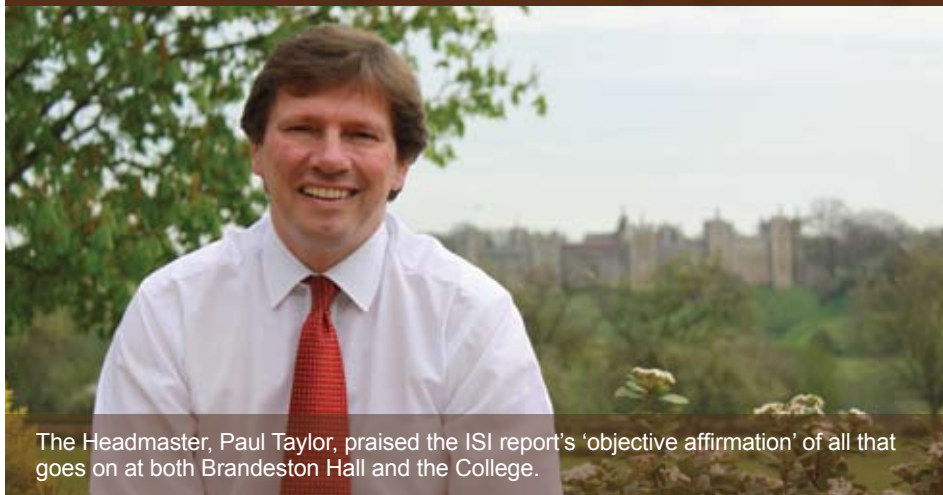




## A school where 'good' is no longer good enough



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Framlingham College and Brandeston Hall both received excellent inspection reports from the Independent Schools Inspectorate (ISI).

The ISI visited both schools in February and full copies of these reports are available on our website. The College was described as being 'highly successful in meeting its stated aims and mission' of providing a first class, holistic education, in a safe and inspiring environment, accessible to a broad range of boys and girls.

The reports continue with high praise for the pastoral and extra-curricular provision at both schools, commenting in particular on the excellent relationships enjoyed by the pupils with both their teachers and their peers. The 'excellent standard' of boarding at Brandeston was recognised, and both reports speak of the 'feeling of mutual respect and trust that pervades the schools', and described the children at Brandeston as 'unfailingly polite to visitors'. The social, moral, spiritual and cultural development of the pupils was described as 'outstanding'.

The report confirms the College's fine record in stretching the most able pupils, with its 'value-added' rating for those pupils who are not automatically destined to achieve A grades at GCSE and A Level standing alongside the very best in the country. Recent DCSF figures confirmed this when **placing the College in the top 5% of schools in the country at improving pupils' grades between GCSE and A level.**

Headmaster Paul Taylor was full of praise for the 'thorough and professional inspection process' and said he was 'delighted to have an objective affirmation of all that the schools do. As a new Headmaster, it endorsed all the positive impressions I have had of the warmth, energy and vitality of the pupils here, and for me the report's assertion that this is now a school where "good" is no longer good enough says it all. I could not have chosen the words better myself!'

## FRAM BECOMES MILAN

Save the Children was founded in 1919 and with this charity in mind, Year 13 student Clarice Downes organised a charity fashion show, which took place in March. The evening was a huge success with catwalk outfits generously supplied by local boutiques and the students themselves. To round off the night there was live music and an auction to help raise the total to £1,430.93.



During a recent assembly, the Headmaster Mr Paul Taylor welcomed Save the Children Community Fundraising Executive, Mr Burroughs. He explained more about the charity and gave examples of the purchasing power the cheque would have, including children's emergency rations and helping to build schools in India. For more news on our charity endeavours turn to page 2.



## Music Review

In May the annual summer concert at St Michael's Church, Framlingham, was a huge success, with exquisite solo performances, including Imogen Webb playing Elgar's Cello Concerto. This was followed by Carwithen's Suffolk Suite, composed for the College in 1964 and performed by our Orchestra. The Choir also delivered a full-bodied rendition of sections of Handel's Messiah.

