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WELCOME

Dear Readers

Every year we say that we will try to be more relaxed and less manic in the second half of the summer term. Then, we cram more and more into the time and end up exhausted but exhilarated. This time of year, when the examinations are over, learning continues apace and we remember the wider aspects of being part of a school community: working in teams, looking after each other and enjoying trying new things.



So many things inside this edition: Curriculum Enhancement Week, Work Experience, The Creative Arts Evening and Art Exhibition, Opening the Library in memory of Mr Money, Sports Day, Music Concert, to name a few. Also saying our goodbyes to our Year 11s and staff. Wishing you all a very peaceful, restful, happy summer holiday. We look forward to seeing students in school for Thursday 3rd September.

Peter Devonish

Headteacher

CHINESE VISITORS

We were delighted to welcome a visit from our friends from Shanghai recently; two teachers and four students arrived on Wednesday July 1st. Their very first visit to England had begun on the hottest day on record! They spent two brilliant days in school, observing lessons and finding out about how different school life is here. One lesson was spent with some of the International Prefects, discussing those differences. Those IPs each received a Nanyang pennant and found the session very interesting indeed. In another lesson, one of the Chinese students (Mina) gave a demonstration of a traditional dance (her costume was absolutely stunning) and Miss Harris then incorporated Chinese fans into a more Western style dance. The Year 9 students who were involved raved about it afterwards. In The Link, the Chinese pupils demonstrated calligraphy (and were even kind enough to give us as gifts their brushes and ink). The students in The Link had a fantastic time and were proudly showing

off their calligraphy work later on. A visit to Norfolk would not be complete without a trip to a traditional English seaside and our Chinese guests thoroughly enjoyed visiting Cromer and eating fish and chips on the pier. On the second day they visited Norwich and completed part of the dragon trail. We received some lovely gifts (have a look at the display in Reception) and look forward to seeing other students and teachers from Nanyang in the near future.



CREATIVE ARTS EVENING

On Wednesday 8th July, Neatherd held its annual Creative Arts Evening to celebrate the talent and achievements of 2014-15 in the Arts. It was a fun-filled evening full of drama, dance and music presented by some of the best Creative Arts students from the school.

DANCE

It was a real pleasure having some Year 11 GCSE Dance students come back to visit after leaving school last month to show off their 100% A* choreography and performance work. The Year 11s weren't the only ones visiting Neatherd that evening. Tyler Brooks (ex-student) also returned to



give a spectacular dance performance demonstrating how far he has taken his dance training since leaving Neatherd. Sparks and Ignite, Neatherd's two outstanding dance groups performed. Sparks, taking on an impressive routine



to Muse Dead Inside and Ignite performing, for the very last time, their trophy-winning Warrior Bird piece.

DRAMA

Mrs Sanderson had directed a short performance of excerpts from Shakespeare's "As you Like It" using some of the best performers from Year 7 and Year 8 for the Creative Arts Evening. Notable



performances came from the male students where Adam Littleproud became a dithering old man and George Rolland-Barry a professional guitar-playing wrestler! The performance will be presented in the new library at Neatherd during Intake Days for Y6 so that they can see the calibre of drama at Neatherd. The 10 minute sketch is also due to become a full half-hour performance of the whole play in the Autumn term.

MUSIC

The evening also contained some of the best musicians at Neatherd. Lucy Kirk and Mr Moore sang a haunting duet whilst others



showcased their talents on various instruments. A stand-out performance came from Cerys Blake and Hannah Bavage with their beautiful harmonies. The evening was a huge success and was enjoyed by all!

ART EXHIBITION

In the last few weeks of term the Art Department were busy setting up the exhibition of this year's GCSE Art and Photography work. Students were given the broad title 'Viewpoints' which they interpreted in their own way. We have also included work produced in response to the exam theme this year – 'Apart and/or Together'. The results revealed a diverse approach and students have produced an exciting array of drawings, 3D objects, painting and photography. Excellent use has been made of the Apple Mac Editing Suite, with distortion, manipulation and digital enhancement becoming evident in students' work. Gallery visits and independent research helped students develop their own ideas so that creative and original pieces have been produced.



PRIMARY OUTREACH

Ten pupils from Neatherd recently visited St. Nicholas Junior School to read their own stories to a class of Year 5 pupils.



The High School children had to research, write and design their own environmental story books suitable for primary-aged children. "You can't find many good story books about environmental issues," said Neatherd Geography teacher, Miss Chilvers. "The children really enjoyed this project and their stories ranged from global warming and animal

conversation to energy-saving topics." St. Nicholas' bi-centennial garden was the perfect environment for the children to hear all the different stories. They found a nice spot and the Year 8 Neatherd youngsters moved from group to group to tell them their own individual stories. "It is really nice for our children to have other children read stories to them," said Diane Everett, Year 5 class teacher at the junior school, "normally it is always adults who read to them." The primary school children really enjoyed the experience.

