

## Headlines by Caroline Gibson

### Hadleigh High School – the 6<sup>th</sup> best school in Suffolk as ranked by ‘The Times’ *Secondary School League Tables: The Essential Guide for Parents*

The Times newspaper publishes its League Tables every year and these were released on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2018. This year’s tables identify the top 10 performing schools in each Local Authority. Schools are ranked on the average points achieved per pupil in 8 GCSEs. Where schools have an equal points score, the percentage of pupils achieving grades A\*-C (or 9-5) in English Baccalaureate 2 subjects is used as a tie-breaker - GCSEs in English, Maths, 2 or more Sciences, a Language and History or Geography.

We were aware that our pupils performed very well in the GCSE examinations last summer. Hadleigh has always offered pupils a challenging and broad curriculum. We are delighted to find that, based on the Times newspaper’s analysis of data, that Hadleigh has been ranked as the 6<sup>th</sup> best school in Suffolk based on the new examinations.

The 2017 data has resulted in the following schools being identified as the top 10 performing secondary schools.

1. Debenham High School
2. Thomas Mills High School
3. Hartismere High School
4. Copleston High School
5. Ixworth High School
6. Hadleigh High School
7. Holbrook High School
8. Farlingaye High School
9. St. Benedicts High School
10. Stradbroke High School

We are delighted that the hard work of our pupils and staff has been recognised and value the excellent support we receive from parents. We will continue to strive to achieve the highest standards across every area of the curriculum to enable our students to fulfil their potential and have the best chances of success Post 16.



### **Safer Internet Day**

With Safer Internet day coming up on 6<sup>th</sup> February, take the time to play your part to help children ‘Create, Connect and Share Respect’ online. Next week, staff and pupils will be addressing this topic through assemblies and form time activities but we all know that support of pupils is an ongoing team effort. Follow this link to some fantastic resources, including a parent pack <https://www.internetmatters.org/safer-internet-day-2018/>

### **Thanks to:**

**Chloe Farrell-Parker, Laura Kebell, Anna MacDonald, Kara Meldrum, Jess Miller and Myles Whaley** for their assistance with staff interviews this week.

### **Absence Telephone Number/ParentMail**

If your child is away from school, please telephone the school on the morning your child is absent. **There is a dedicated telephone line for you to leave a message regarding your child’s absence, the number is 01473 820940 or you can register your child’s absence via Parentmail.**

If possible, please indicate how long you think your child is likely to be absent. To support and help you in keeping a check on attendance, we will telephone or text you each day your child is away from school, if we have not heard from you.

If your child arrives late to registration a text will be sent to parents.

If we have not been able to make contact with you regarding your child’s absence, you will need to send a note in to your child’s Form Tutor, otherwise the absence will be recorded as “Unauthorised” and considered as truancy.

### **IMPORTANT Notice: Suffolk County Council’s Free School Meals Service**

**Message from Suffolk County Council Free School Meals Service:** Please note that from the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018 SCC will no longer be accepting paper applications, only online applications. Please apply online at [www.suffolk.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals).

### **Year 8 ‘Star of the Week’**

The winners of this week’s Year 8’s ‘**Stars of the Week**’ are:

**Olivia Wood (8O)**

**Piper Debenham (8M)**

**Grace Cowan (8G)**

We are extremely proud of your attitude to learning and hope to see this continue! Well done to you all.

## Dora Love Prize

Switch Forum (our Active Citizenship Club) promised to remember the horrific events of the Holocaust by using the “*Power of Words*” in a presentation at Essex University. In front of a packed auditorium of over 200 people and sharing the stage with Holocaust survivors and internationally renowned professors, they unveiled their plans for a unique and exciting public art project that will take place at the Spring Showcase on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March.



**Thomas Gardner** (8D) and **Felix Whiting** (8M) commanded the stage on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January and talked with tremendous passion about how they would bring the effects of the Holocaust and other genocides into sharp focus here at Hadleigh High School. Competing against nine other schools that also made it through to the Dora Love Prize Final - a competition named after a Holocaust survivor, with the aim of making the tragic events relevant to a modern audience -they delivered an inspirational presentation that reflected the amount of hard work and effort they have put in to this project.

We hope that you will join us at the Spring Showcase to see the final piece and allow us to show you how the ‘*Power of Words*’ can ensure that the twisted road to Auschwitz is never trodden again.

## NSEA – Hadleigh High School Squad...



A small group of our students have entered a riding squad with the NSEA (National Schools Equestrian Association). **Grace Goodliff**, **Lucy Maskell** and **Faye Munson** now regularly compete in inter-schools competitions under the name of 'Hadleigh High School'. We are very proud of the girls' achievements, and will share updates with our readers throughout the year. Pictured is Faye, riding her horse named 'Brian' and Grace riding 'Thyme'. Lucy competes on her horse named 'Tigger'. Good Luck girls.

