



In my first term at Framlingham I have been struck by the energy, commitment and open-minded dynamic among staff and pupils.

As I write this on a sunny Sunday I am reflecting on a wonderful Autumn Concert that provided the perfect platform for the rich diversity of music here: real quality was on offer, alongside wide and enthusiastic participation, and it was thrilling to watch so many pupils taking the chance to perform.

I can also see a large group on their way to the theatre for the afternoon's rehearsal for this term's musical, 'Anything Goes'. Just yesterday, many of these same boys and girls were on our wet and windswept playing fields competing fiercely and proudly for the College at all levels (watched by many a drenched parent on the touchlines!).

I have also been heartened by what I have seen in the classroom, and I have impressed on the pupils the importance of good working habits, academic ambition and of making the most of the considerable help that is available here. They have responded well. The College is in good shape and is flourishing on all fronts.

Mr Paul Taylor, Headmaster

Remembrance Service



The addition of Old Framlinghamian, G H Catchpole, to the World War I memorial was dedicated by Stephen Waters, the College Chaplain, at the traditional Remembrance Day service on Sunday 8th November. On Wednesday 11th the whole school paid its respects with the two-minute Armistice Silence, and representatives of the RAF Section laid a wreath at Parham, the nearest wartime base to the College.

Nepal and Everest Base Camp Expedition 2009



Two groups of intrepid Year 12 and 13 students set off from the College on expedition to Nepal in July. The goal of this demanding voyage of self-discovery was to trek all the way to Everest Base Camp (5357m).

After two days in the Thamel district of Kathmandu, during which time we had the chance to visit the monkey temple, the famous Bodinath, and haggle with street traders, we were driven to a small airport to board a light aircraft which was to fly us to Lukla (2800m). Here we met our trekking team of sherpas and yaks, checked our kit and took in some of the breathtaking views, before commencing the 13 day trek to Base Camp. Crossing suspension bridges, camping along the way, we entered the Sagarmatha National Park and a trekking village named Namche Bazaar. Our sherpas provided excellent meals to sustain us on the arduous trek and we pushed on past snow-capped mountains, huge waterfalls, up to Base Camp. All of the expeditioners were able to savour the unique atmosphere of Everest and the Khumbu Icefall, before the return trip through Gorak Shep and Dingboche.

After another sight-seeing day in Kathmandu, and a day mountain biking, both groups returned to the UK after an unforgettable Himalayan experience. Participants were pushed to the limits of their endurance, with almost two weeks of hard trekking at altitude, and some rough weather in the evenings, but the satisfaction felt when completing an experience such as this is something which will remain with them for life.

Forthcoming Events 2010

Open Morning at Framlingham College

9.30 to Midday

Saturday 30th January

If you would like to attend please contact Miss Emma Rutterford

Spring Music Production

Songs from the 60s

5th & 6th March

Holiday Activities - Football, Badminton, Swimming & Cricket

15th - 19th February

Multi-Sport

29th & 30th March

Further details can be found under Activities on the website

Prize Historians

College students scooped two top prizes at the 2009 National Young Historians Awards. This annual event is an initiative set up by The Spirit of Normandy Trust in partnership with the Historical Association and seeks to encourage young people to become historians.



Edward King with Normandy Veterans

Amelia Oliver, Lucy Pring, George Castle, Claire Walker, Camilla Hopkinson and John Southworth (pictured below) were delighted to receive the Best School entry prize for their hard work on local history topics.

In a separate category organised by the Spirit of Normandy Trust, Chris Hart was commended and Edward King took first prize with his study on his grandfather, entitled 'Atlantic Convoys in WWII'.



In October, Edward and his parents attended a prestigious prize-giving ceremony at the Imperial War Museum along with the Head of History and Senior Master, Mr Mark Robinson. The presentation was made by the Chief Executive of the Historical Association and guests included members of the Normandy Veterans Association and the Young Historian Network.

