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Dates for your

## Diary

Monday 28 November - Friday 2 December 2016

Year 11 Mock Examination Week

Thursday 1 December 2016

Christingle Service

Wednesday 7 December 2016

Lille Christmas Market

Friday 9 December 2016

Friends Christmas Fayre

Monday 12 December 2016

English Speaking Board Examinations

Tuesday 13 December 2016

School Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 14 December 2016

Year 11 Tutor Evening

Friday 16 December 2016

Enrichment Day 1 - Superheroes Trip and Community Enrichment

Friday 16 December 2016

End of Term

Tuesday 3 and Wednesday 4 January 2017

Professional Development For Staff

Wednesday 5 January 2017

Students Begin Term

Wednesday 11 January 2017

Year 9 Progress Evening

Monday 16 January 2017

Year 7 - "Why go to University" Workshop

Tuesday 24 January 2017

Careers Across the Curriculum Day

Tuesday 31 January 2017

Kitchens of the Globe - Korea

Thursday 2 February 2017

UK Maths Challenge Y9 and Y10

Thursday 9 February 2017

Valentines Disco Y7

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## Headteacher's Welcome



**Mr Lees**  
**Headteacher**

Welcome to our 2nd edition of the Saxmundham Voice for 2016-17.

The Michaelmas Term has been extremely busy, yet also so rewarding and enjoyable for everyone involved in Saxmundham Free School. Students have competed in over 18 school fixtures, 24 Inter-house matches and 7 Champions Challenge Events. Students Saxmundham Free School have also won the Cross Trust Challenge Poetry Competition - I will be announcing the winners in assembly next week!

There have been a variety of trips and events including a visit from a Dutch School, to enable students to experience different cultures and forge links with students in other countries. Students so far this year have been to: ~

- The Docklands in London to look at urban regeneration
- The Crystal in London to look at 'Cities of the Future'
- Felixstowe as part of their Geography Fieldwork
- LabLive Event at Woodbridge School
- Outward Bound Trust – a 5 day trip to Wales to develop students resilience and interpersonal skills
- Two STEM Days with 'Pretty Curious' for girls in Year 8, 9 & 10 who are interested in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths.
- A trip to see Blood Brothers for the Y10 & 11 English students
- Post-16 Evening with 11 different Post-16 providers as part of our Aspire Programme
- A visit by Paralympian Fran Williamson as part of our Sky Sports Mentoring Programme

We also celebrated our second annual Celebration Evening. We were delighted to have Kelly-Anne Byres as our special guest; Kelly-Anne is a multi-award-winning businesswoman and serial entrepreneur. She runs two successful companies in Suffolk - accountancy firm KBL Accounts and Poppy Nursing Services, an agency providing first-rate staff at affordable prices to UK hospital trusts and care homes.

Kelly-Anne started her first business four years ago when she was pregnant aged 24; it now has 250 clients and a staff of four. The second was launched to provide temporary staff to the NHS and has made huge waves in the industry, reaching a turnover of more than £1 million in its second year. Kelly has just launched a new arm of the business – Poppy Healthcare - which supplies medical equipment, products and services. Kelly-Anne was recently named Suffolk's Young Businessperson of the Year and has won a raft of national and local award schemes for her business prowess.

It was a delight to have Kelly-Anne speak to the students and to inspire them to follow their dreams and be the best that they can be, because anything is possible if you work hard and believe in yourself.

On that note I want to wish you all a lovely end to the school year and I hope you enjoy reading this edition of the Saxmundham Voice.

For more information please visit our school website at [www.saxmundhamfreeschool.org.uk](http://www.saxmundhamfreeschool.org.uk) We are also tweeting about all the things we do at Saxmundham Free School. Please follow us on Twitter @SaxmundhamFS.

David Lees, Headteacher

### Safeguarding Update:

Should you have any safeguarding concerns, please contact Mrs Swan, Designated Safeguarding Lead, or Mrs Gibson, Assistant Safeguarding Lead on 01728 633910 or for more information, please visit [www.saxmundhamfreeschool.org.uk](http://www.saxmundhamfreeschool.org.uk). Saxmundham Free School's named safeguarding governor is Mrs Pastor.

# Pretty Curious Focus on STEM

Careers involving one of the STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) subjects have stereotypically been seen as an industry for men and with just one in seven STEM workers being women, the numbers would back that up.

Therefore, we were delighted to be able to take along some of our female students to the EDF Pretty Curious event held at Trinity Park. Hundreds of 12-13 year old schoolgirls from 18 Suffolk schools got to take part in an inspiring day inventing gadgets for the future.



