

SAXMUNDHAM

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The newsletter for Saxmundham Free School | *"Providing a foundation for life"*

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FREE SCHOOL

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Monday 4 June 2018
Students Begin Term

Monday 4 - Friday 8 June 2018
Y10 Examinations Week

Saturday 16 June 2018
Friends Family Fun Day

Wednesday 19 June 2018
Sports Day

Thursday 20 June 2018
Y10 Progress Evening

Friday 21 June 2018
The Big Bounce

Friday 21 June 2018
Y8 Coastal Fieldwork Trip

Friday 21 June 2018
Transition Day 1 and Welcome BBQ

Tuesday 26 June 2018
Y5 Judo Primary Enrichment Event

Tuesday 26 June 2018
Y4 & 5 Open Morning

Wednesday 27 June 2018
Y10 History Visit to London

Wednesday 27 June 2018
Summer Open Evening 4.15pm - 5.30pm

Friday 29 June 2018
Y11 Leavers' Ball

Tuesday 3 July 2018
Parents Open Forum

Safeguarding Update:

Should you have any safeguarding concerns, please contact Mr Lees, Designated Safeguarding Lead, or Miss Marsden, Assistant Safeguarding Lead on 01728 633910 or for more information, please visit www.saxmundhamfreeschool.org.uk. Saxmundham Free School's named Local Advisory Body Member is Mrs Pastor.

Headteacher's Welcome

Welcome to the latest edition of the Saxmundham Voice. It has been an excellent first half-term after Easter with lots of activities taking place in all areas of the school.

I am delighted by the excellent attitude of our Year 11 students and the positive way in which they have approached the first two weeks of their GCSE examinations. These can be very anxious times, but the work that they have done leading up to these examinations, along with their strong work ethic means that they are well prepared to go on and achieve their full potential!

We are also in the middle of examinations for Years 7 – 10, with all students having taken or about to take their end of year examinations in each of their subjects. These along with their previous assessments will give them a PCP4 (Progress Checkpoint 4) assessment in July 2018.

The school continues to go from strength to strength; our excellent Ofsted in February, along with our growing student numbers means that Saxmundham Free School is a really exciting place to be! We have 90 Year 6 students joining us in June and July as part of their Transition Programme and we are now working with students in Year 4 and Year 5 who are keen to learn more about our school.

So far this half-term students have participated in the following exciting events:

- Year 7 Trip to Framlingham Castle
- Year 7 – 10 Athletics Event coming 4th in the Northern Area of Suffolk!
- Year 7 Rugby beating Alde Valley 30 v 0!
- Year 10 Performing at the Christies Care Community Day
- Year 10 Saxmundham Town Council Meeting
- Kitchens of the Globe Event with a Polish themed menu
- Year 7 – 11 Whole School Photograph
- Poetry & Science Transition Events led by our students
- Humanities, Science, Chef for a Day and Summer Sports Primary Enrichment Events; again all led by students at Saxmundham Free School
- Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Practice Expedition



Mr Lees
Headteacher

To finish I just wanted to share my 'Royal Visit' experience with you all. I had the absolute pleasure to be invited to breakfast with HRH Prince Edward the Earl of Wessex to talk to him on a range of issues around Education, Aspirations, Post and Pre 16 courses and our Enrichment and Aspire Programmes. From the 12 people invited I was the only Headteacher, it was therefore a great opportunity to talk about the work that Saxmundham Free School, along with Beccles and Ixworth Free School, and the Seckford Foundation are doing with and for young people in Suffolk.

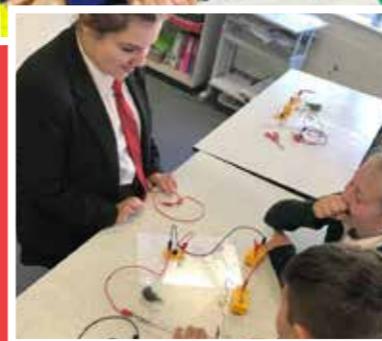
I hope you all enjoy a restful Whitsun Half-term break.

D. Lees, Headteacher

To keep up to date with the latest news and events from the school, please remember that you can follow Saxmundham Free School on twitter:
@SaxmundhamFS.

Please also check our webpage for regular updates, and we now have a brand new Facebook page, just search for Saxmundham Free School on Facebook.

Recent Primary Enrichment Events



Student Focus

GUY COMBER

Many congratulations to Guy who received a Green Blue Peter Badge on Friday 11th May 2018, after sending them a letter and poem about the litter collections that he does along his local beach. Below is the poem that he sent in:

**We went down to the beach today.
By Guy Comber.**

We went down to the beach today
The sun was shining, we were going to play.
Throw stones in the water, look for sharks teeth.
Jump off the groyne, try and land on both feet!

The sorry sight that met our eyes
was of rusty cans, plastic wrappers and cable ties.
Fishing line, plastic bottles and cups
Even an old flip flop had washed up!

We didn't hesitate, we knew what to do
Time for a litter pick, well, wouldn't you?
It didn't take long to fill up a bag
We took it all to the bin without a snag.

Just a little effort and the beach was much cleaner.
Better for us, the animals and leaving earth much greener.

We can all make a difference, if we just try.
Take your litter home and think before you buy.
Single use items are no longer 'on trend'
Let's look after our oceans, they're ours to defend.
Plastic does not go away, it doesn't decompose.
Sand not plastic between your toes!

JAMES PEARCE

James attends 'The Rock Project' at Bentwaters in Rendlesham every Thursday evening. It's a two hour session, the first hour being music tuition and for the second hour the students get together to play as a band.

