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Dear Parents

I hope that you will enjoy this rather bumper newsletter which reflects a long and jam packed half term.

I spoke to the School in Chapel this morning about the Gresham's London Children's Camp which is a long established charity which exists to offer under privileged children a week of outdoor adventure in the countryside. This charity is tied closely to the School and indeed was established by a number of former pupils in the 1920s. GLCC has financed the construction of the outdoor facilities that have been built in the School woods over the last year and which are now ready for use. Whilst these facilities will be officially opened on Speech Day, current Gresham's pupils will be able to use them during the summer term. Going back to the charity's aims we have re-established the school camps and I am delighted that three academies in the Ormiston group have booked to bring a group of pupils to Gresham's during the first three weeks of the school holidays. I was delighted this morning that a number of L6th pupils came forward to volunteer to help out with these camps. If any parent wishes to learn more about this or would like to support this initiative please do feel free to contact me.

I was very pleased at the recent Old Greshamian Club meeting that the OG Club agreed to make a grant of £10,000 to support a terrific whole School project at the Prep School. The Prep School PA are proposing to build a Kitchen Cabin with cooking facilities and this grant will kick start their fund raising campaign.

I hope you all have a lovely Easter and trust that those pupils in public examination year groups will balance rest with revision appropriately.

As ever, if you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

With best wishes



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AUDEN SOCIETY

Over the last two terms the English Department's Auden Society has met to discuss a wide range of literary subjects. The year commenced with Miss Thompson talking to a large gathering of Sixth Form pupils about Gabriel Garcia Marquez's novella in translation, 'Leaf Storm', and its links with 'Antigone'. A production of the play appeared in the Auden Theatre that week. This was followed by Mrs van Hasselt talking about 'Monsters and Manuscripts' looking at how the single existing 'Beowulf' manuscript survived to become part of the British Library collection through the work of the Elizabethan collector Robert Cotton. In the Lent Term we have had Mr Seldon talking on 'Shakespeare Didn't Exist: Defending the Indefensible', a thorny topic that provoked a number of surprised responses from the pupils attending.



Lent has finished with a presentation by L6th pupil Tiah-Paige Davie on 'Why 'Harry Potter' isn't just a children's story'. Tiah-Paige talked fluently to a group of L6th pupils arguing that the series contains mature themes such as class, racism and feminism; that there is a darkness in the plots that goes beyond the comprehension of children; finally, that J K Rowling's writing is heavily influenced by mythology and ancient beliefs as evidenced in the recent British Library exhibition 'A History of Magic'. She made her case with enthusiasm and it

was evident that she knows an extraordinary amount about the world J K Rowling has created in such extraordinary detail.

DEBATING—Years 10 and 11 Inter-House Debating Competition

Many congratulations to Tallis – Joe Kooreman and Andrew Kinder – on proving that millennials are the snowflake generation and winning the Year 10 and 11 Inter-house Debating Final on Wednesday evening. In doing so they overcame an outstanding Oakeley team in the form of Emily Ringer and Kate Willis who have been the form team of the competition but were faced with a struggle in opposition against a very well-defined motion.

This was an extremely good exhibition of debating from four debaters who had also contested last summer's Year 9 Final. This year's competition has been very strong, and the final was worthy of that.





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ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT



The lecture series over the last few weeks has seen Gresham's host a number of entertaining and informative speakers. We began the second half of term with Headmaster (and recent media darling) Douglas Robb's eloquent introduction to Liberalism. He covered the differences between positive and negative freedom and the contradictory interpretations of 'liberalism' from both American and European points of view before opening the floor to an engaging half hour of discussion and debate. Snow disruption led to the cancellation of Dr Matthew Bothwell's talk on Cosmology, but we hope to invite him to the school on a future date. Dr Robert Hunt, also from the University of Cambridge, provided the perfect mix of enjoyment and brain teasers with his talk explaining 'Why Maths Matters' in the real world before we closed this term's programme with the English Department's own Dr Victoria Rangeley-Wilson. She drew on her experiences in writing her first book, a historical novel, to advise budding authors what to do (and what not to do!) in creative writing.

Mr M Gillingwater, Academic Enrichment Programme Coordinator

GEOGRAPHY

In 1965 Dr John Whittow was a young geography professor, who embarked on a massive coastal mapping project with a few dozen students. His findings kick-started Enterprise Neptune, a fund-raising campaign for the National Trust which after half a century has saved 742 miles of beach, cliff, estuary and bay from development or destruction.

Sixth Form students joined members of the Geography Department and the Headmaster for tea and cake in the school library with Dr Whittow and his wife, where he presented the School with his Penguin "Dictionary of Physical Geography". Dr Whittow is still writing aged 88. The A Level Geographers were Lucy Anthony and Philippa Howes, who will study Land Estate Management and Physical Geography next year at university. The IB Geographers were Rosie Gillett, James Spalton and Georgy Bezarashvili, also about to study Geography at university.



Mr S Brown, Head of Geography



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JOINT FRENCH/HISTORY OF ART TRIP TO PARIS

On Friday 16 February, a joint contingent of French and History of Art pupils and teachers left for Paris to spend three days exploring the beautiful capital. We were not sure what to expect in Paris as we had heard recent news reports of the Seine flooding, the Musée du Louvre having evacuated major art works from the basement floor and within the previous 24 hours, the arrival of disruptive snow and sub-zero temperatures.

