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Dates for your

Diary

Thursday 20 August 2015

GCSE Results Day for Y11 students – 9am – 1pm

Monday 7 September 2015

Term begins for all students

Tuesday 15 September 2015

Friends of Saxmundham Free School AGM - 5pm

Wednesday 16 September 2015

PE Transition Event – 09.30am – 11.30am

Friday 18 September 2015

Celebration Evening for current and previous Y11

Monday 21 September 2015

European Day of Languages – week of events

Wednesday 23 September 2015

Parents Open Forum - 9am

Thursday 24 September 2015

MFL Transition Event – 09.30am – 11.30am

Tuesday 29 September 2015

Creative Transition Event – 09.30am – 11.30am

Wednesday 30 September 2015

Maths and Science Transition Events – 09.30am – 11.30am

Wednesday 30 September 2015

Maths Challenge – 2pm – 4pm

Thursday 1 October 2015

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Thursday 8 October 2015

Open Evening for all Y6 students who would like to visit and attend Saxmundham Free School next year.

Monday 12 – Friday 16 October 2015

Open Mornings – 10.45am – 12.45pm

Tuesday 13 October 2015

School Photographs – all years

Wednesday 14 October 2015

Humanities Transition Event – 09.30am – 11.30am

Thursday 15 October 2015

Y7 Settling-in Evening – 4.15pm – 6.15pm

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Headteacher's Welcome



Mr Lees
Headteacher

Welcome to our final edition of the Saxmundham Voice for this school year! It has been a truly fantastic year that has seen our school continue to grow; from September 2015 we will have over 315 students. We have had our first group of Year 11 students take their GCSE examinations and have celebrated their time at the school with an excellent Leavers Ball. We wait with anticipation for their results and look forward to celebrating with the students, parents / carers, staff, governors and trustees at our inaugural Celebration Evening on 18 September 2015.

I hope you enjoy reading this edition of the Saxmundham Voice as we come to the end of a highly successful Summer Term, with students currently engaged in a fantastic Trust wide Summer Enrichment Week. All of these activities ensure that students at 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, and Celebration) which underpin the ethos of the school, and on which everything I write about is based.

Twitter

Please remember that you can follow Saxmundham Free School on twitter: @SamundhamFS. Please also check our webpage for regular news and events updates.

Safeguarding Update:

Should you have any safeguarding concerns, please contact Mrs Swan, Designated Safeguarding Lead or Ms Gibson, Assistant Safeguarding Lead on 01728 633910 or for more information please visit www.saxmundhamfreeschool.org.uk/safeguarding Saxmundham Free School's named safeguarding governors are Mrs Pastor and Ms Moore.

Kitchens of the Globe

Morocco

Our final Kitchens of the Globe for this year was Morocco. A tantalising menu encouraged over 80 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.



Transition Day

Saxmundham is soon to welcome some new arrivals, with 104 Year 6 students joining us in September as new Year 7 students. To help ease them into the school and support the move from primary school, they took part in a Transition Day and Induction Evening, to give them a better understanding of life at Saxmundham Free School.

The students took part in a variety of activities during the school day, they experienced lessons, break-time and lunchtime as well as an assembly with Mr Lees the Headteacher. The students also spent time interacting and chatting with the current students at Saxmundham, particularly during break and lunch; giving the students a further understanding of what it's like at this school.

After a day jam packed with new experiences, the soon to be Year 7s were invited to our Induction Evening. This gave them the opportunity to have a tour of the school, try on and order the new uniform as well as hearing a talk by Mr Lees all about the school, the Seckford Foundation Free Schools Trust and life at Saxmundham Free School.

The excellent day and evening ended with some well-deserved food. On offer were soft buns with tender pulled pork, 100% pork sausage and the old classic the beef burger. All of these were served with crisp salad, fresh from our gardens, and other toppings were available. This evening made us (as current Year 7 students) realise how fast our first year at SFS has gone.



Written by the Year 7 Saxmundham Voice Team

Sports Day 2015

On Tuesday 30 June we held our annual Sports Day, involving all students at Saxmundham Free School competing in a range of track and field events. 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 final inter-house results of the year are:

1. Twickenham – 38 points (**Winners – Well Done**)
2. Lords – 29 points
2. Wembley – 29 points
4. Wimbledon – 27 points

This includes dodgeball, cross-country, badminton and sports day results.

Champions' Day 2015

Wednesday 8 July saw our third annual 'Champions' Day' held at Woodbridge School between Saxmundham, Ixworth and Beccles Free School. The day saw over 220 students from all 3 schools competing in a variety of track and field athletic events. 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 3rd year at Saxmundham Free School.



