



## 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 1 October 2016. The next Open Day for the Prep School will take place on Saturday 8 October.

For further information visit, [www.greshams.com/opendays](http://www.greshams.com/opendays) or contact the Admissions team on 01263 714614.



## FROM MOUNT EVEREST TO GRESHAM'S

Old Greshamian, Matt Dickinson (T, 1977 – 1979), an author, film maker and 'summiteer' of Mount Everest visited his former school to talk to year 7 and 8 pupils about his intrepid adventures to remote, inhospitable parts of the world.

Matt, the first film-maker to film from the summit and return alive, shared footage of his adventures, inspiring his young audience to get involved in making films indicating that 'there's never been an easier time to make short films'.

Enthralled pupils watched footage of other daring explorers, learnt that whales enjoy clarinet music and discovered what chocolate not to take on a mountain climb!

Matt also appeared at the Auden Theatre in the evening and revealed to the audience the amazing history that Gresham's School shares with Mount Everest. Every pre-war (and until 1953) expedition to Everest had an Old Greshamian on the team.

## PLACES WON IN NATIONAL YOUTH CHOIRS

Six pupils have won coveted places in the National Youth Choirs of Great Britain (NYCGB), which comprises five choirs for young people from primary school age to those leaving University.

Grace Thomas has been selected to join the National Youth Choir, Rhianna Campbell-Cann has won a place in the National Youth Training Choir, Clementine Chapple and Florrie Tyler have been accepted into the National Youth Girls' Choir, and Digby Wheeler and Joseph Oxtoby join the National Youth Boys' Choir. All six underwent rigorous auditions requiring high vocal and musical ability, and readiness to learn.

As members of NYCGB, the pupils can expect to receive expert teaching and guidance and be offered exceptional performance opportunities to showcase their talent; they've started with a spectacular celebration of British choral music at the Royal Albert Hall.

The six pupils follow in the footsteps of Prep School pupil Sophia Basset, who has already been awarded a place at NYCGB.



# AT GRESHAM'S



Summer 2016

## EXCELLENT FROM START TO FINISH



Gresham's School "fully meets its aims in that the day and boarding pupils should realise their full potential and achieve the highest standards possible in their learning."

These are the findings of the Independent Schools Inspectorate (ISI) who spent four days visiting the Nursery and Pre-Prep, Prep and Senior School in February 2016 and have

subsequently graded each school 'excellent' in all nine of its categories.

**Gresham's School Headmaster, Douglas Robb said:** "I am immensely proud of the Inspectorate's findings and am absolutely delighted that the Nursery and Pre-Prep, Prep and the Senior School have each received an excellent rating in every one of the nine inspection categories.

"We have an exciting future and will continue to look for ways to grow stronger and build on our excellent achievements so that our pupils will leave Gresham's School with a first-class education and the confidence, strength of character and desire to make their mark."

Two inspection reports have been produced and can be found at [www.greshams.com/inspection2016](http://www.greshams.com/inspection2016)

## FORMER CRICKET INTERNATIONAL JOINS GRESHAM'S



Former England Cricket international, Mal Loye, has joined Gresham's cricket coaching team for the summer season.

Mal arrives at the school with a playing career that has seen him play at both national and county level. He played a significant part in Lancashire's County Championship Division Two title winning season in 2005 and was the county's leading run-scorer with 1,198.

Responsible for the delivery of Gresham's cricket programme for 9 -18 year olds, Mal will provide coaching in both the Prep and Senior Schools. His appointment brings a unique opportunity for the pupils to be put through their paces by a highly-experienced player and coach and an exciting future for the development of cricket at the school.

Mal is an ECB Level 4 Coach and his recent roles have included: Bangladesh High Performance Coach (2015), Natal (South Africa) Batting Coach (2013-14) and manages a successful coaching consultancy business. Mal also fulfills media commitments with BBC Radio commentary.

He replaces former Gresham's cricket coach, Mark Sorell, who has recently been appointed as Director of Cricket for Northern Capital Territories in Australia.



## ENGLAND CALL UP FOR GRESHAM'S SIXTH FORMER, HARRY SIMMONS

After a successful autumn training with Leicester Tigers Rugby Club, sixth form pupil, Harry Simmons was selected for England Under 18s rugby squad for their 5 Nations campaign.

Harry, who plays at scrum-half, continues to train with Leicester Tigers 1st XV Squad after making his debut for the Premiership side in a pre-season friendly at Welford Road in October 2015.

A great sporting all-rounder, he has competed in the National Athletics Championships for Norfolk in the 100 and 800 metres, winning two silver medals and a gold in the long jump. Harry also played for his county at hockey and for the Norwich City Football Academy.

Harry's achievement follows in the footsteps of Old Greshamians, Tom and Ben Youngs who have both represented England and the British and Irish Lions and who also play for Leicester Tigers.



