



Spotlight

The Newsletter of the Benjamin Britten Music Academy and Centre of Excellence in Mathematics

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Special Feature: Annual Christmas Fayre, 2018

Festivities began in earnest on 30 November with the opening of the School's annual Christmas Fayre. The Centre of Excellence in Mathematics played host to the Fayre which saw hundreds of visitors perusing stalls of imaginative Christmas contributions from across our community. With the dedicated help of our scholars, parents and staff the Fayre succeeded in raising over £1,000 on the night. This is a considerable achievement and a testament to the energy and enthusiasm that accompanies such a joyful undertaking. The Britten School Choir also made a special appearance, entertaining everybody with traditional Christmas carols – many thanks to Mr Morgan (music) for organising this wonderful showcase of our music and singing scholars and to Mrs Overy for arranging the event. A huge thank you is in order for all our scholars and parents – we really couldn't do it without you! As a result of the evening's proceeds, the School will be making a donation to the charity M.I.N.D in the New Year, when they will visit us for a special presentation.



Above: Mr Morgan (music) leads the Britten School Choir in a selection of favourite carols at the Christmas Fayre.



Above: Year 10 scholars help to sell Christmas gifts to parents and staff at the Christmas Fayre. Thanks to their efforts, and the generosity of visitors, over £1,000 was raised.

Right, centre: Year 10 scholars Leo Chumbley, Alyssia Bullard, Coral Smith and Kelsi Finnigan acted as Christmas Fayre helpers on the night.



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Year Group News

Year 8: Year 8 has settled in well this term and have been able to try out new topics of interest as part of their Electives; these will continue next term with the chance to change their current choices or select new ones.

A small group of Year 8 and Year 9 scholars visited **The Harry Potter Tour at Warner Bros Studios**.

Scholars had the opportunity to walk around the studio and were given a backstage lesson on scriptwriting which they found extremely interesting. They could also see and touch many props which were not on public display. (see right) During this half term tutor groups have been launching their chosen charities and 8AC, 8AW and 8MC have already told the rest of the year group information regarding their charities during assemblies. We are looking forward to remaining tutor group assemblies after the Christmas break. With Christmas in sight we are busy preparing for the end of term celebrations and all the certificates which will be presented during our awards assembly – all subjects have nominated scholars for this term, along with 25 credit certificates and 100% attendance.

We will conclude the term by taking the year group to The Palace Cinema in Gorleston during the afternoon of 19 December.

We would like to wish all scholars and their families a Happy Christmas and are looking forward to a successful 2019.

–Mrs Edge and & Mrs Wright



Year 9: During this term, Lucy Dixon (9CG) was the first scholar to make it to the '100 achievement point' milestone!

We also had a large number of students achieving **10 or more achievement points in this half term**: Katie Bloy, Nathan Clarke, Lucy Dixon, Megan Fisher, Henry Fordham, Ellie Henwood-Howe, Joshua Reid, Alesha Shaw, Stephanie Stanbrook, Lyla Studd, Ryan Monk, Lochlan Thompson, Kiera Honeyman, Emily Moore, Farron Shilling, Kelsey Wellard, Georgina Wilson, Henry Black, Toby Catchpole, Maddison Foran,

Nathan Joyce, Shamini Nagendram, Amelie Rough, Leah Sabir, Lauren Thornton, Aimee White, Nyah White and Willow Woodger. Well done to all of these scholars! Year 9 scholars were also recently rewarded with a trip to see the 'Lion King' at the world-famous Lyceum Theatre in London. All involved had a wonderful time! (see below) Year 9 scholars have also been taking place in careers events organised by the NEACO and Take Your Place groups (see Careers News section).

Earlier in the year, **Gina Parr (9KB) achieved an excellent 2nd place in a regional climbing competition!**

Well Done to Gina – a fantastic effort! **Lola Ayers (8AW) was the winner of a full size Yamaha keyboard** during a blindfold drawing competition organised by 9SP earlier in the year. The keyboard was donated by the charity Sense UK and the event was organised by Alesha Shaw (9SP) and Lyla Studd (9SP) (see above) who were fundraising for the charity. We wish all of our scholars and their families a very happy and prosperous 2019!



