

# ASPIRE



2015-16 Autumn edition

## Head's start

I am delighted to write at the start of a new academic year, welcoming back former readers and extending a formal hello to those who are new to the school. In our half-termly magazine we aim to celebrate the full range of achievements of our students, within and beyond the classroom. With activities at the end of term and much going on already in the Autumn Term this is a packed edition. In this edition we also share with you the success of students and their GCSE results last summer, another exceptional year for students at Debenham High School. We are delighted with how the new Year 7 students have settled into the school and hope you will enjoy reading about their excursions already this term. Certainly, their feedback has been very positive including in our questionnaire. We asked a range of questions to judge how they feel about their start at Debenham High School. 96% of students feel they have made a good start and 100% are pleased that they chose Debenham High School. When asked what the best part has been in the first months, there was a full range of positive endorsements, including:

*The canteen is gourmet; The Colchester Zoo trip; I like that they make you feel at home and more independent;*

*Doing new subjects and learning in more depth; How friendly everyone is; The massive variety of clubs.*

Before you read on I would like to extend a thanks to all those who have given sponsorship to our magazine. If you would like to place an advert in future editions, then please contact us.

I hope you enjoy reading about our exploits.

Julia Upton

## Year Leaders and Peer Mentors



We encourage students to take on positions of responsibility at Debenham High School. Students feel proud to represent the school and know that in doing so they give their time in the service of others but also, develop skills and grow in confidence which help them to be more successful. Congratulations to our Peer Mentors and Year 8 and 9 Year Leaders, appointed for this academic year.

Year 9 Leaders:

Patrick Farrow, Lauren Apps, Joe Bagnall and Evie Poole

Year 8 Leaders:

Charlotte Codd, Charlie Hill, Keleigh Clarke and Andrew Driver



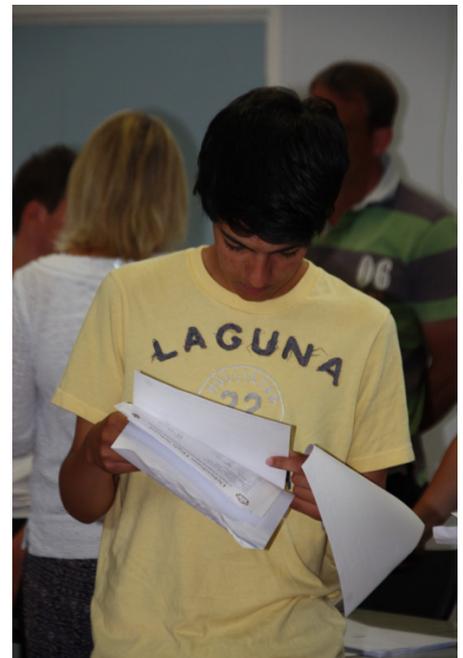
# GCSE Success



Academic attainment is of course, a focus of our work with young people. Whilst we are committed to the development of the whole child, students' academic qualifications are the ticket to the next stage of their education. The class of 2015 was a hardworking and dedicated group of young people and attained results of which we are exceptionally proud. We track the progress of our students relative to the progress they make from their starting points. This year group made the most progress from their starting points of any year group in the last five years at the school – a remarkable achievement.

With 34% of all grades achieved at A\* and A it is hard to pick out our top performers. From our GCSE results in 2015 we are delighted to celebrate the achievement of our highest achieving 25 students.

