

SMITHDON HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



SUMMER 2011 ISSUE



NEPAL.

Progress at our "adopted" school, Sunuala Chowa Community School in Dhading, Nepal continues at a steady pace. Since my last visit to the school in Easter 2010 the two new rooms we financed for Computers and Science have been completed and are now being used. This year we have sent funds to furnish and equip them. The equipment for Science was very basic and similar to what was in our schools some 50 years ago. Hopefully now they will be able to do practical lessons for the first time! We still continue to support part of the funding for nearly 80 scholarship pupils to attend the school. These children come from very poor homes where parents cannot afford even the smallest of fees required. During the school leavers certificate exams at the end of their Grade 10 the school again achieved a very high pass rate. This has resulted in the numbers attending the school to increase significantly as word spreads. This has also resulted in the Government amalgamating their junior school (very poor standards) with ours in an attempt to raise standards. Fundraising continues and our recent Non-Uniform Day raised nearly £400. All money raised this year will be used to finance a new project to purchase books (in English) for the new library planned to open later this year. This will enable the children to take books home and read to their parents. We are also promoting a "Sponsor a Book" campaign for individuals and organisations in the community to support. In this country we take books for granted but in Nepali homes they are a luxury which many people do not have access to. The appeal is now in its eighth year following our school visit to Nepal in 2000. To date we have raised over £22,000 all of which has been used to improve the education of the poorer children in this area of Nepal. A big thank you to you all for supporting a cause dear to my heart.

Chris Holt

RED NOSE DAY

The Smithdon High School Student Council brought their school and Sainsbury's together in raising money for Red Nose Day. The Hunstanton Sainsbury's store kindly gave students Red Nose Day products to sell at school during lunch times and break times leading up to the big day. Two members of the school council, Kathleen Short-Howard (year 9) and Flynn Geraghty (year 7), pictured in the centre below, went to the store to present the manager with a cheque of £401. Darren Burrows, who works for Sainsbury's said (seen at the back) 'The students have really shown some good commitment selling the Noses every lunch time and we are very impressed with the amount they have raised.' This has been a great display of how students at Smithdon work together to support those in the wider community. An excellent achievement by all of the Smithdon students!



RED NOSE DAY



On Red Nose Day itself the students had a non-uniform day, and many took up the challenge to wear something red, including Ms Bazeley-Smith!

The money raised was split between both The Red Nose Day and our school in Nepal. A fantastic amount of £766.90 was raised on the day, so both charities received £383.45.



Friday 20th May 2011 – Leavers' Assembly for Year 11

Friday 27th May – Year 13 Leavers' Assembly

Friday 27th May – Break up for half term

Monday 6th June – Return to school

Wednesday 15th June – Higher Education Convention at UEA for Yr 12

Friday 24th June – Year 7 trip to Natural History Museum

29th June 2011 – Year 11 Prom, 18.00 – 23.00 at The Birches, Bircham Newton

Thursday 30th June – INSET DAY

Monday 27th & Tuesday 28th June – Sixth Form Induction Days

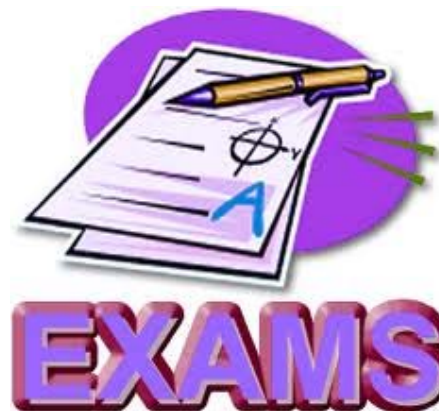
Wednesday 13th & Thursday 14th July – Induction Days for new Year 7 intake

Thursday 14th July – Induction parents evening

Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd July – Curriculum Enhancement

Friday 22nd July – Break up for Summer Holidays

Wednesday 7th September – School re-opens



Dates of forthcoming exams...

9th – 11th May – AS Art & Photography exams

12th May – GCSE Drama Exam

AS Sport & PE Practical Exam.

16th -18th May – A2 Art & Photography exams.

16th May – 28th June - GCSE Exams, AS and A2 Exams.

Make sure you come prepared for each exam - pens, pencils, calculator etc.

Arrive in plenty of time.

Make sure you know your seat number and your candidate number.

