



Summer Term 2015

May 2015



Centre Academy East Anglia

Dear Parents,

We do hope that you will enjoy this edition of our newsletter, which recounts only a few of our many activities and accomplishments since the term began following the Easter holiday. As you will see, our focus is largely on the "Horrible Histories" school trip, and in addition to the write-up by Mrs Jeffs, we would recommend the two student reviews of the performance. Note also Mr Lightly's highly artistic venture wherein our students have combined imagination and art skills.

As you will note, there is also much to look forward to upon our return from half-term. We want to draw your attention especially to the school play, "Incredible Me" (which will, indeed, be 'incredible!'), the Parents' Meetings, our Activities Week, and finally, Prize Day and the traditional Picnic Lunch.

We do want to end on an academic note: please be aware of the timetable for the GCSEs, and Mr Steward's extremely wise "Revision Tips." You may wish to review some/all of these with your son/daughter, particularly bearing in mind the pressures that many of our pupils feel when attempting an examination. A special thanks to Mr Steward, our examinations officer, is very much in order.

Finally, a special reminder: you will have received our Parent Questionnaire recently. This is a most important document and we would be grateful if you would take a few minutes to complete it and send it back as soon as possible.

In closing, let us wish you a relaxing and safe half-term. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on 1 June.

Yours sincerely,

*Mrs Kim Salthouse
Head of School*

*Dr Duncan Rollo
Principal, The Centre Academy Schools*

With lots of imagination and Maths skills, S2 show the way. They invented their own island and plotted their way around it using bearings. Well Done!

By Mr Lightly



J1 Trip to see 'Horrible Histories' at the Theatre Royal Norwich

On Thursday 23rd April Mrs Jeffs, Mrs Beadman and J1 had the opportunity to watch 'Horrible Histories' in Norwich. J1 are studying the Roman Invasion of Britain in History lessons and the show '*Incredible Invaders*' came along just at the right time.

The group travelled by mini bus and went on the Park and Ride into Norwich. After eating lunch they boarded the double decker bus and headed straight upstairs to the front for a good view on the way into the city! It was a five minute walk to the theatre from the bus station so, there was time to spare, a quick look around the shops seemed like a good idea.

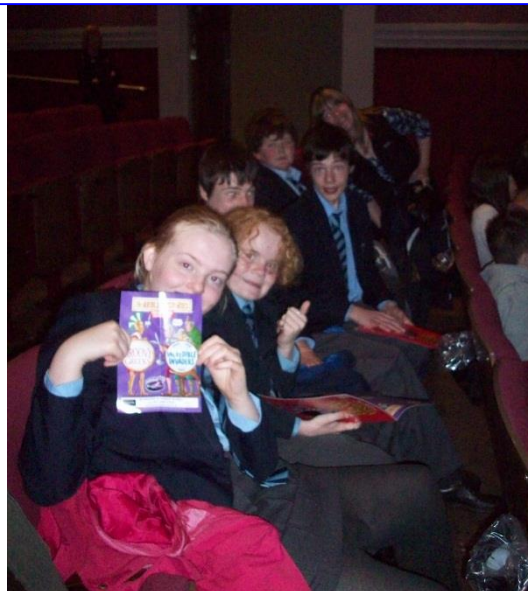
We arrived at the theatre just after 1.00 pm, found our seats, ten rows back from the stage in the stalls. By 1.30 pm everyone was ready for the performance to begin. From the start, it was very fast moving and packed with information, songs and jokes.

During the interval everyone had ice-cream and had to put on 3-D glasses for the second half of the performance. Nobody knew what to expect but the effects were fantastic. Viking long boats, spears and dogs leapt out of the stage making everyone jump and scream. It was pretty scary at times and Charlotte had to ask Mrs Jeffs three times if she was ok. Luckily there was an exit door nearby so anyone who found it a bit too crazy could take a short break outside if they wanted to.

Overall it was a great day out and a fantastic experience for everyone. It was a very loud, unpredictable and lively performance though and some of the group felt it was a bit too much for them at times.

The class were a credit to the school and behaved perfectly.

By Mrs Jeffs



'Horrible Histories School Trip' by J Gooding

We went to Norwich with Mrs Jeffs, we saw live on stage '*Incredible Invaders*'.

We had got to Norwich by mini bus. We hopped onto the park and ride. Then we went to the Theatre. It was very good. There were different actors on stage. The Romans conquered Britain, there were lots of children in the theatre. We went to the town Shopping Centre before the theatre. We arrived at school at 5.00 pm. That was a good day out.

My Trip to Norwich Theatre to see 'Horrible Histories – Incredible Invaders' by C Hobart

We left school in the minibus drove to the park and ride in Norwich. We got a double decker bus upstairs to the center of Norwich. We had a look round Norwich Shopping Mall because we were early then we went to the theatre, where we sat near the front.