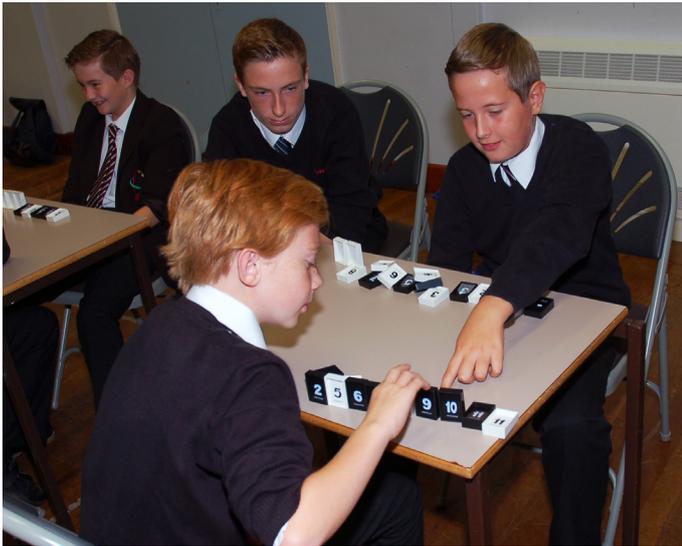
Katie Morris	11 A*, 1 A Grade
Jamian Stephan	11 A*, 1 A Grade, 1 B Grade
Megan Williams	10 A*, 3 A Grades
Jack Nelson	10 A*, 2 A, 1 B Grade
Blayn Bosworth	7 A*, 5 A Grades
Megan Bridges	7 A*, 5 A, 1 B Grade
William Everitt	7 A*, 5 A, 1 B Grade
Hannah Lockwood	7 A*, 7 A Grades
Giles Sohi	1 A*+, 5 A*, 5 A, 1 B Grade
Matthew Cross	6 A*, 6 A Grades
Suzanne Davison	6 A*, 6 A, 1 B Grade
Philip Pinn	5A*, 4 A, 4 B Grades
Thomas Godfrey	5A*, 2 A, 3 B grades
Joseph Ferrier	4 A*, 6 A, 3 B grades
Joseph Graham	3 A*, 7 A Grades
Ewan McDonald	3A*, 7 A, 2 B grades
Elizabeth Barrell	3A*, 7 A, 2 B grades
Alexander Warnes	3A*, 6 A, 2 B grades
Max Kadera	3A*, 4 A, 3 B and 1 C grade
Kate Gilbert	2A*, 6 A, 3 B grades
Eleanor Howard	2A*, 7 A, 2 B grades
George Billington	2A*, 5A and 3 B grades
Bethan Feeney-Howells	2A*, 4 A, 3 B and 1 C grade
Ella Marsden	1A*, 10 A, 1 B grade
Rachel Saxby	1A*, 8 A, 2 B and 1 C grade



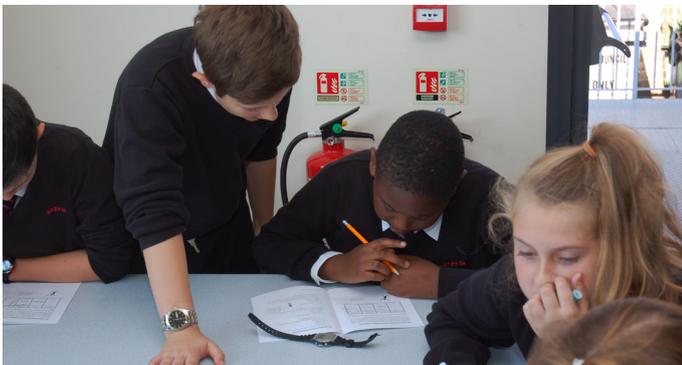
The following students were our highest achieving in terms of the progress they made from their starting points and are worthy of particular praise.

Joseph Graham, Thomas Godfrey, George Billington, Alex Warren, Alexander Lee, Sarah Owers, Max Williams, Kate Gilbert, Lewis Whayman, Joseph Bullock, Nikolas Foulger, Matthew Cross, Elle Eglington, Sharne Pearce, Elizabeth Barrell, Phillip Pinn, Alex Terry, Harry Ellis, Blayn Bosworth, Holly Brett, James Poole, Harry Hart, Max Kadera, Laura Tuley, Billy Apps.

# Year 7 Puzzle Day



Led by our Year 10 and 9 Mathematics Leaders, Year 7 enjoyed a day full of mind-bending puzzles and brain-taxing games as they pitted their wits against each other. All Year 7 followed a carousel of activities which encouraged them to work with new people, persevere in their thinking and enjoy problem solving. If you look hard enough you can hear them thinking!



# En France, Juillet 2015

Après un long voyage sous la Manche, nous sommes arrivés à Boulogne et nous sommes allés à Nausicaa, qui était super car nous avons aimé les phoques, les tortues et les pingouins.