The project aims to provide inspiration through a series of workshops which enable students to find out about the science behind things relevant to them.

From learning about wearable technology such as virtual reality goggles, to the technology behind Snapchat and popular apps, the Pretty Curious event went some way to help address the balance.

“ My favourite part of the stem trip was talking to all of the people about the jobs they have or used to have, as well as seeing first-hand how interesting the subjects are and how they relate to everything in life. I liked the opportunity to work independently within our group, without relying on the teacher, I learnt a lot of things about these subjects and I'm definitely going to pay more interest in these subjects from now on, as they will be key for my future job.

I also found out the following about our mobile phones. 1) The code behind Snapchat is all the different colours; 2) 8796 photos are sent per second on Snapchat; 3) You can track your dog's behaviour whilst you're not there through your phone!; 4) You can use your phone to do even the simplest of things like turning your lights on and off; 5) You can charge your phone by just putting it on the table.

I think it was an excellent day out and would love to do it again.

”  
Jorja



# Sports and Clubs round-up

Students have the opportunity to become involved in a variety of sports at Saxmundham Free School. It is great to be able to celebrate the results of these fixtures.

I would also like to say a massive well done to everyone who has joined a sports club, competed in one of the fixtures (right) and to all the PE staff for their excellent work.

## Inter-House

Below I am delighted to be able to include our Inter-house fixtures for this term, along with our elected House Captains and the latest score board standings.

Well done to Twickenham who are leading at the moment.

Day	Date	Sport	Years	Fixture
Thursday	13 Oct	Basketball	8	Lords vs Wembley
Monday	31 Oct	3-a-Side Football	7	Twickenham vs Wimbledon
Tuesday	1 Nov	Dodgeball	10/11	Lords vs Twickenham
Tuesday	1 Nov	Dodgeball	10/11	Lords vs Wimbledon
Weds	2 Nov	3-a-Side Football	9	Wembley vs Wimbledon
Thursday	3 Nov	Basketball	9	Twickenham vs Wembley
Monday	7 Nov	Dodgeball	10/11	Twickenham vs Wimbledon
Tuesday	8 Nov	3-a-Side Football	7	Lords vs Wembley
Thursday	10 Nov	Basketball	8	Wembley vs Wimbledon
Monday	14 Nov	3-a- Side Football	9	Twickenham vs Lords
Tuesday	15 Nov	Dodgeball	10/11	Twickenham vs Wembley
Thursday	17 Nov	3-a-Side Football	9	Lords vs Wimbledon
Monday	21 Nov	Basketball	8	Lords vs Twickenham
Tuesday	22 Nov	Dodgeball	7	Wembley vs Wimbledon
Thursday	24 Nov	Dodgeball	10/11	Lords vs Wembley
Monday	28 Nov	Basketball	9	Twickenham vs Wimbledon
Tuesday	29 Nov	3-a-Side Football	8	Lords vs Wimbledon
Thursday	1 Dec	3-a-Side Football	7	Twickenham vs Wembley
Monday	5 Dec	Basketball	8	Twickenham vs Wimbledon
Tuesday	6 Dec	3-a-Side Football	9	Lords vs Wembley
Thursday	8 Dec	Dodgeball	10/11	Wembley vs Wimbledon
Monday	12 Dec	Dodgeball	7	Twickenham vs Lords
Tuesday	13 Dec	Basketball	8	Twickenham vs Wembley
Thursday	15 Dec	Basketball	10/11	Lords vs Wimbledon

## Inter-House Standings (correct at time of printing)

Position	House	Total Points	Win Diff
1st	Twickenham	25	7
2nd	Wembley	16	22
3rd	Wimbledon	12	-23
4th	Lords	11	-6

## Latest Sports Results

### Football

Y7 boys drew with East Point Academy  
Y9 boys beat Alde Valley Academy  
Yr7/8 girls lost to Alde Valley Academy  
Y7/8 boys lost to BBHS  
Y10 boys lost to BBHS  
Y10 boys Football came 4th in Football Tournament at Debenham  
Y7/8 girls lost to Pakefield  
Y9 boys lost to Pakefield  
Y11 boys beat Beccles Free School  
Y7/8 boys beat Beccles Free School

### Rugby

Y11 boys lost to St Felix  
Y7 boys lost to Alde Valley Academy  
Y9 boys beat Stradbroke  
Y10 boys lost to St. Felix  
Y8 boys came 2nd in the Rugby Tournament  
7/8 boys lost to St. Felix  
Y7 boys came 2nd in the Rugby Tournament

