

# Celebrations and Presentations

At the Presentation Evening on 17th December, students were congratulated on their exam results and a brief resume of the year was given.

2017-18 was an interesting year as far as leadership went - Mr Parr-Burnham leaving for the Isle of Wight at Christmas, a number of interviews for a new principal, Mr McShane stepped in as Interim Principal for the spring and summer term. But in reality little changed for the students - our staff pulled together, both students and staff continued to work hard and the outcome was the best set of results in terms of progress the school has ever had.

September 2017 also saw the school move onto a single site. We said goodbye to Highfield House on Wells Road with mixed feelings. Glad perhaps to leave the cold and damp classrooms but sad to have to say farewell to such an iconic building that had been an educational establishment since 1923.

The ex-Y13s, I believe have the accolade of being the only students who have attended the full set - Fakenham High School, Fakenham Academy, Fakenham College and Fakenham Sixth Form.

Many of them have now started new lives all over the country: Brighton, Cambridge, Durham, Newcastle, Liverpool, York...to name a few. Not only have they dispersed all over the England but they have also engaged in an impressive range of degree courses including Forensic Science, Chemical Engineering, Wild Animal Biology, Sport Business Management, Illustration, Psychology, Music Production, Film and Moving Image Production, Politics and Law.

The results of class 2018 were impressive - 75% of all entries were A\* to C grades. In particular a mention must go to Chloe Register and Jude Glossop-Hillam who both achieved A\*s, Chloe in Psychology and Jude in Photography. In addition Charlotte Almond gained a Distinction\* in BTEC Level 3 Sport.

However, education is not only about what happens in the classroom. We had an excellent Sixth Form student council. They were greatly involved in the refurbishment of the new Sixth Form - choosing colours, flooring and furniture. Yes, you can blame them for the bright yellow walls in the corridor. Together the year group raised over £1000 for the Norfolk Cancer Charity through a sponsored walk to Wells, bake sales and other various events.

To give a hint of the nature of our students - early in the year Mr Eaves offered a trip to Krakow which entailed a visit to Auschwitz concentration camp - 63 students signed up to go. We were adamant that every student who wanted to go would be able to, so two trips were organised. Many of our students took part in music concerts and drama productions, sporting events and extra curricular trips and activities.



## What's On

### 13 February

Musical Soiree

### 18 — 22 February:

Half Term

### 7—10 March:

Berlin Trip

### 18—22 March

Year 13 Mocks

### 1—5 April

Year 12 Assessments

### 8—22 April:

Easter Holidays

### 23—27 April

Gold DoE Practice Expedition

### 13 May—26 June

Exam season

### 24—28 June

Year 12 Mocks

### 14—19 July

Gold DoE Final Expedition

## Senior Maths Challenge

Eleven brave A-level mathematicians pitted their wits against this year's UKMT Senior Maths Challenge this November. The Challenge consists of 25 multiple choice questions that are slightly quirky and require some careful thought to solve. We had an impressive set of results this year. Tom Williamson achieved the highest score in the Sixth Form. Silver certificates went to Tom Williamson, Sam Stilgoe, Anthony Swain and Max Wright. Bronze certificates went to Jake Dorman, Ben Bond, Kaira Bundock and Lucy Grove. Well done to everyone who had a go!

## Fakenham Sixth Form End of Term Quiz



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## What an Amazing Year 2018 was!

On Tuesday, the previous Sixth Form Council handed the cheque over to our chosen charity of the year, Beat, and I am so proud to reveal our total as £1731.54! This is a new Sixth Form record; I wish 2019's council the best of luck surpassing it. Well done to everyone who helped us raise money last year! On behalf of the council, THANK YOU! We honestly couldn't have done it without your continuing support and donations. From bake sales to make up to waxing and shaving, to cold water and to blisters from our ten-mile walk, I think we can all agree it has been one fantastic journey.

