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Dates for your

Diary

Monday 3 June 2019

Students Return to School

Monday 3 - Friday 7 June 2019

Y10 Exam Week

Tuesday 11 June 2019

Y4, Y5 and Y6 Sports Transition Afternoon

Friday 14 June 2019

Y9 Meningitis Vaccinations

Thursday 20 June 2019

Y6 Transition Day 1 and BBQ

Friday 21 June 2019

Sports Day

Tuesday 25 June 2019

Y5 Judo Transition Day

Tuesday 25 June 2019

Parent's Open Forum (9.30 - 10.30am)

Tuesday 25 June 2019

Kitchens of the Globe (12.15 - 1.00pm)

Wednesday 26 June 2019

School finishes at 2.30pm

Wednesday 26 June 2019

Y4 and Y5 Open Evening (4.15 - 5.30pm)

Friday 28 June 2019

Y11 Leavers' Ball

Monday 1 - Friday 5 July 2019

Y10 Work Experience

Tuesday 2 July 2019

Transition Day 2

Tuesday 2 July 2019

Parent's Open Forum (9.30 - 10.30am)

Thursday 4 July 2019

Champions Day

Thursday 4 July 2019

Y7 Progress Evening

Monday 8 - Friday 12 July 2019

Summer Enrichment Week

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Headteacher's Welcome



Mr Lees
Headteacher

It's hard to believe that we are already so far through the School year. The Year 11s are now in the middle of their GCSEs and I am so proud of all the hard work they have put in to ensure they achieve the best possible results. Thank you to the students for their dedication and to all parents / carers for their ongoing support.

End of year exams are also taking place for the rest of the School. I know this can be a stressful time for students and parents / carers alike but it really is the best way to prepare students for the GCSEs in Year 11.

It would be helpful if parents / carers could encourage students who have exams after the half term break to continue to revise over the break so that their momentum is not lost. Students return to School on Monday 3 June.

It will, as always, be a busy end to the School year with Sports Day, Champions Day, four Transition Days, a Leavers' Ball, an Open Evening as well as the Summer Enrichment Week in the last week of term. Please don't forget we also have Kitchen's of the Globe and Parent's Open Forum on Tuesday 25 June which we would love to see you at.

Mr Lees, Headteacher

Safeguarding Update:

Should you have any safeguarding concerns, please contact Miss Marsden, Designated Safeguarding Lead, Miss Howes, Assistant Safeguarding Lead (Upper School) or Ms Coles, Assistant Designated Safeguarding Lead (Lower School) on 01728 633910 or for more information, please visit www.saxmundhamfreeschool.org.uk. Saxmundham Free School's named Local Advisory Body Member is Mrs Chenery-Morris.

Student Focus: Fred M

Well done to Fred who, the week before his 12th birthday, passed his ACU Race Licence.

Fred now races an Aprilia RS 125 in the Superteens Class within Thundersport GB on race circuits around the country.

His first round was at Brands Hatch in March followed by Snetterton 200 in May where he managed to reach over 100mph!



Student Focus: Blake A

Congratulations to Blake who performed with Callabro on the Wednesday 3 April at the Regent Theatre, Ipswich and passed his Acting Grade 2 with distinction.

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 our Facebook page, just search for Saxmundham Free School on Facebook.



Framlingham Castle

The trip to Framlingham Castle was very interesting and fun. It began with us walking up to the main entrance of the Castle, it was vast and beautiful sitting on top of a hill. The view was stunning but we got very wet very quickly!

The Year 7 and 8's split into two groups, one group went with Mrs Durrant and looked around the inside of the Castle to see all of the different structures. The other group walked around the Mere with Miss Lomas getting very muddy and wet along the way!

We all went up around the battlements, the view was outstanding, we could see for miles. We had a good look at the scenery full of lakes and trees, then the groups joined together to have a final look around the moat.

Even though the trip was cut short due to the weather we all left with a smile on our faces.

By Ellie and Olivia



Forest School

A group of Year 8 and Year 10 students have been taking part in a pilot Forest School programme since September. Forest School is a process which offers students the opportunity to achieve and develop confidence through hands-on learning experiences in woodland. It also helps to nurture a connection with nature, foster a sense of respect for the natural environment, and all of the sessions take place outside,

whatever the weather! The Forest School students have had the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of different activities during our Forest School sessions, including fire lighting, shelter building, campfire cooking, bug hunting, clay modelling, obstacle course constructing, making rope swings, woodwork crafts, owl pellet dissecting and Hapa Zome (the Japanese art of beating leaves and petals with mallets, transferring the natural pigment onto fabric).

The Forest School programme has proven to be a fantastic success so far, with many of the students achieving a great deal of enjoyment from these experiences, as well as developing new skills and self-confidence as a result of the social, physical, emotional and mental benefits it provides. The Forest School students have also made a significant contribution to maintaining and improving the School woodland, with their aim to increase the biodiversity within it, by helping to improve habitats within the woodland for a wide range of species.



Enrichment: Dora Love

On Wednesday 1 May, the Enrichment group went to Easton Primary School. The trip was great fun, and we taught the students about the Holocaust and Kindertransport. We led a varied amount of activities with Key Stage 2 students, such as den-making, 'suitcase' packing and a board game we made. It was an important experience for us, as we are ensuring people remember the horrors of the Second World War, and we hope that teaching them this at a young age can improve their future and make sure that nothing like this ever happens again.



By The Dora Love Group.



Enrichment: Bridge

The Bridge group have recently taken part in a National Competition and performed extremely well. Edward C is currently ranked 9th out of 78 pairs. Although the teacher was Edward's partner she did not declare any hands and he really deserves this excellent result.

Andrew and Owen also did very well to take part. Owen was especially brave as he had not been to many sessions.

Here is a link to the results as they stand at present:
<https://www.ebu.co.uk/sim-pairs/000339>



Visit from former Students

On Thursday 21 February we had a visit from some former students who had attended the School when it first opened in the 1950s. Mr Woods wrote:

Dear Saxmundham Free School

Thank you very much for arranging for the caretaker to show us around the School on Thursday 21 February 2019 it was most enjoyable and the caretaker was very pleasant and helpful. My friend and former pupil, Alan Peck and our wives attended.

Alan and I started at Saxmundham Secondary Modern in 1959. As far as I can remember, I think that was the 2nd year of the School being operational. The Headmaster was Mr. Westhorpe and the Headmistress was Miss Piper.

We both have good memories of our four years there and we both received a good education at Saxmundham which meant that many years later, between us, we worked for some of the world's top IT companies including IBM, Microsoft and Hewlett Packard.

It took us a few minutes to recognise some parts of the School. What is now the Pre School was our caretaker's (Mr. Ridgeon) house. The entrance to the playing field is now blocked off by an additional building but mostly there is very little change. The Hall/Gymnasium is still in the same place as is the restaurant.

Thank you again for a lovely trip down Memory Lane.
Clive Woods

Royal Marines

As part of our Careers Program we were lucky enough to have the Royal Marines in School for a morning to put some Year 9 and 10 students through their paces. They soon realised that the physical training was brutal but they really enjoyed it and did amazingly well!



YEAR 5 FUN JUDO TASTER SESSION

WITH BEN CALDWELL & JESSIE EDWARDS
RANKED 8TH IN GREAT BRITAIN IN THEIR CATEGORIES

at Saxmundham Free School



Tuesday 25 June
12pm - 3pm

A Fun Afternoon of Judo!

- Judo Related Games
- Fun Activities
- Learn Some Judo Moves
- Meet local GB squad judoka



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