

Review

Youth Speaks

The Youth Speaks Grand Final took place at Reepham High School and College on Tuesday 16th June, kindly sponsored by the Reepham Rotary Club. Ten finalists from across Years 7 to 9 had made it through an extremely high-quality semi-final to compete in front of a supportive and excited crowd.

The finalists had to speak to the topic: "It's the year 3026, and..." Their speeches championed love, community, solidarity, equality, and creativity. These students proposed a hopeful vision for a brighter tomorrow, delivered with power and persuasion. The speeches were inventive and the deliveries were confident across the board, giving the judges an incredibly difficult job.

The panel ultimately reached a decision, however, with Evie, Year 9, being chosen as the winner of Youth Speaks 2026. A time last year, she spoke confidently and creatively about the lessons we might learn (or not learn!) from using a time machine to visit the past and the future. She entertained and provoked a great deal of thought for a rapt audience.

The judges were stamped on second and third place, however, and were not able to choose between Ana, Year 9, and Ned, also Year 9. Both had delivered inventive and intelligent speeches that had left a great impression. Deciding that rules are meant to be broken, the judges elected to have them share second place, distributing the winnings evenly between the two speakers.

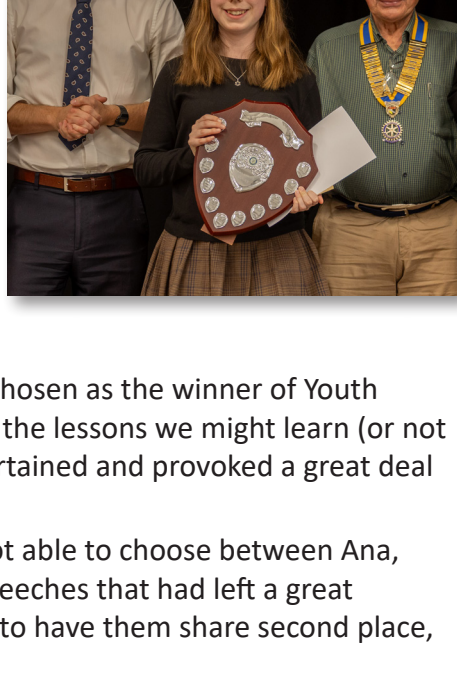


The school would like to thank the Rotary Club for their sponsorship of the event; particular thanks to Trevor Nelson for his work behind the scenes, as well as John Pickering and Arthur Hawes for sitting on the judging panel alongside Mrs Dreisin, English teacher extraordinaire.

This was the fifteenth iteration of the Youth Speaks competition, and it has been going from strength to strength. Next year promises to be even better. Here's to a hopeful tomorrow, one shaped by the students that have the courage to stand up and speak out.

With thanks to John Tym for the use of the photographs.

Mr Wright, English teacher



Prom 2026

On Tuesday 23rd June 2026, on what was a particularly hot and humid night, the Year 11 Prom got under way at Wensum Valley Hotel & Golf Club. The venue was transformed into a dazzling celebration of style, joy, and resilience. This spectacular evening was an opportunity to honour the incredible young people who have journeyed through their education and emerged with strength, grace, and sparkle.

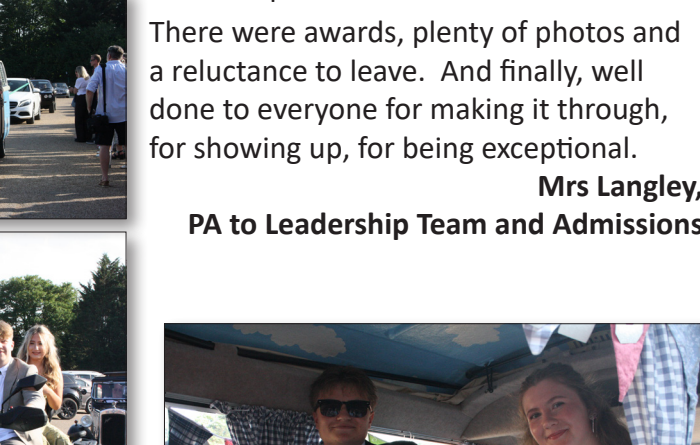
The arrivals were a show in themselves, with high-end sports cars that purred alongside a vintage bus, motorbikes and mobility scooters.