Le deuxième jour, la visite de la chocolaterie était sympa car cela sentait très bon et on s'est régalé!!!! Ensuite, la visite du mémorial de la Seconde Guerre Mondiale qui s'appelle La Coupole était très instructif parce que nous avons regardé des documentaires sur la France de 1939-1945 et le génocide. A midi, on a mangé des sandwiches et de la glace qui étaient délicieux! En rentrant, on a joué dans les dunes de sable et c'était génial car c'était rigolo.

Le troisième jour on est allé au marché de Stella Plage et on a fait des courses avant d'aller au restaurant de Paris à Calais où la nourriture était magnifique. Ensuite, on a fait du shopping à Auchan! C'était le meilleur voyage!

Merci de votre lecture, Charlie W et Amelia B

" C'était super et tout le monde s'est vraiment bien amusé car tout le monde était heureux"

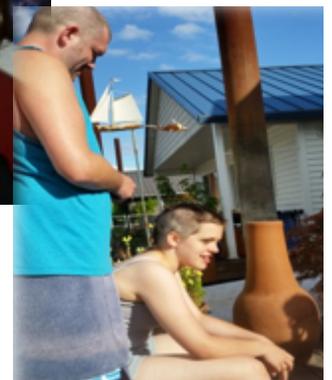
Harry H et Emily S.



## Brave the shave

Hats off to Katie Evans. member of 1331 squadron air cadets who decided to take part in Brave the Shave this year in memory of her grandfather, fondly known to her as Papa. He sadly died of a rare aggressive form of Leukaemia on 10th February 2015. "I heard on the radio about Macmillan Brave the Shave and said that is what I am going to do. Then I did it!" said Katie.

Katie also nominated a charity in the United States called Momcology, which gives support to parents with or who have died from cancer. The charity was set up by a dear friend of Katie's Mum. To date Katie has raised £300. Donations are still being accepted and if you would like to show your support, please so do by visiting <https://bravetheshave.org.uk/shavers/kathleen-evans/>



# Sports report

## Cross Country

Debenham High School took 48 students to the annual North and Mid Suffolk Cross Country trials at Royal Hospital School on Thursday 15 October. The students performed extremely well which resulted in some excellent finishing positions. The school managed to see over half of our students qualify in the top 50 for a place in the County finals in December. An excellent achievement. Some notable results were:

Tilly Aldis - 2nd, Alec MacKay - 13th, Emily Anderson 22nd, Franek Ouko 24th, Jacob Toohey & Rohan Ethcingham 25th and Rhys Hughes 26th.

## Netball

The girls Under 14 Netball team qualified for the county finals in November by maintaining an unbeaten record to win the North Suffolk Netball Competition. They beat eight other schools to claim their place and will now take on the best in Suffolk next month.

Under 12 A and B teams lost to Alde Valley and Thomas Mills

Under 13 teams beat Thomas Mills and Stradbroke

Under 16 Netball 5th in the High Suffolk School Sport Partnership tournament

## Hockey

Under 14 Boys Hockey lost to Copleston 2-0

Under 15 Mixed hockey beat Thomas Mills 7 - 3

Under 16 Mixed hockey lost to Thomas Mills 8-2

## Football

Year 7 Boys Football team have won all of their three games so far, beating Horringer Court 7-3, Saxmundum Free School 7-0 and Hartismere 3-2. They are through to round three of the ESFA Schools Cup. Year 8 boys are through to the second round of the county cup after beating Stradbroke 5-1 in the preliminary round and then Hartismere in round 1.

Year 9 boys have made it through to the next round of the ESFA Schools cup after beating Ormiston Endeavour Academy, Ipswich.

Year 10 Boys lost to KEGS in the national Cup but beat Stowupland to make it through to round two of the county competition. In their only fixture to date, the Year 11 boys beat Stradbroke 4-1.

As for the girls, the Under 13 and Under 14 teams have had good wins in the county cup, beating Bungay and Saxmundum. The Under 15 won 4-0 v Thomas Mills in the Cup.