Year 12 History Visit to The Houses of Parliament.



Twelve AS History students visited the Houses of Parliament on 30 March 2011. The visit was to support their study of the changing role of women in British society 1860-1930. The visit included a guided tour of the Palace of Westminster and a meeting with local MP Henry Bellingham. Thanks to Mrs Thornton for organising this annual event.

The Year 9 Easter Reward!



On Tuesday 5th April sixty four students from Year 9 spent part of the day enjoying lunch and a game of tenpin bowling at Bowlers along with Ms Warnes, Miss Mifflin and Mr Edmonds. All the students who qualified for this trip had not received a single SIMS behaviour point throughout the entire term - that's January, February and March without a detention!

Prizes were awarded to the highest boy and girl scorers. Chloe Chappel came first for the girls with a whopping score of 131. Ashley Neesham won the boys prize with his score of 123.

Ms Fairweather
Head of Year 9

Trip to the 2011 Higher Education Convention – Wednesday 15th June

All Year 12, are welcome to attend the annual Higher Education Convention at UEA. This is a chance to view and discuss Higher Education opportunities with around 100 different universities. All Year 12 students will already have received a letter about the trip. Further details are available from Mr Chapman.



Sixth Form Introduction Days

Monday 27th June and Tuesday 28th June 2011

These introduction days are an essential part of any application to Smithdon High School Sixth Form. Full details will be sent to all students who have applied to the Sixth Form in June.

Music Department lunchtime and after school activities

	MOBILE 50	MOBILE 49	MOBILE 57	After school
MONDAY	Karaoke	Keyboard club	Singing Lessons	
TUESDAY	Wind Band	Glee Club		GCSE Revision
WEDNESDAY	String Group	Theory Club		GCSE Revision
THURSDAY	Senior Choir		Ska Band	Wind Band (if req)
FRIDAY			Blues Band	

Lunch time sessions take place from 1.00 to 1.30pm and, after school clubs from 3.30 to 5.00pm.



Toyota Challenge

Do you consider your self talented at Technology?
Are you interested in building a controllable buggy?



Enter a national competition, win a holiday in Spain and £1000?

Rules on www.rapidonline.com/toyota

Toyota Challenge

From early September the following students have been building a buggy for the Toyota challenge competition. They have built a computer controlled, programmable controllable "buggy". They have designed and made the body for it in the shape of a ladybird and it is now nearing completion.

Congratulations to the following Yr 7 students:

Sophie Hazel 7CCh
Lucy Farey 7LMg
Laura Markham 7JGt
Ellie Scott 7LMg
Charlotte Asker 7LMg

Well done to these students for taking up the challenge and we look forward to seeing the finished "buggy".

Mr Birks, Head of DT

MUSIC LESSONS

Woodwind

Vocal

Drums

Electric/Bass Guitars

Upper Strings

Keyboard

Guitars

Brass

All these are available - if you are interested, please see Mr Ellis or Mr Jones



Year 7 Easter Reward Trip!

On Monday 4th April, 61 students from Year 7 took part in a reward trip to Planet Ice in Peterborough. After five minutes the first injury occurred when Lucy Pickup fell straight on her arm! After that it was non-stop accidents although there were no broken bones. Overall it was a brilliant day and everyone enjoyed themselves. The most talented boy skater was Henry Flower and the most talented girl skater was Mollie Bonnamy. A lot of students had not been ice-skating before, but by the end of the day everyone had become a lot more confident on the ice. By Bonnie Pepper & Hannah Reeve.



Year 11 Pupils Grilled by Rotarians – Again!

The final day of Rotary interviews concluded on 23rd March 2011. Interviews were held in the town hall and Hunstanton Rotary Club members interviewed all the students giving both verbal and written feedback on their interview skills. Many thanks to Mr Bob Wright and his team of Rotarians for giving up their valuable time for this very worthwhile exercise which the students will all benefit from.

All the students who took part were excellent representatives of Smithdon High School, both in the way they dressed and the professional way they performed during their interviews.

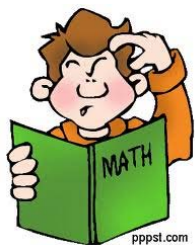
Well Done Year 11

Congratulations Daniel!



Daniel Bullen from Year 8 recently won Silver and Bronze medals at the recent National Disabled Table Tennis Championships.