The French group certainly covered some ground. After a quick bag drop-off at the hotel, we set off in the snow to explore Paris and our ultimate destination of the Panthéon on the Left Bank. Le Panthéon is an important Parisian monument, originally built as a church dedicated to the city's patron saint, St Geneviève and her relics. The French Revolution dispensed with that and it now a secular mausoleum containing the remains of distinguished French citizens like Victor Hugo and Emile Zola. We crossed the



Seine, stopping off for photos at Notre Dame and then headed into the Latin Quarter and Europe fourth oldest university, La Sorbonne. Disappointingly, Le Panthéon was closed because of the cold weather, so we cheered ourselves up with hot chocolate, waffles and crepes and then headed back across the Seine to the warmth of the Louvre, which looked simply beautiful under the snow. Pupils then enjoyed a free visit before a traditional Breton supper of crêpes salées et sucrés.

The following day, we had quite an icy walk to the Musée d'Orsay, the home of 19th Century French Art and pupils had a self-guided tour in French. In the afternoon, we went to the Theatre de Ranelagh to see the acclaimed production of *Cyrano de Bergerac*. The theatre is one of the oldest in Paris and hosts many productions, some of which are subtitled for an international audience. It was a brilliantly-acted piece and was a superb introduction to French theatre. We then headed up to the Champs Elysées for an hour before supper. Pupils need to be congratulated for the distance covered that day! The last morning, we enjoyed an informative and engaging two hour guided walking tour of Montmartre, where we learnt about its artistic legacy and its remarkable history from cabarets to vineyards and resistance monuments.

We had a busy few days exploring this cultural capital. It will have given pupils the opportunity to hear and practise the language, see some remarkable sights and visit some remarkable places. Many thanks to the staff and pupils concerned for making it such a memorable trip.

Dr C Hammond, Teacher of Languages



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IB DINNER

On the Friday before half term thirty four Sixth Form IB1 and IB2 students attended the inaugural IB Dinner in Dave's Diner with Mr Detnon, along with some of the IB team, Mr Gates (TOK), Ms Gathercole (CAS). Mr Seldon and Mr Kinder also attended. The evening started with crisps and a chat before sitting down to a more formal dinner. The charred smokey chicken butterfly on a sweet potato crush in a rich tomato and pepper sauce went down very well, followed by a summer berry cheesecake. It was a really enjoyable occasion; the students and staff proving to be great company!



SIXTH FORM CHOICES

On Monday 12 March the Year 11's were provided with the opportunity to meet with two former IB students. Iona Rangeley Wilson and Katie Francis very kindly came back to Gresham's to provide an informal talk in the Fishmongers' Recital Hall with the Year 11s in the week that the students make their Sixth Form choices. Katie and Iona talked about their IB experience, the work load and how well it prepared them for university study and took questions. Afterwards Katie and Iona were then available with current IB students to chat with the Year 11s in the more informal atmosphere of Tig's café over tea, coffee, biscuits and cakes. Should any students or parents wish to find out more about the IB Diploma Programme, please contact me by email at pdetnon@greshams.com.

Mr P Detnon, IB Coordinator

A FEAST OF MATHS

Four intrepid mathletes from Year 10 recently took part in a Further Maths Support Programme 'Maths Feast' at Springfield School, Kings Lynn. The team of Mickey Haney, Pablo Castano Basurto, Lucia Leung and Harry Vincent undertook five rounds of tricky puzzles, fiendish algebra, mapping algorithms and integer crosswords. Twelve teams represented schools across the county and the Gresham's team came in a creditable third place. If you want to challenge yourself, have a go at this question, which the team found pretty easy! Pablo takes one hour to dig a hole for a new tree in his garden; Lucia would take one and a half hours. If they were digging the hole together, how long would it take to dig? Answer at the end of this Newsletter.



Mr A Stromberg, Housemaster Howson's, Teacher of Maths



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MUSIC

Since the last newsletter our musicians have been fantastically busy. Schola Cantorum have given two terrific concerts. They combined with The Fellowship of The National Youth Choir (eight of the most talented young choral singers in the UK), to perform Haydn's *Little Organ Mass* and Mozart's *Lataniae Lauretanae*. We were delighted to perform, once more with The European Chamber Orchestra. To work with such a wonderful orchestra was an incredible experience for our singers, and to combine with the Fellowship was inspiring. The first concert was in The Auden Theatre, and the second at St John's Smith Square, in London. What a treat!



Music and Munch continues to delight. Most of the concerts are pupil solos and duets, performing in Tig's café, but last week Mr Gillingwater's Big Band took over the Recital Hall. The audience were delighted to hear their performance in this different space, as the seating was pushed back, and we went 'flat floor'.

Gresham's Choral Society has been beaver away all term, and on Sunday they performed Handel's *Coronation Anthems* and Haydn's *Paukenmesse*. They were joined by professional soloists (two of whom, Posy Walton and Evie Anderson teach singing here) and a great orchestra. The famous anthems, including *Zadok the Priest* and *My Heart is Inditing* were sung with tremendous gusto, and this proved to be a wonderfully positive event. If you want to get involved next year, please do!



Chapel Choir are to visit St Edmundsbury Cathedral in the last week of term, to sing Choral Evensong. It is always a treat to sing in a beautiful old cathedral, and St Edmundsbury is a stunning building. The choir are singing well, and this should be a terrific experience for all singers.