**Under 14 Netball**



Follow our sporting exploits on twitter with @DebenhamHigh

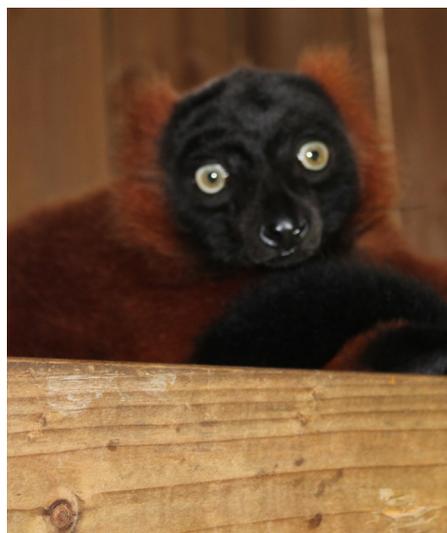


# Colchester



I really enjoyed going to Colchester Zoo with all of Year 7. We saw so many animals and learnt so much about them, as well as having a really fun time. I am glad that we were allowed to take cameras because it helped us to remember the trip better and meant that we could use these in our homework. My favourite parts were when we saw the Humboldt penguins and when we fed the lorikeets. To actually hold the lorikeets, while feeding them nectar meant we could see their adaptations first hand.

Jennifer Rochford – Year 7



# Zoo



The first Resistant Materials project that students do at Debenham High School is the creation of Mr Men inspired puppets. They learn to use a coping saw, disc sander, and drill in order to make the puppets. Students then design and make packaging for their puppets to be taken home, learning about surface developments whilst doing this.

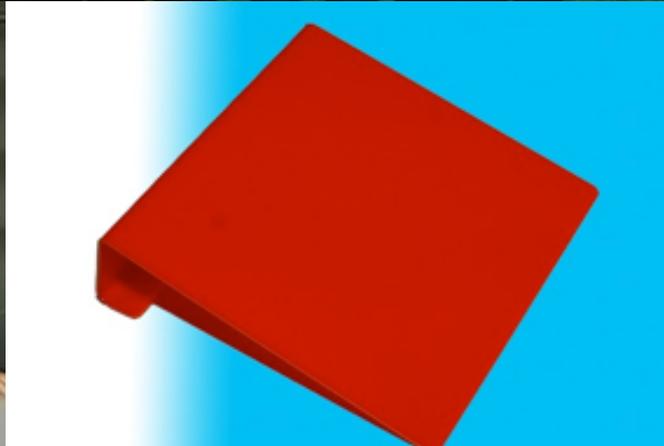


Whilst at the start of term, Year 11 Engineers visited the Mini Factory and Wembley Stadium for tours to support their learning. As part of the GCSE, students have to learn about several different types of Engineering including Automotive and Civil Engineering. At Mini we saw cars being made by robotics – the speed at which they worked was amazing and to see cars being made with such precision so quickly with so few people in the building was phenomenal. We saw cars being made from scratch and then driven off at the end of the production line. At Wembley, we had a tour of the stadium (and saw the final preparations being undertaken for the Rugby World Cup) where we learnt about the purpose of the arch on the roof of the stadium.



Our 12 budding Young Entrepreneurs successfully got through a rigorous interview process to be involved in the National Young Enterprise Company Programme at Debenham High School 2015–16. The team, led by Managing Director Freddie Grover, are:

Julie Davy – Finance Director, Ellie Fawkner – Operations Director, Ed Botwright – Deputy Operations Director, Jodie Mitson – Marketing Director, Emilina Sunderland – Brand Manager, Henry Lockwood – Sales Director, Charlie Coe – Deputy Sales Director, Emma Turner – Creative Manager, Emily Bower – HR Director, Tom Irving – Company Secretary, Nathan Austin – IT Director.



Young Enterprise, which runs after school as an extra-curricular activity aims to give students a practical experience of running their own private limited company. Students have used their share capital to make prototypes of their new product idea – the modern acrylic wipeable memo board, ideal for student revision, desks, offices and busy family homes.

Last week, Memo It welcomed a visit from Andrew McCullough – MD of Minima, a local design and innovation agency <http://www.minima.co.uk/> He spoke to them about his background in engineering, showed them an exciting array of product designs he had created and most importantly gave the team his feedback and thoughts on their prototypes to date.