Congratulations Daniel and good luck for any future competitions.



Want Help with Maths?

The Maths Department provide help and revision sessions every Wednesday after school in B58 (computer room). If you would like more information please ask your Maths teacher.

Year 8 Reward Trip

A group of students with outstanding attendance and behaviour records visited Bowlers in Hunstanton for the morning on 6th April



Students played three games in teams and were a real credit to Smithdon High School. In fact the staff at Bowlers said they were always pleased to have our students as they are excellent ambassadors for our school.

After some fantastic bowling by students and several lollies and drinks of coke later, plates of chips were polished off before returning to school.

Annie Lawrence managed 6 strikes in 3 games and was top scorer with 132 points in her final game.

Team results were calculated using totals from the first 2 games:

Bumpers 1158
Barmy Army 1122
Bubbles 1065
Gorgeous Girls 998
Red Devils 989

As the Bumpers had 6 team members and the Gorgeous Girls only 4, I declare the Gorgeous Girls the winners!!

Mrs Wanstall beat Mrs Gascoigne well and truly with her 3 strikes in one game!!

Well done to all who achieved the right to attend this visit and were fantastic on the day.

J Gascoigne

Missing school means missing out!

If you are at school for 190 days out of 190, that's 100% attendance.

You have a good chance of doing well at school.

If you are at school for 180 days out of 190, that's 95% attendance.

You still have a good chance of doing well at school.

If you are at school for 169 days out of 190, that's 89% attendance.

You have been off for 21 days, and may find it hard to keep on track.

If you are at school for 161 days out of 190, that's 85% attendance.

You have been off for 29 days, nearly 6 school weeks.

If you are at school for 150 days out of 190, that's 79% attendance.

You have been off school for 40 days.

• Poor attendance like this will have a serious impact on education and life chances.

**If you are at school for 143 days out of 190,
that's 75% attendance.**

You have missed 47 day's lessons.

• Something's seriously wrong.

Are you
missing out?

Ask Parents to speak to
Head of Year or Parent
Support Advisor.



Each year group is represented by students who have been elected by their year group peers. These students meet once a month to discuss matters raised in their regular year council meetings

Student councillors have been successful in developing several matters they have discussed. These include the big change in school uniform beginning in April this year, but becoming compulsory from September 2011. Recycling in school has been a big agenda item this term and we have been successful with the support of Miss Brown progress is being made to create a greener environment at Smithdon.

A recent visit to the last meeting by former mayor of Hunstanton, Councillor Richard Bird and Councillor Lisa Powell led to our students being invited to visit the Council Chambers and the basement area. The school council will be instrumental in helping to organise the final details of the development of this facility for the young people of Hunstanton and district. Our council have also been invited to be involved in the Hunstanton and District Youth Council as the voice of the young people in this area.

This is a very exciting and challenging time for our council. A huge thank you to all involved and especially to Hayley Marks-Burton and Daniel Jackson from Year 13 for their support with Smithdon High School Council.

Mrs Gascoigne

Vocational Education Department – Spring Term Educational Seminars



Yr 13 A2 Applied Business – visited Recruitment & Development Department at John Lewis in Norwich.



Yr 13 A2 Applied Business – were given a seminar about training and development by Mike Morris, Programme Director and Nat Debney-Davies from CISCO.



Yr 12 AS Applied Business – were given a seminar about recruitment by Mike Morris, Programme Director and Nat Debney-Davies from CISCO.



Yr 12 OCR Nationals in Travel & Tourism – were given a seminar about expectations in the workplace by Christian Heffer from The Golden Lion Hotel.



Yr 11 GCSE Business Studies – visited Boots in Kings Lynn where they received a seminar about recruitment procedures and motivation.

Students in Years 11, 12 and 13 have attended several educational seminars this term, not only to help them in their studies but also to give them a view of what they might expect in the workplace.

All students have thoroughly enjoyed the seminars. Our thanks go to all the businesses who have given up their time to pass on their expertise to our students.



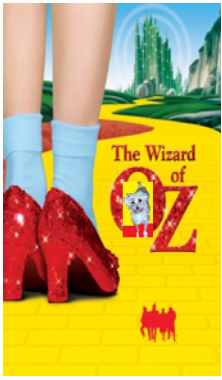
CISCO is a company based in San Francisco and employs 90,000 people worldwide. With an annual turnover of \$40 billion, \$2 billion each year is allocated to their teaching academy.

