

Centre Academy East Anglia NewsLetter

Summer Term – July 2019

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mon 2 Sep 19

Term Commences

Parent & Student
Induction - 9.00am

Fri 18 Oct 19

Harvest Festival – 2.00pm

School Finishes - 2.00pm

**Fri 18 Oct – Sun 3
Nov 19**

Half Term

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**Wed 6th Nov 19 –
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Bonfire Night & Talent
Presentation

Fri 22nd Nov 19

Parent Meetings

**Fri 13th Dec 19 –
2.15pm**

Carol Service
School Finishes – 3.00pm

Dear Parents,

We hope that you enjoy our final Newsletter of the year. You will see that there are many photographs that individually and collectively represent all that CAEA is.

We want especially to thank our Parent Community for their outstanding support of our musical, Mary Poppins. So successful was the production that, we are told, plans are already underway for a new musical extravaganza during the next academic year.

Equal thanks to our Parent Community for their attendance at our Prize Day and Graduation. The heavens certainly smiled on us once again, and the pride that we take in our students is very much a feature of the photographs inside this Newsletter.

Finally, do, please, take a look at what our students have accomplished with regard to the Duke of Edinburgh Award and the Student Council's fundraising effort for the Rainbow Trust, both included in the Newsletter.

Time to close. We wish you a happy and relaxing summer, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday, 2 September.

Yours sincerely,

*Mrs Kim Salthouse
Head of School*

*Dr Duncan Rollo
Principal*





Whilst reflecting on our CAEA drama production of 'Mary Poppins', I remember the very early auditions when we were overwhelmed by our students' support and enthusiasm to take part either on stage or behind the scenes. The staff responsible for casting had particularly difficult decisions to make. After much deliberation students were informed of the roles and our drama rehearsal schedule was started in earnest. Since October the cast have attended many rehearsals focused on either learning their individual lines, or how to work together as a team, providing support and encouragement for each other (especially at times when they may have really wanted to be out at games or with friends). Then I reflect on the performances and the commitment of staff working tirelessly to organise and develop the production. Thinking of our students on stage and we all become overwhelmed by our students' courage and skills. They performed the high energy play, which is an enchanting mixture of irresistible story and unforgettable songs, with enthusiasm and obvious enjoyment. They presented their lines and gestures, and we observed the tell-tail looks of support and encouragement which passed between the cast. Then I consider our audience who have travelled the long journey with us, providing reassurance to our students in addition to practical items.

On speech day we could describe the individual achievements of each student; however, we are very aware that we would need to write a short book to truly reflect their individual courage and achievements.

I would like to finish by saying a very simple 'Thank you' because without these extraordinary students and amazing parent support we could not produce such performances and which will remain, for me, the highlight of my year at CAEA.

Best wishes,

Mrs Whall





Prize Day and Graduation Sunday 30th June





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Centre Academy is delighted to announce that it has received a grant from The Duke of Edinburgh's Award's Diamond fund to enable the school to reach and support more students in the future. The grant will be able to support the school by buying over £900 worth of equipment.

It has been another great year for students carrying out the Duke of Edinburgh with 9 students being able to achieve their bronze award. The award does so much for young people and benefits them in the following areas:

- Self-belief
- Self-confidence
- A sense of identity
- A real awareness of their strengths
- New talents and abilities
- The ability to plan and use time effectively
- The ability to learn from and give back to others in the community
- Problem solving, presentation and communication skills
- Leadership and team working skills

The Duke of Edinburgh group did another excellent job with the designing of the playground. All the ideas came from the students and they worked hard to complete the task. I would like to thank them for their amazing work and hope that it will benefit over the long term.

I would also like to thank all the students who participated in the award this year and hope it can continue to go from strength to strength. A special thank you to Mr Seager, for his wonderful support.



Student council are delighted to say that they made over £350 for Rainbow Trust as part of Mary Poppins Production. Rainbow Trust support these families who have a child with a life threatening or terminal illness and are in the greatest need. At Centre Academy we feel that charities are important and we will continue to fund raise next year. I would like to personally thank Evan Peek, Alex Clarke, Kiera Lawes and Aden Kirwan for helping to raise money for such a great course.