I personally would like to say thank you to all of my council members of 2018, you were all awesome and it has been a pleasure to work with you. A special thank you to Lily who brought this incredible charity to our Sixth Form's attention. Thank you to Mrs Higgins for your support, to Miss Burr for your help and to Chris for your encouragement. 2018 was a very memorable year and I have a feeling 2019 is going to be even better! By Sophie Brown



## Fakenham Sixth Form A Level Geographer's Article Published In Geographical Association Journal

A Fakenham Sixth Form A Level Geography student, has had an article on their Non Examined Assessment published in the Geographical Association's 'Teaching Geography' Spring 2019 journal. Gemma Gibson, presently a Year 13 student studying A Level Geography, has shared her experiences of completing her Non Examined Assessment with geography teachers across the country. The 'Teaching Geography' journal is published quarterly during the year, sharing best practice from teachers on a wide range of different aspects of teaching and learning in geography. Gemma, through the encouragement of her teacher, has published her experiences of completing her independent geography investigation at Sheringham and Salthouse on the north Norfolk coast. This included a range of both human and physical geography fieldwork and investigative techniques. Following on from two previous 'Teaching Geography' articles written by staff and a former student at Fakenham College/Sixth Form on fieldwork on the north Norfolk coast, Gemma has detailed how ongoing guided reflection upon her geographical knowledge, understanding and skills allowed her to develop, enhance and complete her independent investigation over a nine month period. Gemma stressed the benefit of piloting a range of investigative techniques in February, strengthened through in-class cross-topic teaching in the intervening months, before returning in July to complete her investigative study. This approach was designed not only to improve the quality of independent geographical investigations, but also to develop and secure synoptic links between a range of physical and human geographical topics operating at different scales. Gemma's insight will be valuable to other teachers, showing the real benefit of local areas studies which are given an extended time period in order to strengthen learning. Gemma is now working towards her final A level examinations, before moving on to study Geography at Nottingham University.

Colin Bye FRGS, Head of Geography,

Head of Humanities, Social Sciences, PE and MFL Faculty



# Sixth Form Council 2019

The Sixth Form Council is unusual compared to other Sixth Forms, because it is voted in by the students attending the Sixth Form. The role of the council is to make sure that the students are happy whilst they are here for their 2 years. This will include: making adjustments that need to be made, having appropriate accommodations added, and also raising money for the students' charity of choice. Here are a few words from the Sixth Form Council:



## Alexander Hagag- Chair

Hello, my name is Alexander Hagag but everyone knows me as Alex. My role on the council is to be chair. Essentially, this role entails the overseeing of all the work being done by the council, running meetings, communicating with the public or anyone externally via the conduction of assemblies, 1 on 1s and generally advocating the Sixth Form. I, along with the Vice Chair- Sam James will conduct the Running of the Sixth Form council. Personally, I am an enthusiastic advocate for sport and preserving the integrity of nature; I will be more than happy to run or take part in any sporting events in the Sixth Form and also will be a part of any involvements regarding the environment or natural projects. I can say confidently that I am looking forward to working with the Sixth Form council team throughout the next academic year. Many great things to come...

## Sam James - Vice Chair

Hello, my name is Sam James and my role on the Sixth Form council is vice chair. This role basically involves supporting Alex, The Chair, and stepping in when he is absent. My main reason for joining the council was so that I could help to portray the Sixth Form in a positive light and make the next couple of years the best they can possibly be for you. If you have any suggestions or queries please don't hesitate to ask Alex, me or anyone on the council as we can then try to do something about it. I hope this year we can surpass the incredible total that last year's council managed to achieve, for our chosen charity. I am really looking forward to trying to achieve this goal and helping out the Sixth Form as a whole.

## Adam Rivers - Public Advocate

Hey, my name is Adam Rivers and as 'Public Advocate' for the council my responsibilities require me to reach out to the local community and make sure Fakenham Sixth Form becomes more recognised as well as participating more in local events. So I will be working very closely with Kate (Publicity) to achieve our shared goals. I'm the best person for the job because of my enthusiasm, proactivity and politeness. In addition, I am passionate about advocating for the environment and providing a voice for those that can't speak for themselves. Feel free to address me with any upcoming events you want us to take part in, or any other ideas.