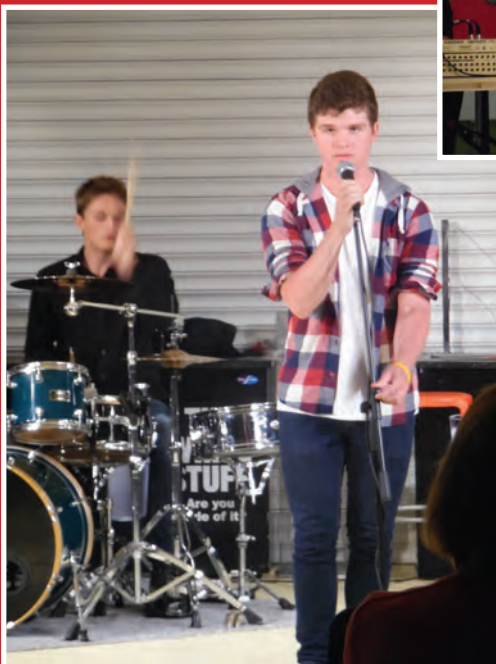
Ten year old Melissa Williams said: "The environment is really important to me; we need to make sure that we look after it and respect it." Her classmate, Roger Summerfield also liked all the different stories: "These issues, like melting polar caps or tree conversation, are all very important. We need to make sure that we all take care of our environment."

SCHOOL CONCERT

The recent Music department summer concert showcased a range of talent from all year groups. The programme was packed with a diverse mix of acts ranging from classical strings and keyboards through the energetic Blues Band to our rock musicians. We lose some of our key Year 11 musicians this year, notably Ben Stott and Douglas Brown, Tilly Slater, Josh Spinks and Charlie King. Others, such as Gideon Ward, Charlie Bunting and Bradley Davies are heading for Dereham Sixth Form so we hope they will stick with us and give us a further

taste of their inimitable talent next year.

The vast array of talent among younger students includes Elizabeth Vogel who never ceases to amaze with the range of instruments she plays. Alex Sidney on keyboards and George Crisp are Year 7s to watch. As ever, Holly Grant, Cerys Blake and Hannah Bavage were truly amazing singers and musicians. There are far too many performers to allow for individual name-checks but – come along next year to our calendared concerts and listen for yourselves!



GOODBYE YEAR 11



STAFF LEAVING

Every year Neatherd doesn't only have to say "Goodbye" to their Year 11s, but there are also a number of staff who are sadly leaving the school, many after a long time of service. You will all be missed!

I've been at Neatherd as long as I've been a teacher and I've loved it – it is a school with wonderful students and excellent staff; I will miss you all horribly. Mr Dunne



I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at Neatherd High School. The students have been very respectful and take tremendous pride in their learning. It has been given me a great pleasure in teaching them. Throughout my stay, I have also been really well supported by all staff members and in particular the ICT Department. I wish you and your families all the best for the future and enjoy your well-deserved summer holidays. Mr Lal



People say you hold a soft spot for the first school you work at, and I am sure this will be true of Neatherd for me, not simply because it is my first school, but more so because it is an amazing school! Whilst I have only been here for a short time (since November), I have been made to feel incredibly welcome from day one, making my time here feel like it was much longer. I would like to say a big thank you to all the staff generally, and in particular to both the Cover Team and the Maths Department, for all the help and guidance they have given me. Most importantly I would also like to say a huge thank you to the students for making my time so enjoyable – let's hope the girls rugby club can win the Norfolk Cup next year under Coach Fisher!

I'm off to the UEA for a year to do my PGCE, which just goes to show it is never too late to learn something new. Who knows I may be back one day in the future and good luck to all of you at Neatherd! Mr Gilhooly



As I leave after 9 and a half years at Neatherd, 9 of which as the librarian, I am pleased to leave my 'legacy' of the new, revamped library. It is wonderful to leave a space to future pupils which is bright, airy and welcoming. My other work as EAL Co-ordinator has enlightened me in the differences in the various cultures we have in Dereham. It has been a pleasure to help many of our foreign pupils reach their potential and achieve good grades in their GCSEs as well as integrating into school and British life. I am moving from the area over the summer to a new and hopefully exciting life by the sea. Mrs Beckett

It feels very strange saying goodbye to Neatherd after almost 14 years! I will miss many things, mostly of course the many friends I have made and the fantastic students that I have got to know over the years. I've been overwhelmed by all of the messages, gifts and cards that I have received in the last 2 weeks from students, staff and parents, thank you so much everybody. I'm excited about my new role and the challenges ahead and am looking forward to a whole new learning adventure. Have a very well earned summer holiday everyone! Mrs Walker

I have worked in Finance at Neatherd for the last 18 years first as a Finance Assistant and finally as the Finance Manager. I have seen many changes over the years and many staff come and go and I would like to take this opportunity to wish the new Finance Team every success. Mrs Cocker

I joined the school before Easter to help with English intervention but was soon asked to join the department as a member of staff. My time here has flown by. I have only praise for this school, its staff and the students. The English department is led by and seconded by two amazing people. Their dedication to their subject and their support for me has been second to none. The students are a delight to teach. It is with sadness that I shall leave and I wish every success to an already successful department and school. Mrs Barker



We are also saying "Goodbye" to Mrs K Brown, Mrs Clembintson, Miss Goodall, Mr McCarthy (after 26 years of service), Miss McDonald-Bell, Mr Tetebo, Miss Vassallo, Mrs Bowley, Mrs Cox, Mr Jamieson, Mrs Looker, Mrs Reynolds, Mrs J Smith, Mrs Tawana and Mrs Priest (Maternity leave). Thank you all!