## Suffolk Schools Cross Country Championships

**Year 7** Liam B, Ethan H/M, Mason C, Diego, Jacob B, Owen C

**Year 8** Harry H

**Year 9** Dale P, Scott B, Rowan M-C

**Year 10** Evie S & Tara

# Students Design New Rugby Kit

Congratulations and Well Done to Dylan Challis, Bradley Pinion, Malin Konno and Alex Gittens. Who were selected to go to Northamptonshire with Mr Baillie to spend the day designing our first ever school rugby shirt as part of the Canterbury Kit Workshop 2016 with CBRE All Schools. The students did amazingly well and all four are part of the schools new rugby set-up where we are working with Aldeburgh & Thorpeness Rugby Football Club and the Rugby Football Development Limited, as part of the England All Schools Programme.



## Champions Challenge (correct at time of printing)

Every fortnight students compete in a variety of activities and problem solving events against students in other tutor groups. Your son/daughter will be able to tell you how they have been involved in these events; please ask them.

### Champions Challenge Total Points

1st	8/9 Butley	33
2nd	8/9 Walberswick	31
3rd	7 Southwold	30
4th	8/9 Kessingland	29
5th	7 Thorpeness	26
6th	8/9 Orford	23
7th	8/9 Dunwich	21
8th	7 Minsmere	20
-	7 Bawdsey	20
10th	8/9 Aldeburgh	17
11th	8/9 Shingle	16

## Lunchtime Activities 2016 - 17

### Year 11

**Monday** Music, History & French Revision with TKI, EIS/ESW  
**Wednesday** Maths Revision with RBA, MBU, NMO & MCR  
**Friday** Science Revision with SMA & MCO

**Tuesday** English Revision with AME, JMA, SCO, SOL  
**Thursday** Creative Revision with PNI, TKI & CLA

### Year 7 – 10

**Monday** Chess Club at 1.15pm in Socrates JDA/KBR  
 SCO/SWO – Board Games & Creative 12.50 in Matisse  
 CLA – Girls Football (all years)  
 DRE – Inter House (all years)

**Tuesday** Chess Club at 1.15pm in Socrates JDA/KBR  
 SCO/SWO – Board Games & Creative 12.50 in Matisse  
 TBA – Y9 & Y10 Dodgeball  
 HRE – Y9 & Y10 Girls Netball

**Wednesday** French Club for help, hwk, speaking MRO 1.15pm in Cousteau  
 STH – 12.50 in Keats Lego Club  
 Music – Practise makes perfect! Book a practise room with TKI  
 TBA – Y8 Dodgeball  
 HRE – Y7 & Y8 Girls Netball

**Thursday** Chess Club at 1.15pm in Socrates JDA/KBR  
 SCO/SWO – Board Games & Creative 12.50 in Matisse  
 TBA – Y7 Dodgeball  
 DRE – Inter House (all years)

**Friday** Chess Club at 1.15pm in Socrates JDA/KBR  
 SCO/SWO – Board Games & Creative 12.50 in Matisse  
 TBA – Y7 & Y8 Boys Football

STH – 12.50 in Keats Lego Club  
 RBA – Maths Homework  
 Talk about reading in the Library Club with AME 1.15pm  
 English – Debate Club with SCO in Horowitz

STH – 12.50 in Keats Lego Club  
 Choir  
 Talk about reading in the Library Club with AME 1.15pm  
 DRE – Inter House (all years)

SCO/SWO – Board Games & Creative 12.50 in Matisse  
 Talk about reading in the Library Club with AME 1.15pm  
 DRE – Y9 & Y10 Boys Football

STH – 12.50 in Keats Lego Club  
 RBA – Maths Homework  
 Talk about reading in the Library Club with AME 1.15pm  
 Music – Practise makes perfect! In Faulkner TKI

STH – 12.50 in Keats Lego Club  
 RBA – Maths Homework

# Suffolk Entrepreneur Inspires Students At Celebration Evening

Students enjoyed an inspirational evening with local entrepreneur and award-winning businesswoman Kelly-Anne Byres.

During the event Kelly-Anne inspired students to work hard and be ambitious as she spoke about her achievements during her career. Since graduating from university, Kelly-Anne Byres set up her own accountancy practice aged 24 and co-founded Poppy Nursing and Care Service in Suffolk. Earlier this year she won the East Anglian Daily Times 'Young Businessperson of the Year' award, and last year was shortlisted for Entrepreneur of the Year in the national Women of the Future Awards.

Kelly-Anne Byres said: "I was thrilled to be invited as guest speaker at Saxmundham Free School's Celebration Evening – it was a brilliant event and I was pleased to meet so many aspiring young people."

