



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.

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On 22 June 2022, 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



Winner of the Henry Curtis-Williams Art Award: Josie



# The British Olympiad Senior Physics Challenge

Eight Year 12 Physics students have excelled in this year's British Physics Olympiad Senior Physics Challenge, an annual competition administered by Oxford University's Physics Department. This year 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!



**Front Row:** Will, Laurent, Oliver, Samara

**Back Row:** Miss Mackie, Jeremy, Stewart, Roxy, El, Mr Pettitt and Mr Snowden

## Our day in court

On the 12 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.





# Duke of Edinburgh

## Commitment, determination and resilience!

This year saw a record number of applications for the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award programme which is available for all students in Year 10. This highly sought-after award scheme consists of participants carrying out four sections: Volunteering, Physical, Skill and Expedition. Participants are trained and prepared for two expeditions, a practice expedition followed closely by a qualifying expedition where participants are tested on their navigation skills, first aid knowledge, teamwork, campcraft and resilience.

The training sessions took place after school over a course of ten

weeks, focussing on topics such as first aid, map skills, navigation and orienteering, campcraft, food plans, route planning and route card writing. Participants worked with their expedition teams to ensure that they took full ownership of their expeditions by committing to routes, checkpoint locations and times.

The practice expedition took place across the Alton Water/ Holbrook area where teams had to journey competently walking approximately 15 to 18km. Many lessons were learned across the weekend with lots of adjustments identified ready for the qualifying expedition – these included navigational tweaks,

equipment to pack, food plan alterations to just name a few.

The qualifying expedition took place over the weekends of 25/26th June and 2/3rd July in the countryside between Grundisburgh and Wickham Market. Groups had to be fully self-sufficient over the course of the weekend, carrying everything that they would need including tents, Trangias, food and clothing. Groups walked pre-plotted routes across the countryside using an OS map and keeping to predetermined checkpoints. All groups demonstrated incredible resilience and perseverance despite the warm weather, long distances and extremely heavy bags!

A special thank you to all our volunteers who helped over the course of the three weekends; without the selfless generosity of these members of staff, we would not have been able to facilitate the Bronze Award for all 97 participants!



**Dates for your diary**

Thursday 21st July 2022.....	End of Term
Thursday 18th August 2022.....	A Level/Level 3 Results Day
Thursday 25th August 2022.....	GCSE/Level 2 Results Day
Monday 5th September 2022.....	Start of Autumn Term - Year 7 + Year 12
Tuesday 6th September 2022.....	Start of Autumn Term - Years 8-11 + Year 13
Friday 21st October 2022.....	Non-student Day
Monday 24th October 2022.....	Start of Half Term
Friday 28th October 2022.....	End of Half Term



## It's in their DNA!

The Drama Department saw the return of live public performances last half-term when Year 10 GCSE Drama students performed an abridged version of the Dennis Kelly play 'DNA'. For ten lessons the class worked as if they were a theatre company, giving the students

insight into the demands of professional performers.

Within a very short time the play needed to be read, contextualised, and blocked before students began to learn lines and refine their character's communications through rehearsals. The students worked

incredibly hard and were proud of the final performance they were able to share with family and friends. The response from the audience was overwhelmingly supportive and positive. The class cannot wait to start work on their next performance in front of a live audience!



# Opportunities ahoy!

The Food, Preparation & Nutrition Department were thrilled to welcome back The Royal Navy this term. 30 of our Year 10 GCSE students were able to spend the morning with two members of The Royal Navy, LCS Aaron Blunt and CS Drusilla Clarke. They gave a presentation all about potential careers in The Royal Navy and there was plenty of opportunity for students to ask questions. Students were then split off into teams and they had to produce a pizza and Swiss roll from scratch. They had to work together in their teams, following a recipe and making decisions about the flavours they were going to use and how to present their dishes. The young chefs did not disappoint. All teams completed the two dishes within 75 minutes and the results were fantastic! Aaron and Dru tasted all the dishes and selected the winners, Ruby and Nevaeh; well done girls.

When joining up to The Royal Navy catering team, regardless of the operational pressures of what is going on around you, sailors learn every aspect of cooking, running a commercial kitchen and how to deliver a hospitality event of the highest standard. They said that people must have a pin-sharp eye for detail; collaborative teamwork, leadership and management skills; and the ability to communicate at all levels.





Year 8 Netball

## Relentless in the face of tough competition

It has been such a pleasure to see netball competitions returning to schools this academic year. Northgate High School entered teams in all age groups for the local league competitions as well as tournaments. Our students get such enjoyment from participating in both the extra curricular club and the pride gained from representing their school.

Every team from Year 7-13 has demonstrated our ethos of a culture that is built upon teamwork, resilience, togetherness and relentlessness! We faced some tough opposition at times, especially for the teams who were entered into the higher leagues as a challenge, but each and every student rose to that challenge. Regardless of the outcome, all students left with smiling and

happy faces, demonstrating what a positive impact school sport and competition can have upon their physical, mental and social well being.

Netball training was a huge success, with over 100 male and female students attending most weeks. We were so impressed with the level of dedication shown during sometimes very cold and wintery evenings!

The Year 7 league is organised into three tournaments instead of a number of league games. Northgate did brilliantly at these tournaments and as a result are entered into the A League for next year.

Year 8 girls have formed a fantastic squad together, and as a result won their league. We look forward to their continuing success next year.

Year 9 netballers had a very

tough league this year, but fought strongly to ensure that they secured a mid-table finish at the end of the season. Well done for demonstrating our school values so well even in tough times!

Year 10 players were in the B league for this season and finished 4th in their league, securing their place to stay in the league for their competition. Good luck for your final season in the netball leagues and tournaments.

Year 11 played some very cold and wintery games, but their determination in the cold weather paid off after they finished 3rd in their league. We wish all of our Year 11s every sporting success for wherever their post-16 journey takes them. Thank you for being a fantastic year group!