Charity Update

Our charity appeal has started well this year. Over £1,000 has been raised for the *Royal British Legion* and more than £500 has gone to *Centrepoin*t to sponsor a homeless person with a room in a hostel and training, which will hopefully lead to employment and a permanent home. Teddy Harrington raised £100 for *Cancer Research* by organising a 5-a-side football tournament. Planning has started for a new venture, a whole school sponsored walk to be held later in the year - *watch this space!*

Moreau Scholarships 2009

After stiff competition, Year 13 leavers **Bethany Burgoyne** and **Ed Binder** emerged as this year's winners. Bethany was previously Deputy Head of Victoria House and plans to study drama at Goldsmiths next year, while Ed was Head Boy and his aspiration is to run the family business which his grandfather started.



Duke of Edinburgh

Over 50 students braved the elements on Silver and Gold Practice and Assessed expeditions in the local area and almost 80 have just been to Derbyshire and Yorkshire during the October half term. Year 11 will have an opportunity to organise an expedition to Derbyshire or Yorkshire after their GCSE examinations in June and Year 9 will also be attempting their Bronze Practice Expedition during the same month.



Duke of Edinburgh Expeditioners on the home straight near Coniston Water, in the Lake District, at Easter

Model United Nations



Framlingham College played host to their first one day Model United Nations conference last summer, with the hope that this will become a regular fixture in our calendar.

The aim is to encourage local schools, both maintained and independent, to take part in an event that will benefit their students by giving them a better insight into world issues. Each student, through discussion and negotiation on a wide range of topics, should leave with a more balanced approach on how to address these problems. Each delegation represents one nation state and consists of two students in Years 11 to 13. The schools in attendance were; Culford, Felsted, Woodbridge, Ipswich High School for Girls, King Edward VI (Bury St Edmunds) and the Royal Hospital School. Draft resolutions were presented by students on issues such as poverty in Africa and the Israeli-Palestinian situation. Guest speaker on the day was Mr Peter Warren, freelance journalist and father of Year 10 student, Matthew. The day was a great success and enabled delegates to hone their debating skills and to get a better understanding of the Model UN.

GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY

Captain Richard David, father to George (Stradbroke), was a guest speaker at the Geographical Society earlier this term. Drawing from his work with a private yacht charter company and with the title '*Who wants to be a billionaire?*',

he gave a fascinating insight into a way of a life very different from our own. A large audience was treated to a range of photographs and anecdotes from his experiences of oceans, ports, spectacular coastal landforms and luxury yachts as he sails through hot and cold regions of the world.

Geography trips...



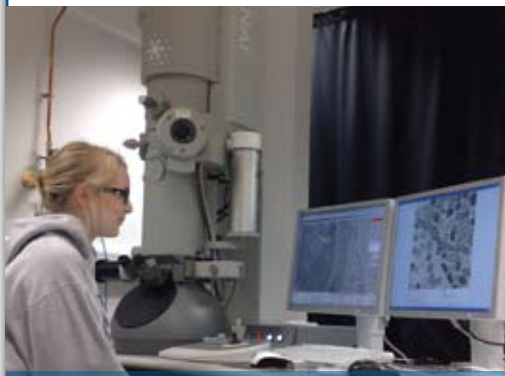
Year 13 Geographers with Mr David Barker evaluating the effectiveness of inner city redevelopment at Les Halles, central Paris



Mr Mark Kendall with a group of Year 13 Geographers on the steps of L'Opera Garnier following primary data collection exercises

Microscopy Open Day

Year 12 biologists recently attended a Microscopy Open Day at the Bio-imaging Unit at the John Innes Centre in Norwich. The day built on key aspects of the AS Biology course, where students are expected to understand how to use microscopes and why they are so important in biology. The Open Day involved viewing an archive display about the history of microscopy, a quiz, talks and demonstrations on a range of different microscopes including electron, sample preparation and the latest in 3-D optical tomography.



