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1st XI Girls' Hockey

'Excellent Year'

Girls' Hockey at the College has a fine tradition and the 2010 season proved to be one of the best on record, with the 1st XI losing only 4 out of their 23 matches with a goal tally of 108. This outstanding performance included becoming Suffolk County Champions and reaching the regional play-offs for the National Finals. This excellent year came to a fitting conclusion in March with the team winning the prestigious St George's six-a-side tournament in Surrey. After some tough group games they beat the Alleyn's School in the final to lift the trophy with Lucy Dunnett named as Player of the Final and Rosie Butler Player of the Tournament.





Emily Wilford's coring on the
 off her incredible
 41 goals this season.



The Headmaster Mr Paul Taylor

I hope you enjoy our new-look Newsletter. With our website and weekly e-bulletin now offering regular updates on news at the College, these newsletters take on a different role, and provide an opportunity to celebrate and reflect on all that has been going on at the College. We aim to produce a couple of newsletters per year, with the Spring edition reflecting on the long Autumn Term and the early part of the Spring Term, while in the Autumn we will look back on the remainder of the year.

The school year started with the celebration of record GCSE results; over half of the grades awarded were A or A*s, and a third of our pupils gained 7 or more grades at A or above. At A level, we enjoyed a pass rate of 99.2%, and over the past three years our students have achieved an average of over 70% A*-B grades. In a difficult year for university entry, it was reassuring to know that the vast majority of our students gained entry to the university of their choice.

The rest of this newsletter will provide a snapshot of all that went on at the College last term. In sport, outstanding 1st teams in both girls' hockey and boys' rugby led the way, but it was equally rewarding to see so many boys and girls representing the College at all levels and in a wide range of sports. A wonderful Autumn Concert showcased the variety and breadth of musical talent that we enjoy here, while the production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* was, simply, breathtaking. I hope these pictures and words go some way to capturing all that goes on in this busy, purposeful and happy school.

Music Review

Opportunities for all

Another whirlwind start to the year saw the Houses compete in the House Singing for the Unison Song, Garrett won with Gold and Rendlesham won Part Song with One got rhythm. The series of informal Piano + 1 recitals on Fridays in the Recital Hall has been a true pleasure this term, offering opportunities to all to perform. The Autumn Concert was its usual eclectic self (particular highlights were the Year 10 Band, Year 12 Band, and a selection of Year 13 performers) followed by an equally impressive Advent and Christmas. The Spring Term thus far has seen the GCSE and A level students record their exam entries, and the Scholars' Concert in the stunning location of St Bartholomew's Orford, with superlative performances from Jess Thurlow, Joe Buckley, and ABRSM star candidates Megan Byford-Crane and Emily Higgins. Songs from the 70s provided some light relief from exam pressures. Read more about the event on page 10.



United Nations



Intellectual Challenge

Students gain a unique experience from the United Nations activities at the College giving them an enhanced awareness of world issues and possible attempts to address them. The Students' League of Nations takes place every year at the Palais des Nations in Geneva and Gavin Stacey & Poppy Roy (Canada), Emma Vidler & Mimi O'Neill (Brunei) and Christina Welsh & Sam Weya (Haiti) spent two months researching their country's attitudes to the four resolutions to be debated. The subjects under discussion were: controls on cyber weapons; security for humanitarian aid; the establishment of an open border policy and, finally, the banning of any Islamic clothing which covers the face.

Hosted by students of the International Schools of Geneva, the delegates not only debated the issues but also gained an insight into the lives of those who live in such an international city. They returned tired but intellectually challenged by what they had experienced.



Carl on target yet again...

England shooting international Carl Witham was entered into the BSSRA match against New Zealand. This was a postal shoot of six rounds. Carl produced some excellent shooting to attain a score of 584 (HPS600) finishing in third place.

Carl is currently firing at targets up to a mile in distance. At such a long distance Carl has to take wind and gravity into consideration to hit a target the size of a dustbin lid.