This week we visited Ransomes Jacobsen in Ipswich for a tour of their manufacturing plant, 'a play' with their agricultural grass cutters on the golf course and each department got the chance to spend the afternoon with key department personnel in Finance, Operations, Sales and Marketing.

The team have a busy period ahead if they are to finalise their product range in time for the Christmas markets. Please support them and say hello to us at The Framlingham Christmas Shopping Evening on Friday 4 December and Woodbridge Street Fayre on Sunday 6th December.

# Art Round Up

Year 10 and 11 Art students have been busy already this year with a trip to Felixstowe to gather sources for their coursework introductory unit, as well as one to London to see the street art in Shoreditch and the work in the National Gallery and Portrait Gallery.



## Every drawing Tells a Story Art Competition

open to all year groups

**Create a new illustration** for any book or poem, or song lyric you like.

It may be a front cover design or illustrate a particular passage from a book or poem or song. The illustration may be drawn, painted, collaged, or a photograph.

Hand in to Mrs Carr, Art room 7 by  
**Wednesday 4th November**

Win Art equipment prizes



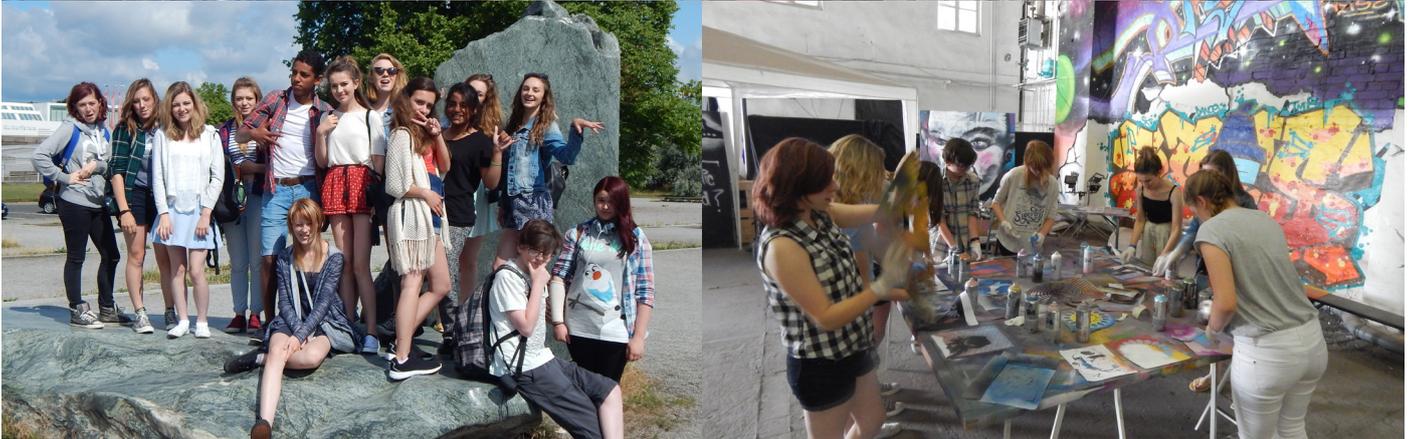
Year 11 sketching on the London trip

If anyone says they are bored or have nothing to do at half-term, encourage them to pick up a pen or pencil. All students are being encouraged to take part in our Art Competition, launched in assemblies last week.

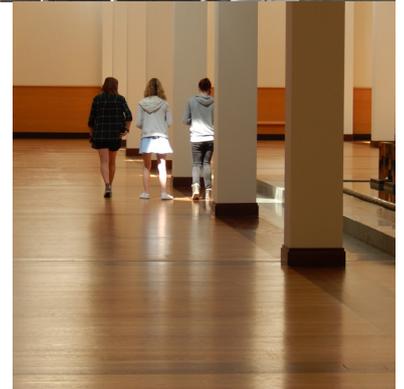
# Berlin Trip

Our Year 10 trip to Berlin involves opportunities for exploration of History, RE and Art influences in this fascinating city.

**From Mrs Carr.** Art students visited art galleries and saw a wide range of architecture and street art whilst staying in Berlin. One of the highlights of the week was spending a day with a street artist learning about the work we saw on the streets and having a master class in a Berlin art studio to learn how to recreate many of the techniques. Students came away with their own art work and a new level of understanding about the work of contemporary street artists.