A transmission electron microscope being used to view the ultra structure of a plant cell



A scanning electron microscope being used to view a human hair

Autumn Concert



L-R Clockwise Hannah Cornish, Becky Kerridge, Kathryn Twentyman, Paulina Grosse-Wohrmann



Lewis Myers-Allen on guitar and Tom Brown on vocals

Singing rocks the House

This year's House Singing competition was organised by the Music Prefects and adjudicated by former pupil Ms Chantal Clelland, local jazz musician Mr Frank Noble, Mrs Pam Vinten from Brandeston Hall and Mrs Amanda Taylor as the College representative.

There were two categories; Part Songs, where a smaller group of pupils must sing in a three-part harmony and House Songs where each house member must participate. Kerrison boys, directed by Joe Nickson and Nick Whitehead, won with their rendition of *Generator*, while Anna Rous directed her fellow house members from Pembroke to first place with *What a Feeling*.

Surf's Up!

The Dragons' Den competition moved into its second year, with eight teams competing for the coveted shield.

The presentations were varied and thorough, with ideas ranging from off-road bike activities to a delicatessen, a DVD rental shop and a music café. After much deliberation it was decided to award the trophy to Surf's Up, with Moto-X-Treme coming a close second and third place being awarded to Café Note.

Surf's Up put forward a meticulous business plan for an internet café, addressing matters such as music licensing, spyware and even taxes. With third member Saya Sekikawa absent for the evening, the remaining team members, Lachlan Scott and Jo-Jo Hamer-Philip pulled out all the stops to ensure that their well thought-out concept was pitched correctly.

Thanks are given to the three external 'Dragons', Mr J Ball and Mr Russell, who made a welcomed return, and Mr Guy Marks (Tribes).



Surf's Up (front), Moto-X-Treme (back)

NEWS IN BRIEF

Drama

Rehearsals are fully underway for *Anything Goes*, the Autumn Drama production which will be performed as we go to press in December. A full review will follow in Spring.

Left: Camilla Jenkinson, Charlie Precious and Didi pause for thought.



Sixth Form Lectures

Our lecture series this year opened with a discussion on drug education, given by Jonnie Leach. The next presentation came from Out & About, who talked about their charitable organisation and the work they do with young people who are disabled. Through a series of structured games, students learnt how limiting communication can be for youngsters with disabilities. At the end of the session, Andrzej Stuart-Thompson, Head of School, thanked Lynn and Helen for coming and students went away with a better understanding of what volunteering would entail. The final lecture of the term was presented by Bill Pirie, a former head of Essex Police Driving School. He covered the six main causes of road accidents and took the audience through a series of measures that will help them improve their driving technique.

Peer Mentoring

At the start of the academic year, over 40 volunteer students underwent training to become Peer Mentors for younger members of the College. Through a series of practical exercises they were encouraged to examine ways in which they could listen, empathise and understand the experiences of those who might seek their help, whether academic or personal in nature. The Peer Mentors work in Houses and around the school in general, where they staff a discreetly situated 'drop-in' room at lunch times and after school. They also give House assemblies on the role that they play within our community.

This is the fourth year that senior students have put themselves forward to become a valued member of the Peer Mentor Team. Working alongside the well-established, staff-led pastoral structures, these pupils strive to ensure that their school community is a happy and secure one.

Sports Report

Girls Games

It has been a very busy term for the girls and teams have achieved a great deal of success. Key highlights were the 1st XI and the U14 hockey teams getting through to the Regional Rounds of the National Schools Competition, the U18 Netballers coming third in the county netball tournament and last year's senior tennis team being awarded Suffolk Team of the Year by the Suffolk LTA.

The Girls' Hockey 1st XI has so far had a good term, having played 14, won 11 and lost 3. They have played some very impressive fast flowing hockey and scored plenty of goals. They put in an admirable performance in the East Regional qualifiers where they finished 2nd out of 5 in their group with decisive wins over Stamford, Haileybury and Felsted schools.