CISCO have embarked on a partnership with Smithdon. Ours is the only school selected in Norfolk but CISCO are working with other schools in the country.

Our partnership with CISCO has already resulted in a trip to Arsenal football stadium and a donation to help with the restoration of the photography suite, which was officially opened last October. Future projects include scuba diving and a possible work experience placement within the organisation. Cisco have also supported our year 12 and 13 Business students through seminars and during the recent Parent Partnership Raising Aspirations evening Mr Mike Morris also gave a presentation to parents on what employers look for in school leavers.

Further plans are for an energy consumption/carbon footprint project using information from an energy consumption monitoring system on the school's information screens and providing data to the science and geography departments for use within lessons. Also it is hoped that a video conference link will be possible so that CISCO staff can contribute to lessons as guest speakers.

Mike Morris of CISCO, said “ We take our community responsibilities very seriously and are pleased to assist the next generation in reaching its potential.”



Smithdon High School is very proud of this year's production, 'The Wizard of Oz'. Everyone enjoyed the rehearsals, which took place from September and presented a greater array of challenges to the team than any previous production. These challenges included the use of live animals, members of the cast flying, floating balloons, etc.

The production reflected one of our key educational philosophies; enabling and supporting young people from different age groups and abilities to work

together as a team. Smithdon High School was delighted to welcome so many people from the local community into our school as members of the audience. The school was also very grateful to the local businesses who provided financial support. Without their help the production, which cost many thousands of pounds, would not be possible.

The musical element of this year's production was a bigger challenge than ever before. Mr Ellis, as Musical Director, performed an excellent service, with his professional team of musicians. Once again the orchestra comprised students, ex-students, staff and professional musicians. We are fortunate indeed to be able to call on such talent.

The school has built up a grand tradition with the musicals and plays we have produced over the years; 2004 Discorella, 2005 Joseph and his Technicolor Dream Coat, 2006 Little Shop Of horrors, 2007 Life's a Cabaret/Copacabana, 2008 Teechers (sic) 2009 We Will Rock You, 2010 Jesus Christ Superstar. With this production we used a traditional story with music, old fashioned morals, and themes. The students responded very willingly to the project, building on the excellent standards and effort from previous years. They have been totally focused and a delight to work with.



Science Live Trip

On 14 February Mrs Chapman and Mrs Pike took thirty Year 10 students to London to an Education Live! Science trip.



Among the lecturers were Professor Lord Robert Winston, Dr Maggie Aderin-Pocock, Dr Simon-Singh, and Professor Steve Jones, speaking on DNA to The Big Bang to IVF and Space.

There was also a talk by a chief examiner providing tips and help for exams.



The Year 11 Prom Committee held a disco for Year 7 and 8 pupils on February 14th to raise funds for their Prom.

The hall was transformed with balloons etc by Miss Moat into a valentine theme. A huge thank you to all the teachers who gave up their time to support the students.

Everyone who came along had a fantastic time dancing the night away!

9ATr saying goodbye to Miss Trett



9ATr recently said a sad farewell to their Form Tutor. Miss Trett presented all her form with souvenir mugs sporting a photo of the form group. Miss Trett would like to thank everyone for their good wishes for her new job.

CURRICULUM ENHANCEMENT



Firstly a huge thank you to all students who have signed up for the events during the last two days of the summer term.

If you have not yet signed up yet there is still time, although some trips are now full. If you have any queries concerning your trips or you are not sure what to sign up for please speak to either Mrs Pike or Mrs Mooney.

Curriculum enhancement is a chance for all students to try something a little bit different. However it is not a reason to miss school on these final two days. This is the first year that Year 10 pupils have been able to take part, as in previous years they have been finishing their work experience. So if you have not signed up, sign up soon and have a fantastic time!

YEAR 11 AMBASSADORS



New this term are our Year 11 Ambassadors, who have helped out at various events, including sign up for curriculum enhancement, parents evening and various other events. They all had to apply for the position and be interviewed before being given the role.

Back row: Jack Southgate, Dominic Ebbs, Jack Melton-Doy and Ollie Little.

Front row: Ellie Brister, Laura Thomas and Danielle Durrant.

