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WELCOME

As we come to the end of the term, we are thrilled to celebrate the outstanding achievements of our students and staff.

A standout moment this year was our Ofsted rating of 'Good', which reflects the hard work and dedication of our entire college. Our Brilliant Club students proudly celebrated their graduation at Cambridge University, an experience that showcased their hard work and determination. Additionally, students from various subjects travelled to Nottingham to compete in the Ethics Cup tournament.

Our Performing Arts students also shone brightly with their exceptional performances of Chicago in March, demonstrating their talent and versatility.

We hope you enjoy reading about our journey so far, and we look forward to seeing what the rest of the year brings!

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OFSTED VISIT



We are thrilled to share the news that East Coast College has received an Ofsted 'Good' rating during our recent inspection, making Lowestoft Sixth Form College part of an amazing Ofsted 'Good' college.

The report highlighted strengths in A Level provision, demonstrating that students at Lowestoft Sixth Form College excel both academically and personally, benefitting from a dynamic and enriching learning environment. Students benefit from a rich range of experiences that enhance their courses and teachers meticulously structure courses to build students' knowledge, skills, and behaviours, ensuring they are prepared for future success.

As a result, the majority of A Level students progress to prestigious university courses, highlighting the impact of the college's comprehensive and effective careers programme.

You can read the full report here

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE VISITS SIZEWELL B



Our year 13 A Level Environmental Science students visited Sizewell B Nuclear Power Station. Pupils learnt about how the energy is produced and the pollution prevention safeguards a nuclear power station has to put in place. Students had a tour of the site and its infrastructure as well as exploring the site for the new Sizewell C reactor.

Environmental Science students visiting Sizewell B

GEOGRAPHY TRIP

Our A Level Geography students visited Battersea in London. During this excursion, the students were actively engaged in investigating the ongoing regeneration projects in the Battersea area. They also had the opportunity to practice essential fieldwork skills, which will be crucial for their upcoming exams this summer. The trip provided a hands-on learning experience, allowing students to observe urban redevelopment first-hand and apply their theoretical knowledge in a real-world setting.



Battersea Power Station

CHICAGO!



Recently, our incredibly talented Performing Arts students showcased their skills in a spectacular production of "Chicago," delighting audiences over four consecutive nights.

A massive congratulations to everyone involved in bringing this amazing show to life, it truly was a remarkable achievement! A special thank you goes out to all the supporters who attended and cheered for this year's rendition of "Chicago." Your presence made the event even more memorable!

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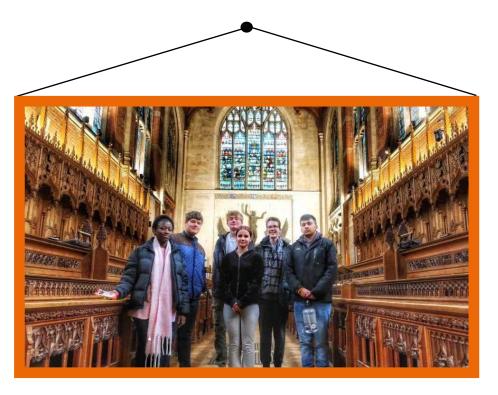


Student performing in the Chicago production



Students performing together in the Chicago production

BRILLIANT CLUB GRADUATION



Our Gifted and Talented students took part in The Scholars Program, run by The Brilliant Club. Through six tutorials led by UEA PhD Programme, they explored the challenges of achieving net zero carbon emissions in the UK, culminating in a 2,000-word project.

On Monday, 10th February, they celebrated their achievements with a graduation trip to Selwyn College, University of Cambridge. They reflected on their hard work, received certificates, and toured the campus with current students, gaining valuable insights into university life and admissions.

Student reflections:

"The version I wish to see myself as in future years is one who academically succeed while keeping the great friends I made along the way."

"The version of me I want to be is the one where I go to a university that lets me achieve my goals. I want to be the best version of myself that I possibly can, and I feel that the Scholars Programme is a good step towards that."

MOCK INTERVIEWS

Recently, our Level 3 BTEC Sports Qualification students got the opportunity to participate in mock interviews with external employers like Natalie from UEA to see how they perform in an interview and whether they'd get the job.

We also had a sports coach apprentice from Premier Education, Libby. Who completed her A Levels at Lowestoft Sixth Form.

A big thank you to Natalie and Libby for coming in and giving our sports students a chance to test their interview skills!



Sports students in mock interviews

BERLIN TRIP

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Our History students travelled to Berlin Our History students travelled to Berlin. They visited many notable landmarks like the Sachsenhausen Memorial, the Reichstag building, the Berlin Wall Memorial and many more.

This experience will help students to plan and develop their coursework projects.

ETHICS CUP



Recently, Year 12 and 13 students from Philosophy, Politics, Criminology, History, and Forensic Science travelled to Nottingham to compete in the Ethics Cup regional qualifier at Nottingham University. They enjoyed exploring the city before focusing on the competition.

The Ethics Cup is a tournament where teams discuss ethical issues of public concern. It's not about debating or proving the other side wrong but fostering thoughtful discussion.

Our team performed incredibly well, topping their group with a draw and two wins—one unanimous—securing a place in the third-round playoff. After an intellectually gruelling day, they clinched 3rd place by a single point.

Congratulations to Jessie, Leo, Aaron, Ben, Phoebe, Emma, Bertie, Simeon, Bystander, and Nevaeh for their fantastic achievement and dedication in preparing for ten real-life ethical issues. We are so proud of you!

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WARWICK UNIVERSITY TRIP

Recently, our year 12 and 13 students attended the A Level Philosophy conference at Warwick University. They enjoyed a chance to walk through the impressive campus and attend lectures on Confuscious, Meta-Ethics (and why Emotivist arguments fail), the Ethics of Hypocrisy and Berkeley's Master Argument. They also had the opportunity to ask questions of current Philosophy Undergrads and the Admissions tutor about UCAS applications and personal statements, what studying philosophy is really like and where it can take you.



Philosophy students visiting Warwick University

FREUD MUSEUM



Students getting involved in activities at the Freud Museum Students from Psychology, Sociology, Criminology and Law embarked on a trip to London, visiting the Freud Museum and participating in the Jack the Ripper Tour.

At Freud's final home, they explored his escape from Nazi Germany and discussed psychoanalysis and schizophrenia. In Whitechapel, guides shared gripping stories and images of the infamous murders, enhancing their understanding of the area's dark history.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 23rd April, 16:20 – 19:30

Year 13 Parent/Carer Evening

Now until the 27th June 2025

Careers appointments available for all students

Wednesday 7th May, 16:20 - 19:30

YR12 including Navigate to A level and 14-16 provision

Wednesday 7th May 2025

Year 12 Parents/H.E. information evening

12th – 16th May 2025

UCAS Application Guide and Personal Statements (Hosted by UEA)

Tuesday 13th May 2025

UCAS Cycle 2026 Opens – Students can start their applications

16th May 2025

Personal Statement Workshops (Hosted by UEA)

Thursday 12th June 2025

UCAS Exhibition at the University of Essex -Colchester



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