

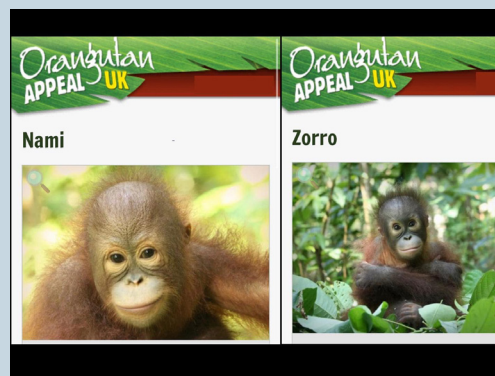


We have adopted two orangutans!

At the end of last term, our Sixth Form students collected money to adopt orangutans in Borneo by having a wear orange or green day.

Year 13 have adopted Zorro and Year 12 have adopted Nami.

Thank you to the Sepilok Rehabilitation Centre and Orangutan Appeal UK.



Welcome to our first newsletter of the year and I hope that you and your families are well. It has been great to see and speak to so many of you at our Open Evening and the Pathways Events that I have attended. I hope that you have found them useful too. Our newsletter is designed to keep you informed of all the activities that take place in our Sixth Form. I hope that you have already got a feel for the inclusive community spirit and supportive atmosphere. I am looking forward to meeting you during our interview evenings, but please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions.

Mr Alexander,
Head of Sixth Form



Last academic year, eight Year 12 Physics students excelled in this year's British Physics Olympiad Senior Physics Challenge, an annual competition administered by Oxford University's Physics Department. All the students who volunteered to put themselves through a rigorous one hour online assessment achieved a gold, silver or bronze award. Miss Mackie was proud to present them with their certificates in the Science Department's wildlife garden. Congratulations to all of them!

Behind the scenes tour

In July 2022, our Year 12 Politics students visited the Houses of Parliament in London. We had a unique 'behind the scenes' tour of the parliamentary estate, including the House of Commons and Lords, Portcullis House, voting division lobbies, and Westminster Hall (where the Queen recently lay in State).

Following the tour, students had the opportunity to take part in a Q&A session with Ipswich's MP Tom Hunt, covering a range of local, national and global issues.



Young Enterprise Scheme

Alex Ward, former Northgate student, equities trader with Credit Suisse and (most importantly) business mentor with the Young Enterprise Scheme, was offering feedback to the eleven students in Year 12 during their most recent business meeting.

Since late September 2021, the team of budding entrepreneurs (a collection of eleven students doing Business and/or Economics and Graphics A Levels) have been working together on launching and running a bona fide business, as part of the national Young Enterprise Scheme.

According to the Young Enterprise website, the organisation is set up as a national charity whose aim is to motivate young people to thrive in the changing world of work by equipping them with the work skills, knowledge and confidence they need to succeed. They

believe that the potential of the UK's young people is unlimited, and an academic education on its own is not enough. The

programme is set up to empower young people to discover, develop and celebrate their skills and potential.

April 2022: The Young Enterprise team scoop the Sustainability Award at the regional Show Case event. On stage at the UEA collecting their award.



Our day in court

In June, twenty A level Law students went to the University of Suffolk for a Law Immersion Day. The students had been preparing a fictitious criminal case for two weeks prior to the visit ready for a Mock Trial. Three of the law lecturers at UOS, who were all former criminal law barristers, helped the students to finalise their opening and closing speeches, as well as helping them hone their cross examination skills. We then had the Mock Trial in the university's "court room", where all of the students, advocates as well as witnesses, court staff and the jury, put in a fantastic performance.

In the afternoon, the students had another session where they were split into groups for a fictitious Extreme Rebellion type protest. They all had different roles ranging



from protesters to police chiefs and journalists. It was really interesting to see how they quickly adapted to their roles to present their view points and how they tried to reach a pragmatic solution to allow the protest to go ahead with an acceptable amount of disruption.

The students involved were so inspired that they are going to run a mock trial for Year 10s before the end of term.

All in all, a really enjoyable and informative day and a big thanks to UOS for hosting us.

A Level Dance visit DanceEast

Some of our Year 12 A Level Dance cohort recently attended their first dance visit of the year at DanceEast.

We were lucky enough to see the premier of Russell Maliphant's new work 'Vortex'. As part of an incentive to make dance accessible to young people, Northgate was offered free tickets to the performance and later in November we will be participating in a workshop led by company dancers to explore this work further.





HCW Art and Photography Foundation award winners

In June, Miss Pippa Travis-Williams attended the Northgate Sixth Form Art & Photography exhibition to announce the three award winners for the 2022 Henry Curtis-Williams Art and Photography Foundation.

The Foundation, which has been running successfully now for six years, was formed in memory

of Pippa's son, Henry, who tragically passed away in 2016. Henry's father, Mr Stuart Curtis, and Pippa, are both patrons for the HCW Foundation.

Henry was a former student of Northgate High School and will always be much loved and remembered for his

extraordinary creativity and talent in the arts.

The three prize winners were categorised as follows:

- Diligence, winner Maya
- Photography, winner Emily
- Art, winner Josie (pictured above).

Year 13 Art Coursework Exhibition

After three years of absence from the school calendar, the Art & Photography department were proud to host this year's Year 13 Art Coursework Exhibition.

Having gone through three lockdowns and unavoidable interruptions, congratulations must go to this year's Art & Photography A Level students who have sustained and built upon the high standards set previously. Students exhibited some exciting responses in a wide range of media from oil



painting to printing, photography and installation. Students had responded very creatively to their self-directed themes this year, reflecting on and developing their own practice in innovative and skillful ways.

Family and friends were invited to the Open Exhibition in June which celebrated the culmination of two year's work. The well-attended event was a huge success and a fantastic finale to showcase the Year 13's talent. Well done to all!