Year 12 Maths & a washing line!



Why were we using a washing line? It was to help us learn logarithms. By using the washing line we were able to work together to work them out.

This certainly was a more enjoyable way to learn logarithms and made it easier to remember!

Non –Uniform Day in aid of Hunstanton Lifeboat



Pictured above are the Year 11 Ambassadors handing over a cheque for £719.25 from the non-uniform day held in January to the Hunstanton Lifeboat. Some of the crew had previously been into school and given talks during assemblies about the important work they do.

Young Enterprise

The Sixth Form company Eco Chic have had a successful term running their enterprise based on the theme of re-cycling. They have produced some more imaginative products – bracelets from buttons, scrabble rings and key rings for the Wizard of Oz production to name but a few. They organised a grand raffle of vouchers (kindly donated by CISCO) and a large Easter Egg, which proved very popular. Sales this term have reached £200.00 to be added to last terms £170.00 profit. All profits will be donated to the East Anglian Air Ambulance.

Look out for more new products and sales next term. Thank you all for your continued support. Congratulations to the Eco Chic team who have produced the products, created displays and given up their time to sell their items at various school events outside of school time.

Mrs C Campbell

Year 11 Health and Social Group Visit

Year 11 Health and Social Care group 11AG1 enjoyed a recent visit to Hunstanton's Sure Start Children's Centre



and Driftwood House Care Home. They were given guided tours and found out how both services meet the needs of the local community.

'Stags and Hens' - A performance by the students in aid of charity



Year 10 GCSE Drama students have been busy rehearsing their own adaptation of Willy Russell's popular and acclaimed comedy-drama 'Stags & Hens' ready to perform in the summer term.

Although the play was written originally for television and set in Liverpool in the 1970's, the students at Smithdon High School felt they wanted to expand the original ideas, making the play more contemporary. It is now set in the present day in an area which the students can identify with.

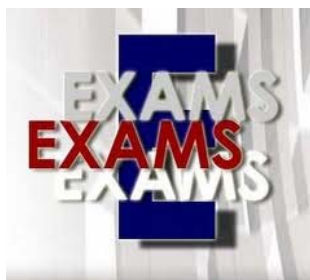
Directed by students, the play focuses on a group of girls and local lads who venture out for a night of pre-wedding stag and hen party celebrations. The action takes place in the Gents and Ladies loos of a tacky nightclub, where the bride and groom-to-be have decided to hold their stag and hen parties. Tension and comedy go hand in hand in this piece as a series of interesting events overtake the young couple and their assorted friends.

Students from across the school are involved with the performance. Working behind the scenes the school's Art & Design Departments are busy creating and making scenery, sets, costumes and lighting. GCSE Music students' original compositions will be played throughout whilst Media and Photography students are designing products to promote and market the performance.

All monies raised will be donated to Cancer Research UK on behalf of the students.

Tickets will be available soon.

Top Tips for Exams!



REMEMBER TO:

Read the instructions on the front of the page carefully.

Read each question carefully and think about what you are going to say before writing.

Highlight key words in the question. But don't highlight words in your answer.

Write as clearly and neatly as you can.

Always look for a number of available marks available at the end of the question.

Check your answers and try not to waste any time.

When you have finished the examination go back over your answers. You can often pick up some extra marks by spotting silly mistakes.

Show your working out in calculations, marks may be available for each stage of the calculation.

Check your units – questions involving numbers often require you to use correct units. If the unit is not given in the answer line a mark may be available for writing the correct unit as part of the final answer.

Keep an eye on the clock during the exam.

If you get stuck on a question, miss it out and carry on to the next one. Go back to it later when you have finished all the other questions.

Check when you have finished that there are no blank spaces – a blank space guarantees no marks. You lose no marks for guessing!



GCSE

Results Day

GCSE results day is Thursday 25 August.
Students can collect their results from 9am.

Staff will be on hand to help with any queries.

AS & A2

Results Day

AS and A2 results day is Thursday 18 August.
Students can collect their results from 9am.

Staff will be on hand to help with any queries.

Good Luck to Danielle and Chloe Durrant!



Danielle and Chloe are competing in this year's Lifestyles Festival in Hunstanton. They will be competing in the ladies amateur category. The event will take place from 15 to 17 July.

We wish them luck and look forward to hearing how they get on.