Also in the last week of term the school's musicians will give two concerts. Both close to home, one in Holt's Community Centre, and the other at Wiveton Church. These concerts showcase a wonderful mixture of talent of all ages and styles, as Girls' Choir and Schola will sing, Big Band and the Brass, Clarinet and Guitar Ensembles will all perform, and there will be plenty of duets and soloists too.



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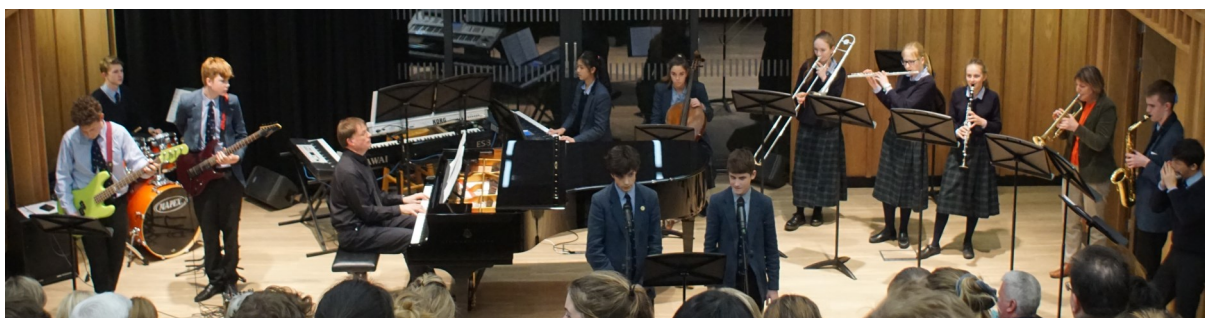


MUSIC (cont/d)

On Friday the son of famous OG composer, Sir Lennox Berkeley visited the School. Julian Berkeley addressed the whole school, and presented us with a framed portrait of his father, which will hang in the Sir Lennox Berkeley room, in the Britten Building. Chapel Choir sang one of Sir Lennox's compositions. It is lovely to know that the family still have such a strong affection for the School.



Masterminded by Mr Coleman, our GCSE and A Level/IB pupils gave two recitals, enabling us to record their performances as part of their coursework. It was terrific that so many young musicians not only performed as soloists, but also combined to play in ensembles in such a relaxed and positive way. There are a good number of promising young musicians in the school taking GCSE. This concert showed the breadth of music going on at Gresham's perfectly, and everyone left feeling thoroughly entertained too.



Lastly, you will see appearing in the calendar next term the first rehearsal of a Parents' Orchestra (Porchestra). It would seem that lots of parents used to play an instrument, and are keen to dust it off and get involved in a convivial series of rehearsals, culminating in a performance! There is no way for us to guess who you are, so you have to email details to Mr Bowley (jbowley@greshams.com) so he can coordinate it. Please do.

The date for your diary for the first rehearsal is 17 May, 7.30pm, Fishmongers Recital Hall!

Mr J Bowley, Director of Music



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NORWICH MODEL ARCTIC COUNCIL (NORMAC) 2018



Amelia Doran, Ash Faire-Ring and Dally Armstrong spent the weekend of 23 - 25 February representing the Swedish Delegation at the Norwich Model Arctic Council (NORMAC). The delegates discussed the issues of methane hydrates and climate change, seismic exploration for oil and gas in the Arctic offshore, broadband connectivity in Arctic communities and the EU as an Arctic Council Observer.

All three delegates worked extremely hard and proved to be exceptional diplomats, seeking to build bridges with Arctic States and the indigenous peoples of the Arctic. Their attitude and conduct won the team much favourable comment from the other delegations and members of staff. Well done to all three on such outstanding commitment to NORMAC 2018.

Mr S Kinder, Teacher of History

SPORT

Cricket Tour announcement: 1st XI Squad Cricket pre-season tour Zimbabwe 2019

We are investigating the possibility of taking the 1st XI Cricket squad on a pre-season tour next March/April 2019. We take the squad every three years on an overseas tour and on the last few occasions have toured Barbados.

With our School links in Zimbabwe and Chris Brown, Director of Cricket - Chris Brown was recently involved in a coaching capacity with the National squad in their World Cup Qualifiers, so we know we would be very well looked after! Zimbabwe lends itself to a pre-season tour because of the climate, quality of cricket and an incredible opportunity to explore this wonderful and diverse country. The proposal would be to play four games, 3x35 over matches and a T20 under lights including playing at Harare Sports Club which is the Test venue. Also planned is a trip to Victoria Falls and a safari.



Full details of this tour plus cost will be available to invited players after the Easter holidays. Depending upon interest we may consider travelling with a 1st XI and a Development XI team.

Mr S Adams, Director of Sport Development



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RUGBY SEVENS

On Sunday 11 March the Sevens Rugby squad travelled to Wisbech GS for their annual tournament. With minimal sevens training time the squad used this as a preparation for the National Schools Sevens at Rosslyn Park next week. We played Wisbech GS, Culford, Framlingham and Peterborough Regional College. Unfortunately no wins but 3 losses by under one score and we were highly competitive. The pleasing aspect was the improvement made in each game as the boys developed their understanding of the specialised tactics required.

