, which is an average of almost 4 goals per game. The 2nd XI also performed well, winning or drawing all but one of their matches.



During half-term, 24 senior boys hockey players travelled to the Midlands to start their preparations for the forthcoming hockey season. The side played some tough matches against good opposition to push their skills in a high-pressure environment.

Trips

A wide range of trips took place this term to destinations both near and far from Hautbois House to Iceland.



News in Brief



The Friends of Norwich School have adopted a set of 13th century doors as part of Norwich Castle's 'Keep Adopting' scheme. This scheme will help to fund Norwich Castle's Gateway to Medieval England project. These doors were the entrance to the Norwich Cathedral Infirmary and today, these historic doors are set to spark the imaginations of our pupils taking part in a special creative writing project.



The Norfolk High Schools' Choir Festival was held at St Andrew's Hall, where 300 pupils from across the county came together to produce an evening of beautiful music. The pupils, from all year groups, had the opportunity to take on wonderful classical choral mass choir repertoire.



Parker House raised over £2000 for charity, Water4, with a fire walk. Almost 100 adventurous pupils, parents and staff braved the burning coals to raise money for the charity. All of the pupils found the experience a powerful and invigorating experience, with many going back for a second or third walk! Water4 is a charity dedicated to addressing the water crisis in the 3rd world by empowering local communities to transform themselves and solve issues on their own.



The Young Chamber group held a networking breakfast for Norwich businesses in the Cathedral Hostry. Guests heard from business leaders James Duez, Michelle Jarrold, Matt Bartram. More than 30 attendees came to hear the speakers and network over coffee and croissants.



Pupils were given the opportunity to experience the film industry first-hand as areas of the school site were turned into a film set. Signature Pictures, a Social Enterprise Film Production Company who, in partnership with The Prince's Trust and the Job Centre, provide training and film set experience for young people. They were on site to film a trailer for *Surveillance*, a forthcoming drama.



The school welcomed a delegation from the Chinese State Sports General Administration Social Sports Centre to introduce Dragon & Lion Dancing, Roli-Ball and Health Qigon to Norfolk. The Lord Mayor of Norwich and Councillor David Fullman were at the event to welcome the delegation and to join in with the activities.

Achievements

Individual successes and achievements

Eliza and Amelia Barclay (L6P and M5P) were both selected for the Mavericks U17 Netball Squad.



James Cherry (L6B) captained and scored twice in Norfolk U17s rugby match with a 34-24 win over Cambridge.

Laura Rose-Cooke (L6C) continued to have success in the gymnastics field. She was selected to represent England in the prestigious Leverkusen Cup in Germany, taking home the gold medal.



Perry Cooke (M5C) was awarded the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital's Inspirational Young Fundraiser of the Year 2017 and also clinched the title at the Spedeworth Junior Rods 2017 Championships.

Katie Cox (U6N) won the National Regional Squash Team Championships as well as the U19 Broadland Junior Open and Essex Junior Open titles (pictured top right).

Lucy Cox (M5N) competed at the Legacy Cheerleading Nationals with her team who also won the national title in the Level 1 Small Division. On the squash court, Lucy was also a runner up in the Broadland Junior Open and was 3rd in the Essex Junior Open.



Ivy Fisher (U4C) qualified for the Pony Club Grassroots Championships. Ivy achieved an individual 7th place (pictured middle right).

Eleanor Hayward (U5S) won with England Gymnastics at an international event versus Scotland and France.



Mrs Nicola Hill raised over £1500 running the Chicago Marathon in 3 hours 59 minutes and is looking forward to preparing for her next challenge: running the Berlin marathon in 2018 (pictured fourth right).

Alex Illing (U4S) competed in the Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing (ISTD) Grand Finals reaching the latter stages in all four categories entered (pictured second right).

Aoife Lowe Davies (U6R) made her National League debut, the 2nd highest level of hockey in England.

Jemma Luck (L6 S) who has been selected for the English Schools ski team. In February 2018 Jemma will travel to France to compete for England in the World Schools Alpine Ski Championships.



Caitlin Obee (U6B) took first place in this year's Bishop's Prize for Music for her composition, *For I am the Lord*.

Alex Ogden (U4N) raced in the 42nd All England Championships. After two excellent slalom runs, he picked up silver in the U14 category, 0.32 seconds off 1st place (pictured bottom right).

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William Pank (M5P) is one of only 16 sailors worldwide who have been invited to compete in the RenaissanceRe Junior Gold Cup (pictured top right).



Harry Paterson (L6B) has been selected for England Hockey's Advanced Award in Sporting Excellence (AASE) programme 2017/18. He is one of only 65 boys selected from across the country to take part.

Charlotte Pollard (M5P) and Louis Davis (M5B) won their individual events at the U16 Norfolk County Badminton Championships. They also won the boys and girls doubles with their respective partners.



Charlotte Pollard (M5P) also came 5th in the BBC Radio Two's Young Chorister of the Year.

Emily White (L5N) performed with Youth Music Theatre UK for the second year running. Emily was cast in the world premiere of *A Teenage Opera* - a rock opera concept album recorded at Abbey Road studios 50 years ago. It was revived and reworked into a full scale musical by the YMT creative team (pictured second right).



Monica Raviraj (U5V) represented Great Britain in the Nike Junior International Tennis Tournament.

Carson Wong (L6S) has been shortlisted for the final four of 'The Next BMW Designer 2017' competition. The competition, held in Hong Kong, is organised by BMW and invites applications from 10-18 year olds to design a futuristic vehicle (pictured third right).



Katja Ruda (U5S) gained a place in the Britten Sinfonia Academy for music, a dynamic chamber orchestra for talented secondary school-aged musicians from the east of England.

Luke Shaw (U6V) competed in the Olympic Hopes Sprint Regatta in the Czech Republic where he came 8th in the K1 500m semi-final and 5th in the K2 semi-final (pictured bottom right).

