

In the news

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Hard work adds up for maths students

A trio of Crackley Hall School pupils are set to pit their wits against children from around the world in the next round of a maths competition. Anika Saravanan, Alastair Darwell and Erin King achieved scores securing them a place in the Primary Maths Challenge Bonus Round competition beating 68,000 pupils from almost 1,700 schools. The competition will test their problem solving skills using their maths knowledge.

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Talented artist wins top award

Princethorpe College art scholar Helen Lintott has been awarded a first place in the Independent Schools' Association's prestigious National Art Competition.

Her entry, Self Portrait, won the Key Stage 4 Drawing class. She is the latest in a long line of gifted artists to have had their work recognised in this way. Her lifelike piece was part of her coursework for her GCSE art examination. Helena comes from an artistic family - her father trained as an illustrator and she has inherited his skills.

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The ancient Egyptian themed day included lots of ancient fun and games. (s)

TIME-TRAVELLING youngsters at a Kenilworth school were transported back over 3,000 years to ancient Egypt.

Pupils at Crackley Hall enjoyed an ancient Egyptian themed day which included learning skills important to the civilisation, including tomb painting, hieroglyphic writing and making perfume cones.

They also made canopic jars - which preserved the innards of passed loved ones - from clay and carved scarab beetles in soap.

And mummies were created using small peg dolls embalmed with spices, perfumes and animal fat.

In the afternoon the royal court was set up and food was prepared for a grand banquet.

Dances, music and plays were performed whilst the banquet of bread, wine in goblets, cheese, figs, dates and fruits was served by the slaves.

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Bright sparks learn all about fire hazards

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Bright sparks at a Rugby school have been learning about fire safety.

Students from Crescent School welcomed members of Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service for a Junior Fire Safety Champion talk.

The children built on their knowledge from the fire service's first visit to the school and explored different fire hazards within the home, looking at ways they could ensure both they, and their families, remained safe in the event of a fire.



Students take part in fire safety day.

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Oxford hopes for two students

Two Princethorpe College sixth formers have received offers for Oxford University.

Nick Bonsall, who completed his studies at the college last July and is currently on a gap year, has received an unconditional offer to read English at St Anne's College, Upper Sixth academic prefect, James Fletcher, has a conditional offer to read Law at Trinity College. Both students were surprised and delighted with the news which they received last week.

Staff said the pupils have earned their success.

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Head girl Miriam wins UK contest



Headteacher Ed Hester with award-winning head girl Miriam Isaacs and head of sixth form Ben Collie. (s)

THE HEAD girl of Princethorpe College has won the top prize at a national speaking competition.

Sixth form student Miriam Isaacs won the Catenian Public Speaking Competition for Young People - one of 16 regional winners.

The 17 year-old history, French and English Literature and Language student gave a four-minute presentation on the topic of "Should the law should always be obeyed?"

She said: "I felt very privileged to be able to take part in this competition at a national level and talking about the law and justice reminded me how lucky we are to be able to speak our mind in public. And of course, winning was the icing on the cake."

Competitors were marked by the judges, Wendy Sutcliffe, Lord Alton of Liverpool and the Bishop of Salford, Severn, John Arnold, on a variety of criteria from content, delivery, elocution and appearance.

Headteacher Ed Hester said: "This is absolutely super news, the college has won the regional rounds before, but this is the first time we have had a national winner."

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Pupils get taste of Victorian schooling

Pupils and teachers at Crackley Hall School got a taste of what it was like to be at school during Victorian times thanks to a history group. Two Year 6 classes, along with teachers and parents, experienced what school was like on June 23, 1897, the day of Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. On Thursday December 14, history group 'History off the Page' turned the school hall into a village school from Victorian times. Current Year 6 teachers Sarah Lammam and Soreha Horan said: "The day was a lot of fun, it really brought history alive and it was a fabulous way to round off our term studying the Victorians."

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Young Carers support

Princethorpe College raised £5883.84 recently for Warwickshire Young Carers. Chief Executive Deb Bignell said the money would fund a residential activity week for 40 young carers. "It will make a difference to their lives by allowing them to have a break and to have some fun."

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Pupils serve community



Sixth formers Isabel Maude (far left) and Mill Thornton (far right) with some of the senior citizens.

Senior citizens from a number of care homes enjoyed Christmas dinner thanks to pupils at Princethorpe College.