The dresses shimmered bright, full of colour, style, and individuality. The suits were sharp, stylish, and a testament to how far these young people have come. After a wonderful buffet followed by dessert and a sweets table, the celebration truly came alive. The dance floor stayed packed from the first beat to the final song, despite an interruption to watch England's rather drab

World Cup match.

There were awards, plenty of photos and a reluctance to leave. And finally, well done to everyone for making it through, for showing up, for being exceptional.

Mrs Langley, PA to Leadership Team and Admissions



Creative Arts Exhibition

On a beautifully warm June evening, students, families, friends, and staff came together to celebrate the annual Creative Arts Exhibition.

The college was transformed into a vibrant gallery, proudly showcasing the outstanding work of Year 11 and Year 13 students across Art, Craft and Design, Design Technology, Graphic Communication, and Photography.

Adding to the atmosphere, a number of exceptionally talented students from the Music Department performed throughout the evening, making the occasion even more memorable.

Despite the heat, the event saw an excellent turnout, and it was a pleasure to see so many smiling faces enjoying the creativity on display.

We would like to wish all our students the very best of luck with their upcoming exam results and hope they have a fantastic and well-deserved summer.

Ms Lee, Art teacher



Carnegie 2026

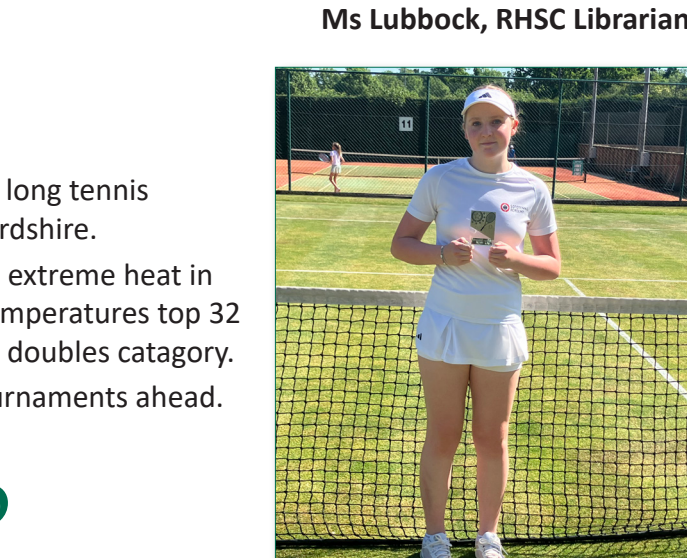
Each year a group of Reepham High School pupils shadows the Carnegie Medal for Writing. This year's shortlist has been a real hit with our group of keen readers. The shadowers read the eight books and met regularly to discuss them.

In June, we held our Carnegie Conference to share our thoughts on the shortlisted books and decide on our favourites.

The official winners were revealed when we watched the ceremony livestream. Both the overall prize and Shadowers' Choice Award went to Wolf Siren by Beth O'Brien, an evocative and magical story which centres a positive, empowered disabled character at the heart of a reimagination of Little Red Riding Hood.

Well done to all the readers who took part, for your achievement in reading all the books and your contribution to our conference.

Ms Lubbock, RHSC Librarian

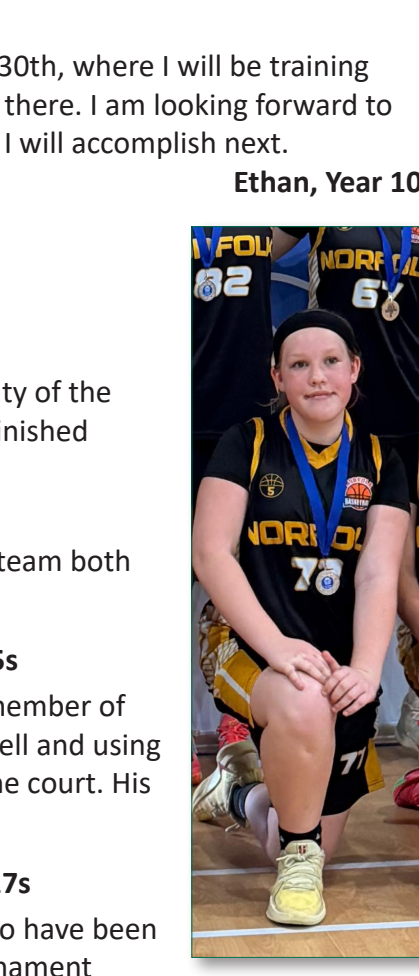


Tennis Success

Congratulations to Zoe in Year 9 who competed in a week long tennis tournament over the May half term in Harpenden, Hertfordshire.