Mr Lowe & I would like to thank the squad for their excellent effort and commitment on Sunday and we look forward to competing against some of the best schools in the country at Rosslyn Park. Player of the Tournament was Barney Gill.



Hockey & Rugby Photographs

Following Pret-a-Portrait's visit to take hockey and rugby photographs in November 2017, you can still view and order a print if your child didn't order a copy at the time.

Please go to www.pret-a-portrait.net and use the sitting ID GSHD231117P to see these team pictures.

Please contact Pret-a-Portrait directly on 0800 021 7626 or customerservice@pret-a-portrait.net for any queries you may have.

Mr S Adams, Director of Sport Development



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NETBALL

It has been an extremely busy and exciting last couple of weeks of the Netball season.

Special thanks to Mr Dovey and the 5th VII who played a friendly game against the North Norfolk Netball Hub on Monday: The Hub players were at the end of their two term training programme. The game was played in great spirit and was enjoyed by everyone.

The U15A went to Brentwood for an Independent Schools tournament, and played exceptionally well. They achieved three wins: New Hall, Stephen Perse and Chigwell, one draw: Forest, and two losses: Bancrofts and Brentwood. Congratulations to Kate Webster (Year 9) for her performance at this tournament, and also to Player of the Match, Scarlet Brady.

The 1st VII were also in action at Brentwood School at the Under 19 Independent Schools Tournament. They had a fantastic afternoon, coming away with three wins: Highgate, Brentwood and Chigwell. Two draws: Bancrofts and Kimbolton, and two narrow losses to New Hall and Forest. Great leadership on the day by Daisy O'Hanlon, and congratulations to Maria Butcher, Year 10, for making her debut with the 1st VII.

The Inter-House Netball was fiercely contested, with the junior competition the closest in memory, and played in excellent spirit throughout.



The final result: Edinburgh 1st (14 points), Queens' 2nd (13 points), Oakeley 3rd (6 points). The senior competition was not as close, with Edinburgh fielding more of the senior players. Queens' threw everything they had at the stronger side, but Edinburgh were the clear winners: Edinburgh 1st (20 points), Queens' 2nd (10 points), Oakeley 3rd (1 point). The Handicap Tournament was cancelled on the last Saturday of term due to the weather, but we hope to play this

on Tuesday 20 March. It is a unique competition in which every netball player takes part; it is great fun for all and a fitting end to the season.



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NETBALL (cont/d)

The Norfolk County Netball Finals took place on Saturday 17 March, indoors at the UEA.



The U14s played in the morning, and won their way through pool matches, and semi-finals, to the final, without dropping a game. They met their nemesis, Norwich High School, in the final, and battled hard, but lost an exhilarating game by only two goals. They were extremely worthy runners up and singled out for praise by the president of Norfolk Netball at the presentations – she congratulated them on their style and determination, but also on their improvement since November. Players of the match: Florence Kemp and Phoebe Worrall.



The U16s played in the afternoon, and their competition was played as a Round Robin. The team consisting of 1st, 2nd and Under 15 players, stormed through their games, leaving some good sides in their wake on their way to winning the competition. They only dropped one game out of eight, their closest rivals Wymondham College lost two games. Esme Papworth was a brilliant captain on the day and shot extremely well under pressure.

Players of the match were Ella Gill and Lucy Reader. It was a great afternoon, and a great result against the best Norfolk has to offer. Well done girls. Gresham's are Under 16 County Champions.

Mrs J Flower, Head of Netball



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EAST ANGLIAN CROSS COUNTRY LEAGUE, IPSWICH FIXTURE

The third EAL fixture took part on the 10 March at Sunny Farm near Ipswich. Due to heavy rain and melting snow the course was in a very muddy state. However the Gresham's team were ready for the challenge and looking forward to sliding their way round.

In the junior competition Ned Porter came home first enjoying the conditions followed by Joe Oxtoby in 6th.

The inter boys had a tough day but Oliver Chaplow enjoyed the conditions and finished 2nd by just 20 seconds. Thomas Bennett was 9th, Mattia Vancini 11th, Fritz Lange 16th and slightly muddy. However Pablo Castano Basurto had to retire from the race due to injury. With these results, the Inters team finished 3rd.

The Girls race saw Iona Stubbs home in 5th followed by Jessica Dykes 8th, Eva Colomer 11th, Lora Naydenova 15th. Taylor Skerritt had to retire from the race due to injury. The girls struggled with the muddy conditions and as a team finished 3rd.





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CAMBRIDGE HALF MARATHON

Sixteen student runners, accompanied by a mixture of staff, Old Greshamians and parents from the three schools, took to the field for this 13.1 mile challenge on Sunday 4 March 2018. This came at the end of a week heavily affected by the 'Beast for the East' and so there was a real risk either that the event would be cancelled or that the journey would prove too dangerous. Our forty hardy runners, unfazed by the turmoil, took to the start line and have helped to raise £3353 so far for 'Young Minds'.



A massive well done to the students involved for completing what is an incredible challenge: Lucy Anthony, Georgi Bezarashvili, Ellie Bridgeman, Billy Buckingham, Jess Dykes, Gabriel Goonesena, Joachim Green, Charles Hickman, Tom Kinder, Jonas Lee, Eva Margarit Colomer, Lora Naydenova, Kieran Peters, Iona Stubbs, Victor Van Overbeek and Josh Whitaker. Special mention also to the Senior School staff elite running squad of: Mr Atkinson, Mr Chuter, Mr Cox, Dr Fern, Mr Kinder, Ms Miller, Mr Saker, Miss Thompson.



