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THE ROTARY YOUTHS SPEAKS COMPETITION 2018 (DISTRICT FINAL)

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You may remember that on the 28th November 2017, I, Finley Meehan and Harry Davidson, all from 7S1, took part in the Rotary Youth Speaks Competition in King's Lynn and won that local heat. Well, that was only round one, and on the 3rd February 2018, we were back for more when we had round 2 at the College of West Anglia in King's Lynn for the District Competition. This time our opposing teams were significantly stronger than before and we were competing against schools from Ipswich, Bungay and Cambridge. This time they weren't just state schools, but some were also from the private school sector!

We presented again on our original topic of E-Safety and we kept our original team roles (I was the chairperson, Finley was the main speaker and Harry was the proposer of the vote of thanks). However, but we adapted our speeches a little following feedback from the judges after the first round of the competition. We spent considerable time to polish our speeches this time, as we knew we needed to stand out and couldn't afford to slip up at any point if we wanted to be successful or we'd risk losing precious marks when being judged.

To help us prepare, Miss Roberts arranged for us to present our speeches to a group of VI formers who were very experienced in public speaking. This helped us overcome any nerves that we had in performing in front of an older audience and also helped us prepare because the VI formers challenged us by asking us questions on our topic. This is part of the competition process, as Rotarians ask questions based on what they've heard and we have to answer on the spot.

The day came around so quickly and because it was a Saturday, we had a 10 am start this time. The competition took place in the University building where the audience sat in tiered seating in the lecture theatre. This time we were drawn to go third out of four schools which meant that we had the chance to watch and learn before it was our turn! The teams that presented before us were very good so the pressure was on, but when the time came we delivered our speeches more confidently than we thought we would!

At the end of the Intermediate Competition (years 7-9), we had a short break and then got to relax and watch the Senior Competition. This was really useful to see what we could aspire to later on in our school years. We had a nervous wait once it was all over, but when the results finally came in we had great reason to celebrate because the Springwood team were announced as the winners!

We were presented with certificates and gift cards and we got to celebrate with our parents and Miss Roberts over a complimentary lunch at COWA.

My team and I were over the moon to reach the next stage, as all our hard work paid off. Now it's time for us to work on our speeches even further by taking the advice we were given by the judges this time. This will help us to prepare for round 3, which will take place in Chelmsford on the 21st of April. The team would like to say thank you to Springwood for giving us this wonderful opportunity and also to Miss Roberts because without her, we wouldn't be at this stage in the competition.



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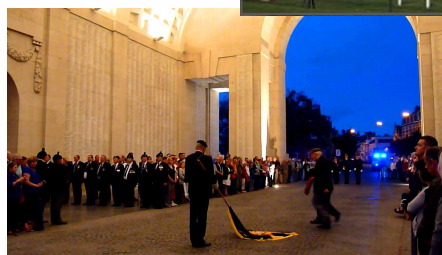
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HISTORY AND FRANCE TRIP

Between the 8th and 10th February, several Year 10 students travelled to France and Belgium by Eurostar, to enjoy a 3-day trip focussing on History and French. They stayed in hotels in France and Belgium, and visited museums, cemeteries and chocolate shops!

They all felt that the trip was extremely enjoyable. Especially, being able to find out about history, and the places where our noble World War 2 soldiers were buried.

"The best parts were the museums, we saw lots of interesting artefacts that helped us learn about what happened, improving our knowledge to help with our History GCSE!"



NON-UNIFORM

On 19th December, the last day of school, we raised money for Mark Fitzpatrick, who is taking part in "Walking with the Wounded", a British charity to help injured former British Armed Forces servicemen and women in their career transition from the military to civilian life. So far he has raised £290.00 with a target of £15,000. The school is having a non-uniform day to help him and raise money for this important charity.

Everyone who is wearing non-uniform is going to bring in a pound, to significantly help the lives of some of our bravest.