It was mentally and physically tough to battle through the extreme heat in full sun, especially in the first couple of days which saw temperatures top 32 degrees. She showed massive resilience and won the 16U doubles category.

We wish her every success in her summer schedule of tournaments ahead.



Ethan, Year 10

Fighting To The Top

Over the past six years of competing, I have been able to gain and hold several titles including Muay Thai world champion, K1 world champion, 3 x European Muay Thai champion, 3 x European k1 champion, 2 x British Muay Thai champion, 2 x British k1 champion.

In total I have had over 200 semi contact and full contact fights, most of which I have won. My most recent win was on a show called KBX 7 where I won in a second round technical knockout.

I am now going to Thailand from June 13th - 30th, where I will be training with high level professionals and fighting out there. I am looking forward to seeing how far I can go in my sport and what I will accomplish next.



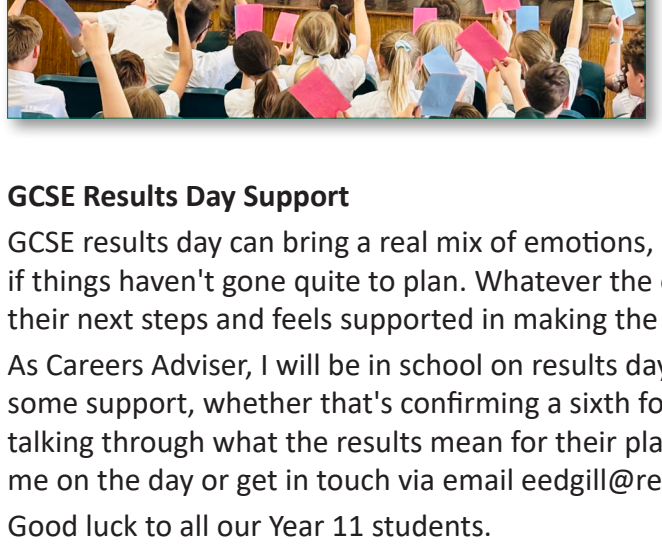
Basketball Stars

Norfolk County Team U13s

Dotty in Year 7 was part of the core group of players who played for the majority of the time during the four games and was integral to the team's success. Her team finished second, only losing by two points.

Jude in Year 8 played very well in the B team who finished fourth.

Jonah in Year 8 played in the A team, finishing fourth and really supported his team both on and off the court.



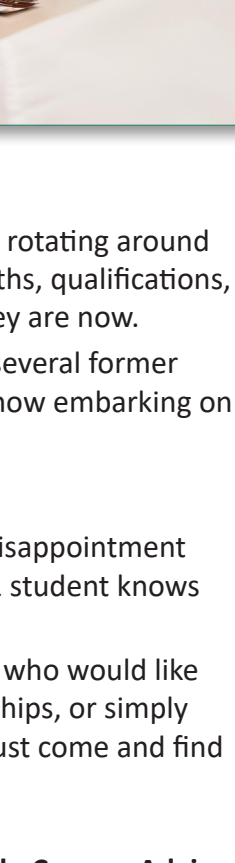
Norfolk County Team U15s

Joe in Year 10 was a key member of the squad, contributing well and using his size on both ends of the court. His team finished fifth.

Norfolk County Teams U17s

Nathan, Tom, Billy and Theo have been selected for the U17 tournament which is on Sunday 5th July.