Tennis Team of the Year

The Framlingham College U18 girls' team, which incorporates the school and the club, won Team of the Year at the Bi-Annual Suffolk LTA Awards at Kesgrave Community Centre in November. The team consisting of Lydia Green, Caroline Reid, Becky Saunders (pictured below) and Tori Aldred, were presented with the award as a result of the girls reaching two national finals, winning the Suffolk Schools Doubles competition and the Suffolk Club competition, all in the same year.



The **U14, U16 and U18 girls' netball teams** all participated in the Northern Area Netball competition and managed to secure a place in the county finals and managed to secure a place in the county finals, losing out by one point for a place in the Eastern Regional Finals. The teams are now preparing for their tour to Malta at the end of March.

Kiel Week

James Bolingbroke was part of the British team that took part in the 29er class race in Kiel, in what is regarded as the largest sailing event in the world. Team GBR worked hard and finished with all 7 boats in the Gold Fleet. The following month James competed in the Worlds at Lake Garda, finishing in the top third overall.

Boys Games

Boys' sport has taken off at a furious pace this term with the rugby programme reaching near full throttle by the end of the pre-season training camp.

A very close match against The Leys School saw the College 1st XV emerge victorious 10 - 7 and the competition at The Brentwood Festival then set them up for a good start to the season. By half term the 1st XV had won 4 of their 7 matches. The current XV is a young team and the boys have trained hard and performed with great spirit.



The shining light of the programme is undoubtedly the current Under 15 A team (pictured). They have now had 10 wins and 1 draw, losing just once. **Matt Warren, Jack Pearson, William Owen and Jack Scott** continue their development with the Leicester Elite Player Development Programme, joined by newcomer **Henry Baldwin**.

Steven Packer has been selected for the Essex School of Rugby and another new College student, **Chris Huston**, has been invited to join the Northampton Saints Academy on the back of his consistently fine form this season.

Other fine performances have resulted in **Charlie Precious** (pictured right) captaining the Eastern Counties Under 18 rugby team and being selected for the London & South-East Squad, having emerged as the best back-row forward in the division. **William Owen**, who has been playing for Eastern Counties Under 15 and Under 16 teams, has



performed excellently in the county matches and hopes to be selected for the Under 16 London & South-East Divisional trials. An impressive achievement for a boy playing up a year! **Michael Foxcroft** (pictured below), our current exchange student from Bishops Diocesan College in Cape Town, has made a positive impression on the College 1st XV since his arrival and represented the Eastern Counties Under 16 team against Essex.



SUFFOLK SCHOOLS GOLF ASSOCIATION

This year's SSGA County Finals were played at Diss Golf Club. There were 46 players from 17 schools taking part in perfect conditions. Overall girls' champion, Jo-Jo Hamer-Phillip, Year 13, was playing off an 8 handicap and her score of one over par 73, was just one shot outside the ladies' course record. Jo-Jo is pictured receiving her trophy from Nigel Church of Ransomes Jacobsen in Ipswich, sponsors of the championships.



College Golf Team - Earlier in the term, the College golf team competed against Uppingham School in the HMC Foursomes competition, only to lose a closely fought match on the 18th at Luffenham Heath Golf Club. They also took part in the ISGA singles competition at Woodbridge, but unfortunately were not a match for St Joseph's College whose team included Charlie Sargeant, the Suffolk Schools boys champion. The annual fixture in October against the Old Framlinghamians at Aldeburgh was enjoyed by all, but resulted in a resounding win for the OFs - next year maybe!

LADIES CRICKET 2009

It has been over a decade since they fielded a team, but last June Framlingham College Ladies' Cricket XI played against Easton Ladies' CC XI. In the end the visitors squeaked the win by 10 or so runs, but it was a great game, played in tremendous spirit. What a fitting end to a season during which all of the girls involved in the squad have trained religiously and put in a huge amount of effort, making good progress in this rather complex sport.



Congratulations to the girls on a fine first season and to Mr Jarvis and Miss Cranmer for organising, coaching and managing the side