## HHS' School Production 'High School Musical' 2018

Tickets are available for our School Production 'High School Musical' being held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 7:00pm, from [www.ticketor.com/HadleighHighSchool](http://www.ticketor.com/HadleighHighSchool)  
Prices £5 Adult and £2 under 18. (See the poster on page 7 for further details)

## Doughnut sale – proceeds to Charity Street Child

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February there will be a Doughnut sale taking place on behalf of the Charity Street Child. All money raised will be going towards the education of children in Western Africa and will be particularly valuable in supporting the education of girls to address the extreme gender inequality. The aspiration of girls in this part of the world is high, with a huge number of girls wishing to become Doctors, Teachers and Engineers, however with a literacy rate of only 46% among girls there is little opportunity for this to become a reality. Street Child provide a safe and stable home life that supports girls to get back into school as well as training new teachers to ensure that they have a greater chance of reaching their full potential.

Krispy Kreme ring doughnuts will be sold at break time on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February £1 each. All proceeds going to this cause.

## Work Experience Placements Wanted Urgently

Do you know of an employer, specifically office/admin, who may be willing to participate in taking a Year 10 student for 2 weeks commencing Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2018. Please contact Miss Curzon, Work Experience Co-ordinator at Hadleigh High School, telephone (01473) 823496 or email [leurzon@hadleighhigh.net](mailto:leurzon@hadleighhigh.net) if you think you may be in a position to help.

## Health and Safety Allergies

Allergies in society are always on the increase, and in school we are constantly making sure that we protect our students and staff who are susceptible to reactions with certain food types. In order to further protect the wellbeing of our school community, we have made the school a **nut-free zone** and would like to thank you for your support in this matter by not allowing your child to bring in items of food which contain nuts. We have provided, for your information, a list of popular items to be aware of. For some items the link with nuts may be obvious but for others it may be less clear!

**Nutella** (hazelnuts)

**Milka chocolate** that has no signs of nuts on the packaging but is made with hazelnut.

**Pesto** (pine nuts - not always officially classed as a nut, however many also contain cashew nuts, so let's not risk it).

**Marzipan** (almonds)

**Nougat** also contains nuts.

If anyone is in the habit of buying tins of chocolates as gifts these should be checked carefully.

**Peanut butter** - and also all the other **nut butters**. If you can't live without peanut butter, some people with nut allergies find that "Speculoos" (the Belgian biscuit spread - available in most supermarkets) is a reasonable replacement - similar texture and at least equal quantity of calories.

The majority of **breakfast / energy bars** contain nuts **Granola** - in case people bring in breakfast.

**Coconut is absolutely fine**. Not classed as a nut.

Thank you.

## Parents' Evenings

**Year 8** – 22<sup>nd</sup> February 4:30pm/7:30pm

**Year 10** – 19<sup>th</sup> April 4:30pm/7:30pm

**Year 6** – 9<sup>th</sup> July 7:30pm/8:30pm

**Please look out for our School Governors at Parents' Evenings. They look forward to meeting the parents and are very happy to discuss any issues you may have.**

## Letters recently sent out/emailed via ParentMail

**Year 7** – Colchester Zoo trip

**Year 10** – Geography Field trip letter

## School Lunch Menus

Our School Menus and information on Nutrition/ Allergan can be accessed via the catering company, Vertas, who provides our school catering. Click here to open the link [www.vertas.co.uk/catering/Vive](http://www.vertas.co.uk/catering/Vive).

This lists all the weeks' menus and the dates they are available. The cost of a meal deal is £2.30.

## School Uniform Supplier Coes of Ipswich

Coes of Ipswich now stock our School uniform. Click here for their website [www.coes.co.uk](http://www.coes.co.uk).

We are happy to confirm that we are only changing the supplier of the uniform and amending the PE kit, **not changing** the School day uniform.

Please be assured that any change in uniform would always involve a consultation with our stakeholders and, any such changes would have a lengthy phase-in period and plenty of notice. Governors have said that any change will take two years to become uniform so if you have PE kit that you wish to pass down to younger children they can continue to wear it until September 2019.

## 'The Great Big Hadleigh Toy Sale' – Friends of Kersey Primary School

The Friends of Kersey Primary School would like to invite you to their 'The Great Big Hadleigh Toy Sale' – a joint fundraising initiative for schools and playgrounds in and around Hadleigh. The event is being held at The Ansell Centre, Market Place, Hadleigh, IP7 5DL on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March from 10:00am until 3:00pm. The Friends of Kersey Primary School will be running a café on the day to include lunchtime refreshments.