It has been another successful year for Student Council, with positive changes being made around the school. Thanks to the efforts of Student Council we have been able to increase recycling around the school, buy new tables, have computers in junior classrooms and fundraise for so many great charities, to name a few. We have also been able to start a walking club which is going to continue next year, this has been a real success so far and gives students exercise. I would like to personal thank Student Council for their hard work this year.

Mr Stott.

UAS

Ickworth House

UAS travelled in the school minibus to Ickworth House, a country house near Bury St Edmunds. Ickworth House is one of England's more unusual houses. It is a neoclassical building set in parkland and was the residence of the Marquess of Bristol before being sold to the National Trust in 1998.

The house was built between 1795 and 1829 and was originally the chief dwelling owned by the Hervey family.

UAS thoroughly enjoyed their 'Upstairs Downstairs' visit and were well behaved and polite to both the staff of Ickworth House and other visitors they talked to during their morning visit.



Heritage Centre and Museum in Gaol Lane Sudbury

This free museum is small but very informative. We looked at interactive screens which showed the history of Sudbury and admired the flying models of a Zeppelin and World War 2 bombers.

There were many interesting military stories, and the men of Sudbury who were killed in World War 1 and 2 were all honoured individually. Another display of interest was the story of 101 Dalmations and its author.

We all thoroughly enjoyed our morning and as usual the students were very polite and well behaved.

Bury St Edmunds

On Thursday 13th June UAS visited Bury St Edmunds as part of their unit awards course work on the history of the locality.

We managed to look around the 1000 year old abbey ruins and the beautiful gardens before the rain came.

As soon as it started to pour we made a dash for the cathedral to have a look around.

We spent time looking inside the beautiful building and the wonderful art work before visiting the coffee shop for a hot chocolate.

We had parked in the Cattle Market car park and got thoroughly drenched whilst marching back to the minibus.



General Information

• START OF THE SCHOOL DAY

- Please remember that students are not to be dropped off at the school before 8.00 am. Prior to that staff are not in their places and we cannot therefore ensure the students security.

• UNIFORM

- Please remember that all uniforms and casual clothes must have the student's name in, as we do collect a significant amount of lost property.

• PARENTS OF BOARDERS

- All boarding students must have a dressing gown and slippers (or flip flops) at school.
- Aside from the obvious benefits of such apparel, the children require such protection when, for example, we have night-time fire drills, which by law we must have each term.

• OUTDOOR CLOTHING

- During the cold months please could all students have winter clothing: wellies, coats, hats and gloves.
- During the summer months, please could students have a hat and sun cream.
- Thank you.

REMINDERS

Please be aware that boarding staff are officially on duty on a Sunday evening at 7.00 pm. Please could any communication regarding trains or general boarding questions be made during the week and not during the weekend. Sending texts to either confirm or decline train pick up is appreciated. However, texts and phone calls which require decision-making should be made during the school week. Please also be aware that if your child requires collection from the station on a Sunday night, this should be arranged previously with Mr Thompson, as there are limited seats. The Sunday train collection is between 7.00 and 7.30 pm in order for the care staff to be back at school for the other students arriving.

Mr Thompson – Coach House:

07555 416 172

Please could all medical appointments/absences be reported before 9.00 am to the School Office. Please contact the school each day your child is absent; contact by email is fine.

If the illness is more than 5 school days we require a Doctor's Certificate.

Medical Reminders

If your child requires any medication, please ensure that this is handed into the office or Mrs Beadman. Medication will need to be in its original packet along with the relevant paperwork. The item must be clearly labelled with the student's name and the instructions of administration.

Students must not be sent to school if they have a fever/sickness or are feeling ill. Students should be fever/sickness free for 48 hours before returning to school to protect other students from contact with potentially contagious illnesses. Parents will be contacted by the medical staff on duty if a child shows symptoms of illness while in school.

Calendar

Autumn Term 2019

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