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## Forthcoming events

**18 July 2014**

**PCP6 Reports to Parent/carers**

**21 – 24 July 2014**

**Enrichment Week**

**24 July 2014**

**End of Year 2**

**25 – 31 July 2014**

**Year 6 & 10 Summer School  
8am - 1pm**

**8 September 2014**

**Students return to school**

**12 September 2014**

**Year 11 History Trip to  
Framlingham Castle**

**15 September 2014**

**School Photograph**

**15 September 2014**

**'Staying Safe on the Internet'  
Presentation**

**16 September 2014**

**Friends of Saxmundham AGM  
9am (all welcome)**

**23 September 2014**

**Parents Open Forum 9am  
(all welcome)**

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## is launched!

Welcome to our first edition of the Saxmundham Voice and our final newsletter of the year!

It has been a truly fantastic year that has seen our school grow from 99 students this time last year to over 245 from September 2014. We have celebrated two successful Department for Education visits and a full 2 day Ofsted Inspection all passed with flying colours. I hope you enjoy reading our newsletter as we come to the end of a highly successful Summer Term, where students have been engaged in a whole host of activities. All of these activities ensure that students at



David Lees  
Headteacher

Saxmundham Free School develop a love of learning in all they do, as well as continuing to develop their own 6Cs to Success (Cooperation, Commitment, Confidence, Community, Challenge, Celebration) which underpin the ethos of the school, and on which everything I write about is based.

## Aldeburgh Musicircus:

On Sunday 22 June I accompanied Mrs Shervington and 15 students to the Aldeburgh Music Festival. This was a fantastic event which saw our students involved in a project open to all musicians within the Suffolk community; however students at Saxmundham Free School were selected to take part in a special event headlining the finale of the festival, the Musicircus.

The students were involved in what was the largest gathering of musicians of all ages, abilities and styles that the festival has ever hosted. They performed alongside some of the visiting orchestras, soloists, ensembles and young musicians participating at the festival. It was an extremely proud day for me and the school, to see students performing on the streets and beaches of Aldeburgh.



The 15 students were:  
Paul, Matthew, Tyler, Mollie, Emily-Jane,  
Alice, Rebecca, Mussaddique, Katie, Natasha,  
Anastazia, George, Sam, Aeryn & Emma.

# Grow it, Cook it, Eat it....

Before...



I thought you would love to see how our 'Grow it, cook it, eat it' club is progressing. Students from all year groups have been involved working with Miss Laker at lunchtimes, after school and during enrichment to transform the wastelands at the back of the school into a wonderful vegetable and plant school garden.

After...



## Year 7 History Trip to Framlingham Castle

Students have been studying the medieval period in their history lessons and on 11 June went to visit Framlingham castle to learn more about medieval castle design and siege warfare. Students worked in groups and planned how to carry out an attack on the castle whilst investigating the defensive features that surrounded the castle. Inside the castle students took part in a series of challenges, before they worked as a group to draw up plans on how the castle could be successfully defended during a siege. Students also had the opportunity to walk around the wall at the top of the castle while completing a trail that tested the vocabulary skills they have been learning in their French lessons.



## Year 8 Geography coastal fieldwork-Felixstowe

The trip to Felixstowe on 18 June saw students investigate the different processes that are at work on this stretch of coastline. On the beach they took various measurements to investigate the strength and direction of Longshore Drift. They evaluated the defences against coastal erosion and flooding, as well as conducting a survey of the tourist facilities that exist along the seafront. The final task involved students discussing how the derelict pier could be redesigned and developed, before enjoying an ice cream on the beach to end a fantastic day. Over the next few weeks in their Geography

lessons students will be developing their proposals on how Felixstowe Pier could be redeveloped and how this could change the fortunes of this seaside town.



## Student Focus: Callum Robinson



It is always nice to be able to write about student achievements outside of school, next time I will talk to you about the students who have recently competed in the Open Judo Competition that was held at Saxmundham Free School last month – they all did brilliantly.

In this month's newsletter I'd like to congratulate Callum Robinson who competed in his first championship karting race at Ellough Park Race Circuit on Tuesday 24 June. He did extremely well and came 3rd in the race. This is a tremendous achievement for his first ever race, he races again on 30 July. We wish him all the best.

## PSHE Challenge: Dragons Den

Students were involved in designing, selling and then marketing their own brand of chocolate! As a team they then had to bid for financial support from the ferocious, but well fed judges!



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# Spring Talent Showcase

## Thursday 15 May

It was a pleasure to be able to introduce and welcome parent/carers to our fantastic Spring Talent Showcase 2014. An excellent turnout saw an audience of over 100 staff, students and parent/carers being entertained for the evening by 12 acts, ranging from solo performers, to groups, bands and even a comedy act! The students

had all been practising hard and performed excellently on the night. The pictures will hopefully give you a flavour of this wonderful evening if you were unable to attend. A big thank you to Mrs Shervington for organising the event and supporting the students as they practised, and also to everyone who took part on the night.



### Well done to all who participated!

Photographed were: Courtney Gauthier, Poppy Stone, Saskia Biggs, Dylan Brooks & Zak Wiseman, Isaac Lee & Emily Walpole, Alicia Whiting & Madeline Salter.