CE WEEK

From Monday 15th – Friday 19th June Neatherd High School pupils were not on their normal timetable, but instead enjoyed activity days, trips and even work experience! Around 80 Year 7 pupils spent a fabulous week in sunny Normandy visiting Bayeux, a chocolatier, Arromanches and also Paris. Other Year 7 pupils loved working with colour and tone to create a collage inspired by impressionist artists. Pupils also enjoyed a day in school to explore plot and characters through storytelling and

In school pupils again showed brilliant skills in communication, working in teams to solve lots of initiative tests. Finally, Year 8s enjoyed a day of Science that involved searching for and understanding the mini-beasts on Neatherd Moor as well as building and launching/firing hand built rockets across the field! Lots of Year 9 pupils spent a few days in the battlefields in the Flanders and Somme regions of Belgium and France. Pupils learnt a great deal from the trip and also laid a number of wreaths at one



of the largest cemeteries in Flanders. In school, Year 9 pupils built and tested Formula 1 cars in the 'Jaguar Challenge' and also designed different aspects of a festival in Design Technology. The Apprentice Day for Year 9 pupils showed us all that there are many potential entrepreneurs here at Neatherd! Year 9 pupils enjoyed a variety of different GCSE Taster Days when pupils got to experience their Key Stage 4 option choices; the highlight had to be seeing pupils trying plastering

creative responses. Pupils were thrilled with the trip to Africa Alive to investigate Environmental and conservation issues. Pupils also enjoyed days to explore the globe through dance, drama and music as well as a China themed day! Year 8 pupils loved their time camping at Bramley Lakes, an outdoor adventure centre on the outskirts of Norwich. Pupils climbed the tower, built and tested a raft, played some interesting games in the canoe, tried Segways, archery and abseiling as well as high and low rope courses. The activities were all challenging but the teamwork to support each other and solve the challenges was exceptional!

and plumbing on the Construction course! All Year 10 pupils engaged in a week of work experience at local businesses. The students chose a variety of occupations to try out – from administrative work in offices and helping out in classrooms of local primary schools to becoming health care assistants in hospitals and care homes. Some students opted to do their work experience a bit further afield; Oliver Boys managed to secure a placement with Red Bull Racing in Milton Keynes and Harry Cottenden worked for a week with Dagenham & Redbridge Football Club.

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NORMANDY TRIP



During Curriculum Enhancement Week our very popular Year 7 trip to Normandy took place. Early on the morning of 16th June 71 students and 7 teachers set off to travel to the Chateau Le Kinnor in the beautiful French village of Fervâques in Normandy. The 15th century Chateau itself is quite imposing and also includes several different buildings, with plenty of space outside for playing football, relaxing or playing on the swings. We were well fed at breakfast and dinner in typical French style, eating in the vaulted cellars of the main building, and our hosts were most welcoming and really encouraged our students to speak to them in French at mealtimes. During the week we went to Lisieux to watch a chocolatier demonstrate the art of making chocolates and later to try some of his wares, always a popular part of the trip! Later that same day, we went to an apple juice and Calvados distillery, where students were able to sample, and buy, the delicious apple juice made

there. We began that day at the market in Deauville where the students bought food for their picnic lunch which we later ate on the lovely, sandy beach. They were very adventurous in practising their French and managed to buy a spectacular range of foods. On Wednesday, students visited the amazing Bayeux tapestry in the historic little town of Bayeux, following this we travelled to the war museum at Arromanches to watch a very moving film of the D-Day landings. From the museum, we could see one of the beaches where the landings took place, complete with the remains of the Mulberry harbours. The final day was spent in Paris, which is always a highlight of the trip for students. We were able to take a tour of Paris on a boat along the river Seine, followed by a picnic lunch near the Eiffel Tower and then we visited the old quarter of Montmartre where the students were finally able to spend their euros on souvenirs and presents for their families. This was a very enjoyable trip and we

were fortunate to have good weather throughout. The Year 7 pupils were a real credit to themselves and the school, they were well behaved, keen to practise their French whenever they could and happily took part in all the activities on offer.