Later that month, the Year 9 Concert was performed in the Recital Hall; there were samba bands, flute quintets as well as solos and ensembles. Credit goes to all involved. The future looks very promising.



## Forthcoming Events

*Open Morning at Framlingham College*  
9.30am, Saturday 18th September  
If you would like to attend please contact Miss Emma Rutterford

*Holiday Activities*  
Football 17th & 18th August  
Swimming 9th - 13th and  
16th - 20th August  
Netball, Hockey and Rugby Academies  
23rd & 24th and 26th & 27th August  
Further details can be found under  
Enterprises on the website

*Autumn Drama Production*  
A Midsummer Night's Dream  
8th, 9th & 10th December 2010





## DofE at St James's Palace

Sixteen former students received their Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Awards at St James's Palace in London on March 16th. This was a record number for the College in one session. The Duke of Edinburgh personally spoke to the group, asking them questions on where they had done their expeditions and how they had accomplished the various sections of the award. The recipients were: Tori Aldred, Ed Binder, Bethany Burgoyne, Will Burke, Harriet Cole, Sean Collins, Kara Kendall, James Mee, Ross Mumford, Alex Noakes, Tom Osmanski, Caroline Reid, Jake Sallis, Sam Turner, James Wheeler and Tom Wilkinson.

The following month a total of 41 expeditioners from Framlingham College, and a few from nearby Thomas Mills, ventured north to undertake Duke of Edinburgh's Awards at Coniston.



## BIG STEPS FOR CHARITY

By the end of the summer term two more fund-raising events will have taken place: a whole-school sponsored walk around Framlingham, aptly titled Operation Bigfoot with the total miles to be covered equating to one person walking to Los Angeles or Shanghai. Also a cricket match featuring the Headmaster's XI versus Old England will raise funds for the East Anglian Air Ambulance.

## All Wright on the Night

**On Thursday 29th April, College students were treated to a visit by acclaimed poet Luke Wright.**

In the afternoon, Luke led a workshop session with Year 9 pupils, reading them some of his very topical poems and inspiring them to write their own verses using contemporary language, references and themes. Some of the work produced was very lively indeed! Later, a large audience of senior students enjoyed a full hour-long gig, and Luke won many new fans with his energetic performance of poems on subjects like first love, school bullies and our current obsession with celebrity. There were many laughs, but also moments of great drama and sadness, and all were left with a renewed appreciation of what poetry can do.

We look forward to Luke's next visit with some anticipation.



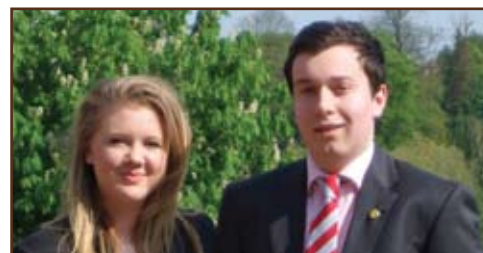
## CCF update

The College is pleased to announce the next Head of the Combined Cadet Force is Chief Petty Officer Charles Precious. In addition, the following Cadets have been appointed Head of Sections: Petty Officer Morgan Bagert (Navy), Company Sergeant Major Carl Witham (Army) and Sergeant Danielle Maran (Air Force).

Framlingham College shooting team entered the Suffolk Shield competition at Thetford on Saturday 1st May, with participation from the following pupils:- *Bill Bournes, Michael Cherry-Downes, Hannah Cornish, William Hamilton, William Nankivell, Ed Williamson and Carl Witham.*



Air Vice Marshal Dougherty inspects the cadets at the recent Biennial Inspection in March



## MOREAU SCHOLARSHIPS 2010

With the announcement of this year's winners, Hannah Gardner and Teddy Harrington, the Moreau Scholarship has now been awarded ten times.

