From the Principal

As I write this entry for our May newsletter, we are in the middle of the exam season. Every day I am struck by the determination and resilience of our students, as well as by the support they are receiving from their teachers and families. They are truly impressing us with their levels of preparation, effort and conduct. I am confident that they will be rewarded with some great outcomes in August.

April was a sad month for Ely College as we were hit by the dreadful news of the sudden passing of Mrs Corby. Our thoughts and condolences have been with her family and those who knew her best. She was a liked and respected member of our community and will be missed greatly.

We are very grateful to the Needhams Charity for their continued support of the college. This month we have been able to add some fantastic outdoor furniture to the college site as a result of their donations, as well as some much-needed new media equipment and musical instruments. They have also kindly offered to fund some very generous bursaries for Ely-based students who enrol in Bishop Laney Sixth Form, details of which are included in this newsletter.

June promises to be a busy but exciting month for us. Providing all administrative hurdles are passed, the Lantern Community Primary school will join our trust of schools (CMAT). This will enable us to more easily collaborate and share resources and expertise as a cluster of three (along with Downham Feoffees Primary Academy) closely-linked local schools. It was a real pleasure to welcome parents from all three schools to our ‘Parents In The Loop’ forum this week to discuss how that relationship might develop and enhance our community.

In 2017 we benefitted from the refurbishment and upgrade to the Bedford block, and I am delighted to confirm that this summer CMAT have agreed to invest in upgrading the Littleport block. This will provide significant improvements to the art, music and business studies accommodation.

There is so much still to come this year: presentation evening, prom, sports day, PLEDGES day, the Spanish trip, the Italy trip, the German exchange, the Year 6 induction days…the list goes on! So many opportunities, activity and fun. Thank you so much to everyone involved in delivering and supporting such a vibrant and packed programme. In and amongst all of these events, we will remain focused on ensuring that standards continue to rise, and that our students continue to thrive. I wish everyone an enjoyable, restful and (hopefully) sunny half term holiday.

Richard Spencer – Principal

Stop Press

Head Boy and Head Girl Elections

Candidates shared their manifestos with fellow students in assemblies and ran campaigns in the lead up to voting. Votes were cast, ballot papers were counted and results announced.

We’re delighted to announce Oscar Barter as our Head Boy and Hannah Meek as our Head Girl.

We are all really looking forward to working with them both when they officially take on these roles early July.

It is also a real pleasure to announce our new Student Ambassadors; Jacob Bell and Eleanor Elsey.

All four students are great advocates of Ely College and we very much look forward to the year ahead.
Robocon

During the Easter break Mr Craven and Mr Palmer accompanied four students (Rose Beckman, Lillian Seaman, Harry Whittaker and Cailean Allway) to the Hills Road Robocon competition.

The competition saw students design, build and program a robot to complete different tasks. The design, building and programming has taken place over the past few months.

We started day 1 strong (Ely were in first place in the seeding rounds for a few hours), but our team ran into problems, including the robot catching fire, that resulted in us being eliminated in the semi-finals!

Ely was the only secondary school that took part - our students demonstrated incredible resilience and resourcefulness in the face of adversity. We are so proud of what they accomplished and look forward to competing again next year!

Recycled Uniform!

You may have wondered what happened to the donated items of old uniform parents kindly sent in. Well... a team from the Churches Together in Ely took three cases to Freetown, Sierra Leone over Easter. These
Yr 8 Guided Choices

Just to remind everyone, you can expect a letter mid-June which will confirm your child’s choices. As we explained we need to work through contingencies, budgets and look at staffing as part of the process.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of guided choices, then please contact your child’s senior tutor in the first instance.

Ely Food and Drink Festival

Well done to our talented Yr 10 catering students Tyler and Charlie who represented Ely College at the recent Food and Drinks Festival over the bank holiday weekend.

They worked as Sous Chefs putting their skills and knowledge to the test. The whole experience was fantastic and very memorable for them both.

UKMT Team Maths Challenge – 20th April

Huge congratulations to our talented mathematicians; Jonathan Kuck, Henry Olley, Megan Oakes and Stuart Buzer. Ely College came 3rd in the challenge out of 32 teams.

We’re absolutely thrilled with this fantastic achievement and very grateful to Mrs L Shepherd for organising and facilitating this event.

were well received by both adults and children at the City of Rest Rehabilitation Centre, Manaheim Children’s Home and Bethesda Interim Care Home for street children. Thank you so much for taking the time and effort to send these items in which, as you can see, all went to good use.

