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Dates for your

**Diary**

Friday 13 July 2018

Last Day of Term

Monday 3 September 2018

First Day of Term - Staff PD Day

Thursday 6 September 2018

Students Return to School

Tuesday 11 September 2018

Individual School Photos

Tuesday 18 September 2018

Y11 Success Evening

Friday 21 September 2018

Celebration Evening

Tuesday 25 September 2018

Kitchens of the Globe

Wednesday 26 September 2018

Open Evening

Tuesday 2 and Thursday 4 October 2018

Open Mornings 9am-10.30am and 11am-12.30pm

Tuesday 9 October 2018

Parents Open Forum

Tuesday 9 October 2018

Y5 and Y6 Transition Event - Music

Wednesday 10 October 2018

Y6 Transition Event Morning - French Café

Thursday 11 October 2018

Y7 Progress Evening

Monday 15 - Friday 26 October 2018

Half Term

## 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](http://www.saxmundhamfreeschool.org.uk). Saxmundham Free School's named Local Advisory Body Member is Mrs Pastor.

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## Headteacher's Welcome



**Mr Lees  
Headteacher**

It's hard to believe that we are already at the end of the school year. We have had a fantastic year at Saxmundham Free School, retaining our 'Good' Ofsted rating and increasing our student numbers. I am looking forward to the GCSE results in August which I am confident will be as good as last year's results which saw the Seckford Foundation rated as one of the top 3 Multi Academy Trusts in the country.

It has been a real delight of mine to welcome so many primary school students into the school on our transition days. I would especially like to thank Mr K Cartwright-Jones and Saxmundham Judo Club for organising the amazing Judo day on the 27 June when we were honoured to have Gemma Gibbons and Euan Burton, Olympic and Commonwealth medallists in the school. What an amazing opportunity for the students!

I hope all the students have had a lovely Enrichment week. There have been fantastic trips out to PGL, Holland, Cambridge, Harry Potter World and London, as well as some amazing workshops and activities in school. At Saxmundham Free School we firmly believe that these Enrichment Activities help to inspire the students with a love of learning and we trust they will return to school in September full of enthusiasm for the year ahead of them.

I wish you all a relaxing and enjoyable Summer break and look forward to seeing the students back in school on Thursday 6 September.

**Mr 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](https://twitter.com/SaxmundhamFS).

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

## Year 8 Geography Coastal Fieldwork in Lowestoft

Year 8 visited Lowestoft on 21 June to look at the coastal processes that are acting on this stretch of coastline. Students worked in groups to complete a piece of GCSE style fieldwork. They were measuring the rate of longshore drift at various points as well as the changes in beach width to see if there was a relationship between them. Back in school students have presented the data collected on the trip to look for patterns and have drawn their own conclusions from it about the effectiveness of the coastal protection measures present along the coast in Lowestoft.



## Oracy and Monarchy in Year 10 GCSE Music

In GCSE Music, one part of the course involves in-depth study of 8 pieces of music. One of these is 'Killer Queen', by Queen. Challenged to do a presentation on this set work, some of Year 10 reached for the dressing up box and presented in truly regal fashion, matching style with substance – their presentation was detailed, accurate and a great example of SFS oratory in action!

## Year 7 STOMP!

Year 7 students have had a creative (and somewhat noisy!) time with their 'Stomp' project in Music. They made their own instruments from everyday objects and used these in their own, original, choreographed routines to great rhythmic effect!

Highlights included Isla's 'Plumbophone' (pictured), Cole's clock-component tubular bells, Lauren's 'The Longest Rainmaker In The World', Esther's Guikalele and Darcy's Feedbin Drum! Students also made very effective use of school rubbish bins, drum stools, their own shoes and locker keys.

The project also gave rise to riddles like this one: Why was Mrs Kirk so grumpy after listening to Tom's brilliant 'Stomp' piece? (Answer – because it featured cross rhythms)...



# Student Focus

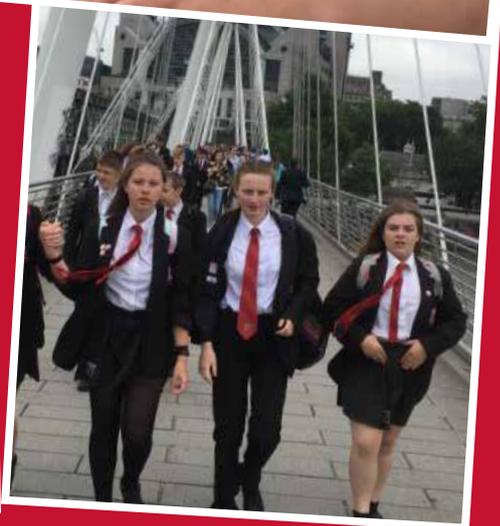
Well done to Esther Watts who has kindly donated her long hair to the Little Princess Trust.



## Year 9 History Trip to London

Students went on a walking tour in London on 12 June to look at memorial designs. Students evaluated many memorials of different ages commemorating a range of events as they walked through the capital.

They also saw many of the famous sights of London including the River Thames, The Houses of Parliament, Downing Street, Horse Guards Parade, Trafalgar Square and Buckingham Palace. They even caught a glimpse of the Prime Minister as she left Downing Street in her car. Back in school, students took inspiration from the memorials that they had seen to produce a piece of work for the unit of work titled 'Growing Remembrance: How should memorials be designed for the future?'



# The Big Bounce

An amazing afternoon took place recently at school, with students working together to support each other and raise money for the school's chosen charity - Cystic Fibrosis. They took part in the (incredibly fun!) Big Bounce and had a cake sale which was very popular.



# Y10 Work Experience

Well done to all the Y10 students who were on work experience for the week commencing the 2 July and a huge thank you to all the local businesses that helped to encourage and support our students.



# Fun Day and Dog Show

Another fantastic Summer Fun Day and Dog Show took place in June. Well done to 'The Friends' for organising and thank you to Ensors for their sponsorship and to the local community for attending and joining in the fun...already looking forward to next year!



# Sports Day

Fantastic Sports Day! Amazing effort shown by all the students, culminating in some outstanding times being achieved. It was great to have so much support from parent/carers and thank you to the 'The Friends' for putting on afternoon tea and making it a lovely event for the whole community.



# Y4 and Y5 Judo Day

Saxmundham Free School were delighted to once again host Saxmundham Judo Club on the 27 June for an amazing day of Judo workshops with Gemma Gibbons (Olympic Silver Medallist) and Euan Burton (Commonwealth medallist).

We had over 80 students from local primary schools here to learn some amazing new skills. A huge thank you to Gemma, Euan and Saxmundham Judo Club.



# Champions day

Congratulations to Claudine Ellis for winning best overall athlete and to Saxmundham Free School who won the Champions Cup for the 4th year in a row!



# DofE Bronze Expedition

Huge congratulations to the amazing and determined Saxmundham Free School Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award students who completed and passed the expedition part of their award recently.

Fantastic commitment and achievement for all the students and a big thank you to Mr Connell-Smith for leading and organising.



## SAVE THE DATE

### Open Evening

Wednesday 26 September (5.30pm - 8.30pm)

### Open Mornings

Tuesday 2 and Thursday 4 October 2018

9am - 10.30am & 11am - 12.30pm

#### Contact us...

We welcome your feedback, news and comments.

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