



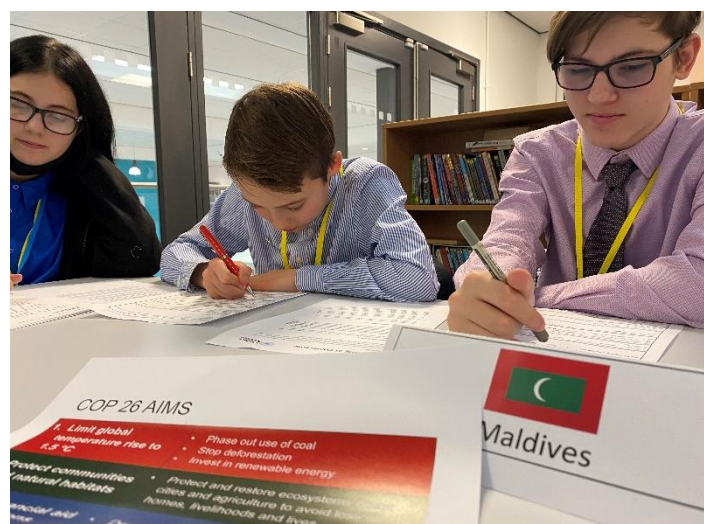
Monday 15th November to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2021

## Headteachers' Blog

### Cop26

Mr Pratt and Mr Thompson supported by Mrs Farrow delivered an exceptional Cop26 event last week. With the space set out just like the UN, and with students in smart civvies, the work began as students took on the task of representing member states such as the USA, Australia, and the Maldives, to debate and propose actions that could help reduce global warming.

The engagement was exceptional, the quality high and the learning phenomenal. Well done to everyone – the students made us so proud.



## Remembrance Day

With military guests from RAF Wattisham, Oliver Hampton on cornet, Maddie and Barnaby in their roles as Head students, and representatives from all tutor groups, we held our Remembrance Day Service in the atrium on Friday. The event was poignant and appropriate, with readings from our Head students and the Last Post played by Oliver Hampton, followed by a 2 minute silence held school wide.

During the week Mr Smith had led assemblies commemorating a local lad, Spencer Bent, who had won both the Victoria Cross and the Military Medal for his service during World War One. It is chilling to think that young men left this town to defend our nation, losing their lives in the process. We will always honour them, and reflect on that sacrifice.



## County Finals

### U16 Girls

The U16 girls started their county tournament perfectly, beating 'the favourites' Fram College (7-5). They then went on to draw with Ipswich School (8-8) and beat Culford School (9-5).

This meant they had won their group stage and had qualified for the semi-finals. The girls then faced Woodbridge school in what was their most important game of the day (as the winner of this were guaranteed a spot in the regional finals!) After the scores at half time were tied, it was anyone's game. However, things in the second half did not go our way, as Woodbridge ran away winners and qualified alongside Fram College (who they had previously beaten!)

Over the last 5 years, the girls have 'done themselves proud', beating a number of private schools and are still unbeaten (since year 7) in the West Suffolk League.

This was the final time the girls will compete together and as you can imagine emotions were high!

Pictured below.





## U14 Girls

The U14 girls also did extremely well in their first ever County netball tournament. Whilst they lost their first game to the overall winners, Ipswich School, they went on to beat Hartismere and Ipswich High School.

This meant the girls had also qualified for the semi- finals as runners up in their group. Here the girls faced the overall winners of the tournament, Woodbridge School. In what was a tough game for the team, the girls came away learning an awful lot and look to build upon their performance for next year. Woodbridge went on to qualify.





## Year 11 Pre-Exams

Last week's Pre-Exams were undertaken by Year 11 with complete focus and attention, impressing all the invigilators and staff. Well done to them all – it was announced last week the details regarding the contingency plans should the examinations not go ahead, and these highlighted how important these exams could prove to be. Therefore, we have all been reassured by the serious approach Year 11 have adopted. To any student concerned about how they might have done, and the impact on any future grade, be reassured that whether examinations are held or not, there will be plenty of opportunities to revise for final exams or take other assessments to improve upon grades. In the meantime, assessments such as language orals continue this week.

## Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award

Congratulations to the 25 Year 10 students who spent their weekend working on their practice Bronze Award - Mr Wright was full of praise for how you worked and the progress you made.



## Covid Jabs

Today we see the roll out of Covid vaccinations for young people at our school. We hope that the team bought in can get through as many of the requested vaccinations as efficiently as possible to allow us to get on with the day job.

Have a lovely week everybody – by the way, we are looking to see if someone would sponsor us to have a very large (probably plastic) Christmas tree in the atrium this year – any ideas?

Mr Lee-Allan





## Dates for your Calendar

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Concert

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Flu Immunisations

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Year 7 Cinema Trip – 7S, 7T and 7O

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December Year 7 Cinema Trip - 7W, 7H, 7I and 7G

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Lunch

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Hamper Competition



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