The remaining uniform items (sweatshirts and rugby shirts) are now en-route to Romania via the Catholic church. These are being sent to orphanages for children in distress.
**PLEDGES #4**

It was great to host our 4th PLEDGES day earlier this term with the focus this time around ‘diversity’.

The majority of our year 7 students took part in the Energy Quest workshop by Tomorrow’s Engineers.

The students planned electricity generation solutions for different countries then built and raced electric cars. They had a great time and the winning team had a car that travelled 11.9m on a single charge!

Year 8 students spent the day in workshops based around e-safety. By the end of the day they had produced a guidebook for parents which will be used later next month at our training session for parents.

The focus for Year 9 was citizenship and democracy. Students took part in various workshops from flag designing to suffrage and even a debate around lowering the voting age to 16! Some great viewpoints and ideas were raised.

For Year 10 students we grasped this opportunity to support students through their ‘next steps’ process, looking at post-16 and beyond. As well as attending work skills workshops, students also found out about what University life is like!

Finally, all Year 11 students watched a live stream of Macbeth to support their English GCSE studies. Their day was rounded off with a really useful maths revision workshop, which proved to be helpful and added greatly to their revision and exam preparations.

**Parents’ Evening**

Thank you to everyone who attended our recent Yr 9 parents’ evening earlier this term.

As a reminder, we look forward to meeting our Yr 7 parents on 26th June 2018.

Details on how to book appointment slots with teaching staff will be shared nearer the time.

**Bobby Moore Football Shirt Friday**

Thank you to all the staff and students who donned their favourite football shirts in support of the Bobby Moore Fund for bowel cancer research.

We raised £170. Huge thanks to Mr Whiteman and all involved.
Duke of Edinburgh Expedition

The Yr 10 Duke of Edinburgh students took part in an expedition in Suffolk over the weekend.

The weather was perfect for the cross country hike and students were an absolute credit to the college.

Students had to plan their route and complete a route card, as well as camp over night at the Jarmin centre, Newmarket. They are using this training exercise to work towards their Bronze Award.

Thank you to our dedicated team who helped out on the weekend.

If you are interested in taking part in future expeditions, please let Mr J Waters know.

Blood Brothers Theatre Trip

Drama students in Yr 10 and 11 recently benefitted from a matinee performance of Blood Brothers at the Broadway Theatre in Peterborough.

The experience provided an opportunity for students to see live theatre and to gain a deeper understanding of set-text they have been studying in class.

PLEDGES and Session 6

Thanks to recent funding from NEACO, our PLEDGES and Session 6 programmes have seen a boost in new opportunities. Two of our most recent developments include a new calligraphy group, with materials and equipment provided free of charge to pupils, and also investment in brand new chess sets. The calligraphy and chess groups are run by Mrs Batchford and Mrs Shaw respectively. For further information on any aspect of the PLEDGES or Session 6 opportunities available, please contact Mr A Fisher afisher@elycollege.co.uk or visit the school website.

The Chess Club meet in the LRC after school every Wednesday and Friday and most lunchtimes. Currently there are 5 members. Students interested in joining are always welcome.
Parents In the Loop Forum
Thank you to everyone who attended and supported this forum on Monday evening. This time we also welcomed parents from both Downham Feoffees and the Lantern Primary school to join us. We are working more and more in collaboration with our partner primaries, so this seemed very fitting.

Forum discussions always provide us with useful food for thought and helps us to continually improve and shape our school, so thank you for your valued input.

Community Education
Come and try something new this June!

We are holding lots of free taster sessions for our Adult Education classes in June:

- Tuesday 13th June 7pm we have: Yoga, Digital Photography, Flower Arranging, Sugarcraft and Ukulele
- Wednesday 14th June we have: Art Daytime (10am – 12pm) Free Motion Embroidery (7pm), Nail Art (7pm) and Indian Head Massage (8pm)
- Thursday 28th June 6 – 7pm: Walking Netball

Places are free but must be booked in advance by calling the Community Education team on 01353 664853 or email: community@elycollege.co.uk. Further information can be found on our website www.elycollege.com/community

Spanish Pen Pal Club
Students in Yrs 7 and 9 studying Spanish have received replies back from their Spanish pen pals. We are communicating with the Secondary School Javier García Téllez, in Cáceres, Spain.

National Youth Ballet
We are thrilled to celebrate Yr 7 student Eloise Holgate who has successfully secured a place in the National Youth Ballet of Great Britain.