Recently James attended his first gig at 'Beachfest' in Felixstowe! He played The Chain by Fleetwood Mac (and played the bass solo brilliantly!) and Sugar, we're going down by Fall Out Boy. It was a great afternoon, and everyone played superbly!



MARTA MICHALAK

Marta in Year 7 passed her Grade 2 piano exam with Distinction – this is really excellent progress!

Can you help our budding musicians like Marta?

We need a new piano for our practice room. If you know of anyone who may be able to donate or lend one, then please let us know.



BEN AUST

Ben has played Cricket for Yoxford since he was 9, this year playing for the U13's, U15's, men's 2nd XI, and T20 team! In the winter he was invited to trial's and then winter nets with the Essex Ability team, being selected for the 15 man squad.

After two rained off games he made his debut against Sussex scoring 3 not out, and returning bowling figures of 3 overs for 7 runs and taking a wicket as Sussex were skittled out.



Christies Care Ltd. Community Day

It was fantastic to receive the below email after our students involvement in this event.

I just wanted to email you to pass on a MASSIVE thank you to your students, Mr Phillips and coach driver for joining us at our Community Day event.

It was so nice that you had a group of students that were willing to give up their time to support our Community Day event. The students that came were happy, full of smiles, polite and a real credit to Saxmundham Free School. It was a pleasure to have them involved in the event.

Thanks also to you Miss Isaac for working hard to coordinate the students so they could join us.

We are hoping to hold another Community Day event next year and we will certainly keep you in the loop with this.

I have copied Mr Lees to this email so he can see what a great job has been done with supporting this community event.

Emily, Christies Care Ltd.



Athletics 2018

On Tuesday 15th May, 27 students from years 7-10, girls and boys, travelled to Alde Valley School to represent Saxmundham free school at the 2018 Athletics Relays Competition.

All students who competed, raced against athletes from six other local Suffolk schools, in various events that included 4x100m, 4x200m, 4x400m and the 2x800m.

The motivation and determination shown by all students was fantastic to see.

The Junior Team worked hard, with first time competitors from Year 7 impressing everyone with their enthusiasm.

The Junior Team was placed 6th Overall.

The Intermediate Team had some fantastic performances from a number of athletes, including the 4x100m girls intermediate team who won their heats to place 1st overall. This, along with a fantastic 2nd place in the 2x800m race, **helped the intermediate team to finish 4th overall.**



Duke of Edinburgh Award Practice Expedition

15 students undertook their Duke of Edinburgh practice expedition on the 4th and 5th May 2018 under the supervision of Mr Connell-Smith, Mrs Button and Mr Smith. The students walked in 3 groups between Aldeburgh and Walberswick. The students were self sufficient carrying all their camping and cooking equipment in their rucksacks. They walked 15km on the 1st day and camped at East Bridge Farm over night. They then completed a second 15km the second day. Throughout the 2 days the students developed their navigational skills. The students excelled, showing many of our 6 Cs to success including co-operation, challenge, commitment and community. All students will now go on to complete their assessed expedition in the Stour Valley, Essex on the 28th and 29th June.



Duke of Edinburgh Passes:

The following students have all achieved their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh in the last term. The students all had to show commitment to improve a physical skill such as Football or Dance for at least 3 months; a skill such as playing the guitar or life saving for a minimum of 3 months; volunteering in the local community for a minimum of 3 months and completing an assessed 2 day expedition. Congratulations to the following students:

Witness Mhango, Leon Welford, Aiden Howard, Isaac Page, Zak Wiseman, Finley Hoyland, Harry Eyre, Maisie Plant

SAXMUNDHAM FREE SCHOOL'S

Family Fun Day and Dog Show



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Free
Entry!

Saturday 16 June 2018

11.30am - 3.30pm

Please note
there is
limited parking
on site

Saxmundham Free School, Seaman Avenue, Suffolk, IP17 1DZ

- ★ Archery ★ Live Music ★ Laser Shoot ★ Pimms Tent ★
 - ★ Welly Wanging ★ Pottery ★ Raffle ★ Beat The 'Keeper ★
 - ★ Judo Demonstrations ★ Tennis ★ Bouncy Castle ★ Face Painting ★
 - ★ Vintage Tractors ★ Craft Stalls ★ Coconut Shy ★ Plus Much More! ★
- BBQ and Refreshments and...

...A Fun Dog Show

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Entries taken on the day - £1 per class

Dog Show opens at 11.30am. Judging begins at 12.30pm

Classes to enter...

- 🐾 Handsomest Dog 🐾 Prettiest Bitch 🐾 Best Veteran
- 🐾 Happy Families (Dogs & Children)
- 🐾 Best Condition 🐾 Waggiest Tail 🐾 Best Pedigree
- 🐾 Best Crossbreed 🐾 Best Mover
- 🐾 Dog The Judge Would Most Lie To Take Home

All First Prize winners compete for Best in Show
Lots of Prizes and Rosettes to be won

Make an afternoon of it and bring your own chairs if you wish

During June and July we are holding Open Events for Year 4 & 5 parents and students interested in finding out more about our school and seeing what we have got to offer.



Saxmundham Free School Year 4 & 5 Summer Open Evening

Wednesday 27 June (4.15pm - 5.30pm)

To book a time to meet with the Headteacher and Senior Staff,
please call 01728 633910.

Open Morning

Tuesday 26 June 9am - 10.30am & 11.30am - 1pm (including lunch)

We are delighted to offer the opportunity for visitors to experience Teaching and Learning on a normal school day. No need to book, just "drop in" on the day!

Personal tours of the school are also available during June and July. Please contact us to arrange a convenient time.

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