## Kate Frost - Publicity

Hi, my name is Kate. My job on the council is publicity, working closely with Adam (Public Advocate) it is my responsibility to advertise the Sixth Form and our chosen charity. I would love to hear all your ideas on ways we could get the Sixth Form and our charity well known in our community. Feel free to approach me or Adam with your wonderful ideas. Publicity is the best role for me as I am very good at negotiating with others and I'm very creative in expressing my thoughts.

## Fiona Degning- Facilities

Hello, my name is Fiona and my job on the council is to look after facilities within the Sixth Form and replace anything that is unbeneficial or damaged. I will also be looking into getting more facilities that will benefit students in different ways. I will be working closely with Lizzie who is Student liaison and Jake whose role is Treasurer. I would love to hear any suggestions and feedback on facilities and I will do my best to resolve any issues. I am very much looking forward to the year ahead on council. Together, we can raise more money than last year for our chosen charity and really make a difference.

## Jake Dorman - Finance

Hello, I'm Jake and I'm in charge of the numbers and financing side of the college council, so I'll be handling all the money for the Sixth Form council. This means I'll be making sure we spend it appropriately, effectively and get the most out of it that we can, to help our Sixth Form improve further. This year will be a great year for the Sixth Form with the Council already underway with brand new ideas!

## Madeline Curl - Secretary

Hello, my name is Madeline Curl but people usually call me Maddie. I am really excited to be part of the council this year in my role of secretary. I will be devoted to organisation of the council, involving contacting the relevant people (such as the charity we will choose), and all the students, so everybody knows about the events we will be organising. In addition to this, during our meetings my primary role is keeping minutes, freeing everyone else to focus on discussion and expressing their ideas. Above all I want to make sure the council can be run smoothly, that way we can focus on the things that matter such as fundraising and improving the college, without being held back by disorganisation. Ultimately that's why I suit this role the best, although I really want to contribute to decisions, I am capable of making sure what other people decide on can happen as easily as possible.

## Harry Kirk- Social Media

Hi, my name's Harry and I'm in charge of social media on the Fakenham Sixth Form council. I feel I fit the role because, like many teenagers, I spend a fair amount of my time on social media and I believe with all my time spent I have learnt a fair bit about the modern day 'pop-culture'. And I believe that I can use this to spread all that the Sixth Form does around the community through the social media services I have been given access to.

## Lizzie Pollicott-Reid - Student Liaison

Hey, I'm Lizzie, and my role on the council is Student Liaison. The definition of the word Liaison is: "communication or cooperation which facilitates a close working relationship between people or organizations" which, to put it simply, is you guys talking and telling me your ideas, and me listening and doing the best I can to make them a reality. I value and listen to everyone who has an idea to improve our college, no matter who they are. I really want to get to know lots of people in our college, so that we all have a say and everyone's voice is heard. I will then feed these ideas back to the council, and then to teachers and senior leaders. My role will involve collecting people's opinions via conversations, polls, ballots, and just making sure that people feel comfortable and confident in coming to talk to me, and sharing their ideas. If you want to find me, I am generally dashing about the college, usually in a coat-scarf-and-gloves combo!

I hope you all have a fantastic year, and don't hesitate to stop me in the corridor for a quick chat!

## Youth Advisory Board 2019

The Youth Advisory Board (YAB) gives you many opportunities to learn new things and meet new people. This experience is completely free and you will learn things like first aid and how to communicate freely without any fear of being made fun of, as all ideas are taken into account. As a member of YAB I completely support the idea of a safe place for people my age, where they can escape the idea of any type of pressure that may be upon them. We encourage many people to come along to support the rest of your peers, as someone may be in trouble without us noticing. (And if you come you may be given food.)

A while ago in tutorial students filled out a form for the Youth Advisory Board (or YAB) where it asked our opinions on what teenagers are having trouble with or what they have noticed around their peers. From these results we found that the most troubling issues are self-harm, drugs, smoking and vaping. With the 1,238 responses we have decided to focus on mental health as we felt that this may have been the reason for these things happening. Focussing on this topic, we will create a safe environment where people who are concerned about their well being will have a safe place to talk about their feelings, without being judged and without anything being repeated.

If you would like to join us then come along to PO3 any Wednesday afternoon.

Jess Pearson