During the event, awards were given out to Year 11 students who had made outstanding individual achievements during their time at the school. Student Katie Lee was presented with the Seckford Foundation Cup for her outstanding academic performance. Katie, who is determined to become a lawyer when she's older, was thrilled to achieve 10 GCSEs at grades A\* to C last month, including an A\* in GCSE Law, which Katie studied for during her Enrichment time at Saxmundham Free School. Katie has now started studying A-Levels at One sixth-form college in Ipswich, before she hopes to embark on a law degree.

16-year-old Millie Cartwright-Jones was presented with the Watson Cup for her outstanding journey and progress at Saxmundham Free School. Millie achieved eight GCSEs at grades A\* to C, despite arriving at the school with a very low starting point. Millie exceeded expectations in progress for all eight subjects, and is now studying Health and Social Care at One sixth-form college in Ipswich.



David Lees, Headteacher at Saxmundham Free School, said: "The Celebration Evening was a wonderful opportunity to reflect on all the outstanding student achievements over the past year. I am incredibly proud of students' hard work and determination this year, and I wish every success to our former Year 11s as they leave us to continue their journeys into adult life."

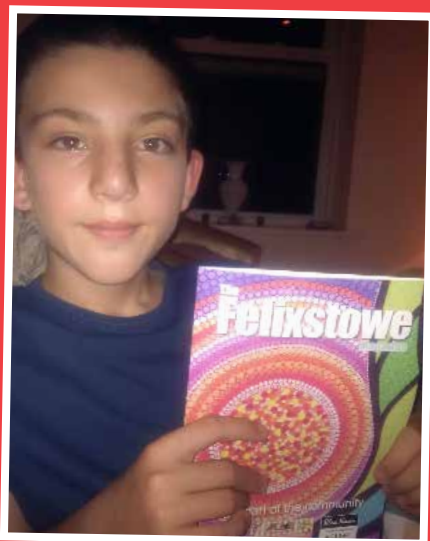
# Community

We like to celebrate the achievements of our students, both inside and outside of school - below are just a few examples of recent successes outside of school.

**Hannah** recently won gold at an Eastern Area competition for Judo.



**Grace and Mary** raised £150 for the Marie Curie Charity with their little sister, Esther. They did it without any adult help and organised everything off their own backs.



**Abbey** has donated her hair to the Prince's Trust...for the second time! Fantastic act of kindness.

**Adem** took an independent photography class a year ago and this month one of his photographs (taken at "Art on the Prom") was chosen to go on the front cover of 'The Felixstowe Magazine'.



## Dutch Student Visit

It was fantastic to welcome some Dutch students into school recently, courtesy of Xplore. It was a great experience for our students to learn, and socialise along side other cultures and to try and pick up a few words of Dutch too!

As well as being part of the local community, this is a great way to show the students that they are also part of a global learning community and we hope to keep in touch with the school for further visits.



# Sky Sports Mentor – Fran Williamson



Students in Years 7, 8 and 9 who are part of the Gilr's Sport Enrichment group have been inspired after an exciting visit from Paralympic swimmer Fran Williamson.

During her visit, Fran led a practical teamwork exercise and shared her experiences and achievements as a Paralympic athlete, inspiring students with personal stories of strength, perseverance and dedication to sport. The session was part of Anti-Bullying Week, where Fran challenged perceptions of disabilities and explained that everyone can achieve great things if they are determined enough.

David Lees, Headteacher at Saxmundham Free School, said: "We are so thankful to Fran for visiting us and for sharing her inspirational achievements as a Paralympic athlete. Fran was fantastic with the students and they thoroughly enjoyed their time with her."

Fran Williamson was born with Athetoid Cerebral Palsy, a condition which includes shaky movements and poor fine-motor skills. Fran didn't learn to swim until she was 12, when a fellow high-school student introduced her to the sport. After a year of gaining confidence in the pool, Fran quickly progressed into regional and national swimming competitions and, by age 15, Fran had won two bronze medals at the European Championships. Through her 10-year career, Fran won 13 World Championship medals and 6 Paralympic medals including Silver at the Beijing Olympics in 2008.

Fran's visit to Saxmundham Free School was part of the Sky Sports 'Living for Sport' project, which encourages a range of world-class athletes to visit schools and share their inspiring stories with students.

## Remembrance

The whole school were involved in a remembrance assembly on Friday 11 November 2016, and then undertook activities designed to reflect and remember all of those who have lost their lives in War.

The CCF were present at the War Memorial in the Town centre, to pay their respects on behalf of the school.



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