Sixth formers welcomed more than 130 guests from The Chimneys, Town Thorns, Clifton Court, Overlade House, Willow Tree, Home-wood, Galton House, Castle Frons and James Hill for turkey and all the trimmings.

They joined together with residents from St Anne's parish, Wappenbury, for a special senior citizen's Christmas celebratory lunch.

At this popular annual community event, the guests were served turkey and all the trimmings, prepared by the college catering team.

They were welcomed by college sixth formers.

Guests were also treated to some excellent entertainment by pupils from local primary school, Our Lady's Princethorpe, who sang Hallelujah and Love Shone Down, together with performances

by sixth formers, Erin Dunn-Morgan and Harriet Molloy, of 'I'll Be Home For Christmas, Silent Night and Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas.'

Head of sixth form, Ben Collie, also led the assembled

guests in a joyful singalong of much loved traditional carols, including Ding Dong Merrily On High, O Come All Ye Faithful and Hark The Herald Angels Sing.

Mr Collie said: "It was wonderful to see old and young chatting and simply enjoying the moment together, embodying the true spirit of Christmas."

"A huge thank you to our sixth formers and staff for organising such a fabulous festive event."

The guests said the food and entertainment were wonderful and praised the organisers for putting on the day.

CATHOLIC TODAY
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College Library Shortlisted for Inspiration Award

Helen Stephenson
Princethorpe College, Rugby

PRINCETHORPE COLLEGE is delighted to announce that it is one of only six secondary schools that have made it through to the shortlist for the School Library Association's 2017 Inspiration Award.

The Award is designed to reward innovation and creativity, it is given to the school library space that shows inspiration and resourcefulness in its library design and use, or through the creative use of specific products or promotions. The judges are less concerned with how big the school library space is, but rather with what it has achieved with the available resources and the challenges it faces.

Earlier in the year the College welcomed the SLA Inspiration Award National Judges, Dawn Woods and Geoff Dobber, into school to inspect and evaluate its Sixth Form Learning Resource Centre. The judges met with Sixth Form teaching staff to discuss the impact of the new resource on their teaching and learning and they also met with Sixth Form students to discuss



L-R: Students: Laura Humphreys, Amy Cook and Alana Eckland and SLA Judges: Dawn Woods and Geoff Dobber

their perspective on the Resource Centre. Lastly, the judges spoke with College Librarian, Celia Scott, to help them consider the College's application.

Celia Scott comments, 'Much consideration went into the design and layout of the Sixth Form Learning Resource Centre at Princethorpe. Our aim was to create a place where young people would want to learn, and have the environment and resources to support them. We believe our dedicated Sixth Form Learning Resource facility makes

a difference to the learning lives of our students and are delighted that the judges do too.'

The shortlist was announced on 4 September, and the winning school will be chosen on Monday 2 October in an awards ceremony in Covent Garden, London. All of the shortlisted schools will have the chance to showcase their school library designs before the final decision is made.

The Inspiration Award takes place biennially with prizes awarded in both primary and secondary sectors.

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Super salty, sandy, seaside history day!

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Sunshine was brought to a damp January morning when students at The Crescent school in Rugby took a trip to the seaside.

The history day was made possible with a little help from the Freshwater Theatre Company. Students enjoyed a drama workshop, giving them a memorable trip through seaside holidays from 1910 through to the modern day. Children also explored how holidays and pastimes have changed over the past century.



Children enjoy being beside the seaside.

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Princethorpe students have heart

Red and white carnations were hand delivered by sixth formers to classrooms across Princethorpe College in celebration of St Valentine's Day.

Princethorpe's Sixth Form students have been busy promoting their charity fundraiser in aid of the British Heart Foundation.

This year there were over

70 recipients and the sixth formers raised £130, which will be donated to help the British Heart Foundation in their mission to fight for every heartbeat.

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Performing pupils impress

Twenty-four Princethorpe College LAMDA (London Academy for Music and Dramatic Arts) pupils had cause for celebration when they received the results of their most recent examination.

Undertaking examinations in a range of disciplines - including Mime, Reading for Performance, Acting, Verse and Prose, and Public Speaking - candidates impressed the visiting examiner with the overall confidence they demonstrated. Twenty-two achieved a Distinction, seven with a score of 90 plus, and two, Annelisa Douglas and Grace Isaacs, were judged as 'perfect, scoring 100'.