This will provide a fantastic experience and opportunity for Eloise. Well done!

Cambridge University
Last week we took four students to the Department of Engineering at Cambridge University. The students entered a competition to design an asthma pack for very small children. The students won the regional round and are now through to the national competition with the winners’ awards being presented in June in London.
Year 7 Students – Save the Date!
All Yr 7 students invited to a disco on 10th July at 7.30-8.30pm in Needhams Hall. Joining our students will be our new Yr 7 students (currently Yr 6).

Come and join us for a fun evening of great music and snacks. Further details nearer the time.

Fundraising for Kenya
Fundraising efforts for the Kenya trip are well underway. Notes of thank to the following students and their efforts

- Oscar and Jennifer Wolfe raised £180 for the project by having a yard sale recently.

- Liam Bateman held a Bingo at Pymoor Social Club Saturday 12th May, having collected donations and prizes from supporters. It was a tremendous success with over 40 people attending. Liam and his family even baked cakes to sell. The sum raised amounted to £630.

Well done on this sterling work, and keep up the good work everyone!

Ely College Alumni
The alumni network is growing and we would love to hear from you if you are a former student, parent of a former student, or know of anyone who’d like to stay in touch and give back to their old school. Please sign up at: http://networks.futurefirst.org.uk/former-student/ely

Recently we hosted a number of alumni who worked with our Sixth Form in Bishop Laney giving advice, guidance and the benefit of their experiences since they left us. The day was extremely successful and we look to seeing more of this interaction as time goes on. Linked to this, we are hosting ‘Meet the Principal’ tours of the college next half term on Friday 22nd June and Friday 6th July. If you are interested in participating in these please contact the Principal’s PA (Bev Saddington) on 01353 652815.

Geography trip to Italy
During May half term a group of our students will be traveling to Italy for 5 days of fun, learning and activities led by Ms E Hill. Students will learn about geography outside the classroom focusing on tectonics and coasts in particular.

We hope to have a report and photographs in our next newsletter, but in the meantime we wish everyone involved bon voyage!
Sports Roundup

Ely achieved huge success in the recent Isle of Ely District Athletics competition. We finished 3rd behind Wisbech Grammar and Kings Ely meaning we won the State Schools Plate by 5 points from last year’s champions Witchford.

A fantastic team performance with every one of our 55 competitors making a difference to the outcomes. We were the only school to field an athlete in every event which is a real credit to all students, and especially those who stepped up at the last minute!

Notable performances from:

- Jacob Bell 1500m Champion
- Adam Zidziunas with two 2nd place finishes in the Discus and High Jump
- Jerome Menon with a 2nd place finish in the Javelin and a 3rd place finish in Discus
- Adam Smeeton 2nd place in the 800m
- Melisa George Shot Putt Champion
- Jack Winters Discus Champion, 2nd place in the high jump and 3rd in the 100m
- Chris Atkinson with two 2nd place finishes in the Javelin and 1500m
- Lucas Gibbs 3rd in the 200m
- Ed Suswain 3rd in the 400m
- Lucy Whittaker High Jump Champion and 2nd in the Hurdles and Long Jump
- Lara Foulkes Discus Champion
- James Marsh Discus Champion
- Thomas Martin two 3rd place finishes in the Shot and the Javelin
- Kyle Moss 3rd place in the 400m
- Naomi King 800m Champion
- Sophie Norman 3rd in the High Jump and 2nd in the 200m
- Mercedes Martin 3rd in the Javelin
- Scarlett Cullum 3rd in the Shot Putt
- Ollie Taylor 800m Champion
- Robbie Paul Bailey 2nd in the High jump
- Anna Olley Champion at both the 100m and 200m and a 2nd place in the High Jump
- Danielle Zidziunaitė Champion at the Hurdles
- Isabelle Simper two 2nd place finishes in the Shot Putt and Discus.
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To report a student absence – Absence Line: 01353 667763

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For a matter relating to a specific subject (for example queries over homework or progress), please contact the class teacher in the first instance.

For a matter relating to the well-being, general progress or behaviour of your child, please contact the tutor in the first instance.

Second contact - Should you have concerns about the progress your child is making in a subject that you don’t feel can be addressed by the class teacher, please contact the subject or curriculum leader.

Should you be concerned about the tutoring or wider progress being made by your child, or you wish to discuss their well-being, safety or potential bullying, please contact the senior tutor for your child’s house.

Third contact - Should you feel that your concerns or queries have not been addressed adequately, please contact the relevant Assistant Principal or senior leader for either your child’s house or the subject/area concerned.