The show began with a lady introducing herself. She started acting. The show was about the Romans invading England and fighting with the Celts. Half of it was in 3D this bit was scary. My favourite bit was seeing Bolidica fighting, unfortunately she lost. In the interval we had ice-creams it was a brilliant day!

GCSE EXAMINATIONS

As you are aware the GCSE exams are looming for our older students. The exam timetable has now been published and is below. Some gentle reminders (or not so gentle) for revision over the Easter break would greatly be appreciated!

Students will be in lessons up until the week of the first exams and we have revision sessions in place in the lead up and during the exam period.

Thank you,
Mr Steward

Title	Exam Code	Duration	Date	Start Time
Cambridge Nationals ICT	R001	1hr	Wednesday 13 th May	AM
Religious Studies B Unit 3	40553	1hr 30m	Monday 18 th May	PM
Geography Unit 1	90301	1hr 30m	Tuesday 19 th May	PM
Cambridge Nationals Business	R061	1 hr	Wednesday 20 th May	AM
Maths	J567F/01	1hr 30m	Thursday 21 st May	AM
History Unit 1	91451	1 hr 45m	Monday 1 st June	AM
English	5EH2F	2 hr	Tuesday 2 nd June	AM
Religious Studies B Unit 4	40554	1 hr 30m	Tuesday 2 nd June	PM
Geography Unit 2	90302	1hr 30m	Wednesday 3 rd June	PM
Maths	J567F/02	1hr 30m	Thursday 4 th June	AM
Science Unit 1	SCB1FP	1 hr	Friday 5 th June	PM
Child Development	B013	1hr 30m	Tuesday 9 th June	AM
Science Unit 2	SCB2FP	1 hr	Tuesday 9 th June	PM
History Unit 2	91452	1 hr 45m	Wednesday 10 th June	AM
Science Unit 3	SCB3FP	1 hr	Friday 12 th June	PM

All AM exams will start at 9.00am
All PM exams will start at 1.00pm

You will need to arrive for your exams (by the Science Room) 10 minutes before the start time.

REVISION TIPS

- **Start revising early** – i.e. months, not days before the exam, make a timetable to plan your revision and stick to it!
- **Use Revision Guides**
- **In study leave, start revising early** – i.e. 9.00am – that way you will get your day's work done much quicker and will have time to relax in the evening
- **Stick revision notes all around the house** – so in the exam you think – “aha, quadratic equations, they were on the fridge....”
- **Get yourself drinks and snacks** – so you do not make excuses for stop every 10 minutes ...
- **Sit at a proper desk** – Do not try to revise in bed – you will be in the land of pink igloos and elephants before you can say “Captain Birdseye”
- **Don't put it off** – “Procrastination” is the long word for it. And it means rearranging stuff on your desk, getting a sudden urge after 16 years to tidy your room, playing the guitar, thinking about the weekend, writing love poems about that girl/boy you fancy, painting your toenails, etc, etc,... Sit down at your desk and GET ON WITH IT
- **Don't just read your notes** – you have to WRITE STUFF DOWN. This is real basic “how to revise” stuff.
- **Don't turn yourself into a revision zombie** – if you stop doing anything else but revision you will turn into a zombie. It is really important that you keep time to do things you enjoy... like cinema, shopping, sports, Frisbee, rock-climbing, making model planes, whatever tickles your ferret... When you're doing these try to relax and totally forget about revision
- **Do lots of practice exam papers** – This is especially important as you get close to the exams
- **Read the exam timetable properly** – double-check so you do not miss an exam and have plenty of time to prepare for it
- **Find the right environment to revise** – NOT in front of the TV. NOT listening to the radio. Music can sometimes be ok, but you need to find the right kind. It's got to be something that is just there in the background that you are not thinking about
- **Don't hang around with the nervous paranoid** – People on the morning of the exam – they will just stress you out

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/Mr Benson, 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 Benson – Coach House:
01449 738922/07847 719 073
Mr Thompson – Main House:
01449 736404/07555 416 172
Mrs Dent – Main House:
01449 736404/07555 416 173

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.

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.

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Half Term:	Friday 22 nd May 2015 – Sunday 31 st May 2015
Friday 22 nd May 2015	<i>School Finishes - 2.00 pm</i>
Monday 1 st June 2015	<i>Term Commences</i>
Wednesday 17 th June 2015	<i>School Play – 'Incredible Me' – 7.00pm</i>
Thursday 18 th June 2015	<i>School Play - Incredible Me' – 7.00pm</i>
Thursday 18 th June 2015	<i>Parents Meetings – Junior School – 9.00 am</i>
Friday 19 th June 2015	<i>Parents Meetings – Senior School – 9.00 am</i>
Sunday 28 th June 2015	<i>Prize Day & Picnic Lunch – 12.30 pm</i>
Monday 22 nd – Friday 26 th June 2015	<i>Activities Week</i>
Term Ends:	<i>Friday 3rd July 2015 - Sports Day 1.00 – 3.00 pm - School Finishes - 3.00 pm</i>



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