BATTLEFIELDS TRIP



between the trenches. During the evening of the third day, our pupils took part in the Last Post ceremony at the Menin Gate, with two of our pupils laying a wreath on behalf of the school. On our third day, we drove to the Somme region of France and focussed on the Battle of the Somme, pondering

Our annual trip to the Battlefields took part during Curriculum Enhancement Week. This year 56 pupils gathered at 5:45am at the front of the school ready



to enhance their understanding of the First World War. Over the next 4 days, pupils visited range of sites that focussed on different areas that saw heavy fighting and looked at different battles from the First World War. On our first day, we focussed on the town of Ypres,

whether it was really worth it. Pupils also explored the role played by troops from across the globe, with particular focus on the Canadian troops who fought to capture Vimy Ridge. On our final day, pupils visited the German cemetery at Langemark and the Commonwealth War Grave cemetery at Tyne Cot. Wreaths were laid at both sites and pupils were moved by the scales of each site and at how very different the sites were.



visiting In Flanders Fields museum.

Afterwards, we visited Talbot House, where soldiers were able to relax behind the lines and where they could try to forget the reality of life in the trenches. On the second day, we explored the Battle of Passchendaele, visiting a range of sites linked to the battle and examining reconstructed German and British trenches. Pupils could easily see the differences in construction



LAKE DISTRICT TRIP

With the very early start of 5:30am on Saturday morning, Year 10 GCSE Geography students set off to the Lake District, near Ambleside. Once we arrived in the early afternoon, we were soon sent off on our first tourism study around the beautiful town of Ambleside. Questionnaires, map reading and car plate analysis certainly kept us very busy, with an ice cream along the way! After dinner, a very beneficial evaluation lesson was given to conclude our data collection from our first afternoon in the county of Cumbria. Leaving the hostel promptly, each group set off to their first of two sites along the Great Langdale River—one being at the upper course and the other in the middle course. Data collection was essential during our river study to enable us to have reliable information for our controlled assessment when we arrive back at Neatherd. With many keen geographers in the group, lots were enthusiastic about getting stuck in (and rather wet) to conduct numerous investigations. We needed to measure the channel width, depth, pebble size, velocity and the gradient of a selection points at our site. Despite the drizzly and windy weather to start, every group worked hard and collected valuable data with a few laughs in the process! After a quick picture, and the weather beginning to look brighter, a well-earned lunch break and a short coach journey took us to the second site to conduct the same experiments. The sun shone down and all

were content although tired after a day in the fresh air. The evening routine stayed the same with free time, dinner, an evening evaluation lesson followed by an hour in the park. Both students and teachers got involved with numerous sporting games at the park, always finishing off each day nicely. Our final full day left just one more investigation, the settlement study.

After a short coach journey to Kendal, our task was to fill in a detailed map with the different establishments, to evaluate the environmental features at different points and the amount of traffic and pedestrians. Next stop, paintballing! Each student had a choice between



paintballing, clay pigeon shooting or horse riding as an optional activity in reward for the hard work completed over the weekend. Fun, laughs and smiles finished our session off well. Back at the hostel, we had our last lesson discussing our data before a surprise of awards were given out to numerous people due to the hard work put in over the past few days. On Tuesday, everyone arrived home safely back at Neatherd by 4:15pm with many memories to take away from

this excellent trip. On behalf of all Year 10 geographers, we are very grateful to all teachers, organisers and bus drivers who made this residential stay possible, allowing us to experience such wonderful scenery and of course, enabling us to collect data which will aid our forthcoming controlled assessment.

SOPHIE MANN



NEW LIBRARY



Our fantastic remodelled library was officially opened on July 8th by Mrs Debbie Money in memory of her late husband Mr Tony Money, former Head of English, who passed away last September. With his love of literature and passion for reading, the library has been named '221B Baker Street', after one of his favourite authors, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle who wrote the Sherlock Holmes novels. The transformed library is now bigger and brighter with computer technology complementing a diverse range of newly updated fiction and non-fiction books. To mark the

opening we were delighted to welcome the talented author Julian Sedgwick who thrilled the students with extracts from his latest novel 'Ghosts of Shanghai' as well as his finale knife juggling act! Parent, Sandy Dunton made a cake for the event and Year 9 students joined us to celebrate and remember Mr Money. Headteacher, Peter Devonish, said, "The library is everything Tony would have wanted. He would've been very happy with it. It's somewhere the children can create, learn, read and meet together."



It has been another busy half term here at Neatherd for the School Nutrition Action Group. As the temperature has increased, our plants in the poly tunnel have grown. We have made some real progress with our summer salad vegetables including radishes, courgettes and tomatoes. Although at times it has been almost too hot for them! We were then able to sell some of our vegetables at the most recent school Summer Fete, which turned out to be a great success all round. In addition to this, our Gardening Club members also got busy cooking and baking some delicious treats to sell on behalf of the school. The students felt really comfortable creating a variation of snacks for the public to try.