–Mr Sweetman (Acting Head of Year 9), Miss Armon and Miss Banns



Year 10: We are very pleased and proud to announce that **Jack Pallant (10TF)** (see right) qualified for the **British Modern Biathlon National Championship finals in Leeds in November** and finished **12th place overall in the National U15 Boys' category** – well done Jack, what an achievement! A Year 10 trip to the Gravity Trampoline Park in Norwich (see below) took place on 20 November. Everyone enjoyed themselves, as you can see from the pictures! (see right) Year 10 recently sat their mock exams in the Sports Hall. Scholars were under normal exam conditions so they get used to the expectations, ready for GCSEs in 2020. Behaviour was reported as very good, so well done to all! Year 10 scholars who are considering a career in PE or sports will be visiting East Coast College on 13 December, to attend an Education and Careers in Sports Conference. Finally, we would like to wish all our scholars and parents a very happy Christmas and peaceful new year.

–Mr Flanagan and Mrs Overy



Year 11: This term, the focus has been firmly on academic success. We are pleased to report that Year 11 completed their mock examinations with a mature and conscientious approach. Furthermore, **the recent iFinance Unit 2 examinations were a success**. The majority of Year 11 students who sat the exam achieved impressive passes. The Prom Committee have continued to make progress with fundraising for **the Year 11 Prom, raising over £230 so far**. Plans for future fundraising include hosting a tombola on the evenings of the school production and running an 'unwanted gifts' raffle in January. *The Prom Committee would be extremely grateful for donations of any 'unwanted gifts' on return from the Christmas break.* Finally, a polite reminder that **Year 11 Parents' Evening will be taking place on Thursday 10 January 2019**. Scholars have been given their appointment sign-up sheets and we would encourage parents and carers to attend. There will also be **a Careers and Further Education Fair in the Dining Hall during Parents' Evening**. We are expecting over 20 local employers and further education providers to attend. A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Year 11 team. -Mrs Sparkes, Mrs Brown & Mrs Barber.

Bicycle Safety

It is strongly advised that all scholars cycling to school are equipped with a **suitable bicycle helmet**.

Bicycle locks are also recommended in order to securely store bicycles once on the school site.

Under the **Road Vehicles Lighting Regulations (2009)** it is a **legal requirement** for the following items to be fitted to a bicycle in use on public roads in the dark, at night, or in poor visibility: a front lamp showing a **white light, facing forwards**. A rear lamp showing a **red light, facing rearwards**.

A rear **reflector, coloured red**, should be positioned facing rearwards; a **white reflector** should be positioned facing forwards. **Amber pedal reflectors**, should also be fitted.

Scholars are **expected** to ride their bicycles in **a responsible and considerate manner at all times**.

This is of particular importance around peak travel time at 8:30am and 3:30pm, as pavements and roads approaching the School become busier. Accordingly, **bicycles are not to be ridden on the school site**.

Sanctions will be imposed on any scholar who is deemed to be **riding irresponsibly** or in a manner that poses a risk to themselves, other scholars or members of the public.

Any cyclist can be **stopped by the police** for **riding a bicycle recklessly on a road or in a dangerous, careless or inconsiderate manner** under the **Road Traffic Act, 1991**.

This can result in a prosecution.

The maximum fine that a court can impose in a case of dangerous cycling is **£2,500**.