The Scholarship highlights the importance that the Society of Old Framlinghamians attaches to its younger members. Scholars act as 'pivots' for 3 years, co-ordinating events for their year group to keep in contact after they leave. Each scholar receives the support of a dedicated mentor as well as a financial sum. Both students are leaving this summer for university with Hannah looking forward to studying Anthropology and Teddy Events Management. Neither can believe how quickly time has passed, but they are determined to keep in touch with the friends they have made.

## Geographers in the field

Despite the disruption due to the volcanic ash cloud, Geography field trips continued with a Lower Sixth trip to North Norfolk to study coastal landforms and glacio-fluvial features.

Year 10 (pictured) visited the stretch of Suffolk coast between Easton Bavents and the Denes at Southwold to collect data for the new-style GCSE. There was also a trip to Colchester Zoo for Year 9, which included an ecosystems lecture, and Year 13 visited the deciduous woodland at Pound Farm with Mr Mike Rider, Site Manager, of the Woodland Trust.



## Andrew jumps to the challenge

Andrew Kwok, Year 11, received a Gold Award in the UK Intermediate Maths Challenge, enabling him to qualify for the next round of the competition (The Pink Kangaroo). With 3 million students participating worldwide, Andrew was proud to be among the top 25% who reached the Merit standard.





# The Art of Inspiration

To quote Thomas Edison 'Genius is 1% inspiration and 99% perspiration' and the College Artists and Designers have certainly applied much of the latter in aspiring to the former this year. The Summer Exhibition, open on Speech Day, is a reflection of all this hard work with a real sense of tradition coupled with the application of the more current manufacturing techniques.

In the Sixth Form Will Twentyman (Year 13 Design Prize) has continued to impress with his ambitious modular fruit cage and Ellie Betham is rewarded with the Year 12 Browne Prize for her excellent all-round performance.

At GCSE Katherine Hitchcock and Andrew Kwok have both been awarded scholarships for their Sixth Form studies. Katherine also receives the Tony Martin Prize for her traditionally crafted Oak Gun Box and we wish Andrew every success as he reaches the final stages of the national Arkwright Scholarship Scheme.



## Work, rest and play...

The variety of responses that resulted from the theme of this year's GCSE Art exam was astonishing and of a very high standard. The work exhibited just before half term was met with great interest from all members of the school and contained some exceptional outcomes, most notably from Yuri Higashikokubaru whose self portraits and drawings have rightly earned her a Sixth Form Art Scholarship. There were other exciting paintings from Charlotte Lawson and Andrew Kwok and some interesting clay work and painting from Oscar Ponton, Fiona Birch and many others. They will receive some very good results for all their work and can now rest (and play) over the summer break!



## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Zoology for Biology

In April, Year 12 spent a fantastic interactive day at Colchester Zoo. The visit included taking part in interesting zoo trails as well as attending two lectures. Students went away with a better understanding of how zoos are involved in conservation and the importance of classification of the animal kingdom.



### Junior Drama - 'Kes'

Over 40 pupils from Years 9 and 10 came together at the end of June to present performances of 'Kes', a dramatised version of the novel, 'A Kestrel for a Knave'. Rehearsals commenced at the start of term and everyone worked hard to come to terms with the demands of the South Yorkshire dialect. Max Falconer (Stradbroke, Year 9) played the leading role of Billy Casper who turns his affection and trust towards a fledgling kestrel. The script was accompanied by slides taken in nearby locations with narration from the original novel.

### Conserving Energy 2010

The Energy Saving competition is now in its second year and all seven houses have been challenged to cut down on electricity usage for a whole academic year. This year's winners, Pembroke House, went to extreme lengths to economise, including giving up TV, the toaster and microwave and even their hair straighteners!

### Lewis reaches National heights

Lewis Myers-Allen, Year 11, has won a coveted place with the National Youth Theatre this summer. With 4,000 applicants for only 60 places, this is one of the most sought-after drama courses in the country.