LAMDA co-ordinator Mary MacDonald said she was thoroughly delighted with the combined outcome of all the pupils' efforts. She said: "These results reflect the hard work that pupils put into learning and rehearsing their pieces."

"We had a tremendous 22 Distinctions (the highest mark awarded), a Merit and a Pass. In the process of preparing for these exams, pupils have developed their understanding of both literature and drama and I can see how much they have improved as individual, confident public performers."

Distinctions were awarded to: Emily Andrews, Gracie Beau-Gibbons, Fern Boston, Nataasha Carter, Ophelia Diben, Annelisa Douglas, Maisie Edge, Louisa Harper, Zara Hendy, Abigail Hewson, Lucy Hurworth, Grace Isaacs, Elsie Kelley, Charlotte Lewington, Molly McGrovy, Chloe O'Carroll-Bailey, Eva Ostler, Ailie Powell, Edith Reay, Scarlett Russell, Jamie Smith and James Walker.

A Merit was awarded to Grace Bartlett and a Pass was awarded to Ralph Ireland.

Some of the top performing LAMDA pupils (from left): Jamie Smith, Grace Isaacs, Lucy Hurworth, Zara Hendy and Fern Boston



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EDUCATION



Crackley Hall celebrates inspection results

Staff at Crackley Hall School are 'thrilled' with the highly positive results of a recent inspection. It received the highest possible ratings across all criteria from the Independent Schools Inspectorate (ISI) following an inspection in October. The report states that pupils' academic achievements and personal development is 'excellent'. But inspectors suggested it should focus on using its library as a learning resource, among other things, to improve. Headmaster Robert Dugan said: "We are thrilled with the report which is a real vote of confidence for everything we do at Crackley Hall. I am delighted the hard work of pupils, teachers, support staff and parents has been so resoundingly acknowledged."

ROMANS armed with swords and shields invaded Princethorpe College to bring history to life for pupils. Year 7 pupils enjoyed lessons full of tales of blood and gore as part of the college's Roman Day. With replica costumes and equipment based on real archaeological finds, visiting Centurions from Roman Tours dramatised the tactics and organisation of the Roman fighting machine.

Lucky volunteers including Oliver Alford dressed up in full body armour and attempted to carry a soldier's kit, as Centurion Ocratus Maximil captivated his new recruits with graphic stories of life in the Roman Army.

Oliver Alford was put through his paces by Centurion Ocratus Maximil (left) and Legionary Marcus Nerja (right) from Roman Tours. (s)



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School enjoying sports success

SPORTING success on the pitch and in the pool is being enjoyed at a Rugby primary school.

The Crescent School is celebrating a cricketer being selected for Warwickshire's development squad and two swimmers making a national championships.

Women's cricket is on the up after England won the world cup - and Georgia Dowling could one day be helping them to further glory.

She took her first step after being selected for Warwickshire's Development of Excellence Cricket Squad for under-11 girls.

Georgia has been playing cricket since she was seven years old. She currently plays for Oakfield Cricket Club in Rugby, in their under-11 hardball team.

Georgia was a key member of the school's under-11 team last summer and was nominated for the county trials by the Banbury Road school's head of sport Matt Phillips.

The selection took place over three consecutive Sunday mornings and the girls played in the nets and took part in two matches.

Georgia impressed the coaches with her all-round excellent play, and was among 18 girls selected for the squad.

"She will now train weekly at Edgbaston over the winter, with a view to being selected for the summer squad to play matches against other counties."

Matt said: "We are very proud of Georgia, she is a talented and exciting cricketer and this is a great opportunity for her. We look forward to following her progress over the winter in the Development Squad."

And swimmers Jamie Capelett and Marco Rodriguez Hernandez are aiming to make a national splash.

Jamie and Marco are preparing to compete in the Independent Schools' National Championships taking place at the London Olympic Aquatics Centre on Sunday (January 21).

The pair qualified through the Midlands gala held in November.

Jamie qualified for the Year 5 Freestyle Relay and Marco for the Year 4 Freestyle Relay.

Left - Cricket star Georgia Dowling.



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Future is bright for Princethorpe pupils

School performance tables have revealed the substantial level of academic progress Princethorpe students make in sixth form.

Princethorpe is the top performing school in the area and the only school to score 'well above average' for progress in A-level performance in 2017.