**The winners - The Band! Emily-Jane Dawkins, Luke Ellis, Liam Smith & George Simpson**

## Year 9 History Trip Memorial Fact Finding Tour of London



On 24 June year 9 students visited London to support the work they are doing in class on 'Growing Remembrance: 'How should memorials be designed for the future?' On the trip students evaluated the wide range of memorials that we saw and gathered design ideas that they could use in their work back in school. Whilst walking around the 4 mile memorial route

of London we managed to see many of the sights of London including; The River Thames, Houses of Parliament, Downing Street, Horse Guards Parade, Trafalgar Square, St James' Park, Buckingham Palace and Hyde Park. In school students are now using the ideas they collected in London to design a memorial to commemorate all the soldiers who lost their lives in conflicts since World War Two, something that is missing in Suffolk.

# Sports Day 2014

On Tuesday 1 July we held our annual Sports Day, involving all students at Saxmundham Free School competing in a range of field events and track heats in the PE lessons. This culminated in a fantastic afternoon of sporting achievement, as students competed in their 4 houses. To win the coveted Sports Day Trophy.

There were some excellent displays of running, with the relay being of particular excitement with the staff relay team competing against the winners in each year group. It was a day of real co-operation, community, confidence, commitment, challenge and above all celebration as the whole school including parents and governors came together to cheer the students on.

The results were:

1. Twickenham – 361 points (Winners – Well Done)
2. Lords – 346 points
3. Wimbledon – 325 points
4. Wembley – 294 points



## North America Kitchens of the Globe

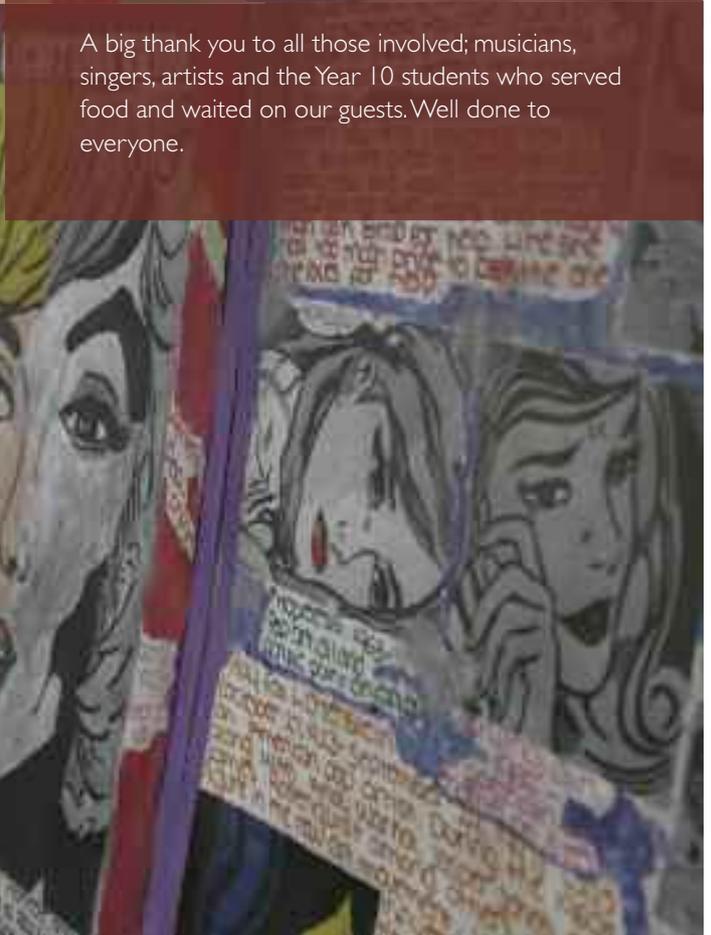
Our final Kitchens of the Globe was to celebrate American Independence Day, so it was a North American Theme. A tantalising menu encouraged over 25 parent / carers to join us for a lunch, as you'll see from the photographs the food was excellent and thank you to Nick and his team for all their efforts this year, we have been truly spoilt.



# Summer Showcase and Art Exhibition

Thursday 3 July saw the school put on its Summer Showcase and Art Exhibition. This was a lovely evening of art, sculptures, music and fine dining, with students from Years 6 (from Benhall and Coldfair Green Primary Schools) through to Year 10 being represented in the exhibition. The evening also showcased the work of two local artists; Patrick Elder and our very own Mr Casey, who both spoke at the event and displayed their work.

A big thank you to all those involved; musicians, singers, artists and the Year 10 students who served food and waited on our guests. Well done to everyone.



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# Why?

## Year 8 & 9 Drama

Students end of year drama assessments saw them responding to the theme 'why' and working with masks as a culmination of their years' work. The photos give a lovely insight into how much the Year 8 and 9 students have progressed this year.



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# Champions Day

Wednesday 9 July saw our second annual 'Champions Day' held at Woodbridge School between Saxmundham and Beccles Free School. The day saw over 80 students from each school competing in a variety of athletic track events, as well as the long jump. A day of amazing competition with the best athletes from each school going head to head in the wonderful grounds of Woodbridge School, followed by a BBQ was a fitting way to finish our 2nd year at Saxmundham Free School.

The final result saw Saxmundham lose their crown, as Beccles this year won the 'Wilmott Dixon Trophy' for the first time. The 'Mace Trophy' for best athlete went to Lewis Pinion from Saxmundham Free School who won all three events that he competed in. Well done to everyone who participated and attended the event. A special thank you to the PE Staff from both sites who ran the event and ensured that everyone had a fantastic day.