Philanthropy News

7MD – Christmas Food Bank Appeal: 7MD (Mrs Cator, English) decided to get underway on their charity work by organising a collection for the **Lowestoft Food Bank**. The Food Bank is organised by The Trussel Trust, a national charity who run foodbanks all over the country. Last year they **gave out 159,388 three-day emergency food supplies** to people in crisis: 65,622 of these went to children. Scholars in 7MD wanted to make sure as many people in Lowestoft as possible were able to enjoy Christmas this year and decided to create a competition across the Year 7 tutor groups. They decorated a box for each tutor group and created posters explaining what the items the food bank was in need of, then each tutor group had two weeks to fill their box with prizes for the first box returned filled and the tutor group who filled the most boxes. Mrs Cook's group scooped the prize for first returned, while Mrs Cator's group filled an impressive four boxes with donations. In total, **fifteen boxes of food have been collected by Year 7 and their families (see right)** demonstrating the true spirit of giving and helping others at Christmas. Bev Jenkins from the food bank collected our donations, filling her car! She said that the Food Bank is seeing more and more referrals from families in Lowestoft and those in need this year. In congratulating our scholars for their efforts she said, *"It's fantastic to see young people doing such a fantastic thing for others just before Christmas."* So a big thank you to all those who have donated – **more people will enjoy a Christmas free from hunger because of your kindness.**



Britten – Blyford Friendship Group: As part of their philanthropy work, members of 7SC have formed a friendship group with the Blyford Residential Care Home near to the school. **Scholars from 7SC now visit every fortnight after school for an hour** to chat about their lives and listen to the memories and life experiences of the elderly residents. On Monday 17 December, thirteen of these scholars entertained residents at a Christmas tea by singing carols. Form tutor for 7SC (Mrs Cook, English) is very proud of her tutees who have given up their own time to make a difference to the lives of the residents at Blyford Home and they have plans to continue this arrangement into 2019.

Non-Uniform Day: On Thursday 13 December the School held a non-uniform and Christmas Jumper Day to raise money for the **East Coast Hospice appeal for Margaret Chadd House**. The customary £1 donation was requested from each scholar and member of staff who participated and Mr Wareham (science) encouraged everyone to share in the festive celebrations with his annual *'Sing Along-a-Wareham'* held in the atrium at break time. Christmas carols and other festive songs were sung and a Christmas dinner was served to scholars and staff at lunchtime. All involved had a thoroughly enjoyable time. Donations from the day were made to the East Coast Hospice appeal which is fundraising to build a ten-bed specialist palliative care facility with day-care and complementary therapies for the people of Great Yarmouth & Waveney. Currently the charity has secured 7.54 acres of land on the Gorleston/Hopton border with planning permission to proceed with the hospice, to be known as Margaret Chadd House. The hospice is needed as too many people dying of terminal conditions are forced to spend their final days in the acute ward of the James Paget Hospital, rather than with their families in a purpose-built facility that can focus on their end-of-life care. Donations can be made by visiting: www.eastcoasthospice.org.uk. The School congratulates all who contributed.



Orangutan Appeal UK: Mr Cubitt's form group (8MC) recently selected their chosen form charity as Orangutan Appeal UK. The charity works to protect the remaining endangered wild population of orangutans in Borneo and Indonesia. Orphaned new-born orangutans are cared for by the charity until they are able to climb and fend for themselves. They are then released into a protected habitat and monitored. **8MC is aiming to raise £37 to adopt Archie**, a new-born orangutan and follow his progress as they ascend through their years at the school.



News in Sport

Football: Year 7 boys' football team (see right) continue their recent success with a win against Sir John Leman High School 2-1 and then Thorpe St Andrew High School in the latest round in the National Cup. Thorpe were the visitors for the third round of the Cup. The game started well for the Britten team and they took the lead through Zane Sampson getting on the end of a through ball and finishing well. Britten soon found a second goal when the ball was put in the back of the net by Isaac Springford. Britten continued to threaten the opponent's goal and scored a third goal through Joel West. The visitors fought hard and pulled a goal back before half time. Both teams continued to battle in the second half and once again Thorpe St Andrew found the back of the net. However, Britten managed to hold on to claim their place in the next round of the Cup with the **final score 3-2**. Fresh from that success, the team then played and **beat the Horringer Court Middle School 4-0 in the National Cup!** Charlie Everett, Cayden Jermy, Isaac Springford and Joel West scored the goals. Team coach Mr Cook (computing science) thanks the team for their efforts and Farran Noble (11AM) for refereeing the match. **Year 10 boys' football team**, coached by Mr Humphrey, also **won their County Cup match 4-2 on December 13**. Well done all.