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Curriculum Leader Maths – Max Grezio  
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Subject Leader Music – Iain Mann  
Subject Leader RE – Bethea Thompson

Curriculum Leader Science – Sam Craven  
Curriculum Leader Languages – Nicole Ross  
Subject Leader History – Robert Hancock  
Subject Leader Geography – Emily Hill  
Subject Leader Media – Ella Watkins  
Subject Leader Business – Jenny Coggins

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Assistant Principal – Adam Steels

Year 11 Achievement - Year 11 Achievement Lead – Rachael Mustill  
Extra-Curricular - Head of Extended Learning – Andrew Fisher

Principal - **Principal’s PA (Bev Saddington) call: 01353 652815 - Principal’s PA Email:** principal@elycollege.co.uk
Welcome to the Year 11 Matters Newsletter

May 2018

Thank you to all the parents and extended families and friends that sent in messages of good luck to their children for the Shush! It’s a Secret! Assembly. It was a precious occasion.

It has been the busiest two weeks for Year 11 and I think everyone is ready for half term. We have been delighted with the positive way that Year 11 have begun their exams and are hoping that this continues after half term. It is important that students recharge their batteries over the half term holiday so that they are ready to give the second half of the exam period their very best.

Just a reminder that from Monday 11th June, Year 11 students will be on study leave and therefore only need to come into college for their exams. Should they wish to be in at other times, the LRC will be available for independent study.

There will be a short Leavers’ Assembly on Friday 15th June after the 9am Physics exam. This is the last exam for many students and we would like to mark it together as a year group.

Tickets are now on sale for the prom and we are looking forward to celebrating in style. Tickets are available from the LRC and priced at £13. The evening at The Maltings begins at 7pm with the last entry at 8pm. Included in the price will be a drink on arrival and snacks. It should be a glamorous and fun-filled evening!

Results Day is on Thursday 23rd August. If your child is unable to pick up his/her results, they can nominate someone to do this for them. This person should have a signed letter from your child confirming this arrangement. Any envelopes not collected will be posted home.

Y11s please see a reminder of the May half term revision sessions being offered:

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Finally, please be aware that there will be a GCSE Certificate Presentation Evening in the autumn term. The date for this will be 6th December 2018. Please make a note of this date in your diary as it is a lovely evening recognising the successes of all students.

Rachael Mustill
News and achievements from Etheldreda House

At the end of each half term I am always amazed at how quickly six weeks have flown by but also by how proud our students make me. I have had a huge amount of success stories shared with me by students, parents and teachers this half term and it really does say a lot about our students. Here is a snapshot of what this half term has included.

Early on we competed in the football inter-house competition and had a great turn out for those wanting to represent the House. I am pleased to announce that Etheldreda came 1st in all the age groups apart from year 10 where Franklin just beat us. Well done to all involved.

A massive well done to Emily Wells (E-AFi) who completed the 26.2 mile moonwalk in aid of breast cancer. This is a wonderful event to get involved in and we are extremely pleased that she has shared this news with us.

On 26th April we had PLEDGES day #4 which included a range of activities earning towards their PLEDGES awards and expanding their skills and experiences. The focus of the day was around diversity and this involved the students taking part in sports activities, maths challenges, completing a range of tasks for citizenship and democracy and understanding e-safety.
Year 7, 8 and 9 students were all given the opportunity to participate in the design the maths department 'praise postcard' challenge over the Easter holidays and I am pleased to say that Eloise Holgate (E-RSW) won this challenge with her fantastic artistic skills. Well done Eloise, this will now be used within the maths department to reward students who go above and beyond.

Mrs Edwards, Mrs McLellan and Mrs Burrows would like to congratulate the following Etheldreda students on their hard work and good conduct during their recent 10 hour GCSE Exam. Very good effort levels from all! Well done.

- Lauren Philpott
- Lawrence Briggs
- Chloe Garwood
- Ola Szalla

Year 11 exams are well on the way now and we wish every year 11 the very best of luck. Remember the outcome of the exam doesn’t define who you are but how you approach it says a lot about you as a person. Always believe in yourself and work hard to achieve.

We hope you have a restful half term break.

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Franklin House are thrilled to introduce you to new Head Girl, Hannah Meek.

“Hello, my name is Hannah Meek and I am the newly elected head girl of 2018/19. Over the next coming year, I am looking forward to taking on this position and am excited about the opportunities ahead for Oscar and me.

