



Youth Dreams Project

Our new Sixth Form course, combining sports studies with football, has started well. This is an additional part of our Sixth Form and runs alongside our existing A level courses. The training is delivered by the Youth Dreams staff, Luke Kennedy and Dan Jarvis, and we are grateful to them for bringing the opportunity to our school. We were pleased to recruit 15 boys for this first cohort and they have been very mature in their approach. Their new kit arrived last week and looks very smart. The first informal match, against Year 11, was won 3-2 last week; as was the first proper fixture this week. We will keep you posted throughout the year as the course progresses.



Parents' Meeting

The invitation below appeared in last week's newsletter as well. Please note that this meeting is on Thursday next week

Parents and Sixth Form students are invited to come and share your experiences of living in multi-faith Peterborough. This event will take place in the Atrium on **Thursday 4 October at 6pm**. We are hosting this event at the request of the bishop who has asked us to discuss with you your experience of school life. This is because we are seen as an example of successful integration of many faiths and we would like to find out what it is that we do well and what might be extended across city.

Open Evening

A reminder that this is on **Tuesday next, 2 October** from 7-9 pm, and so we will be dismissing students at 2pm that afternoon. There will be a separate Open Evening for Sixth Form applicants on 16 October. Prospective parents are also invited to tour the school on Wednesday and Thursday mornings next week from 9.00am. Please report to the front reception: there is no need to book in advance.

Coats

We have had some chilly mornings this week so it is perhaps a good time to remind everyone that coats need to be large enough to be worn over blazers – they should be worn as well as blazers, not instead of them. Students should not be wearing hoodies at all, they are not an acceptable substitute for a coat.

Sean Hayes

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Year 10
24 September to
5 October**



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Annual Schools' Mass

Last Friday we joined schools from across the diocese for Mass in St John the Baptist Cathedral, Norwich. It was the Feast of St Matthew and each school was presented with a plaque bearing an image of St Matthew, which had been blessed by Bishop Alan. Our plaque is now proudly displayed in the school chapel.

Rutland Water

On Saturday, 11 students from our CCF travelled to Rutland Water Park for a rock climbing and kayaking course. The day started with climbing four walls of different shapes and grips. Then it continued to a high ropes trail filled with ladders, shaking platforms, loose ropes and narrow logs, while being attached to a harness, 40 feet off the ground. For many, this pushed them out of their comfort zone and encouraged them to face their fear of heights. In the afternoon the cadets teamed up into groups of four and got into their kayaks. Most agree this was the best part of the day. Many timed challenges were set including rowing around the obstacle course, getting all members to stand on the kayak and rowing to shore and even building a raft out of rope, wood and barrels. This activity really boosted teamwork and got our brains working hard! The trip has helped cadets to become more confident, better at decision making and even gave them a chance to bond.

Joanna Rodrigues - Year 9, B4



Tall Ships Adventure 2018

The very first day of our nerve racking journey was extremely long, yet exciting. After a four hour journey to Portsmouth, we saw our new home for the week. It was called The Ship Challenger 3. This boat looked tiny yet it could fit 15 people in it. We were introduced to our skipper (Paul), mate (Lindsey) and volunteer (Dave). Then we were shown to our bedrooms. One bedroom fitted five people in, but it was the size of a spare room. We slept in hammock-like beds (that were surprisingly comfortable). We were then taught all the health and safety hazards, and shortly after were shown how to use the toilet on board. It is not like a normal toilet, instead you had to pump it instead of flush it. Enough detail about that! That evening we made our way to the Isle of Wight. The next day was very different as we actually got to sail and it was an experience like no other! We all worked hard and

followed instructions very carefully. The best part was when we were allowed to sit on the edge of the boat. After the hard work of the evening, our hands were aching. When we stopped off, we were able to access the marina facilities. After we cooked dinner, we dived into the lovely warm showers. After a good night's sleep, we prepared breakfast and were told some bad news; we could not sail until lunch time as it was too windy. After we had completed a few duties and done some theory work we sailed off again at lunchtime. However we had some more bad news; we were only able to sail with one sail up. This was because we were about to meet the tail of a hurricane! It was extremely windy and we did not enjoy the sea water being splashed in our faces. After another hard day, we cooked dinner and headed off to the showers. Lindsey was speaking the truth when she said they were the best!

Finally our last day of sailing came; what could go wrong? Well, a diesel leak through the roof! Luckily, it only leaked into the store room, which was closer to the girls' room. The smell was sickening, to a point where we had to change boats. After a challenging journey back to Portsmouth, we arrived and met up with the other boats, which had students from TDA and Jack Hunt on them. We struggled to dock but managed it in the end. We were then introduced to our new boat, which was smaller than the previous one. Apparently some Year 13 students had designed it! After spending the night in a smaller boat we woke up, knowing that we would spend our morning there. We had a last chance to explore Portsmouth and had the opportunity to greet our sponsors and receive our certificates. We took many pictures and had a goodbye meeting with the crew. The boys brought Dave a hat to show their appreciation of his dedication in helping us all, particularly because he had lost his own hat while sailing. We said our thanks to the skipper and mate and left. This opportunity was challenging yet enjoyable. We gained a lot of experience and developed our leadership, communication and teamwork skills. Thanks must also go to Mrs Reid and Mr Stanford. If we could do it again we would!

Austeja Klimovaite & Emmi Pollard



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