In addition to the runners Mr Stromberg, Mr Bealey and Ms Buxton took more than thirty volunteers to run a water station. They were all a very welcome sight on the five mile mark and were absolutely amazing in supporting the runners! The race organiser has once again commended them on their support.

This is the second year that we have participated in the Cambridge Half as a school community and it really is 'a keeper,' the sense of achievement and the palpable buzz around the school in the days before and after is great to see!

Plans for Cambridge 2019 will soon be being made, so keep an eye on communications from the School if you fancy dusting off your running shoes!!!



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DRAMA

Mystery at Astley Primary School

On Thursday 8 and Friday 9 March Theatre students took on the roles of scientists and men from the Government and headed for Astley Primary School where they investigated the unexpected appearance of mysterious eggs. Clearly creatures of some kind had nested, destroying the library, books were scattered and torn to shreds, giant footprints and teeth marks indicated the scale of the creatures who had laid the eggs. Our team of experts spent the morning gathering clues and trying to shed light on the mystery.

Staying in role for two hours Year 12 theatre students Alex Cowell, Libby Noy, Romy Sipek, Dougie Wright and Clementine Chapple, Amelia Fox and Eddie Osborne helped to sustain the storyline and inspire and encourage creative writing as part of the school's World Book Week celebrations.



The Time Machine

On Friday 16 March a group of Year 9 (Joe Oxtoby, Georgia Pooley, Callum Richardson, Ben Harvey Samuel, Ruby Vaughan-Jones, Rosie Ringer, Kate Webster) and Year 12 (Tom Kinder, Clementine Chapple, Molly Sankey and Leonora Riley) aka 'The Time Travellers' headed for the Pre-Prep to perform a Theatre in Education piece. Travelling back in time to meet dinosaurs, a cave man, Cleopatra and Henry VIII our young hero discovers there are different ways to learn. This piece followed by a time travelling workshop has been devised entirely by the students to entertain and educate younger students in a Horrible Histories style adventure.





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DRAMA (cont/d)

Congratulations to Ines Twist on achieving a Distinction in LAMDA Grade 5 and Joe Oxtoby who has achieved a place with YMT this year and will be performing in a musical adaptation of *A Winter's Tale*. He will be performing in the Rose Theatre, Kingston, London from 30 August to 2 September.

Miss B O'Brien, Director of Drama

JAPANESE EXCHANGE

Following our successful exchange visit to Keio Shonan-Fujisawa School and intrepid tour of Japan in October 2017, last week we welcomed 10 pupils from the school to stay with us and take part in boarding school life. As well as attending lessons and sports with their hosts the Japanese pupils spoke with the Year 10 class about Japanese food and the differences between food culture in the UK and Japan. They also had an excellent bilingual discussion with the U6th Japanese class in which they dissected the themes of the stories "Tokkyo no shina" by Hoshi Shinichi and "Duke" by Ekuni Kaori



and considered the motivation and intended message of the authors. The week concluded with a farewell tea party and it was lovely to see all the new friendships and connections that had been made. As we move into our third year of exchange with the school, we hope that our partnership will continue to flourish. The next trip to Japan is being considered for Spring 2019 and will be open to all pupils - more details to follow in the summer term.

Mr R West, Teacher of Japanese

FRENCH

On Friday 16 March, a group of 18 pupils from Years 11-13 went to the UEA Sacré Theatre production of the classic twentieth-century satire by Jules Romains, *Knock ou le Triomphe de la Médecine*. Saint-Maurice is a sleepy French village, full of robust and hardy locals: so hardy that Dr Knock realises that to earn a good living and make a real name for himself, he is going to have to persuade them that they are ill and really need his help. So begins his experiments to turn the villagers into hypochondriacs and make them dependent on his interventions. The play was forward-looking and thought provoking as well as providing comic interludes. We were lucky this year to meet some of the cast beforehand and learn a bit more about the play and the author, who was a real literary powerhouse, nominated for the Nobel Prize for Literature no less than 16 times. Sacré Theatre is the UK's longest-running permanent French language theatre company, and we are so lucky to have them on our doorstep. It is always an enjoyable evening and this year was no exception. The evening allows pupils the invaluable experience of both hearing authentic French and increasing their literary knowledge. We are already looking forward to next year's production!



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RIFLE CLUB

Rifle v OGs

On the last day of half term, the Rifle Club competed in the annual fixture against the Old Gresham's rifle team. For a good number of the OG's at the match this is the only occasion during the year that they actually fire a small-bore rifle, so it is even more impressive that they are still able to put down such excellent scores. There was a great turn out by the OG's, with a large spread of ages. The OG's managed to shoot the top three individual scores and went on to win the match by 28 points. Both teams enjoyed a very good lunch in the local pub afterwards and the OG's were able to share stories from their time at Gresham's with the current pupils.



Mr Grounds thanks every member of the team for their continued hard work and commitment.