Now for a little bit about me . . . I enjoy baking, sports and spending time with my family and friends. I’m dedicated to the school and I always aim to get involved as much as I can. I really relished taking part in a Maths Feast challenge earlier on this year and although acting is not my forte, just before Christmas, I got involved with the Franklin pantomime, where I was a fairy, well I think that’s what I was supposed to be! Besides that, I have also taken part in many extra curriculum activities and enjoyed trips. An example of this was the athletics trip to Lynn Sports last year. I have thoroughly appreciated these extra activities and hope more students will get involved in more aspects of college life, even if outside their comfort zone.

Working together with Oscar, I would like students, parents and staff ideas and suggestions to be brought forth and considered more than they have been in the past. Over the coming year, we are hoping to review the PLEDGES and reward system as we think this will be beneficial to the engagement and pride students have when celebrating achievements.

The staff at Ely College have given us so much as students, so it will be my pleasure to give something back to the school. I look forward to taking on the role of head girl and meeting many of you at college events.”

Hannah is pictured here (right) with Jaden Coe as the Head Girl baton is handed over for the new academic year.

We wish all Franklin House students a lovely break during half term.

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Welcome to the Scott House Page

Opening Paragraph from our Head Boy Oscar Barter – S-BTH:

“I would like to say that I am hugely grateful for the responsibility that the school community has given to me. I am looking forward to working with both staff and students to enhance the experience of all our students. Student Voice is a really important way of ensuring that we are part of the process for improvement. Stepping forward to be elected Head Boy was a hugely daunting task but I really enjoyed the process. It is very nerve wracking being in front of so many students but knowing that I can play a role in the future direction of the school was always in the back of my mind. I’d like to say a big well done to all those who took part in the process. If anything is on your mind, please do come and speak with me”.

A huge well done to Eleanor Elsey (S-BTH) who will become a student ambassador for the college. She gave a really positive and well delivered speech at the hustings event which took place during House assemblies. She will be a fantastic addition to the school council.

The sun is shining at last and so far this term we have been incredibly busy in Scott House.

Best of luck to all our Year 11s - A special message from Scott House to all of our Year 11s who are about to finish their GCSE exams. For so many of you, the hard work of the past few weeks will surely pay off. I would also like to thank the staff who have given up time during the holidays and weekends to run revision sessions for Year 11.

Scott House Bronze PLEDGE awards - A number of students in Scott House have completed their awards at Bronze and Silver and I’m hopeful of even more before the end of term.

Achievement mentions:

- To those students in Year 10 from Scott House who took part in the Duke of Edinburgh Award
- Stuart Buzer S-ZCH achieving a Gold Award for UK Mathematical Trust
- Adam Brumby S-ZCH for continued excellence at Cambridge United Academy
- Oscar Barter S-BTH for organising and taking part in a 100 mile bike ride for St. John Ambulance

Please do inform your child’s form tutor if your son/daughter has done something that deserves to be mentioned.
Message to staff - Well done Ms L Young on a fantastic piece of organisation for the latest PLEDGES day on ‘diversity’. It takes a huge amount of organisation and patience to run one of these days with just the littlest of things.

A special mention goes to Ms N Pritchett for her continued hard work as the House SSA on top of the amazing work she has done with Yr 10 work experience.

Enjoy Half term everyone in Scott House!

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Welcome to the Turing House Page

Time - It really is hard to think that all weeks are the same length! Year 11s I have spoken to are startled that this academic year has slipped by so quickly. They are now well into the examination process and juggling revision between lessons and exams. At the same time we are supporting them with the final stages of KS4, we are preparing to support those year 6s who are excited at the prospect of joining us in September in KS3; our tutors are busy making plans to integrate them into form groups.

Before the year 11s started their GCSEs, they had a special assembly. Every student was given an envelope which contained goodwill messages from staff and parents. It really was heart-warming to see the smiles – and tears! – this wrought. It seemed to be a realisation for some that this really was a time of change for them.

Year 10s have finished their end of year examinations and are coming up for their work experience. As with all changes to the normal routine, some are really excited by the challenge and others find it more daunting; many are a long way from their working years (given sixth form and university) but, nevertheless, it is an opportunity that is beneficial in many ways. Not only are students given an insight into the adult world of employment but the experience is used by teachers back in college. In English, for instance, many students focus their speaking and listening assessments on the work experience they undertake.

Form groups continue to make progress towards their PLEDGES award. It was a pleasure this week to see a form wearing plastic gloves and armed with sticks and plastic bags who were litter-picking; making the college environment better for everyone. The only thing better would be no litter to pick!