WEST NORFOLK RSPCA



Last year, Mrs Curcillo form presented their assembly to the year, encouraging donations and awareness of the animal neglect and abandonment that happens around Christmas time. They have collected donations of pet food, old newspapers, plastic containers, cleaning supplies, old collars and leashes. Some of the students have also been going round to all of the

forms, collecting money to present to the charity. Other ways they have been collecting money is by attending the parents evenings, and also baking lots of cakes, cookies and biscuits to sell.

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A CHRISTMAS CAROL TRIP

On the 4th January the majority of our year attended the Royal Shakespeare Theatre in Stratford Upon Avon, to watch "Scrooge: A Christmas Carol". Two coach loads left Springwood at 08:45 in the morning to arrive there for 12.00 noon.

It was an fantastic experience, even the coach rides there and back were enjoyable! The show itself was very informative as it highlighted certain aspects of the play and displayed them in such a way that it was understandable to the viewer. The play wasn't just useful for the English students, but helped present new ideas about performing to the drama pupils. Furthermore, they further developed the original story of A Christmas Carol by continuing where the book left off and emphasising Scrooges personality change.

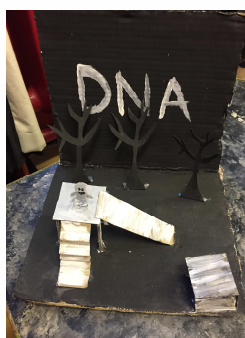


UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

On the 20th January, 14 Springwood students attended lectures about choosing their A-levels at the University of Cambridge. They travelled by minibus and used the park and ride services to arrive in the city centre.

They attended several lectures about taking science, social sciences and humanities at A-level, and helping them find the best combination of subjects to get into the university and courses that they want to.

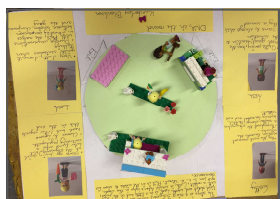
They found out that degrees in science and medicine would require at least 2 sciences, with their third A-level preferably being another science or maths.



DRAMA SET DESIGNS

Year 10 Drama students were set a homework task of preparing a set design for their GCSE book, DNA. Several designs were given ATL 1's as a reflection of how much time and effort they put into making them presentable and a realistic representation of what it could look like in a real theatre.

Credits to; Brandon Dey, Erin Tasker, Libbie Bray, Kim Blankson and Pippa Armstrong.





Norfolk County Council

Norfolk Sixth Form & College

Art Exhibition

6-7.30 pm

Monday 29th January 2018

St Nicholas' Chapel, King's Lynn

The Exhibition runs from 29th January to 1 Feb February 2018

forming part of a tour of venues across Norfolk

FREE ENTRY

Limited parking outside on the Chapel from free plentiful public car parks are situated close by

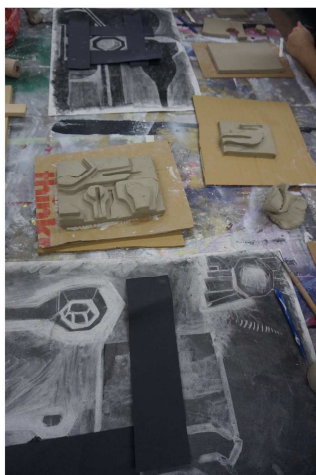
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With a great amount of Norfolk Art Competitions Backlog, work for 2018 will be on site in the morning from at the Royal Norfolk Show, alongside winning entries from the RSC.

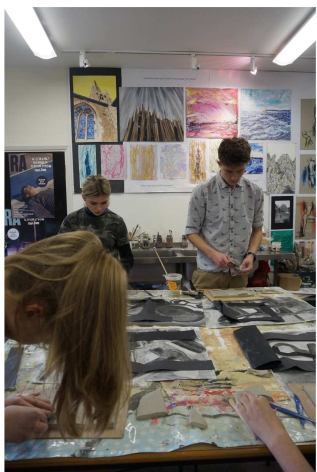


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Amy Flint a local sculpture artist and trainee teacher has spent a number of lessons developing and extending Year 12 Art students' use and knowledge of sculpture media. Student's have enjoyed sessions working with her and produced a range of abstracted drawings and 3D outcomes based on positive and negative space. This is one of the many activities being run over the next two years in the school's Artsmark Award bid.