Earlier on this term, we also received a very important visit from some BBC producers who had shortlisted our school for a food documentary as part of their 'School Dinner Dish Up' series. They enjoyed visiting the school and getting to know our catering staff as well as all of the hungry pupils! We welcomed them with open arms and although we were not chosen for the final filming, we all embraced being in the spotlight for a day. The visitors remarked, "it is really great to see a secondary school which has a food culture that is so embedded into everyday life." This is something which we wholeheartedly agree with! We would like to wish you a very relaxing summer holiday, and if any parents, carers or friends of the school would like to help out with our Cook Club and Gardening Club then please get in contact- we would be happy to have the help! Miss Powell-Bowns

SUMMER FAYRE

While we were setting up everything on the morning of the 5th of July, it looked like we would have a good day for the Summer Fayre, and our spirits were high, but as we were due to open to the public out came the umbrellas and raincoats. A lot of hard work had gone into organising the fayre, so we went ahead as planned. We didn't raise what we hoped to, but we are looking at around £800 profit for the day. I would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who was involved either running a stall, cooking on the BBQ, being sponged, singing, dancing or playing samba. Everyone should be really proud of what we achieved, with such awful weather.

There are always people who go above and beyond at events like this, and I would just like to single them out to thank: Mr Moore and his family who were there throughout the whole event setting up, playing samba, running the PA system, and packing away; Mrs Patterson, who very kindly took over

the refreshments at the event as the Friends were short on volunteers; and finally Mrs Brunton and the site team and their families. Without their help and support we wouldn't have had an event. The Friends group only has a few members at the moment and if any parents would like to come along and get involved please contact me. We need your support so we can continue to support the children at the school and provide the things the school can't. Please get in contact with tashanicholson.school@outlook.com (Chair of Friends). Our next meeting is the 15th of September at 4.15 in the school library.



WORK EXPERIENCE



In June, all of our Year 10 students spent a week off timetable at local companies and organisations, experiencing some valuable time in the "World of Work". Some pupils organised placements close to home, but some of them travelled further afield, for instance to Essex, Northern Ireland and even to Holland! The variety of placements was huge, from working at primary schools and nurseries, learning about excellent customer service in retail or lending a hand to workmen in garages, to spending a week getting to grips with office work. "I found this week an enlightening experience, this will really help me with my future career," said Naomi Parker who had her placement at Necton Primary School. "This week has shown me what work will be like, for example getting up early, being busy etc – it has been a very good experience," was the

verdict of Henry Mowbray who worked at Tall Orders in Dereham. Bethan Bates who spent a week at WEX photographic in Norwich said: "Being at work for 5 days taught us all a lot, we learnt about the adult environment we were in and how to interact with people we didn't know very well. It was definitely a good week." Also the employers were full of praise about our students. Alice Mouncer from the Millenium Library in Norwich said: "Valeria Golban (Kett/LBR) has been a pleasure to work with during her placement at the library. She is eager and able to learn and always wears a smile. She is obviously very bright and any employer would be lucky to have her." "Bonnie Dawson and Levi Sayer were the best work experience students for years. We were really pleased with both of them," said Sean Bond of Shorn by Sean, Dereham.

CORRECT SCHOOL UNIFORM

Uniform has been a focus over this academic year and the students already look so much smarter. A polite reminder at the end of the summer term about uniform for September. If there are any issues with uniform, please remember to call Mr Thorpe and let us know in advance.

All students will wear:

- The school blazer;
- A pale blue, button up to the neck, blouse/shirt (not denim), suitable to be tucked in
- A school tie which must have six stripes showing
- The school navy jumper with Neatherd shield (NOT any other garment)
- Dark blue, grey, black or white socks (coloured or patterned socks that can be seen at the shoe-line are not permitted)
- Black or brown shoes (backless shoes are not permitted, along with plimsolls and Ugg style boots).

In certain circumstances flesh coloured retainers will be allowed. Decision to be made by Head of School.

All girls will wear:

- Either a plain navy or black tailored

knee length skirt, OR plain navy or black full length trousers. NO figure-hugging, tight, skinny trousers or leggings

- Either thick dark tights or flesh coloured sheer tights or blue or appropriate socks.

All boys will wear:

- Black or charcoal grey trousers.

School Uniform and Personal Appearance Code

Full school uniform will be worn at all times unless permission is given for alternative arrangements. In particular the following are forbidden:

- Tattoos
- Badges or logos with overt political, racial or offensive comments or messages
- Hairstyles, hair colours or facial hair likely to be deemed inappropriate by the Headteacher, or which cause a lack of focus from students' learning
- Hooded tops and other sweatshirts
- Skinny trousers (including leggings)
- Make-up or nail varnish deemed to be excessive by the Headteacher and staff.

Please Note:

A plain, dark coat or anorak may only be worn outside the buildings. Hooded tops and other sweatshirts are not acceptable and will be confiscated if worn.

Trainers should only be worn for sport, or activities on the tennis courts during break and lunchtimes and are not to be worn in school.

No jewellery is allowed except small stud earrings, a cross and light chain, or a plain signet. Nasal or other forms of body piercing (including retainers) are forbidden.