Table Tennis: U13 Girls' Team are Suffolk County Champions! On Friday 9 November, the U13 girls' and boys' Table Tennis teams competed in the County Finals at St Joseph's College in Ipswich. The boys' team consisted of Luca Hollifield (8OB), Matthew Hayden (8PW), Jake Cousins (8AC) and Callum Crane (8OB). The girls' team were Lily-Ann Winney (8AR), Anais Winney (8SN), Ebony McFarlane (8AR) and Lily Alexander (7CB) (see right). Both teams came up against some tough opposition and all students played extremely well. The **boys finished 5th** after winning the final round of matches. However, the U13 girls' team **became Suffolk County Champions, winning all of their games** and progressing through to the Zone Finals in Grantham, Lincolnshire on Saturday 19 January, which is an excellent achievement. **Congratulations to both teams on reaching the County Finals and good luck to the girls in the next round!**



Sporting Clubs

Miss Schofield and Mrs McDonald would like to make scholars aware of the new timetable for sports clubs provided by the P.E department:

SPORTING CLUBS					
January - February 2019					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime	Table Tennis All welcome Mrs McDonald	Table Tennis All welcome Miss Schofield	Table Tennis All welcome Mr Wayman	Table Tennis All welcome Mr Humphrey	Table Tennis All Welcome PE Department
	LUNCHTIME CLUBS WILL ONLY RUN FROM 12.55 UNTIL 1.25				
PM 3.30 - 4.30	Trampoline All Welcome Mr Wayman	Table Tennis All Welcome Mr Humphrey	Girls Table Tennis All Welcome Miss Schofield	Football Year 7 Boys Mr Wayman	Table Tennis All Welcome Mr Humphrey
	Badminton All Welcome Miss Schofield	Basketball All Welcome Mr Wayman	Football Year 8 Boys Mr Humphrey	Netball All Welcome Mrs McDonald	Pickleball All welcome Mrs McDonald
	Girls Football All Welcome Mrs McDonald	GCSE Catch Up Year 10/11 Miss Schofield			

School Nurse



Helen Dyer is the designated School Nurse for our school. Helen is a Registered General Nurse and Midwife specialising in community public health and has worked as a nurse for 14 years. Helen is **in school every Friday** and is available for students to visit for support and advice regarding health related issues including physical, sexual, emotional health and well-being, and friendships and relationships. **Appointments made between Helen and students are confidential**, unless there are safeguarding concerns or a student has agreed to her sharing information with others. Referrals to the School Nurse **can be made by parents, schools, other professional agencies and by the scholars themselves**. You can contact Helen with the number or email address below:

Tel: (01502) 532 053 **Email:** ecch.schoolnursing@nhs.net

tackling #periodpoverty



The facts

- » 1 in 10 girls can't afford to buy menstrual products
- » over 137,700 children in the UK have missed school because of period poverty.
- » 68% said they felt less able to pay attention in class at school or college while menstruating.
- » 40% of girls in the UK have used toilet roll because they couldn't afford menstrual products.

You can access free sanitary products **here:**

Lower School Office or Upper School Office

School Safeguarding

Safeguarding is a priority at the Benjamin Britten School and entails keeping the school community safe from harm, abuse, or injury. **This duty of care is taken very seriously.** All staff receive annual safeguarding training and ensure that safer recruiting practices are followed. Scholars are reminded of the need for safeguarding and key safeguarding messages are provided through S.E lessons, tutorial time activities, and year assemblies.

The school is committed to safeguarding scholars, staff and visitors.

We expect all staff, volunteers, and visitors to share this commitment and brief them about our procedures and practices when they arrive at the school.

Safeguarding incorporates the prevention of extremism and radicalisation as well as child protection, and concentrates on the wellbeing of the young person. The school aims to ensure any indication that a young person is not thriving or is failing to meet his or her potential is detected as soon as possible.

If you have any concerns and would like to discuss them with the safeguarding team in the strictest of confidence, please contact Mrs Thurbon, the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead.

Forty Years On

This year marks the fortieth anniversary of the opening of our school and to mark this important occasion we are sharing photographs, stories and articles from forty years of the school newsletter.