**From Mr Dubberley .....** It was a pleasure, as it always is, to take nearly 60 of our Year 10 students to Berlin in July this year. On day one, we mixed visiting Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp to the north of the city, with the very moving Holocaust Memorial and Reichstag parliament building in the city centre, before heading off to Alexanderplatz in the East of the city for some evening entertainment. Day two saw some of us at the Berlin Wall memorial and Olympic Stadium, with a river cruise in between, followed by a lake swim and bowling in the evening. On our final day, History and RE students visited the former Stasi interrogation centre and the Jewish museum. After an afternoon shopping in leafy West Berlin, we enjoyed our final supper at the Hard Rock café, before setting off for home. Time well spent, and we're already planning for Berlin 2016!



# Year 10 in Iceland (not the shop!)

Reported by Poppy Fawkner – Head Girl

Iceland was a once in a lifetime trip, with not only a great group of people going but the chance to see some truly beautiful and amazing things. Our guide tried to teach us the Icelandic names of the places we visited but this was a near impossible task!

We travelled to Iceland by plane and then headed straight to the Blue Lagoon. This is a geothermal spa located in a lava field where we could put on silica mud face masks. We looked very attractive to say the least! After that, we travelled to our hotel in Reykjavik which is the capital of Iceland and later went out to a small cinema to watch a film on Fire, Ice and the Northern lights.



Day two's highlights included walking around Kerid Volcanic Crater Lake. This was a beautiful turquoise coloured lake which formed when a volcano exploded leaving a crater which gradually filled up with water over time. We also visited Gullfoss – a double-fall waterfall, saw spouting geysers and hot springs and swam in a geothermal open air swimming pool.

Day three was another action-packed day as we visited another beautiful waterfall as well as walking along a black sand beach where we saw puffins only a metre or so away from us. Along with this, we visited the Eyjafjallajökull flood plain and visitor centre to learn about the 2010 eruption.

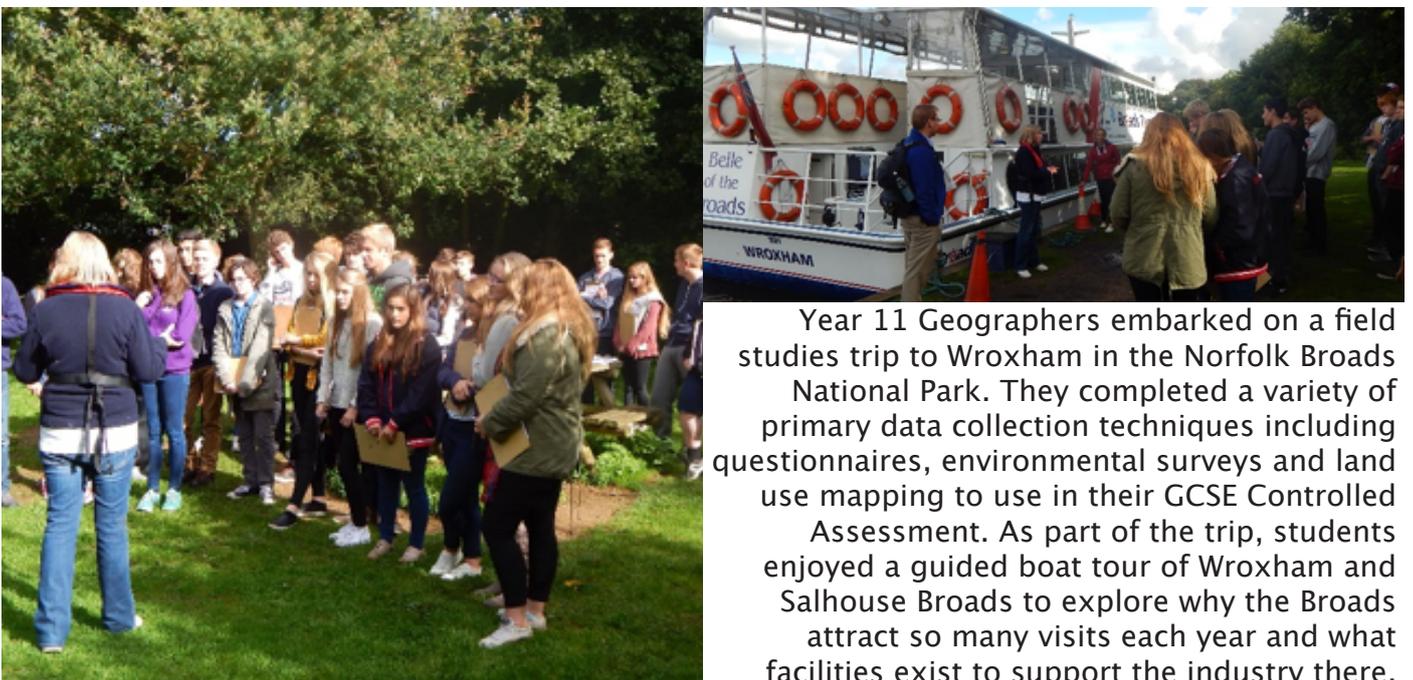
Our last full day in Iceland was just as amazing as the rest. We started by visiting a waterfall which we could walk behind. This was a fantastic experience despite getting a little wet! Later, we walked along the tongue of a glacier with the aid of crampons and ice axes. We then travelled back to Reykjavik to our first hotel and walked around the city to see the sights and to go shopping. I think most would agree our last night was great. We had dinner at an Italian restaurant and played a very funny card game with our teachers back at the hotel.

