

Review

A Dance Delight

Dance fans at Reepham High School were treated to a trip to Norwich Theatre Royal to see Matthew Bourne's Swan Lake.



First staged in 1995, this popular reimagining of the classical ballet has become the longest running full length dance and currently touring their 30th anniversary show.

The students thoroughly enjoyed the performance and were captivated by the distinctive choreography, set designs and costumes. The show was definitely swan-of-a-kind!



Mrs Masdin and Miss Colebrook

Delicious and Nutritious

Wish for fish?

We did and got a fantastic supply of canned Alaska pink salmon from Alaska Seafood UK. Not only did our pupils learn new skills but were able to try new fish dishes for the future GCSE too. Thanks to the Food Teacher Centre (FTC-Facebook), DFDS Global Supplies and The Fishmongers Company as part of the FTC's 'Fish Heroes' project. Our Year 10s took the salmon and made their own tagliatelle to produce a delicious and nutritious salmon carbonara. We saw very little of the dish leave the classroom, to be honest.



GCSE NEA2 practical exams

Our Year 11s have just completed their practical examinations that form part of their GCSE in Food Preparation and Nutrition. Pupils were given three hours to produce three dishes and accompaniments centred around a theme specified by the exam board. They were provided with a range of garnishes to embellish their plating and presentation skills, including some herbs from our allotment at RHSC. The two NEAs completed by Easter equate to 50% of the GCSE award, so we encourage them to show their skills prior to their written exam in June.

Chelsea Buns

Our Year 10s took on the early Easter spirit by creating some amazing Chelsea buns. They learnt about the differences between traditional and enriched bread doughs, extended proving and shaping techniques to bake these beauties. Their citrus-infused icing and liberal use of sugar and cinnamon meant they were a real hit with all our pupils, including most of the school who got a whiff of the incredible aromas emanating from the food room!



Sticky Honey and sesame chicken

And finally, as part of upskilling our Year 10 GCSE pupils prior to their assessments next year, our pupils experimented with marinades and starch-thickened sauces to make a healthier alternative to a classic Chinese-inspired dish. Pupils were also encouraged to consider their plating skills to present them to 'restaurant quality' as required for their GCSE.



Mr Baxter, Food Technology teacher

Careers Fair - Festival of Knowledge

170 Year 8 students and staff attended the Festival of Knowledge at the Royal Norfolk Showground. There was a diverse range of companies from global corporations to pioneering start-ups that our students could speak with and some fun activities on offer to get them really involved.

Feedback from the students has been very positive:

I really enjoyed going out and seeing all of the different career options, it was really inspiring. My favourite part of the festival was the army stand. I loved trying on the heavy uniform and learning about all the different roles you can have in the army.

Before I came to the fair I had no idea what I wanted to be when I was older, however, looking at the cool and different stands and hearing about the different paths I can go into, I now have a pretty good idea of what I want to do with my life. **Nancy**

I would really recommend visiting, they had a wide range of jobs, businesses and opportunities. My favourite was construction and apprenticeships. Everyone should get the opportunity to go. **Brendan**



The Careers Fair was very exciting and showed me that thinking sooner rather than later could encourage me to have a better idea of what I would like to be when I am older. I enjoyed hearing about different careers and meeting lovely people who were confident and kind. **Sophie**

It was a really enjoyable experience, talking to the businesses and seeing lots of potential job opportunities. **Hugo**

I really enjoyed it because there were so many different jobs that I didn't even know existed. **Saskia**



Mrs Edgill, careers coordinator

Year 10 Art

Negative Space

Inspired by the work of Rachel Whiteread, students have explored the world of low-relief, three-dimensional sculpture. Whiteread's work examines space, memory, and the traces of human presence using materials such as plaster, resin and concrete to cast the negative spaces around or within objects. By transforming everyday item, such as boxes, staircases, and even an entire terraced house, she reveals often-overlooked spaces, turning them into thought-provoking works of art.



Drawing from this approach, students created their own low-relief sculptures based on negative space drawing of chair legs. They transferred the drawing creating low relief boards from card, which were then used as moulds for casting with Modroc (plaster-impregnated gauze). Once dry, the castings revealed the negative space, resulting in both a positive low-relief board and a negative space sculpture, offering a deeper understanding of form, absence, and presence in art.

Year 10 Photography - Still Life

Photography students have been exploring the still life genre, drawing inspiration from the works of Jan Groover, Stephanie Gonot, and Irving Penn. Through studying their work, they have learned how to create compositions that respond to these artists' distinct styles while also developing technical skills in studio photography, including DSLR camera use, studio lighting, and post-processing in Photoshop.



Their exploration spans Groover's formalist approach, which emphasises close-up, abstract compositions that focus on shape and form, to Gonot's contemporary colourful, food-based still life photography. Penn's personal work introduces themes of consumerism and waste, demonstrating how discarded objects can be repurposed into striking works of art. By engaging with these varied perspectives, students refine their ability to create compelling still life images that merge artistic vision with technical expertise.

Ms Lee, Art teacher

Carnegie 2025

Once again, a group of keen readers are taking up the challenge of reading the eight books on this year's Carnegie shortlist.



This is always a great way to discover books that we otherwise might not have picked up - the Carnegie shortlist always has a least one title that will go on to become a firm favourite with our school reading community.

This year's selection ranges from stories about grief and loss to a laugh-out-loud tale about what it means to be a teenager in today's world.

Our group meets once a week in the library, and we will take part in a Carnegie conference on the day the winner is announced in June, which we will vote for our favourite and watch the ceremony live to see if the judges agree with our choice!



Ms Lubbock, RHSC librarian

Losing Us

The film Losing Us was filmed with an international cast and crew in various locations around Norfolk in the UK in 2021 and 2022, with most of the scenes filmed in Reepham, including Reepham High School and College. Students from the school were involved in acting roles, production and behind the scenes. The film is now available for you to watch online via Vimeo.



English actor, comedian, director, and writer Stephen Fry said:

"What a magnificent achievement. Completely full of admiration for the passion, commitment and sheer talent and skill that has gone into this. I fell in love with this family and desperately wanted to reach into the screen and help them".

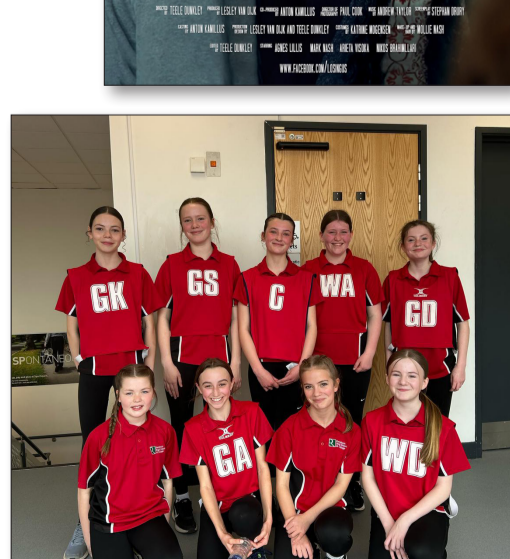
Netball Success

On Saturday 22nd March the Year 8 netball team played in a tournament at UEA. The girls played so well and finished third in their pool which was a fantastic achievement. It was great for them to have the opportunity to play against other schools in the county and they learned so much.

On Tuesday 24th March our Year 8 netball teams were once again in action at Gresham's school who kindly hosted a county tournament.



The A team came third in their pool which meant they qualified for the plate competition where they reached the semifinals, unfortunately losing by two goals. The B team played their very best and had a great experience of competition.



Mrs Masdin