The final result saw Saxmundham regain their crown and impressively win the 'Wilmott Dixon Trophy' for the second time in three years. The 'Mace Trophy' for **best athlete went to Sam Grooms** from Saxmundham Free School who won all four events that he competed in (Long Jump, 200m, 800m and 4x100m Relay). We also won the Trust Champions Day Shield for Y7 & 8 and the best athlete award in Y7 and Y10; these went to:

Year 7 – Abbie Pallent and Dan Blowers

Year 10 – Jade McAllan and Sam Grooms

Well done to everyone who participated and attended the event. A special thank you to Mr Baillie for his planning and organisation; as well as the staff who attended and helped run the event ensuring that everyone had a fantastic day.

CTC – Music Concert at Ixworth Free School

On Tuesday 7 July, Saxmundham and Beccles Free Schools joined Ixworth at their school to perform in the first Cross Trust Challenge Music Concert. The range of acts in the concert was phenomenal and consisted of singers, brass players, piano players, choirs and much more.

As Saxmundham Free School arrived, Ixworth were practising with their choir. Afterwards, Saxmundham and Ixworth practised as a mixed school choir singing Adiemus. A song that both schools had been practising, individually and then would perform together in the concert that evening.

The concert began with a bang! The Ixworth Samba Band brought the whole audience to life with their loud samba music. The concert carried on with performances from Beccles, Ixworth and Saxmundham Free School. The Saxmundham performers were our amazing school choir; and then Chloe O' Dwyer singing; Bethany Hillis playing the piano; Megan Gayler, Luke Ellis and Maddy Salter as the Saxmundham Band; and Leon O'Leary and Aaron King as an acoustic duo.

The concert came to a close with the Cross Trust performance from the choirs of Ixworth, Beccles and Saxmundham, singing Adiemus. It was a great end to the show.



By Grace Lloyd, 7a

A Focus on our 6Cs – Challenge:

At Saxmundham Free School students are expected to:

- Meet each challenge presented to them with confidence and positivity;
- Undertake challenges as a means of making faster progress and achieving more;
- Provide each other with appropriate learning challenges and support each other achieving them;
- Appropriately challenge behaviour which is preventing them from learning, achieving and making progress.

We celebrate the students who have met the challenges that have been presented to them at Saxmundham Free School this year, as well as demonstrating all of the 6Cs. I had the great pleasure of announcing at our Celebration Assembly **the following students who are 'Saxmundham Superheroes'** and will celebrate this achievement with a trip in the new school year. Well done to you all:

Year 10

Celebration: Katie Lee
Challenge: Megan Sulley
Community: Sam Grooms
Confidence: Leon Wickham
Cooperation: Sophia Harris
Commitment: Helen Walpole

Year 9

Celebration: Edward Paulley
Challenge: Angel Hall
Challenge: Angel Hall
Community: Zach Jeffery
Confidence: Chloe O'Dwyer
Cooperation: Lewis Hewitt
Commitment: Maise Plant

Year 8

Celebration: Sophie Appleton
Challenge: Callum Robinson
Community: Lily Moore
Confidence: Cameron Buckle
Cooperation: Harry Eyre
Commitment: Noel Szeremi

Year 7

Celebration: Renee Trotter-Nixon
Challenge: Ella Messenger
Community: Amy Rowe
Confidence: Cameron Buckle
Cooperation: Rose Dorber and Abbie Pallent
Commitment: Natasha Cracknell and Zoe Feveyar

CCF Camp 2015



Year 11 Leavers Ball:



It was an emotional Leavers Ball as our first cohort of Year 11 students celebrated the end of three years at Saxmundham Free School. The students looked amazing in their ball



dresses and suits – fitting for a tremendous year group of which we are all very proud.

The Leavers Ball was held at Woodbridge School in the Small Hall and involved a red carpet and photographs on arrival, followed by mocktails on the veranda, with an acoustic set from Barny Holmes during the three course meal, with a vintage ice cream van and DJ to send students dancing into the night!



I hope you enjoy the photographs of an excellent night. Well done the Class of 2015.

Summer Art Exhibition and the Opening of our Sensory Garden

Wednesday 1 July was our annual Summer Art Exhibition and the Opening of our Sensory Garden.

This was a lovely evening and an opportunity to showcase the GCSE artwork of our Year 10 and 11 students, as well as student's work from GCSE Food Technology and GCSE Resistant Materials. The evening also contained an excellent array of music performed by the 'Song writing' Enrichment Group as well as a musical ensemble consisting of our Head Girl Chloe O'Dwyer and Mrs Shervington.

The highlight of the evening was the opening of our Sensory Garden, which is the culmination of 6 months hard work as the school, East Feast, 'The grow it, cook it, eat it' Enrichment Group, Patrick Elder and his 'Sculpture' Enrichment Group and Mrs Lin Barnes (Toms mum – Tom is a former student of Saxmundham Middle School whose life the garden is also commemorating) have created an amazing outdoor learning space and garden for all to be enjoyed. It was a pleasure to have the chairman of the Seckford Foundation and Free Schools Trust James Wellesley Wesley to cut the ribbon and open the garden.

This was an excellent evening and a big thank you to all those involved; musicians, singers, artists and the Year 7 students who served food and waited on our guests. Well done to everyone.