We had an early start, with breakfast at three thirty in the morning, to catch the plane back home. Overall, the amazing five day trip was action packed and it was no wonder that almost everyone was asleep on the way home.

# Geography Round up

Reported by Hattie Smith and Izzy Tapscott

On the 6 October we visited Aldeburgh as part of our Geography Tourism Unit. We collected primary data to test the hypothesis "Aldeburgh shows evidence of being a honey-pot site". Whilst we were there we asked members of the public to complete a survey which we will include in our project as primary data. We also conducted some environmental surveys and some traffic and pedestrian counts. We thoroughly enjoyed the trip and have plenty of information from which to now complete our project.



Year 11 Geographers embarked on a field studies trip to Wroxham in the Norfolk Broads National Park. They completed a variety of primary data collection techniques including questionnaires, environmental surveys and land use mapping to use in their GCSE Controlled Assessment. As part of the trip, students enjoyed a guided boat tour of Wroxham and Salhouse Broads to explore why the Broads attract so many visits each year and what facilities exist to support the industry there.

# Enterprise Day

At the end of the Summer Term Year 9 took part in Enterprise Day 2015. Thirteen teams of ten students form their own company to export apple juice to a French supermarket. Business mentors, who form the judging panel for the afternoon's presentations, support the teams throughout the day. Local business, Aspsall Cyder play an important role in Enterprise Day, as do all the business mentors who work with the students. The mentors are always impressed with how the students apply themselves to the challenge and how much they achieve in such a relatively short space of time.

Teams allocate roles to each team member including a Managing Director, Media and Marketing, Logistics Manager, Jingle composer etc. They then have to come up with a company name, branding, marketing strategy and work out how much they need to charge per litre of juice after production and transport costs have been taken into account.

It is an activity that allows the students to use a wide range of knowledge and skills that they have developed at school. Whether their talent is in design, languages, maths, geography or presenting, they all find that they have something that they can bring to the team. The pressure of deadlines and the fact that all of the team has to work together if they are to succeed means that there is a real sense of urgency and many worked through their breaks to make sure that they were ready for the afternoon presentations.



# Warhammer Club



The Warhammer club would like to thank all the members of the community who donated such amazing gifts to the club. Their generosity has made our gamers very excited. We will be able to have some brilliant battles now.

# Church Schools Service



Student Leaders from Year 9 led the congregation gathered for the annual Church Schools Service at the Cathedral of St Edmundsbury. With the theme of the good shepherd, we welcomed Bishop Martin to our diocese.

Joe Bagnall read:  
*O God, eternal shepherd,  
who govern your flock with unfailing care,  
grant in your boundless fatherly love  
a pastor for your Church who will please  
you by his holiness and to us show  
watchful care.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the  
unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for  
ever and ever.  
Amen.*

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