Rifle Club v Cambridge University Rifle Team

Whilst most of the School were preparing for half term, the Rifle Club were travelling to Cambridge to shoot against the Cambridge University Rifle Team. This is an annual fixture, which normally comes down to a matter of just a few points. This year's match was no exception. Both teams were putting down some terrific scores during the course of the two and half hours of competition, but it was a shooter from Cambridge, scoring the only 100 of the match who ultimately became top shot on the day. Every single member of both the Gresham's VIII's shot to their very best and huge congratulations must go to both Toby Cubitt and Ben Danziger on achieving the second and third highest scores on the day. It was great to see Alex Todd and Tristan Tancred continue with their outstanding form and for Sam Horan and James Westmore to score so well in their first ever shoulder to shoulder match. Having narrowly lost out to Cambridge University on the last two occasions, it was wonderful to see the Gresham's team rediscover their form and win the match by just 17 points. Well done to everyone involved in the match.

Mr F Grounds, Master in Charge of Shooting



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CCF

RN Section Visit to HMS Trumpeter

Just before the half term break, Gresham's CCF RN Section was lucky enough to be able to visit HMS Trumpeter, an Archer-class patrol ship of the Royal Navy currently attached to Cambridge University Royal Navy Unit. Cadets travelled to Ipswich, the ship's home port, and spent the day travelling on the River Orwell to Felixstowe and Harwich. The crew were excellent hosts for the day, despite the cold and somewhat damp conditions. They introduced the cadets to the skills necessary for the day-to-day running of the ship, including a tour of the engine room, basics of navigation, and the procedures for helming the ship and giving and receiving commands. Cadets also received training in first aid, damage control (what to do when there's a hole in the side of the ship), weapons systems on RN ships, and a practical demonstration of man overboard drills. Led by their captain Lt Daniel Wardle RN, the crew gave the cadets a welcoming and outstanding experience of life in the Royal Navy. Shortly after this visit the Section were delighted to receive another invitation, this time to visit the Royal Navy's newest aircraft carrier, HMS Queen Elizabeth, in Portsmouth; 14 cadets from Gresham's will visit the ship at the end of this term.



SLt M Gillingwater, OC CCF RN Section

CCF Extra Activities

The SCUBA Diving "try dives" continued during Friday afternoons earlier this term, with all three Sections within the CCF being given the opportunity to send students for a try dive.





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CLAY SHOOTING

Sadly due to the snow, high winds and freezing temperatures, the first session of clay shooting was cancelled. However for the final three Friday afternoons of term students are being given the opportunity to try clay target shooting in our newly created clay trap range in the school woods. Over the 3 week period in the region of 40 students will have the opportunity to shoot.



The school clay target team has been practising in preparation for various competitions next term, which will include matches against Norwich School, The National Cadet Clay Target Shooting Championships and the charity competition 'Breaking Clays'.

The team squeezes in practises before and after the CCF trial sessions on a Friday and often stay to support those giving it a go for the first time. Occasionally we go to other locations for Tuesday afternoon practices, including Mid Norfolk Shooting Ground and local fields in Barningham and Letheringsett.

This term the Clay Shooting Club has been lucky enough to be provided with Karl Hagan as an instructor on two Tuesday afternoons and is very grateful to the Flux family for providing this fantastic opportunity for the students.

Mr P Detnon, IB Coordinator

TALLIS MEXICAN NIGHT



On the 26 February the boys in Tallis hosted their annual Mexican night. The boys and staff had a fantastic time. There was plenty of superb 'Mexican' style food which was relished by all the boys. Highlights of the evening were Mr and Mrs Matron dressed up in their finest Mexican attire and the games led by Stefano Camilleri and Robert Bergner.

Some of the favourite games were 'Chubby Bunny', drinking milk with a straight arm and finding coins in the flour using only your mouth. All the boys were split up into teams and the scores were kept by Mr Chamberlain. The overall winner received a piñata which they hit with hockey sticks. My personal highlight was Jack Barnes winning the press-up contest, which was an incredible achievement for a Year 9.

Overall, this evening was a massive success and an event that every boy enjoyed, it will be one that I cannot wait for next year.



Finlay Wilcox, Tallis



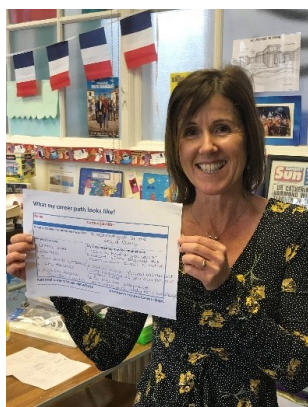
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GRESHAM'S FUTURES

For the first time in the history of Gresham's Futures Careers Department, we have just spent a week celebrating National Careers Week in school and what a great week it has been! Staff have participated by completing posters detailing their career journey and displaying these on their classroom/office doors for all to read. We have seen dreams of being 'Indiana Jones' through to aspirations of becoming a priest - they have certainly created some laughter and positive conversations with pupils about their future pathways.



The Careers Library has been adorned with balloons and posters, and open to pupils every lunchtime to provide them with an insight to what is on offer through our careers provision. We have been tweeting under #NCW2018 on our Twitter account @greshamsfutures and have gained 30 new follows – do check us out if you haven't done so already!

On Thursday, we held a fantastic Business Breakfast, the best yet, with over 30 business people and a staggering 45 pupils. We were so impressed with the pupil engagement in this super networking opportunity, and offer our thanks to all who participated and gave up their time to make it such a success. We have received many emails from the visiting businesses complimenting our pupils on how articulate, bright-eyed and intelligent they were, despite it being a very early start!