Lara Foulkes – Whilst most of us would love to boast of one talent, here is a student with more than one! Not only is Lara a musical tour de force, but a sporting one too! Music first: Lara plays Flute to a very high standard; she has gained a place in the prestigious Aldeburgh Young Musicians who work together at the lovely Snape Maltings. When asked how her love of the flute began, she recalled that, in year 3 of primary school, an assembly consisted of lots of musicians bringing in their instruments, playing them and talking about them. Lara decided that she wanted to play the flute and how proud her teacher must be!

Lara’s form tutor, Mrs Burrow, described Lara as a ‘co-operative, caring and capable’ member of her form. Praise indeed!
Sport – The saying is that if you want something done you ask a busy person... Lara qualifies. Not only does she represent our college at the discus (she won the District event last week!), runs the 800m and the 1500m and is in the relay team for the 4X100m, she plays rounders and netball. Enough? No. A year ago, Lara joined the Isle of Ely Rowing Club and has won Gold in her U14 quad at the Ball Cup at Eton Dorney! Are we proud to have Lara in Turing House? YOU BET!

Ollie Gallop – When I asked the head of PE who stands out as a sportsman in Turing House, the answer came back loud and clear – OLLIE GALLOP. This year he has ‘played brilliantly’ for Newmarket Rugby Club and was in their Eastern Counties U14 Plate winning side. He was, we are reliably told, ‘instrumental in winning the deciding match.’ Ollie is no slouch in academia either – he is a top set student who plays football as well as rugby. He plays cricket at County level (for Suffolk) and is an athlete too. Ollie says that his uncle went to Loughborough University and Ollie is set to follow him there so that he can combine his academic interests with his sporting prowess. Ollie’s tutor, Mrs N Burke said of Ollie ‘Ollie exemplifies team spirit and is a rather motivated young man.’

Some of us are fair weather walkers and runners but hats off to Ollie Taylor who has won the “runner of the series” because, through the winter (!), he took part in the “frostbite series of runs” on Sunday mornings. Ollie was nominated by his coaches from Ely runners. Ollie is pictured here with his well-deserved trophy.

We are proud to have these busy, talented, students in Turing House.

Next half term will see us taking part in a whole-school Sports Day. Look out for Turing on the leader board!

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Welcome to the Bishop Laney Sixth Form Pages

As we quickly move through the summer term, Bishop Laney 6th Form is already starting to prepare for not only September 2018 intake, but the promotion of its courses for September 2019. The weeks don’t slow down and there are lots being planned for the summer term. Some students, at the point of completing their courses, will be moving on to their next adventures very soon.

**Key Dates** - The summer term also feels a busy term with lots going on and opportunities arising for students. We have been lucky to secure some funding from local charities to support our enrichment programme and provide students with opportunities to learn from employers and prepare themselves for their futures.

Our next PLEDGES day, 20th June, is being held at Ely Cathedral, where a number of business people and university representatives will be on hand to run sessions developing students’ skills for employment and provide an understanding of the UCAS process.

This is closely followed by our trip to the Mission Impossible Skills and Careers Fair at Peterborough Arena, on 21st June. Here, there will be a number of businesses and personnel on hand to provide students with experience and knowledge to support them in any future plans. Over 6,000 students across the Peterborough and Cambridgeshire area attend the event.

The Bishop Laney Taster Day on 26th June is proving to be a popular day with many students signed up already. This will provide a number of Yr 10 students from the area with the opportunity to experience Bishop Laney 6th Form and the courses being offered for 2019. Current Bishop Laney 6th Form students will be a crucial part of this day.

Our 6th Form student council have been working hard on planning an away day for the 6th Form. This is planned to mark the end of the term, a celebration and a farewell to those leaving us at the end of their studies this year. The chosen venue is a trip to Alton Towers - more information will be shared soon.

A coffee morning was held on 11th May, in aid of SSAFA. This was organised and run by the Chair of the Student Council, Sydney Owen, with support from her peers. Some lovely treats were on offer and a nice donation was made to SSAFA thanks to the hard work and generosity of the 6th Form.
First Aid Course - Our year 12 Sport students undertook some first aid training as part of their course, working with a qualified first aid trainer, gaining an accredited qualification at the same time. This was an intensive one-day course, where students learnt the signs and symptoms to look out for, while also recognising the dangers to assess before offering first aid treatment. Students were then assessed across four different situations. Well done to all for your involvement and hard work.

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