### The 'Songbirds' on Tour

By popular demand, the 3 sopranos and flautist returned to Cotignac in June to raise money for charity. Rosie Bullen and Olivia Castle will also sing in the summer as part of the National Youth Choir of Great Britain.



# Sports Report



## Harriett at the Double

Harriett Bryce, Year 11, has been training hard to prepare for the qualifier for the Racecourse Series. At the end of April, Harriet and her horse 'Doppio Movimento' gave a sterling performance at the West Norfolk Point to Point at Fakenham and won. In spite of concussion from a recent fall, she cannot wait for the first of the series at Newmarket and we wish her well.

## Inter-House Swimming Gala

Congratulations to Pembroke and Garrett for winning their respective competitions and well done to all swimmers for helping to create another great event. As a full house event, the final scores all count towards the Stock's and Douglas Shields respectively. As always many thanks to all the staff who helped officiate and in particular Gap Students Amy, Nick and Jessie.



## Sports Day

The Inter-House Athletics sports day saw many fine performances, including College records for Jasmine Lawson and Bridget Weller-Poley in the Junior Girls' competition. Pembroke House took the title for the girls and Garrett House emerged as winners for the boys.



## Girls Games

### Girls take the Plate at St George's

The Framlingham College girls' squad set off to Weybridge for the annual hockey tournament held at St George's College. The girls finished third in their Pool matches, enabling them to qualify for the Plate competition. The team were keen to improve on their performance and started with a decisive 5-1 win against Reigate Grammar School. In the semis the girls faced St Georges B team for the second time, but secured a 2-0 victory, taking them to the final with Burgess Hill School for Girls.

The game was end to end, but Emily Wilford scored the winning goal from the top of the circle, taking them to 3 - 2. The team went one better than last year with everyone receiving medals for the Plate event. Emily Wilford also received a hockey stick for being recognised as the player of the final.

### Tennis

The girls have experienced a great deal of success recently, with the 1st team currently undefeated in their Saturday fixtures after wins over Greshams



(7-2), Felsted and Woodbridge (5-4). The 2nd and 3rd U15A and U14A teams have lost only one fixture this term and the U15B AEGON team, consisting of Flo Baldwin, Jasmine Lawson, Katherine Ridley and Claire Walker, have managed to get through to the county final after convincingly beating both Woodbridge and St Felix 6 sets to 0.

The Rounders teams have had some close matches with the U14A side achieving a victory against RHS and a draw against Felsted.

## Cricket Review 2010

A young 1st XI has struggled this season but highlights have included victories over the Gentlemen of Essex and Suffolk and local rivals The Royal Hospital School in the 20:20 knockout, along with a narrow loss away from home to Norwich school.

Individually, there have been very good performances from Kristian Williman

at the top of the order and consistent performances with both bat and ball from Tom Claydon. In spite of a tough season, Charles Garrard has worked hard and improved his captaincy with every match.

Further down the school there have been a number of good performances from the 2nd XI, the Under 15A XI reached the semi final of the Suffolk County Cup and after a slow start the U14 XI showed encouraging signs of improvement.

## Cricket Coaching at Lords

Edward Barker, Year 12, attended a cricket coaching day at Lords in March. The focus was on spin bowling and batting against spin. He received coaching from former international cricketers John Emburey and Mark Alleyne and even got the chance to bat against the famed 'Merlin' bowling machine, which replicates deliveries from top international spin bowlers.



## Goss Inspires

Former Norwich City and Wales footballer, Jeremy Goss, came to the College in April to give an inspirational talk to our Physical Education students and elite athletes.

He focussed on the qualities required to succeed as a professional sportsman and provided students with ideas and techniques that they could transfer into their own sporting careers.

## NETBALL TOUR

Easter 2010 saw the inaugural College netball tour to Malta with the 1st VII winning two of their three matches, losing only to the Malta senior team, while the 'A' squad won all three of their games. Both teams demonstrated skill and determination on the court and also had the opportunity to explore the island, visiting Valletta, St Paul's Bay, St Julian's as well as Gozo.