In the last two weeks of this term, we will complete our Career Bites series of talks with focus on the Fashion Industry and Medicine. Thank you to all those visiting professionals/OGs who have contributed to this programme this year.

Mrs V English, Head of Futures



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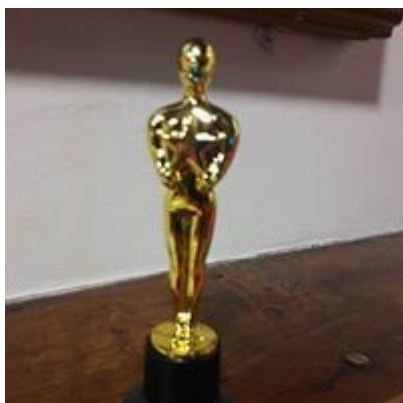
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OAKELEY PLAYS CUPID

Although Valentine's Day fell in the middle of the half term break, Oakeley played Cupid a week early. We had a bake sale, film night, home clothes day, and a card delivery service. By far, the biggest event was the Sixth Form Valentine's Ball attended by 110 people. This year's theme was Hollywood, complete with red carpet, stanchions, Hollywood signs and our very own mini Oscar statues to give away; it was a great success! All in all the week raised £1372 to be split between the School Kenyan charities and Pancreatic Cancer Research, in loving memory of Oakeley's late Resident Tutor, Fiona Read. Many thanks for all your support.

Mrs K Mousley, Oakeley Housemistress



EDINBURGH—Baking with Byfords

Vegan cookies have been made in abundance in Edinburgh this half term! The cookies have been made as part of a collaboration with Byford's who set the girls a baking challenge, with the profits made going to a charity of the girls' choice. The winning cookies, by Anna Sowerby and Neve Wilson, are on sale in the store; Kate Webster and Leila Yuasa's creation will be made into a tray bake!



To thank the girls for their baking, they were treated to a tapas meal and chocolate cooking demonstration. We enjoyed sampling fudge and truffles! Byford's also handed the girls a cheque for £300: they have chosen to split the proceeds, made from Sophy Kenyon's 'Sunny Lemon Slice' and Jess Beeson's gluten-free brownie (which are still on sale in store), between YoungMinds and the Prep School's Kitchen Cabin appeal. We look forward to completing another challenge next half term.

Dr E Fern, Edinburgh Housemistress



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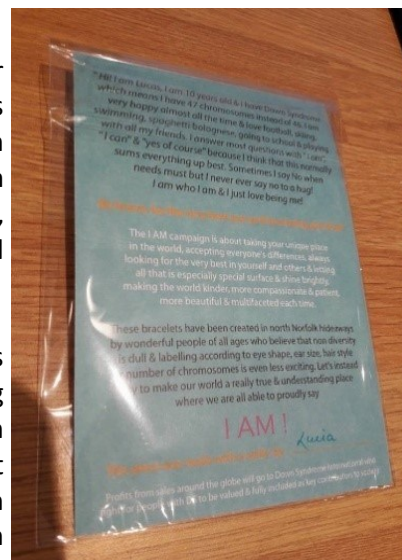
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WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY

World Down Syndrome Day takes place on 21 March. In order to celebrate this and to show that anything is possible Lucas Edwards, Year 4, will be undertaking a skiing challenge in France. Pupils across Gresham's Schools will wear odd socks on the same day, and many will be wearing their 'I AM' bracelets, which are being sold in aid of the Down Syndrome International charity.

Inspired by designs created by Iris Croft in Year 10, students across the boarding houses have been enthusiastically helping to produce the bracelets, with up to sixty students involved in one session! The bracelet making has moved to a different house each week and it has been heartening to see how much our pupils have enjoyed their involvement. Lucas has been joining Senior School pupils to sell the bracelets at break times.



The 'I AM' campaign is helping to raise awareness of World Down Syndrome Day and has an important message about inclusivity: it is 'about taking your unique place in the world, accepting everyone's differences [and] always looking for the very best in yourself and in others'. As well as being sold at Gresham's, the bracelets, which our pupils have produced, are being sold at a number of schools locally and nationally, and have been sent to the Edwards' family friends worldwide. Our pupils were given an inspiring Chapel Presentation from Eva and William Edwards about Down's Syndrome and inclusivity this week. In the words of Eva, 'if the world around you treats you with kindness and believes that you can do it too, the sky is the limit'.

Bracelets are on sale at all three Gresham's Schools until the end of term at a cost of £5 each.





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SIR JOHN GRESHAM PORTRAIT UNVEILED AT FISHMONGER'S HALL



On Wednesday 21 February Gresham's School and the Fishmongers' Company celebrated almost five centuries of partnership at an exclusive reception at Fishmongers' Hall in London, attended by 120 alumni spanning each of the last eight decades; members of the Company; School governors; and parents. From the School's creation in the 16th century to the present day, the Fishmongers' Company has acted as Trustee of Gresham's, in accordance with the wishes of the School's founder, Lord Mayor Sir John Gresham (1492–1556), and continues to provide

more than half of the School's governors. As well as a spectacular drinks reception, a talk was given by Simon Kinder, Gresham's History teacher, on the historic relationship between the School and the Fishmongers' Company.

