



## EXPERIENCE GRESHAM'S

Attending one of our Open Days is a great way to gain a feel for the school and all that it can offer. Guided tours of the site are given by pupils and those visiting will have the opportunity to watch sporting activities, enjoy delightful performances from the choir in the beautiful setting of the Chapel and experience lessons in the classroom and much more.

There is a limit to the number of families we can welcome to these events so advance booking is essential.

Our next Open Day for the Senior School will take place on Saturday 30 April 2016. For further information visit, [www.greshams.com/opendays](http://www.greshams.com/opendays) or contact the Admissions team on **01263 714614**.



## ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT LECTURES

Gresham's weekly academic enrichment lecture series exposes students to a wealth of academic study and the world outside their classroom. From astrobiology to poetry, and human rights to film production, students are given the opportunity to not only learn but engage in different areas of scholarship. With societies dedicated to English, the humanities, foreign languages, the sciences and philosophy, students are also encouraged to explore their subjects beyond the curriculum.

Upcoming lectures for 2016 include: 'The value of studying the humanities' by Prof A C Grayling, 'Engineering I' by Prof Lawrence Coates and 'An acoustic adventure through music and physics' by Lawrence Tao & Chris Reed. See [www.greshams.com/Academic-Enrichment](http://www.greshams.com/Academic-Enrichment) for a full programme of academic enrichment lectures for spring 2016.

## SCHOLARSHIPS AT GRESHAM'S

Scholarships are offered to talented and dedicated students who show outstanding potential academically or in the fields of Art, Drama, Music or Sport.

Scholarships are normally rewarded for the duration of a pupil's career at the School on the condition that the pupil remains a positive and co-operative member of our community and continues to contribute to the School's academic or co-curricular life.

Scholarships are available for entry to Year 7, Year 9 and Sixth Form.

See [www.greshams.com/scholarships](http://www.greshams.com/scholarships) for more information.



# AT GRESHAM'S



Spring 2016

## DEVELOPMENT PLANS GIVEN THE GO-AHEAD

The school has recently received rather exciting news that Planning Permission has been granted for the development of a new Music School and Sixth Form Centre as well as significant improvements to four boarding houses.

The ambitious scheme, developed by Norfolk-based firm, LSI Architects will provide a range of fantastic new facilities for pupils and staff including a new music building to replace the existing music teaching areas.

The two-storey music building development, costing £5m, includes classrooms, music practice rooms, a recording studio, a 140 seat auditorium that will be used as a Sixth Form lecture theatre as well as performing space, cafeteria and social spaces for pupils.

Four boarding houses will be the subject of much improvement with permanent extensions planned for Crossways, Kenwyn, Edinburgh and



Britten. The extensions will enable us to provide first class facilities for our boarders within a comfortable and enjoyable home from home environment. The extensions will also create better space and accommodation provision for boarding staff.

Work on building the new Music School and Sixth Form Centre is scheduled to start in April 2016 and is due to be completed ready for September 2017. Improvements to the boarding houses are expected to get underway in July 2016.

## OG SIR JAMES DYSON PAYS A FLYING VISIT

Old Greshamian, British inventor and founder of the Dyson company, Sir James Dyson (OSH, 1956-1965), returned to Gresham's with friends to enjoy lunch with Logie Bruce-Lockhart, a former Gresham's Headmaster (1955-82).



Arriving by helicopter, Cromer-born Sir James was greeted on the Britten field by current Headmaster, Douglas Robb who he joined for lunch before visiting the school Chapel where he was christened.

Sir James kindly donated a Dyson 360 Eye to the school, a new model which is not yet available for sale in the UK but has recently gone on sale in Japan.

The Queen awarded Sir James Dyson the Order of Merit in the New Year's Honours List. Admission into the order remains the personal gift of the Sovereign and is restricted to a maximum of 24 living recipients from the Commonwealth realms. We are immensely proud that three of our OGs have been awarded the Order of Merit. Sir James Dyson follows in the footsteps of the late composer Benjamin Britten and physiologist and biophysicist Sir Alan Hodgkin. Benjamin Britten (F, 1928-1930) was appointed to the Order of Merit in 1965, Sir Alan (H, 1927-1932) was appointed in 1973.



## INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE SUCCESS

Gresham's recorded another great set of International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma results in 2015 with its Sixth Form pupils achieving an average score of 34 points, 5 points above the worldwide average.



Head of School, Esme Haywood achieved 44 out of a maximum of 45 points, equivalent to 5A\*s at A level and has since accepted an offer to read Chemistry at Brasenose College, University of Oxford.