## CADETS HONOUR THE FALLEN

Combined Cadet Forces cadets have commemorated the centenary of the First World War by planting 114 trees representing the Old Greshamians and teachers who sacrificed their lives during the conflict.

Each tree will bear a plaque with the name of the fallen and that of the cadet who planted the tree.

"Cadets wanted to ensure that the 111 Old Greshamians and three teachers who fell during WW1 would still be remembered long after the centenary. By planting the trees, they have created a lasting tribute to those who made the ultimate sacrifice as well as quiet place for remembrance and reflection", said Headmaster, Douglas Robb.

A further 100 trees will be planted to honour the Old Greshamians who died during the Second World War.



## LECTURES, TALKS AND COACHING VISITS

Many of our teaching staff visit schools to give lectures and talks in specialist subjects and can offer coaching sessions if desired. Please see a full programme at [www.greshams.com/prep-schools](http://www.greshams.com/prep-schools)

## NORTH NORFOLK MP VISITS YEAR 10s

The big political question of the year is the forthcoming referendum on the UK's membership of the European Union.

This was the central issue of a lively discussion at Gresham's last month when the guest speaker was the MP for North Norfolk, Norman Lamb. He began the meeting by asking how many of the Year 10 pupils wanted the country to stay in the EU. An overwhelming majority of the pupils indicated that, if they were old enough to vote, they would want British membership to continue.



The alternative point of view was put by the 'leave' group in a well-argued and thoughtful way which impressed the MP even if he didn't agree with it.

The meeting was part of the Year 10 enrichment programme and there are plans again for what has become something of a tradition of following up the MP's visit with a trip to the Palace of Westminster as his guests to explore the Houses of Parliament.

## ANNUAL TALLIS RUN RAISES £175 FOR CHARITY

Every year, regardless of the weather conditions, Tallis House boys gather outside the school late in May in preparation for a 10km 'Tallis Run' in memory of former housemaster, Peter Farmer-Wright.

The run, which includes several members of staff and parents, takes the boys from School to Sheringham beach via Kelling Heath and Sheringham Park. This year, the boys chose to raise money for Gresham's Charity of the Year, Clare School in Norwich.

As per a long-standing tradition, the boys are rewarded for their efforts with fish and chips by the beach. Harry Haughton was first to arrive in a formidable 40 minutes, despite starting from the back of the pack. At the end of the race, the boys indulge in the other tradition of a dip in the chilly waters of the North Sea.



## GRESHAM'S HOSTS JAPANESE EXCHANGE

Eight Japanese pupils and two teachers arrived in March for an exchange visit from our partner school, Doshisha Kori School in Osaka.

Some pupils stayed with host families, while others joined boarding houses and took part in a full programme of events with their exchange partner over the course of the week, the ultimate aim of which being cultural exchange and understanding.

At the weekend, the group experienced the sights and delights of Norwich with boarders and joined a Year 10 Geography field trip to the Norfolk Broads. The pupils had fun trying their hands at shooting in the School's range before enjoying the lower school production of Beauty and the Beast at the Auden Theatre and the IB class bunraku-style performance.

On their last day, the group kindly gave a

presentation in Chapel introducing their school to all the Gresham's pupils. There will be a return visit to their school later in the year, when 15 pupils from Gresham's will embark on a tour of Japan.



## PUPIL'S ARTWORK SHORTLISTED FOR SAATCHI GALLERY ART PRIZE

Former pupil, Susannah Willcox has seen her artwork displayed at the world-renowned gallery after being shortlisted for the prestigious 2016 Saatchi Gallery/Deutsche Bank Art Prize for Schools.

'Dissection of a Place' was selected for the shortlist from more than 22,000 entries from 54 different countries.

Susannah, who is currently enjoying a gap year, will begin studying Anthropology at Exeter University in September 2016. She produced the shortlisted artwork for her Art A-level portfolio and went on to gain an A\*.

## SONGS FROM THE SHOWS

Forty pupils took to the stage for charity in this year's annual performance of 'Songs from the Shows' and raised just over £460 for Gresham's Charity of the Year, The Clare School in Norwich.

The audience enjoyed the wide range of songs solos, duets, a trio and a full blown ensemble number covering the full range of emotion and life experience.

The students, some singing publicly for the very first time, performed a programme of work that celebrated the diversity of musical theatre opening with Kiss Me Kate and ending with The Billie Holiday Story via The King And I, Mary Poppins, The Gondoliers, Les Miserables, Carousel, Jekyll and Hyde, Mikado, Phantom of the Opera, Oliver, Miss Saigon, Guys and Dolls, Wicked, Follies, Jesus Christ Superstar, Show Boat and The Little Mermaid.