FUTURE SCHOLARS AWARD

I had the pleasure to take five Year 9 pupils (Ellie Jackman, Emily Gibson, Jack White, Harlie Scott and Emily Jessop) to London recently to take part in a "Future Scholars Award" event at the University College London (UCL). The award was introduced to raise the aspirations of our most able pupils giving them an awareness of how to get to the best universities.

Our day started early as we left Norwich Train Station at 6.30am. The journey down to London and across to University College London (UCL) went smoothly, even seeing some sights on the way. As soon as we arrived at UCL we had to be evacuated again from our welcome room due to a fire alarm! But luckily after 20mins we could go back into the lecture theatre to have the welcome talk which aimed to inspire pupils to apply to one of the Russell Group Universities, the top 24 universities in the UK. The speaker stressed the importance of Independent Learning and reading around the subject, as well taking 'facilitating subjects' at A-Level that would give pupils access to the best universities.

Afterwards we had a tour of the campus to include the library, student hub and the different departments in the university. Great to see our pupils asking questions of our Student Ambassador, Robyn. Pupils then had an interactive seminar looking at Art on Walls: Using Graffiti to Improve your Environment.

After an exotic buffet lunch our students had a lecture about Forensic Science in a very hot room, making the pupils a little tired! But they had no choice but to perk themselves up as the Neatherd group had to create an academic poster to present to the other schools 40mins later!

The presentation from the Neatherd pupils was first class! Based upon the Street Art session, our pupils articulated their findings and views brilliantly to the



rest of the schools in the Lecture Theatre. Based around the Alice in Wonderland story, our pupils explained how street art could be used back at Neatherd. The group gained some really positive feedback from the PhD tutor as well as the UCL Access Officer complimenting the clarity of the talk. Particular praise was given for how the art was explained through the journey in the story; a clever concept.

The day did give the pupils the confidence and an appreciation of why to apply to the very best universities. GCSE attainment does affect A-Level choices, following on from this, A-Level subjects and attainment obviously affect UCAS applications and university places; so Year 9 is the perfect time for this event to raise awareness with the pupils. Mr Sinclair

SPORTS DAY

A warm Thursday at the end of July saw the repeat of the great celebration of sporting talent and house competition that is Neatherd sports day. The day started with some great throwing and jumping events that saw Neatherd children excel in performance and competition against their house rivals. Many outperformed even their own expectations and Neatherd Physical Education department staff were delighted to see a number of different records being broken and in particular those that have stood at the school for a very long time.



Year 8 – Charlie Dickerson, Charlotte Welling and Ellie Foster.

Year 9 – Liam Chipperfield and Abi Foster.

Year 10 – Owen Mustard and Caoimhe Cullen.

Upon reflection, we can see how much fun and enjoyment came from the day. Lots of effort was made by clusters of people in order to support and promote the event as much as possible. It was pleasant to see lots of banners, flags and the majority of children with their faces painted in their team colours. I think the most appropriate way to sum things up could come from one of the staff at the Neatherd school.....



“Neatherd sports day rocked”, was the quote of the day from Mr Gilhooly at his first ever Neatherd sports day which he clearly enjoyed and in particular marvelled at the thrill of the spectators cheering on their houses.

Overall Results:

1st – Cavell; 2nd – Kett; 3rd – Carter
4th – Fry.

Record Breakers:

Name	Event	House	Year	Old Record	New Record
Charlotte Welling	High Jump	Kett	8	1.30m	1.31m
Liam Chipperfield	Javelin	Cavell	9	32.85m	37.70m
Lisa McArdle	High Jump	Fry	10	1.37m	1.40m
Megan Lait	Javelin	Kett	10	22.22m	22.49m
Jack White	800m	Fry	9	2.22.25s	2.20.25s
Abi Foster	400m	Kett	9	1.08.9s	1.08.69s

A couple of records were also broken in the afternoon when the whole school descended onto the field to watch all of the track events that happened on the day. The afternoon was fun filled and action packed as hordes of pupils and teachers alike cheered on their teammates during their various events. The best competitors during the day and those that got most points for their individual teams were as follows. Year 7 – Josh Smith, Latasha Ward and Arden Scott.



SPORTS PARTNERSHIPS

Neatherd continues to impress as part of the West Norwich and Dereham Schools Sports Partnership (WNDSSP). At a recent SSP Athletics competition Neatherd had 13 competitors go through to the County Finals as part of the 2015 Norfolk School Games, (NSGs) being held at the UEA Sportspark on Tuesday 30th June. Winners from the qualifying competition include from Year 7: Sam Swales 1500m, Jacob Thompson High Jump, Lucia Harris 100m, Latasha Ward 200m. Year 8: Charlie Dickerson 1500m and High Jump. Year 9: Abi Foster 800m, Amelia Hodges 200m, Liam Chipperfield Javelin and High Jump. Jordan Bowie Shot Putt and Jack White 1500m. Year 10:



not to get through putting in really positive performances in the qualifiers, in what could be described as one of our toughest competitions. Ellie Foster was part of the WNDSSP winning team, Craig Fenn was a runner-up and Jack was in the team that came 5th. All out of 8 countywide teams. Outstanding achievements all!! More athletics success: Year 9 Liam Chipperfield who continues to go from strength to strength with his Javelin, sitting 1st in Norfolk at this time. Jack