Esme said of her success, "The opportunities I received at Gresham's allowed me to discover a wide range of activities and decide what I would like to pursue. I owe so much to the support and teaching given to me by the school." When asked what she would like to do as a career she said, "I plan to take a gap year working at Gresham's Prep because I want to get some work experience and give something back to the school which gave me such a great start. I don't know what will come after Oxford, but Chemistry opens up a wide variety of career paths."

Esme joined Gresham's Prep in Year 5 from Bedford High School for Girls and was awarded an Academic and Drama scholarship when she joined Year 9 at the Senior School.

## A ROARING SUMMER FOR SCRUM HALF

Sixth Former, Harry Simmons was selected to play for the Leicester Tigers 1st XV team and made his debut in October against Loughborough University in a pre-season friendly at Welford Road Stadium.

Harry, who trained with the Tigers' 1st team during the summer played at scrum half and contributed to a winning score of 43-12.

The Sixth Former also plays for the 1st XV U18 squad at Gresham's, Holt Rugby Club, has represented Eastern Counties, London Division and is a member of the Leicester Tigers Academy having been picked for Leicester's Elite Player Development Group.

Harry's achievement follows in the footsteps of Old Greshamians and England Rugby internationals, Tom and Ben Youngs both of whom also play for Leicester Tigers.



## A WARM WELCOME TO...



William Chuter

Gresham's is delighted to announce the appointment of two new Deputy Heads starting at the Senior School from September 2016. William Chuter, is joining us from Uppingham School and will take over the role of Deputy Head Pastoral replacing Nigel Flower, who will be retiring after 25 years at Gresham's. Tim Hipperson, will be joining us from Oundle School as Deputy Head Academic replacing Simon Kinder.



Tim Hipperson

John Bowley has been appointed as Director of Music, a post he currently holds at Repton School. John will replace Mark Jones who has recently retired after 22 years at Gresham's. Two mathematicians have also been appointed, Elizabeth McNamara from Sprowston School and Tom Howland from KCS Wimbledon.



## LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

Gresham's Futures, Gresham's School's Careers department, hosted their second successful Business Breakfast for Sixth Formers early in December.

20 pupils experienced a unique opportunity to network and engage professionally with more than 30 Norfolk-based business representatives from a variety of fields including law, retail, IT, engineering and finance. Pupils were empowered to put in to practice essential life and business skills they have learned at school and chatted confidently with potential employers and mentors.

Comments from attendees included: "It was great to network and engage with some of the world's future leaders" and "I thoroughly enjoyed hearing about the pupils' exciting plans for their future".



## BIRDING LANDS AT GRESHAM'S

In a bid to embrace our stunning location that includes prime bird watching spots such as Cley, Blakeney and Holkham, birding has been introduced to the Year 9 curriculum.

Thirty minute weekly presentations are run by a variety of external speakers such as wildlife photographer and parent, David Tipling and local authors, Moss Taylor and Richard Porter. The Norfolk Wildlife Trust has lent its support and the school has recently become a corporate member of the Trust.

Pupils have been set the task of making and setting-up bird tables with feeders and cameras installed with each set-up providing data for the British Trust for Ornithology's (BTO) Garden Birdwatch.

This innovative educational venture will also include cross-curricular activities with departments such as Art, Design and Technology, English, Music, Biology and Information Technology.



## WORLD WAR 1 POPPIES AT GRESHAM'S

The Prep School Parents' Association purchased 114 ceramic poppies that formed part of the 'Blood Swept Land and Seas of Red' art installation featured at the Tower of London in 2014.

The poppies have since been displayed within the school's Chapel as an act of remembrance for the 111 pupils of Gresham's School and their three teachers who died as a result of the First World War.

The poppies were created by ceramic artist Paul Cummins to mark one hundred years since the first full day of Britain's involvement in the First World War. Each of the 888,246 poppies represents a British military fatality during the war.

An installation ceremony in which the symbolic handover of a single poppy to the Headmaster, Douglass Robb took place in June followed by a formal commemoration service on Wednesday 11 November. Many parents, staff and Old Greshamians purchased and dedicated one of the 114 poppies; a book of dedications can be viewed at the Chapel.

## DISCOVER GRESHAM'S ON FILM

Watch our pupils talk about why they love being at Gresham's at [www.greshams.com/filmclips](http://www.greshams.com/filmclips)

## THE ADDAMS FAMILY MUSICAL

Senior pupils delighted audiences at a packed Auden Theatre for a three night run as they immersed themselves in all things ghoulish and macabre for a truly memorable performance of The Addams Family Musical.

The sell-out show featuring a cast of 60 received rave reviews. Comments included: "It was spellbinding", "Great show", "Star performances", "Well done to all the cast" and "Fantastic evening". Headmaster, Douglas Robb summed up his delight by adding: "A superb performance; I am hugely proud!"

