

What a way to finish the term! I'm sure you have all seen the news regarding the two fantastic, academic accolades for Langley School, having achieved HMC accreditation on top of the very positive ISI inspection. To reach this high scholastic benchmark in a non-selective, inclusive setting is testament to the hard work and determination of the teaching staff and pupils alike.

I hope you also enjoy reading about the spring term achievements selected for this issue. The highlight for me was the three nights of Cabaret. I received the following quote in an email from one of our parents: "Langley music makes life better". Not only was this due to the outstanding quality of performance and the opportunity and participation (over 70 pupils involved), but also the fact they were having such fun!



## Langley School Welcomes Holocaust Survivor

On 22nd February, Year 8 students and members of staff heard the testimony of the Holocaust survivor, Joan Salter, as part of an annual event organised by the English Department in association with the Holocaust Educational Trust.

The talk was followed by a question and answer session to enable students to better understand the nature of the Holocaust and to explore its lessons in more depth. The visit was part of the Holocaust Educational Trust's extensive all year round Outreach Programme, which is available to schools across the UK.

"It was a privilege for us to welcome Joan Salter to our school and her testimony will remain a powerful reminder of the horrors so many experienced. We are grateful to the Holocaust Educational Trust for co-ordinating the visit and we hope that by hearing Joan's testimony, it will encourage our students to learn from the lessons of the Holocaust and make a positive difference in their own lives."

- Ms Corser, Key Stage 3 English Coordinator

In 2011, Joan Salter, along with other child survivors of the Holocaust and members of The Child Survivors Association of Great Britain, contribute to her story of courage during horrific circumstances to a book entitled *We Remember*. A copy of the book can be found in Langley School's Salisbury Library.

This event was part of a three-part assembly programme for Year 8 students aimed at raising awareness of people who are less fortunate than ourselves. In November, the school welcomed visitors from the Salvation Army. During the Summer Term, the Norfolk and Norwich Blind Association will be visiting the school.



## Model UN

Whilst the rest of Boarding were still fast asleep, Megan Howard departed school early on Sunday morning to participate in the Felstead School Model UN. The three-person team represented the nation of Jordan. In her role as Ambassador, Megan had to express the views of the country on topics including: LGBT Rights, Foreign Aid and Equality. A difficult task when the country's views differ so greatly from her own.

This is the highest level of debating at school level, and is not for the faint-hearted. The competition attracted more than thirty schools and consequently the audience comprised over 200 people. Although Megan would recommend this experience to others, she admitted it is scary, and that it is essential that you are comfortable speaking in public. Any negatives are far outweighed by the many positives, which include meeting like-minded students from other schools and how good it looks on that all important UCAS application!



# The Psychology Department Hosted a Revision Conference Led by Cara Flanagan

On Wednesday 1st March, the Psychology Department at Langley School hosted a revision conference that was led by Cara Flanagan, one of the most successful and trusted authors of Psychology A-level textbooks and an editor of the *Psychology Review*. Flanagan, who also has over twenty years' examination experience kick-started students' revision by reinforcing classroom learning and updating pupils' knowledge and understanding in order to help raise their performance for the summer exams. Key exam techniques and revision guidance given enabled students to see how they can progress in their own learning and revision. With over eighty pupils attending from a number of schools across Norfolk, the day was a huge success. For all the pupils the hard work now begins, but boosted with a range of new skills and awareness of critical exam techniques, hopefully, this is now a little easier!



## The Rotary Club's Young Photographer of the Year Competition

Congratulations to Ellie Magee, Lawrence Reid and Libby Chapman for doing so well on Friday 24th February at The Rotary Club's Young Photographer of the Year Competition. Langley students were entered into the Senior category, where Ellie Magee won second place, with Libby Chapman and Lawrence Reid both receiving "Highly Commended". This means that 50% of the prize-winners were Langley Photography students! All the Langley work submitted was displayed in the gallery in Duke Street in Norwich, which showcased a high calibre of work.

## A Night at the Musicals 2017

March saw three sell-out nights of the incredible annual performance of Langley School's Cabaret, which this year was themed on musicals. The display of talent was extensive and stretched across all year groups with performances that included vocal and instrumental pieces, as well as perfectly choreographed dances against a creatively staged back-drop. The charisma of our young musicians never faltered and every night there were smiles all around. Highlights included Queen's *One*

*Vision*, which opened the show (eat your heart out Brian May), *Master of the House* from *Les Miserables* (with a degree of forced audience participation!), a rather risqué, but superbly executed, *Cell Block Tango* from *Chicago* and all rounded off by a great number of, *Revolting Children* from *Matilda*. Thanks to all the staff and students, both on stage and behind the scenes. A great time was had by all!

**Book tickets early for next year's show!**

**There is so much going on at Langley, we don't want you to miss anything, please visit our website for latest news and results from around the school: [langleyschool.co.uk](http://langleyschool.co.uk)**