Year 13 visit Walsingham

On 1 April the A2 Religious Studies class went on a pilgrimage to Walsingham.

The aim was to explore the importance of religious experience in Norfolk. We went to Roman Catholic churches, the Anglican shrine and an Orthodox chapel. In the ancient Slipper Chapel we prayed that we would all pass our exams.

FASHION SHOW

On May 4 students from Year 7 to 13 took part in a fashion show to show off their excellent outfits and to raise money for Breast Cancer research. The show was entitled "What a Wonderful World" and the theme for the show was sustainability in design.

All the garments on show had been made from recycled materials or were actual vintage garments. The garments had been made as projects for GCSE or A-Level work or in the lunch club which is open to all year groups every day.

Mrs Stewart and her catering group supplied the refreshments and cakes which were lovely! Ms Robinson would like to thank the many people that helped out with the Fashion Show these include, Mr Smith, Mr Vernall, Mr Lenney, Mr Raisbury, Mr Wing, Mr Birks and all the technology department, Mrs Lancaster and Mrs Hesling, Jodie Collison, Dan Robinson, Trish Blanchfield, ex-students for allowing some of their work to feature, Mrs Norwood, Mrs Hicks and Katy Coe from Vintage Deli in Burnham Market. With final thanks going to the students for all their hard work and all of you who came and watched the fashion show.



NEW SCHOOL UNIFORM.



If you wish to try on the uniform before ordering Mrs Pike is available in the Emergency Support room on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday lunchtimes from 1pm. If you wish to come after school this is also possible by appointment. Please contact Mrs Pike at the school by phone or e-mail at cpike79rw@nsix.org.uk

Order forms and a list of frequently asked questions along with the answers are available on the school website. We are advising that new uniform is ordered by 27 May to ensure delivery ready for September.

Parent Partnership Meetings

There were two Parent Partnership meetings during the spring term. The first meeting related to raising aspirations and the second to substance abuse and sex education. This meeting was incredibly informative, with talks given by the school nurse and The Matthew Project.

At the Raising Aspirations evening parents had the chance to take part in a lesson. Those who took part in the science lesson found it to be an invaluable insight into what is expected for the ISA exams. There were also a lot of terrified looks when given the equipment for the experiment! This was followed by a talk by Mike Morris from CISCO.

Everyone who attended the meetings found them very informative and helpful.

Look out for dates of future Parent Partnership meetings in newsletters and on the website.

2011 Bepak GEAR 10k run.



Miss Coombes and Mrs Dennis are bravely taking on this year's BESPAC 10k run. They recently took up running and this will be their first event.

They are raising money towards a new school mini bus and the dance mat system for the PE department.

This is a plea for sponsorship! Although by the time you read this they will have completed the run, you are still able to make a donation.

Mrs Dennis and Mrs Coombes completed the run in a time of 67 mins, which is excellent – well done!

Thanks to local businesses and individuals

So many local business and individuals have supported the school this term, from sponsoring kit for sports teams, to raffle and bingo prizes and sponsoring the excellent production of Wizard of Oz.

These include: Mr & Mrs Felgate, Mr Duckhouse and Miss Hopkins, Mr D Wright Bodyshop Repairs Docking, Mr Cross Building contractors, Mrs L Kelsey and The Hunstanton Festival society .

We really appreciate the support and help which everyone in the local community gives to the school.



Enigma Machine!



IT was no secret when a legendary World War II code-breaking machine visited Smithdon High School.

As well as pupils of the school, 300 local residents had the chance see the Enigma machine and hear about its wartime significance.

The visit came about as a result of the link between the school and Cambridge University aimed at promoting Mathematics.

Dr James Grime from the University spoke to pupils about the machine and its importance in breaking the German code system. He also oversaw workshops during which pupils tried their hand at code-breaking.

In the evening, the school hosted a community event during which Dr Grime, explained the importance of codes and code breaking throughout the centuries. It was also possible to see the Enigma machine working.

Dr Grime was available to answer questions. It was a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

If you missed the chance to see the Enigma Machine, another event is planned on May 19th. Please contact the school office for tickets.

Year 12 Geography trip to Norwich – February 2011



The Year 12 AS level Geography group visited Norwich on Tuesday 15 February to carry out research for their Geographical Investigations exam.