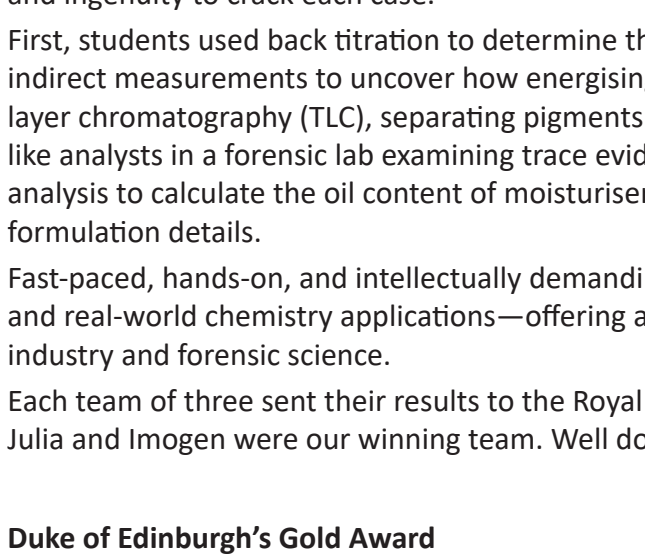
We have a lot of very talented basketballers in our school, and we are proud of them all.



Looking Ahead

Inspiring Futures

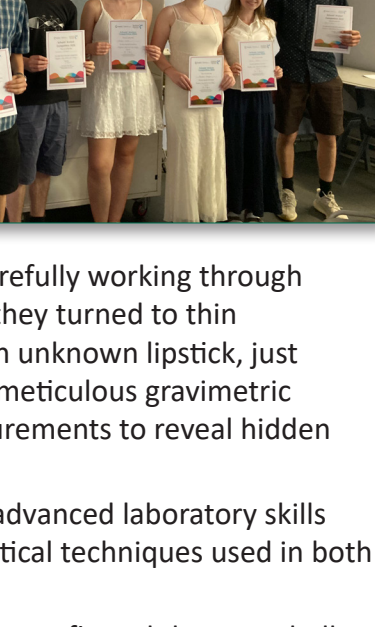
Year 7 students took part in a careers event "Inspiring Futures", an afternoon designed to open their eyes to the breadth of careers and pathways available to them.



The event kicked off with a "Guess the Job" challenge, where students tried to match a panel of speakers to their actual job titles, proving that you really can't judge a career by appearances. Our Year 7s engaged with this really well.

They then took part in speed networking, rotating around tables to quiz speakers on their career paths, qualifications, and the routes they took to get where they are now.

It was especially lovely to welcome back several former Reepham students among our speakers, now embarking on their own career journeys.



Mrs Edgill - Careers Adviser

GCSE Results Day Support

GCSE results day can bring a real mix of emotions, excitement, relief, or for some students, disappointment if things haven't gone quite to plan. Whatever the outcome, it's important that every Year 11 student knows their next steps and feels supported in making the right choices.

As Careers Adviser, I will be in school on results day to talk through options with any student who would like some support, whether that's confirming a sixth form or college place, exploring apprenticeships, or simply talking through what the results mean for their plans. No appointment is necessary, please just come and find me on the day or get in touch via email eedgill@reephamhigh.org.uk.

Good luck to all our Year 11 students.

College News

Forensic Challenge

The Royal Society of Chemistry Schools' Analyst Competition 2026 challenged Year 12 students to step into the role of real forensic scientists, tackling three demanding and fascinating chemical investigations. Competitors had to combine precision, problem-solving, and ingenuity to crack each case.

First, students used back titration to determine the caffeine content of coffee—carefully working through indirect measurements to uncover how energising their sample really was. Next, they turned to thin layer chromatography (TLC), separating pigments to identify the composition of an unknown lipstick, just like analysts in a forensic lab examining trace evidence. Finally, they carried out a meticulous gravimetric analysis to calculate the oil content of moisturisers, relying on careful mass measurements to reveal hidden formulation details.

Fast-paced, hands-on, and intellectually demanding, the competition showcased advanced laboratory skills and real-world chemistry applications—offering an exciting glimpse into the analytical techniques used in both industry and forensic science.

Each team of three sent their results to the Royal Society of Chemistry judges, who confirmed that Annabelle, Julia and Imogen were our winning team. Well done!



College Tutor Olympics

Congratulations to Mr Thompson's tutor group who rounded up the final tutor Olympic activity for this academic year, and are our current Welly Wanging champions!



Mrs Lee, Science teacher

Reepham High School

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Friday 6th November 2026

DROP IN EVENING FOR OFFER HOLDERS

Thursday 4th March 2027

Admissions for September 2027 open on 7th September 2026

(Deadline for 'in time' applications is Friday 4th December 2026)

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