Springwood Art Department was asked by 42F King's Lynn squadron Air Cadets to help with the promotion of the airfields of Norfolk for the 100th anniversary of the Royal Air Force in 2018. As part of this project Year 10 Art students' were asked to volunteer to design and produce an original artwork on a model aircraft which will be erected for the summer of 2018 making a Heritage Arts Trail, 40 relevant airfields have been chosen in Norfolk and the project also has the support of RAF Marham and their Heritage Centre.



The students all completed designs and Willow Baker's was chosen as the winner, she then led a team of year 10 girls to complete the spitfires design painting it at lunchtimes and after school with Mr Eveson.

Willow said "it looks fabulous and I am thrilled with the outcome, we tried to come up with a theme which reflected – the RAF's history and future."

The aircraft can be seen in place in the Spring the trail maps will be available and a Cycle trail/relay will be designed. – Mr Eveson

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MUSIC DEPARTMENT

As ever, it has been a busy time for the music department. Over the past couple of months, many of our musicians have taken graded practical exam, and we have had some outstanding results. Congratulations go to the following students:

Elizabeth Mathew	Piano		Grade 2	Grade 2	ABRSM	Trinity	Distinction	
Migle Burakeviciute	Trumpet							
Alistair Lee		Guitar			Grade 2	ABRSM	Distinction	Distinction
Alvin Jaison		Piano			Grade 3	ABRSM	Merit	Merit
Isabel Jeffery		Flute			Grade 3	ABRSM	Pass	Pass
Harry Weeks		Piano			Grade 3	Trinity	Pass	Pass
Kaja Janiszewska	Violin		Grade 3				Pass	
Kiera Samways		Music Theatre	Grade 4			Trinity LCM	Distinction	
Thomas Harmer-Borley	Clarinet			Grade 4		Trinity	Merit	
Teagan Britten		Tenor Saxophone	Grade 5		ABRSM		Distinction	
Miriam Campbell	Alto Saxophone		Grade 5		ABRSM		Distinction	
Keira Clarke		Music Theatre		Grade 5		LCM	Distinction	
Miriam Campbell	Music Theatre		Grade 5		LCM		Distinction	
Ewan Samways		Popular Music Vocals	Grade 5		LCM		Distinction	
Joshua Ampomah	Tenor Saxophone	Grade 5		ABRSM		Merit		
Hannah Carter		Music Theory		Grade 5		ABRSM	Merit	
Phoebe Claxton		Music Theory		Grade 5		ABRSM	Merit	
Zachariah Oglesby	Music Theory		Grade 5		ABRSM		Pass	
Erin Williamson		Flute			Grade 5		Trinity	Pass
Sammy Leet		Clarinet			Grade 5		Trinity	Pass
Caitlin Collins		Clarinet			Grade 5		Trinity	Pass
Molly Paffett		Trumpet		Grade 6		ABRSM	Distinction	
Isabel Harmer-Borley	Music Theatre		Grade 6		LCM		Distinction	
Maddi Dawson		Music Theatre		Grade 6		LCM	Distinction	
Jessica Sunderland	Music Theatre		Grade 6		LCM		Distinction	
Erin Williamson		Music Theatre		Grade 6		LCM	Distinction	
Jessica Taylor		Popular Music Vocals	Grade 6		LCM		Distinction	
Claire Mellor		Music Theatre		Grade 6		LCM	Merit	
Ella Chim		Violin			Grade 6		Trinity	Pass
Jacob Tivey		Trombone		Grade 7		ABRSM	Merit	
Georgia Dawson	Popular Music Vocals	Grade 8		LCM		Distinction		
Abigail Peters		Singing			Grade 8		Trinity	Distinction
James Playford		Singing			Grade 8	ABRSM	Merit	