In this final instalment of Forty Years On, we take a moment to reflect on our collective legacy -namely our identity and origins. Each year the School selects a small number of scholars to visit Aldeburgh churchyard to lay flowers on the grave of our namesake, Benjamin Britten. This simple act represents a physical link between the School and the great responsibility we carry by sharing Britten's name. This tradition, dating back to the very first term in 1978, continues to be observed each year. As the only school to share his name, it is incumbent upon all of us to celebrate the music and achievements that made him a world famous composer and in recognition of Britten's birthday, lessons are prepared to reflect the life of this complex and enigmatic man. To this day we remain very proud to bear his name.

A group of scholars from Years 7, 8 and 9 recently laid flowers at Britten's grave in Aldeburgh. In this anniversary year of the School, these scholars represent not just our present and our future, but also our past. It is therefore fitting that the latest generation continue to forge this ever ageing, but ever strengthening bond.



The 40th anniversary of flower laying at the grave of Benjamin Britten was held this year. Scholars who took part were (left to right): Daniyal Nadeem (7DM), Louis Sansom-Williams (7DM), Kelsey Wellard (9CG), Bethany Hunt (7DM), Amelie Rough (9JG), Kyha Penn (8SN), Isabelle Rix (7DM), Charlotte Saunders (7AB) and Harry Mellor (8MC).

Not pictured but present: Caitlin Love, Charlie Vipers and Jack Eglington.



Above: Britten students visit The Red House, Aldeburgh in 1980.



Right: The Britten Window in Aldeburgh Church, which students witnessed being dedicated.



Above: Students climb aboard the School's first minibus in 1980 at Aldeburgh Church after laying flowers at Britten's graveside. They have been followed by hundreds of others from the School over the years.

Careers News

Assemblies: East Norfolk Sixth Form College delivered a Year 11 assembly on Friday 2 November, to talk to scholars about the A Levels and BTECs on offer at the sixth form. East Coast College visited Year 11 during assembly on 30 November to talk to scholars about vocational courses available at the college.

Kieran Miles – Entrepreneur: On 14 November, we were delighted to have entrepreneur Kieran Miles visit our Year 9 students to talk about raising aspirations and the wide range of opportunities available to them. Kieran is a local entrepreneur and is based in Norwich. He began making money when he was 17 years old when he created an under 18 night club and events business. He now runs a clothing brand, Duco, which specialises in sports clothing and has won numerous awards for his dedication to business and entrepreneurship. Duco will also be sponsoring the GB Olympics Sports Team for the next five years! Year 9 scholars enjoyed tales from his younger life, his previous business ventures and had the opportunity to ask questions about aspirations, goals and careers. Staff and scholars would like to thank Kieran for taking the time to come in to Benjamin Britten to talk to us.



An inspiring Creative Careers Evening at Benjamin Britten:

On Thursday 6 December we were very fortunate to be joined by professional photographer Gillian Allard, professional dancers Tom Bowes and Tom Hobden from Dance East Centre for Advanced Training and Illustrator Charli Vince who delivered workshops for our scholars in years 9, 10 and 11 within their fields of expertise. Following on from the workshops, parents were invited to join their children in a presentation from the three professionals around how they entered into the industry and the skills it takes to become successful in their fields. Jo Hand and Nicola Garret from Take your Place also delivered presentations on the value of the creative industry to the UK economy and accessing creative subjects at higher education. Following the presentations, parents and students had the chance to mingle with the professionals and ask them lots of questions whilst tucking into a delicious buffet! Please take the time to visit the websites of our industry professionals below to look at some of the amazing work they have accomplished.

<https://www.danceeast.co.uk>
<https://gillian-allard.com>
<https://www.charlivince.com>

Benjamin Britten Careers Fair- Save the Date! Year 11 Parents' Evening is due to take place on Thursday 10 January 2019, from 4-8pm. During this time, there will be a Careers Fair in the school Dining Hall, where lots of local colleges and further education providers will be on hand to assist you with any questions you have around courses, applications, scholarships and next steps after school. There will also be representatives from UEA and Take your Place/NEACO, to provide you with lots more information about university, tuition fees and opportunities after college. We hope to see lots of you there, speaking to our stall holders before, after, and in-between your appointments with your subject teachers. SAVE THE DATE!