White's accolades for his long distance running continue to reach sky high and above! Year 10 Lauren Bradfield has competed in various competitions for her club recently, with some magnificent outcomes. Lauren competed in the 300m Hurdles and came 2nd with a time of 49.6 seconds. In the 80m Hurdles she came 3rd with a time of 13.0 seconds which was a PB and she came 3rd in the Norfolk Team Relay. Her 300m Hurdles times put her 7th in the East and 1st in Norfolk (not bad for just three performances and an event she did twice just to fill in



because someone was ill). Overall, she had a good competition against some very good athletes. In fact the girls who beat Lauren in hurdles are in the top 10-15 of the country. Lauren also competed for her club in Basildon where she came 1st in 80m Hurdles with a time of 12.9 seconds, so beating her PB yet again, 4th in 100m Sprints with a time of 13.7 seconds another PB, 1.35m in high jump and 2nd overall in the Team Relay. (Thank you Mr Bradfield.). What a fabulous achievement!

Mthobisi Khumalo Shot Putt, Owen Mustard Triple Jump, Lisa McArdle High Jump, Megan Lait Discus, Caoimhe Cullen 1500m and Frankie Vecchio 800m In addition, Year 7 Craig Fenn, Jack White and Ellie Foster qualified to represent the WNDSSP in the Aquathlon at the same event. Year 7 Jacob Thompson, Arden Scott, Year 8 Charlie Dickerson, Year 9 Abi Foster and Emily Jessop were unlucky



SEND PODIUM UEA

Following on from previously successful Playground to Podium UEA events, we had the opportunity to attend the above with 33 SEN pupils plus six Year 9 Young Leader students on Friday 26th June. The range of sporting activities had been increased from previous events and our students participated in a number of new challenges



highly entertaining as well as high scoring. Athletics was a new sport added to the event and students participated in long jump, high jump and javelin activities. As you can see from the photos on this page, our students from Years 7 -9 gave their best despite several concerns that they had not participated in a

particular event previously. Daniel Rollins said, 'Cricket was my favourite and the gym floor was like a giant trampoline. I would like to go again next year!' Each student left the UEA smiling with their sports T Shirts and certificates and all said they would like to go again next year. Lucy Hart said, 'It was a really fun day and I enjoyed every activity we did and it's a change to try new things that we don't get in school. I would like to go again!'

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MINI TENNIS

In addition to a performance role in PE, Year 7 have been developing leadership roles and these were put to the test when they assisted at the WNDSSP Mini-Tennis Competition at Easton College on May 20th. The group were a credit to themselves and our school, interacting purposefully with the children they were helping. Leaders included: Lily Arnold, Sydney Crowley, Courtney Derrig, Jessica Egle, Daisy Gunton, Mia Johnson, Daisy King, Crystal Kong, Amber Macey, Alexis Mitchell, Kayla Nicols, Alicia Scase, Abigail Smith, Hannah Spalding, Maddie Street, Megan Thomas, Latasha Ward, Grace Warren, Pearl Williams Eley, and Charlotte Wilton, Leah Ellis, Bethany Holland, Libby Cann, Ella-Jade Beyon-Pearce and Charlotte Calvert. I then had a difficult job to do as we were subsequently invited to attend the Partnerships County Finals on Monday 29th June, as the girls

had done such a great job! As only 16 were needed it was 'names out of a hat' time. The lucky girls who impressed again were: Alexandra Crichton, Sydney Crowley, Courtney Derrig, Jessica Egle, Daisy Gunton, Crystal Kong, Amber Macey, Alicia Scase, Hannah Spalding, Latasha Ward, Pearl William Eley, Amber Wilson and Charlotte Wilton, Leah Ellis, Bethany Howard and Lily Arnold. Potential Sports Leaders in the making!



SPORT LEADERS

On Friday 3rd July 21 of our Year 9 pupils helped run a Multiskills Festival for some of our local Cluster Primary Schools. These are pupils who have expressed an interest in following our Sports Leaders course next year, so we thought we would give them the opportunity to see what it's really like! Sam Woods, Hayden Rowe, Jake Chapman, Jamie Nunn, Craig Fenn, Jamie Allsop, Jasmine Munt, Shannon Elley, Taylor Sheridan, Lucy Coubrough, Mollie O'Callaghan, Anna Tugman, Erin Cooper, Gintare Kucinskaite, Lauryn Neil, Emily Davage, Lauren Ellis, Skye Battleday, Alice Older and Lucy Kirk were all a credit to themselves and the school.

They worked brilliantly with the children, giving them lots of encouragement and showing real enthusiasm.