## Forthcoming Dates

<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Feb.</b>	-	<b>Anglian Counties Championships at RHS</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Feb.</b>	-	<b>Production Rehearsal – 9:00am/1:00pm</b>
<b>6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> / 8<sup>th</sup> Feb.</b>	-	<b>School Production – 7:00pm/9:30pm</b>
<b>8<sup>th</sup> Feb.</b>	-	<b>Years 8 and 9 HPV Immunisation</b>
<b>9<sup>th</sup> /17<sup>th</sup> Feb.</b>	-	<b>Ski Trip to Austria</b>
<b>12<sup>th</sup> / 16<sup>th</sup> Feb.</b>	-	<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY</b>

- 19<sup>th</sup> Feb.** - **PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL (YELLOW WEEK)**
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb.** - **Year 8 Parents' Evening – 4:30pm/7:30pm**
- 24<sup>th</sup> Feb.** - **Suffolk New College Taster Event – 10:00am/12:00pm**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> March** - **Enrichment Day**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> March** - **Year 7 Colchester Zoo trip**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> March** - **STEM visit to RAF Honington**
- 8<sup>th</sup> March** - **Year 9 Options' Evening – 7:00pm/8:30pm**
- 8<sup>th</sup> /9<sup>th</sup> March** - **Year 10 Geography Field trip - 10:30am/2:50pm**
- 10<sup>th</sup> March** - **Duke of Edinburgh Silver Training – Thorpe Woodlands**
- 14<sup>th</sup> March** - **Year 11 Photographs**
- 17<sup>th</sup> March** - **English Schools' Athletic Championships (venue/time tbc)**
- 22<sup>nd</sup> March** - **Suffolk New Taster Day – 5:30pm/8:00pm**
- 28<sup>th</sup> March** - **Spring Showcase – 7:00pm/9:00pm**




**Paediatric Speech and Language Therapy team  
invite you to attend our...**

**'Career as a Speech and Language Therapist' workshop**

This workshop is an opportunity to:

- Learn more about Speech and Language Therapy as a career
- Meet members of a Paediatric (Children's) Speech and Language Therapy team
- Find out how to become a Speech and Language Therapist
- Ask any questions

**Date:**  
Friday 16th February 2018 —9:30am -12:15pm

**Venue:**  
Violet Hill House, Violet Hill Road, Stowmarket, IP14 1NL

**How to book a place:**  
Contact the Speech and Language Therapy department on 01473 321225 to book.

Please note spaces are limited and will be offered on a first come first served basis.

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The Ipswich Hospital NHS Trust  
Norfolk Community Health and Care NHS Trust  
West Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust

Hadleigh High School's  
production of



# HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL

**ON STAGE!**

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> &  
Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>  
February 2018

7pm

Tickets available at  
[www.ticketor.com/  
HadleighHighSchool](http://www.ticketor.com/HadleighHighSchool)

£5 Adult  
£2 Under 18

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with  
Music Theatre International (Europe)  
All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI Europe  
[www.mtishows.co.uk](http://www.mtishows.co.uk)



Book by  
David Simpatico

Songs by  
Matthew Gerrard and Robbie Nevil;  
Ray Cham, Greg Cham and Andrew  
Seeley; Randy Peferesen and Kevin  
Quinn; Andy Dodd and Adam Watts;  
Bryan Louiselle; David N. Lawrence  
And Faye Greenberg; Jamie Houston

Music Adapted, Arranged  
and Produced by  
Bryan Louiselle

Based on a Disney Channel Original Movie Written by  
Peter Barsocchini

# Small changes, big differences.



## Teen Triple P Group for Parents of Young People (10-17) **Hadleigh High School - 17<sup>th</sup> April 2018 - 6 pm – 8 pm**

• Triple P allows parents to choose techniques that work best for them and their families. We provide the information, but you choose the ideas to use and that will work!

• Triple P gives parents proven tips and suggestions about handling common behavioural and developmental issues in their children and young people.

• Triple P involves emphasising positive communication, and planning ahead to prevent a range of issues

### PRESENTER:

Sally Losasso, Parenting Group Facilitator



### COURSE DATES:

1. **Group 1**            Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 6 pm to 8 pm
2. **Group 2**            Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 6 pm to 8 pm
3. **Group 3**            Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May    6 pm to 8 pm
4. **Group 4**            Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May    6 pm to 8 pm
5. **Phone Session 1** Week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> May **NO GROUP**
6. **Phone Session 2** Week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> May **NO GROUP**
7. **Group 5**            Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 6 pm to 8 pm

VENUE: Hadleigh High School, Highlands Rd,  
Hadleigh IP7 5HU

Contact details: Sally Losasso 0771 309 4347

Email bookings and enquiries to [parenting@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:parenting@suffolk.gov.uk)

“This group has been **fantastic** for us as a family. We have **seen a lot of changes** at home. Our son has been a lot happier lately.” “Extremely good course.” “Received really useful advice over the weeks.” “Very helpful.”

[www.triplep.net](http://www.triplep.net)