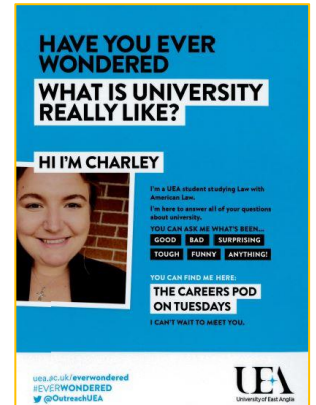
NCS Summer Programme: Limited time offer- book before 21 December and sign up for just £35!



Careers in Sports: On Thursday 13 December, a group of Year 10 and 11 scholars visited East Coast College for a 'Take your Place in Sports' conference. This consisted of three sessions: Introduction to Level 3 BTEC courses in Sports and Sports Science, Sports at Higher Education with Mark Armitage -accredited (UKSCA) Strength and Conditioning Coach and Career Opportunities in Sport with Mike Catchpole, Youth Worker from Catch 22. The fifteen scholars that attended were a fantastic group with their behaviour and attitude being exemplary. It was a pleasure being associated with them and they all gave a positive impression of the school to everyone connected with the conference. Minibus driver Mr Davey said of the group, *'often people are quick to criticise such young adults, so in a genuine effort to redress the balance I would be really grateful if you could kindly pass on my praise and feedback to the school.'*

UEA Futures Advocate: Meet our University of East Anglia Futures Advocate Charley! Charley will be based in the **Careers Pod in the Library every Tuesday** from 11 December and will meet with groups of scholars across all year groups talking all things university and options after college. Welcome Charley!

Careers Appointments: All Year 11 scholars have now attended their careers one-to-one appointments and well on their way to submitting their first and second choice options before Christmas. Many of our scholars have already been accepted on to their first choice options -well done to you! Lots of upper school scholars are also taking advantage of our new Careers Pod in the Library. It's not quite finished yet, but it will soon have a soft seating area, study table and chairs, bookcases containing prospectuses and lots of literature around next steps, revising, dealing with exam stress and general teenagey things! It will also have computer equipment and lots of additional resources for you to use.



Coming up next term in careers:

Year 11 Careers Fair

Year 11 Law workshop- Skills for Lawyers

Year 10 and 11 medical workshops in Nursing and Midwifery.

Year 11 Easton and Otley College Trip

Sentinel Leisure Trust Year 11 assembly

More Able Students Michael Marriott Rotary Youth Awards

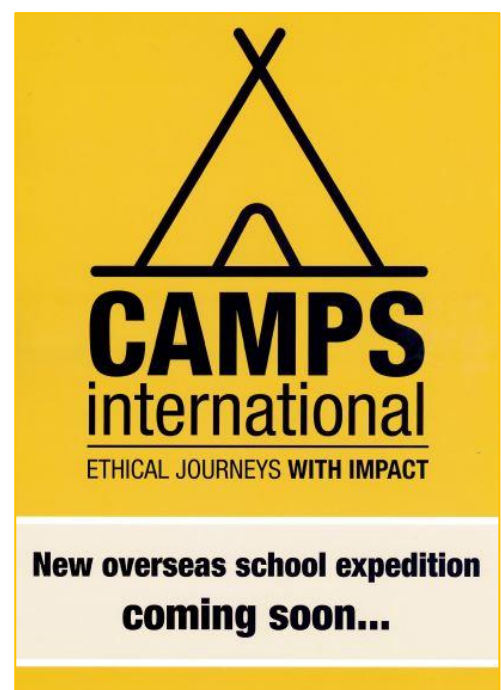
Year 9 start their careers lessons

Year 9 Options Evening Careers Fair

Year 9 and 10 More Able University of Cambridge Trip

Year 10 Wonderfest at University of East Anglia

And something very special with Camps International....