Expeditions at Framlingham

'Impressive Success'

The busy schedule of Duke of Edinburgh expeditions at the College begins with two-day Bronze expeditions around the Suffolk countryside. Once successful, many get to grips with the requirements of the Silver award by embarking on the physical, volunteering and skill sections via our extensive activities programme. Later in the year, with the Bronze award complete, students have the opportunity to set off to the Peak District, Yorkshire Dales and Lake Coniston to attempt Silver and Gold.

They have an impressive success rate in each of the D of E categories, which leads many to participate in expeditions further afield. In July 2011 two teams will spend 14 days in Borneo travelling down the Kinabatangan River and tackling a conservation project in a local village. Whilst staying with local families it is hoped that they will help in the construction of two water towers for the local community. They will return having gained experience in running and organising their own trip and liaising with local guides on what will be a genuine journey of self-discovery.





1st XV Rugby

'Talent and Enthusiasm'

The impressive 1st XV results from 2010 will make up only a fraction of the rugby memories that this season's leavers will take away with them after five years of endeavour. Many will cherish the friendships forged on successive tours at Under 14, Under 16 and 1st team level, or the opportunities afforded by playing for a season in South Africa. For others it might be the experience of visiting Zimbabwe with the Independent Schools' Barbarians whilst others pursued representative honours with the Eastern Counties or London Division. All, however, savoured victories over local rivals and the unity that comes with training and playing together week in and week out, experiencing the highs and lows that mark a young sportsman's journey into adulthood. As Charlie Precious and his peers reflect on their achievements, we that remain look to the future buoyed by the boundless energy, talent and enthusiasm of those who follow in their footsteps.





A Midsummer Night's Dream

'Senior Production'

School Shakespeare productions are wonderful events and explode the myth that students find the work too daunting to tackle successfully; challenging maybe, but that's half the fun. Hard on the heels of College performances of "Hamlet" and "Macbeth," it was time this year to turn to comedy and "A Midsummer Night's Dream." This play, above all Shakespeare's texts, allows huge freedom for interpretation - as boundless as one's dreams. Our simple aim was to carry the audience through our 'Dream' on a pacy, visually striking and exhilarating ride that would make them hoot with laughter.

Thanks to the energy and skill of all involved, both on and off the stage, we managed to do just that.



Design & Technology



Holly Turner's Silver Bracelet (Year 11)

Hannah Cornish's Handcrafted Silver Necklace (Year 13)



Yuri Higashikokobaru's Packaging Design (Year 11)



Natalie Fulcher's Cosmetics Product Branding (Year 11)

Katharine Hitchcock's Shotgun Case (Year 11)



The Art of Inspiration

To quote Thomas Edison, "Genius is 1% inspiration and 99% perspiration" and the College Artists and Designers certainly apply much of the latter in aspiring to the former during their creative studies at Framlingham. The variety of responses that results from the many themes of the Art courses continues to astonish with exceptional outcomes at the annual summer exhibition. Our designers' results are also a reflection of this hard work with a sense of tradition coupled with the application of current manufacturing techniques.

Ben Watt's Chair (Year 11)



Ellie Betham's Oak Chest (Year 12)





Lilly Paget,
Photography (Year 13)

Art & Design



Gilbert Wong's
Drawing (Year 13)



Charlotte Lawson's 'Work, Rest & Play' (Year 11)



Andrew Kwok's 'Work, Rest & Play' (Year 11)

Becky Kerridge's
Hat Design
(Year 12)



Songs from the 70s



'Musical Talents'

Themed Music evenings are one of the many regular and well supported events in the College calendar. In the Spring Term 2011 three evenings of music from the seventies included a range of tributes to artists such as Michael Jackson, Fleetwood Mac, The Who, Abba and many more. The events, compered by Sixth Form students Jess Mawson and Charlie Precious, showcased the musical talents of College students to their parents and peers.