Headmaster Ed Heister said: "These progress measures indicate the 'value-added' by the school, looking at where the young people started and where they end up."

"Princethorpe is not, and never will be, an academic hot-house, but these results reflect the tremendous progress our students make."

To see the results visit www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk/

Staff and students celebrate at Princethorpe.



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Caring gesture by college

Princethorpe College has presented a cheque to Warwickshire Young Carers for £5,883.84, following a year of fundraising by pupils and staff at the school.

The charity had been nominated by pupils as House charity for the school year 2016-17.

The chief executive of Warwickshire Young Carers, Deb Signell, visited the school to receive the donation.

Sixth Form charity prefects Ben Haden and Samantha Bromage-Eeles presented the cheque on behalf of the staff and pupils.

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Apprenticeship at Rolls Royce for top student

Princethorpe Upper Sixth student Autumn Wells has beaten off the competition to land a prestigious degree apprenticeship with Rolls Royce.

This is an amazing achievement by Autumn as the apprenticeship scheme was hugely oversubscribed, with some 7,000 applicants for just four commercial roles.

Autumn, who is studying A-levels in maths, psychology and law, is looking forward to the programme.

She underwent a rigorous selection procedure; after completing an online application, eligibility and psychometric tests and a video interview she was one of just 30 applicants invited to an assessment centre.

She said: "I am really looking forward to the mix of university and on the job study. Over the four years I will have eight placements in departments such as finance, contracts, sales and marketing."

"I will have the chance to meet and work with a wide range of people and put many of my classroom skills into practice."

Jacqui Quinney, head of careers, said: "We are absolutely delighted for Autumn."

Autumn Wells.



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College library adds award to the shelf

A COLLEGE library has been recognised for its resourcefulness and ability to inspire its users.

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Celia said: "Much consideration went into the design and layout of the Resource Centre at Princethorpe. Our aim was to create a place where young people would want to learn, and have the environment and resources to support them."

"We believe our dedicated Sixth Form Learning Resource facility makes a difference to the learning lives of our students and are delighted that the judges do too."

The winning school will be chosen on October 2 during an awards ceremony in Covent Garden, London. All of the shortlisted schools will have the chance to showcase their school library designs before the final decision is made.

Library award - left to right - Students Laura Humphreys, Amy Cook and Alana Eckland with SLA Judges Dawn Woods and Geoff Dubber. (s)

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PRINCETHORPE COLLEGE



Students enjoy round trip to Red Square

Nearly 40 pupils and six staff from Princethorpe College have returned from a six-day trip to Moscow and St Petersburg. The pupils, from Year 9 through to sixth form, took in many of Moscow's sights, including Red Square, St Basil's Cathedral, a tour around the Kremlin, the Red Army and the Comonant Museum. In St Petersburg they saw the towers' palaces, including the Grand Palace and gardens, known as the Russian Versailles.

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Public Speaking award

Princethorpe's Miriam Isaacs has won the Catenian Public Speaking Competition for Young People from Catholic schools. All the competitors gave incredible performances so Miriam's victory is something that we are really proud of, said Head of English Chris Kerrigan.

DAVENTRY EXPRESS
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Competition

Artistic Helena wins top award

DAVENTRY art scholar Helena Lintott has been awarded first place in the Independent Schools' Association's prestigious National Art Competition.

The Princethorpe College student's drawing, Self Portrait, won the Key Stage 4 Drawing class.

She is the latest in a long line of gifted college artists to have had their work recognised in this way. Her lifelike piece, a photo-realistic, drawn self-portrait, was part of her coursework for her GCSE Art exam. Helena comes from an artistic family - her father trained as an illustrator and she has clearly inherited his skills.

She is now in lower sixth and is studying art at A-level.

Princethorpe College head of art, Paul Hubball, said: "This is the first time that we have won the Key Stage 4 Drawing category and Helena's work is exceptional."

Dipping their toes

PUPILS at Crescent School enjoyed seaside holidays past and present with a little help from the Freshwater Theatre Company.

The day began with a drama workshop giving the class a memorable trip through seaside holidays from 1910 to the modern day.

The children explored how holidays and pastimes have changed over the past century.

During the day they also enjoyed seaside music, created sand art, studied and sorted seaside pictures and wrote about their experiences.

The day was finished off with a traditional Punch and Judy show and an ice cream.

Crescent's Class One was transported to the seaside for the day. (s)