We visited two shopping centres: at Anglia Square the group carried out fieldwork including questionnaires, land use surveys, pedestrian counts and environmental quality surveys. The aim of the trip was to assess the proposed redevelopment of the shopping centre.

The group also enjoyed a visit to the Chapelfield Shopping Centre in the city centre. The Marketing Manager gave us a guided tour of the centre including areas not usually seen by the public such as the delivery areas.

The tour finished with a presentation in the conference room where we were told about the history and development of the site from a chocolate factory to a shopping centre.

Mr S Chapman
Director of Sixth Form

Photograph taken in Anglia square from left to right: Callum Howell, Ryan Walker, Dan Batch, Mr Chapman, James Coles, James Boyden and Daniel Jackson

Georgia Rudd – National Judo Champion!



Congratulations to Georgia on becoming the Junior Champion on Sunday 20 March at Castle Vale Performing Arts College in Birmingham, where the National Championships were held by the Amateur Judo Association AJA.

CLS Awards

The CLS department has held two award ceremonies since the last newsletter. The Learning Support team nominate and then vote for those students under four categories. All students who have been nominated receive certificates and the overall winner receives a £10 voucher.

Awards for the first half term of 2011 were

Best Reader

Ben Bridges, Shane Bocking, Harley Cracknell, Josh Fields and Fox Chapman.

Overall winner: Harley Cracknell

Most Improved

Caitlin Chilvers, Connor Horner, Lewis Jeavons, Daniel Bullen, Oleg Lazarevs and Josh Fields.

Overall winner: Josh Fields

Most Motivated

Caitlin Chilvers, Hannah Deadman, Kieran Doughty, Rhiannon Clemans, Jamie Rout and Oleg Lazarevs.

Overall winner: Caitlin Chilvers

Best Withdrawal

Ryan Darby, Sam Denton and Fox Chapman

Overall winner: Fox Chapman

Awards for the Easter half term were

Best Reader

Connor Daniels, Ravindu Hewa Gamage, Kieran Doughty, Jessica Jones and Josh Fields.

Overall winner: Kieran Doughty

Most Improved

Ellis King, Chloe Knight, Matthew Peel, Jack Rose and Jack Foreman

Overall winner: Jack Foreman

Most Motivated

Hannah Deadman, Josh Cardew, Ravindu Hewa Gamage, Billy Smith, Jessica Jones, Jordan Bailey and Jack Foreman

Overall winner: Hannah Deadman

Best Withdrawal

Ryan Darby, Connor Horner, Jordan Wallace, Hannah Deadman, Sam Denton, Jessica Jones, Jordan Stokes, William Reed, Fox Chapman and Andre

Overall winner: Sam



The Year 11 Prom committee held a Bingo night in March to raise funds for their Prom. It was a fantastic evening with prizes donated by local businesses, parents, staff and students.

The event raised the phenomenal amount of £585.00. The students would like to thank the following:

Quasar Elite, Duff Morgan Citroen, Roythornes Garage, Tranquil Moments, The Hair Boutique, Keelie's, Impressions Hair & Beauty Salon, Pleasurewood Hills, The Mariners, The Co-op, Prior's Butchers, Mrs Donaldson, Coldham fruit, Enrichettas, Fishers Restaurant, Elizabeth's Flowers, Mr Linsell, Crystal Cave, Active Hands, Scruffs to Crufts, Swains of Hunstanton and Mrs Pollard.

The winner of the huge chocolate bunny was Joshua Sutherland.



Raffle tickets on sale during a production night.

Smithdon Sporting Photos

Henry Flower progresses to Anglian Schools Cross Country Finals

Henry Flower ran fantastically well at this year's County Schools finals in Norwich to secure 5th position and qualify for the Anglian Schools finals.



At the Anglian schools Henry finished a creditable 22nd place which when considering he was racing against private school and club runners from across the whole of the East of England, is an achievement that we are all very proud of. We wish Henry all the best in his future career as an endurance athlete and look forward to many more outstanding results.

Competitive Edge scheme continues to support the Gifted and Talented



A number of students within the Smithdon cluster have been attending Competitive Edge sessions at the High School. The Competitive Edge programme is designed to support Year 6 students who are Gifted in Sport or Talented in PE, with sessions designed to develop all round basic skills. The sessions at Smithdon are led by Jamie Buhlemann who has praised the students for their commitment to the programme.