BASKETBALL

The U13 boys Basketball team travelled to the UEA to play in the 'East Anglian Sports Partnerships 2015 County Games' on Tuesday 23rd June, after qualifying from the Area Finals earlier in the month. At the Finals, schools were split up into 2 pools of three teams where they had to play each team twice in a game lasting 10minutes a half. Team Neatherd (West Norwich & Dereham) found themselves in a pool with Breckland and Norwich East. Team Neatherd got off to a great start winning their first game against Breckland by 16 points. The boys then had to play Norwich East straight after

but unfortunately lost a close game by 3 baskets. Even though morale was down at this point as they lost a closely fought game, Team Neatherd bounced back with a convincing win against Breckland again but this time by 20 points. The last game of the pool was against Norwich East and this was for a place in the Final as Norwich had also beaten Breckland twice but did not score as many baskets. Unfortunately, the boys' legs were getting tired and concentration dropped in the final moments resulting in the team losing by only 1 point. The bronze medal match didn't go to plan and the boys ended up taking a heavy defeat against a well-drilled West Norfolk Team, who themselves just missed out on the Final. Throughout the tournament, all the boys within the team played with enthusiasm and good team spirit. A great effort and a respectable 4th out of 8 in the competition for the squad: Harry Gagen, Joe Culyer, Aaron Duffield, Tom Read, Charlie Dickerson, Tyler O'Connor, Jamie Harding, Jacob Thompson, Sam Lockhart and Luke Keeley.



REMEMBERING SREBENICA

Year 8 pupils from Neatherd united with pupils from neighbouring Northgate High School, to mark the 20th anniversary of the Srebrenica genocide in a friendly match against hatred and intolerance. Staff and pupils also observed a minute's silence in memory of the genocide victims before the game. "This really means a lot to us. It is always important to remember and I think it's great that we are doing what I love for a good cause," said Peter Da Silva.

"This is a very appropriate way of remembering such a dreadful period in our recent history. I am very proud of the way our communities' education institutions have come together in such strength on this important occasion," was the verdict of headteacher, Mr Devonish. Remembering Srebrenica Chairman Dr Waqar Azmi OBE said, "In the 20th anniversary year of the Srebrenica genocide, what more powerful way is there than football to unite our young people and inspire them to help kick racism, hatred and intolerance out of our society?"



NETBALL LEADERS



On Friday 22nd May our Netball Leaders were blowing whistles galore at our annual Partnership Primary Schools Netball Competition. With 12 big school teams in the morning and 6 small schools teams in the afternoon, the girls did a magnificent job of controlling the games. Putting in

a confident, consistent performance, the girls umpired matches, kept the score sheet up-to-date, and helped in the running of the very successful tournament. Leaders included Harlie Scott, Freya Budgett, Amelia Hodges, Emily Jessop, Jasmine Munt, Abi Foster, Moira Maguire, Chloe Newsome, Lucie Gresham Hill, Rachel Harvey, Courtney Manly, Lucy Thompson and Abi Street.



Calendar dates

Thursday 3rd September to Friday 18th December 2015

Year Groups Affected					
7	8	9	10	11	
					September 2015
●	●	●	●	●	Thursday 3 rd : School re-opens
●	●	●	●	●	Thursday 3 rd : School photographs
●					Thursday 17 th : Deeper Insight into Learning Evening
				●	Tuesday 22 nd : Year 11 Intervention Evening
●					Thursday 24 th : Year 7 Disco
●	●	●	●	●	Wednesday 30 th : Open Evening
					October 2015
				●	Tuesday 13 th : Year 11 Post 16 Options Evening
				●	Tuesday 20 th : 6 th form Open Evening
●	●	●	●	●	Wednesday 21 st : School closes for half-term
			●		Wednesday 21 st - Sunday 25 th : Year 10 trip to Iceland
					November 2015
●	●	●	●	●	Monday 2 nd : School reopens
				●	Thursday 5 th and Friday 6 th : Year 11 Interviews
	●				Friday 5 th July: Year 8 Short reports
	●				Tuesday 10 th : Year 8 Parent's Evening
●	●	●	●	●	Friday 13 th : Non Uniform Day - Children in Need
					Tuesday 17 th : Ex Year 11 Certificate presentation evening
				●	Friday 20 th : Year 11 Full Reports
			●		Tuesday 24 th : Work Experience Information evening
●	●	●	●	●	Wednesday 25 th : Flexible Learning Day 1
		●			Friday 27 th : Year 9 Short reports
				●	Monday 30 th to Friday 11 th December: Year 11 Mock Exams
					December 2015
●	●	●	●	●	Tuesday 1 st : Anti Bullying Evening
●	●	●	●	●	Thursday, 10 th : Christmas Concert
●	●	●	●	●	Friday, 11 th : Non-uniform day
●					Friday, 11 th : Year 7 Short Reports
			●		Friday, 18 th : Year 10 Short Reports
●	●	●	●	●	Friday, 18 th : School closes for Christmas holidays