

# Diss Tributes

April 2019



## Message from the Headteacher

There have been plenty of enrichment opportunities for our pupils this term: the BBC Real News Report Day, the Big Bang Science Fair, Women in Science, World Book Day, Spanish Exchange, Peace Conference, Maths Challenge and Visit to Auschwitz to name but a few. Years 11 and 13 are gearing up for exams after Easter and we wish them every success.



## Inclusive Zonal Basketball

On 12<sup>th</sup> March 2019, I took a group of talented and enthusiastic sports students to compete in the regional final of the IZB Eastern Region Competition. As expected from Diss High pupils, they were a credit to the school and their parents.

This competition is an inclusive event with Wheelchair basketball players playing alongside ambulant basketball players. The team worked really well together achieving second place in the competition.

The pupils that had not been in a wheelchair before found that this is much harder than they expected! Sam particularly now has arms of steel as he worked so hard! Praise also needs to go to Rhiannan as her coaching skills were superb. Well done everyone.

Congratulations to Tamsin Wenden, Rhiannan Webb, Riley Kemp, Finn Zaal, Sam Willett & Ben Cohodar.



## Big Bang Fair

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March, the Science department took 48 year 8 students to visit the Big Bang Fair at the NEC in Birmingham. This was an opportunity for students to be inspired by new developments in science and learn about some career options available for students studying STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) subjects. Opportunities were available for fun, hands-on activities using equipment that is not usually available in school.

Highlights at this year's Big Bang Fair included a virtual reality RAF flight; maggot racing and handling cockroaches; making slime; and a hands-on demonstration of human body organs. This year's big shows were hosted by the Royal Institution and by the Gastronomer, a TV scientist. There were plenty of explosions throughout the shows and a lot of time was spent explaining the science of 'farts'!



The day was extremely fun; the students were very well-behaved and represented the school exceptionally. They were highly motivated and were involved in as many activities as possible from the moment we entered the Fair until the minute we left.

## Sixth Form: #Impact Presentation

The Sixth Form attended an excellent presentation by the emergency services on driver safety. Students viewed first-hand the complex work of emergency services when they attend the scene of a road traffic accident. Ewan Berry volunteered to play the role of the injured passenger and was cut from the wreckage of a car. The presentation's clear safety messages were to ensure young people drive their cars with care, attention and to road conditions.



## Maths Challenge

Students from years 8 and 9 recently participated in the Maths Challenge. Special mention goes to Finn Wilcockson, Alex Painter and Logan Sayer who managed to get through to the next round of the challenge, whilst Mia Somers, Bethany Ely, Leah Kidd and Rosie Munnings also achieved excellent scores.

Finn, Alex, Logan and Rosie then represented the school in the Team Maths Challenge at Framlingham College. They competed against other teams from around the county and came in 7th place out of a possible 28, which is a fantastic result.

Congratulations and thanks go to all those who took part.

## Diary Dates

Key Dates	
April 2019	
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Start of term
26 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup>	Bronze D of E Practice Expedition
7 <sup>th</sup>	Year 10 Sports Leaders Event
9 <sup>th</sup>	Year 9 Vaccinations
17 <sup>th</sup>	Year 13 Leavers' Day
27 <sup>th</sup> – 1st June	Half Term

## Eastern Counties Rugby



This year, for the first time, some of our girls were selected to represent Eastern Counties for Rugby: Bee Johnston at Under 15, also Ruby Gaze, Melany Copland and Niamh Somers at under 18 level. All of the girls have enjoyed a successful season playing at Diss Rugby club and their selection was made through various Eastern Counties rugby festivals.

The standard of girls' rugby in the county has increased dramatically over the past 12 months and new players are always welcome at the rugby club. Training takes place, at Diss Rugby Club, on a Wednesday night 7-8:30 pm and there are teams representing all high school year groups.

If anyone would like further information then they should talk to Mr Somers.