Mr Kinder explained: "The School was founded by Lord Mayor Sir John Gresham at a time when the Dissolution of the Monasteries had brought the closure of the nearest school at Beeston Regis Priory, and the nearest educational establishment at Cromer was too distant on Tudor roads. Having been a successful member of the Worshipful Company of Mercers and a Tudor 'Del Boy' (at one point owed £40,000 by King Henry VIII), Sir John chose the Fishmongers' Company – of which he may by then have been a member – as the custodians of his educational project, establishing the partnership between the school and the company which lasts to the present day."

Art historian and former Gresham's parent Charlotte Crawley also spoke at the reception, sharing her story about an investigation she commenced in 2005 into a portrait hanging in the school which had been thought to be Sir John Gresham. She found that it was, as she suspected, an imposter! Thanks to Charlotte's expertise and efforts over a number of years, a generous financial contribution from the Old Greshamian Club, GGS Photographics and the Fairhurst Gallery in Norwich, a new digital photographic reproduction of the real Sir John Gresham was unveiled at a gathering in Big School in May 2017.

In celebration of the School's partnership with the Fishmongers' Company, and Sir John Gresham's wisdom in establishing it, the School was thrilled to present a reproduction of the new portrait of Sir John Gresham to the Fishmongers' Company at the reception on 21st February. The portrait was unveiled by Simon Gresham (pictured above), a first cousin fifteen times removed of Sir John. Simon moved to Holt several years ago and lives very close to Gresham's School. Coincidentally, he previously lived in Oxted, Surrey within two miles of Titsey Place, Sir John Gresham's manor house and estate.



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FROM THE ARCHIVE – OG SUCCESS IN THE 1928 WINTER OLYMPICS



As Great Britain edged closer to a medal in the men's skeleton event at the Winter Olympics, we remembered OG David Carnegie. The 11th Earl of Northesk, (pictured on the left) who won a bronze medal in skeleton at the 1928 Winter Olympics.

A week before the Olympics he broke the Cresta Run track record making him a clear favourite and was the only Team GB member that year to win a medal at these Games.

He served in the Second World War in the Intelligence Corps and died in November 1963.

Mrs J Thomas-Howard, Alumni Manager



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GARDENING CLUB

The Gardening Club has now elected some leaders and we have a professional uniform (hoodies with nice yellow letters like that tractor company). We have spent many months digging ponds, destroying rhododendron bushes in the School woods and some River Glaven restoration work. It was now time for some professional development.

Chis Finlay is the Commercial Director of Volmary and parent at Gresham's. He kindly invited the club to spend an afternoon learning about the commercial horticultural industry. Volmary are an international, independent and family owned company with headquarters in Munster, Germany. Since 1925 Volmary has stood for an innovative and tradition-conscious vegetable and flower growing company making the world more colourful. Every week new cuttings are flown into Heathrow from their nurseries in Kenya and Turkey. The quarter of a mile long greenhouse near Wisbech has 5000 products and produces 30 million plants per year. Most of the plants Volmary propagate are supplied to commercial growers throughout the UK and Ireland, with some plants being supplied direct to gardeners through mail order companies. The plants all have bar codes to make it practical to navigate around the massive glass city. Volmary operate an Integrated Pest Management system. Yellow sticky paper is used for some pest control and bio-predators also mean minimum chemical use.



The irrigation system is both manual and sprayed as a mist from above. Rainwater is collected in an enormous reservoir near the glasshouses. This saves on the water bill and is better for the plants than mains water too. The heating of the quarter mile long greenhouses is by wood chip boilers with overhead and under-floor heating pipes. The growers are able to keep all the greenhouses to optimum temperatures remotely from their homes. Volmary gets a subsidy for taking on waste wood as a biomass and use as a sustainable energy source. The wood chip boilers are very efficient. Volmary employ 200 staff in the peak season, with scientists, engineers and growers for the plant management. The largest risk to the business is bio-hazards coming from abroad and plant hygiene is paramount.

Gardening and horticultural is an often over-looked career path for young people. There are some great apprenticeship schemes and management can be financially very rewarding, as well as a fascinating business. We were generously given seeds for the woodlands at School and trays of lavender, as well as compost to give them a stress-free transplant.

Mr S Brown, Head of Geography



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FOOTBALL ACTION CAMP WITH WAYNE ROONEY'S FORMER COACH

On 15 & 16 February, our students and local children sharpened their football skills with the Premiership coach who nurtured England's greatest goal scorer – Wayne Rooney. Children from across the county took part in a two-day Football Action Camp with Ray Hall. Ray was Director of Everton Football Club Youth Programme for over 20 years and responsible for identifying and overseeing the development of England players Wayne Rooney, Ross Barkley and many more top class players.



In association with King's Lynn Town Football Club, our Easter Football Action Camp (Age 5-12 years) with Ray Hall will take place on 12 & 13 April. Places can be booked at www.greshams.com/Easter.

EASTER ACTION CAMPS

NEW for this Easter is the Hockey Action Camp for children age 11+ on 13 April, led by Duncan Buckmaster. We have a week of swimming lessons and free play, plus tennis, kwik cricket and a football championship competition with Darren Gill. For bookings, go to www.greshams.com/Easter.



Maths Answer

40 minutes. Please email astromberg@greshams.com if you want to argue about it.