U18 Volleyball success



On 2 February teams from KES and Smithdon competed in a friendly West Norfolk U18 Volleyball tournament.

Five teams played in a round robin format with the Smithdon B team eventual winners.

Credit must be given to all those who took part and played the matches in a competitive but good humoured spirit.

Many thanks also to COWA for providing the venue and to Mrs Brown and Mrs Bower for officiating.

Adistars in action



On 7 Feb West Norfolk SSP held its first Adistars Conference at Lynnsport. Nineteen of the best Sports Leaders from across the nine High schools including Smithdon met to train as becoming ambassadors for the Adistars programme as well as completing a Trigolf Activators course. Adistars is an initiative with supported by Adidas to promote greater involvement in physical activity. The Adistar Leaders will now return to their High Schools ready and prepared to roll out this new initiative. For more details see the website www.adistars.com

Smithdon win County Rugby Plate final



Congratulations to Smithdon High School who won the County U14 Boys Plate Final for Emerging Schools.

The team defeated Cliff Park school on the way to the final where they narrowly defeated Kings Lynn Academy four tries to three.

Smithdon will now represent Norfolk in the next round of the competition to be held at Bishop Stortford.

The squad are: George Loughlin, Aaron Herbert, Jack Foreman, Mario Guerra Martinez, Harry Sands, Charlie Morgan, Fabian Bishop, Jordan Senter-Wright, Jack Dennis, Harry Raven, Jack Savage, Jordan Cribb, Josh Fields and Tom Andrews.

Smithdon compete at Regional Rugby Finals



Congratulations to Smithdon High School U14 Boys' Rugby squad who represented Norfolk at the North London Regional Plate finals on Friday 1 April.

The team gave some creditable performances against very strong opposition in this their debut season in the competition. The opposition on the day were Hedingham, Kings Langley, Stoke Newington and Vyners.

Team: Aaron Herbert, Jack Savage, Jordan Senter-Wright, George Loughlin, Jack Foreman, Fabian Bishop, Jordan Cribb, Charles Morgan, Jack Dennis, Harry Raven, Harry Sands and Mario Martinez.

GIRLS RUGBY SUCCESS

On 10 Feb rugby squads from both Smithdon High School and Springwood High School took part in a coaching and game session led by County coaches from the RFU. The event replaced the planned county Yr 7/8 Girls Rugby tournament cancelled due to lack of entries.

Following the session held at West Norfolk Rugby Club, both teams went on regional event at Bishop Stortford in March.

Well done to all those who took part and thanks go to WNRFC for use of their facilities, Penny Chapman and her coaching staff.



Lunch Time and After School PE Sessions

For the summer term activities on offer include cricket, rounders, athletics and tennis. If you would like further information on when these activities run please see a member of the PE department.



Sports Leaders from Smithdon alongside leaders from Downham, Springwood and Kings Lynn Academy met on Wednesday 2 March to plan this year's Toplink conference held on Friday 11 March.

The Leaders act as tutors for all those younger students from across West Norfolk who will become Toplink Festival organisers back at their respective High schools. This is a great accolade for the Sports Leaders from Smithdon and recognises the high quality of leadership on offer and displayed here.

Football Team News

Just confirmed are the final league positions of the teams that have represented Smithdon.

Year 8 – Fourth

Year 9 – Third

Year 10 – Third

Year 11 – Second.

Congratulations to all the teams.

Joshua Hazell

Joshua trains with the Norwich City Football Academy, and in his latest report his coach commented on how Joshua always gives 100% effort and how he continues to improve. Well done Joshua we look forward to hearing more about your football career.

Matthew Bailey

Matthew is one of our athletics stars, to date he is the County U17 60m hurdle champion, won an individual silver medal in speed bounce and was part of the team who were runners up at the Regional Sportshall Championships in February and came second overall at the recent Broadland Sportshall Championship.

All of which are excellent achievements, we look forward to hearing more about Matthew's athletics career.

Firstly I would like to thank everyone for their comments on the last edition of the newsletter, it really was greatly appreciated.

Secondly it never ceases to amaze me the dedication and talent of our students, those mentioned in this edition are just a small sample.

And finally, good luck to all those taking exams in the next couple of months.

I would welcome any comments or thoughts on this newsletter, you can email me your comments or articles to

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MANY THANKS