And in Other News

Christmas Spectacular Show: The all singing, all dancing **Christmas Spectacular** was performed in the Theatre for paying audiences on the evenings of December 17 and 18, **with a cast of 130 scholars and a live band** performing dance routines to Christmas favourites. Rehearsals had taken place over seven weeks and also featured a technical crew who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure the performance went smoothly. Mrs Harrod-Breen, Head of Expressive Arts, thanked all scholars for their efforts saying, ***'the cast are simply brilliant on stage. We are so very proud of them. The range of talent from the scholars here is exceptional.'***

Britten Day: The School's annual **Britten Day celebrations** were held in November to commemorate the birth of our namesake. Eleven scholars accompanied Mr Mullender and Mr Temple to Aldeburgh churchyard to lay flowers on the grave of Benjamin Britten on behalf of the entire school. Events were also held throughout lessons to mark Britten's birthday, with contributions being made by modern foreign languages, English, computing science and humanities.

National Youth Takeover Day: On 27 November a group of Year 9 scholars attended the **National Youth Takeover Day at the Lowestoft Community Church in Pakefield**. The discussions of the day focused on ways of making Waveney the best place in the UK for mental health services. Guest speakers shared experiences of their own mental health issues and encouraged students from all schools to hold conversations between school councils and senior leaders on the subject of mental health issues that young people encounter on a day-to-day basis. Information stalls from various local mental health charities allowed students to see for themselves the present level of provision in Waveney. The Headucate Society from the UEA presented a debate and helped students explore different scenarios surrounding mental health, emphasising the recognition that mental health is as important as physical health. **Their statistics showed that 15,000 people in Suffolk pass an entire month without speaking to anyone, which adversely affects mental health.** Workshops in the afternoon saw students speaking to representatives from local groups and discussing ways to tackle mental health support in Waveney. For anyone suffering from adverse mental health, methods to combat mental health problems include:

- 1.) Be active
- 2.) Be connected to friends and family
- 3.) Give something back, be kind, volunteer
- 4.) Learn something new
- 5.) Enjoy where you live.

Help for those dealing with mental health issues can be found on the NHS website and the Source website.

Armistice Centenary: To mark the centenary of the Armistice of 1918, a display was put on show in the Library for the week following Remembrance Sunday. Form groups visited and were able to view photographs and reports about the day the Armistice was signed on 11 November 1918 and the immediate aftermath of the war as thousands of soldiers were demobilised and struggled to find a job. The subject of the poppy appeal and Remembrance Day services at the Cenotaph in London were also explored.

Food Technology: Mrs Nicholls (food technology) recently hosted a **Gingerbread Cookie Challenge** for scholars in Year 7 and Year 8, along with a Carrot cake design and decorating challenge for Year 9 Food Tech scholars. **Jessica Long (7LP) won 1st place** in the gingerbread cookie challenge with her 'Christmas Unicorn' design (see below, left).



Local Area Maths Tournament: On Wednesday 5 December, eight of our brightest mathematicians represented the School in a Local Area Mathematics Tournament hosted at Lowestoft Sixth Form College. The tournament was fiercely contested and thoroughly enjoyed by all participants. Benjamin Britten entered two teams, with one team finishing 2nd and the other finishing 9th. The eventual winners were Sir John Leman High School.

Britten team members included: *Emma Read, Sonny Rouse (see right), Lucy Dixon, Kiera Honeyman, Lochlan Harvey, Ben Wicks, Alex Perry and Tom Brooks.*

Congratulations to the Britten team and to the overall victors.

Also... 24 Year 11 GCSE Drama scholars attended a production of Michael Morpurgo's *War Horse* on 15 November.

21 scholars from across the school attended a trip to the Palace of Westminster in London with Miss Roffey on 13 November.



Dates for the Diary:

January 10: Year 11 Parents' Evening

January 14 –Lower School Online Safety Workshops

January 18 –Year 9 Quiz Night

January 30 –Camps International Trip Launch for Year 9

January 31 –Year 10 & 11 Poetry Live Workshop

February 7 –Year 9, 10 and 11 Maths Challenge

February 26 –Year 10 trip to Norwich Aviation Academy