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The newsletter for SET Saxmundham School

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## Head of School's Welcome

### Important Date!

**Tuesday 20 April**

**Students begin  
Trinity Term**

### Latest News

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To keep up to date with the latest news and events from the School, please remember that you can follow SET Saxmundham School on Twitter: @SETSaxmundham. Please also check our website for regular updates, and our Facebook page, just search for SET Saxmundham School on Facebook.

### Safeguarding Update:

Should you have any safeguarding concerns, please contact Mrs S Power (Designated Safeguarding Lead), Mrs Bevan (Assistant Designated Safeguarding Lead), Ms Coles (Assistant Designated Safeguarding Lead) or Mrs Girling (Assistant Designated Safeguarding Lead) or Mrs Hicks (Assistant Designated Safeguarding Lead) on 01728 633910 or for more information, please visit [www.saxmundhamschool.org.uk/for-parents/guidance-information/safeguarding/](http://www.saxmundhamschool.org.uk/for-parents/guidance-information/safeguarding/)  
SET Saxmundham School's named safeguarding trustee is Mr R Lane.

What a very interesting Lent Term we have had. All staff said happy holiday to our students at the end of last term and we certainly didn't think that we would be seeing our school come back together again as late as 8th March.

I am very proud of the staff at SET Saxmundham who have provided education via Google Classroom and for the students that came to school. It was lovely getting to know the students that were in and seeing the learning on Google classroom. The competitions and the creative ideas that your children engaged in was really heart warming.

SET Saxmundham is back being a vibrant place to be. I have been impressed with the attitude of students towards their learning. They have shown a real commitment to getting down to their learning. I really do believe that they are especially glad to be back so they can see their friends as I know they have missed this.

**Mrs L Girling,  
Head of School**



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# Library relocation

During February half term we were busy making some changes at SET Saxmundham School. We have moved our Library into our Atrium, which is a beautiful, light-filled space. We are really pleased with the outcome of this, and with our students now back in school, they have been taking the opportunity to enjoy the wonderful atmosphere it has created. Mrs Mellor, our Trust Lead Practitioner for English, is in the process of purchasing some new books which have been suggested by the students. The area is also filled with stunning artwork produced by our creative students. We have also started to create an 'Alumni Wall' of photos of our ex-students in what is a fitting space to inspire current students.

Having a beautiful, prominent library in School emphasizes the importance we place on reading and enjoying books. We encourage all of our students to read regularly; even though it seems to be quite 'unfashionable' these days. The go-to place for information may be the internet, but nothing can replace the feel of sitting down, holding a book and losing yourself within its pages.

**“I have always  
imagined that  
Paradise will be a  
kind of a Library.”**

*Jorge Luis Borges*  
(1899-1986. Argentine writer)



We recognise that reading is so important and can take a student on to greater things – we see the results in the student’s written work and also regularly run competitions on poetry and story-writing, and are always so delighted with the fantastic entries we receive.

You will be able to virtually visit our new library, along with the rest of our school, as we have been putting together a wonderful 360 degree tour of SET Saxmundham School, which we will be sharing with you soon!

# Enrichment

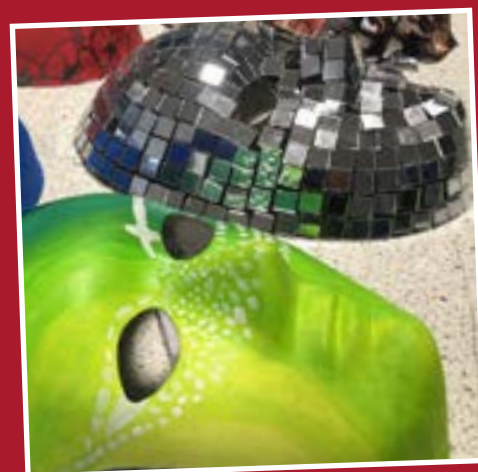
## Who would you Shine A Light on?

A group of students are taking part in the Dora Love project (<https://www.essex.ac.uk/departments/history/events/the-dora-love-prize>) in their enrichment sessions. They have been inspired by Dora Love who was a Holocaust survivor and dedicated much of her life to educating people about the importance of tolerance.

They have started creating some art work about how diversity can bring people together and the importance of helping one another through difficult times.

The group are going to create a mask trail round Saxmundham on the theme of **Shine A Light**.

The trail is being created to shine a light on diversity and how this can help people in difficult times, including the Covid pandemic and lockdown.



## Former student's University of Cambridge success

We were very proud to hear from East Coast College in Lowestoft recently; they contacted us to let us know one of our Alumni, Carrie-Ann, has done incredibly well and been offered a place to study Medicine at the University of Cambridge.

Carrie Ann achieved a grade 9 in Maths at GCSE and Grade 8 in Biology, Chemistry and Physics during her time with us. Michael Connell-Smith, Assistant Head of School said "We at SET Saxmundham School are incredibly proud of Carrie-Ann's achievement in being offered a place at Cambridge University to study medicine. I personally remember fondly our Triple Science lessons with Carrie-Ann. Her determination to always work hard and continually improve was an inspiration to all. I look forward to hearing of her future successes."

Since leaving SET Saxmundham School in 2019, Carrie-Ann has been studying A-levels in Biology, Chemistry, Maths and Further Maths at East Coast College. She has just been offered a place at Cambridge University to read Medicine and her future aspiration is to work in Paediatrics.

At SET Saxmundham School we are keen to follow the progress of all of our ex-students and are so pleased when we get an update such as Carrie-Ann's and we wish her the very best for the future.

### What is an Alumni?

An Alumni is an association of former students from a school, college or university.

Alumni associations are used as a way for the school, college or university to keep in touch with past students and see what they achieve in their lives. It is also used to organise social events (such as re-union events), and keep past students up to date with things happening at the school and with their former classmates.

### What is membership for?

The Saxmundham Roll is the Alumni association for SET Saxmundham School. All past students who left the school after Year 11 are encouraged to join. Members of our Alumni, receive regular school communications, such as this Voice newsletter to keep them up to date with the latest school news and events. Members are encouraged to keep the School informed of any future successes they have in life, and in particular with regards to their further education and career pathways.

Members of the Saxmundham Roll will also be invited to future events, such as reunions, to catch up with former classmates and friends.

### How can I become a member?

Please visit [www.saxmundhamschool.org.uk/join-us/alumni/](http://www.saxmundhamschool.org.uk/join-us/alumni/) for details.

*Michael Connell-Smith, Assistant Head of School*



## The Careers Section

It feels a little bit odd to be writing a separate section in a school newsletter that talks about careers, as it could suggest that careers education, information and guidance (CEAIG) stands apart from everything else that goes on in the school. The reality couldn't be further away from this, as throughout their time at SET Saxmundham, across the curriculum and in PSHE, students are learning the essential career management skills of resilience, curiosity, self-knowledge, preparation, planning, networking, researching and presentation, to name but a few. And the list of skills needed keeps growing as digital research skills become increasingly vital as well as the softer skills embracing optimism and motivation.

Many of these skills rely on a wide range of activities in order to grow, and of equal importance is access to information in order to build a broader understanding of all the opportunities that are out there waiting to be embraced. Along with regular availability in school of the independent Careers Advisor, Careers Leaders and various members of staff are helping with GCSE choices, CV building, applications to Post-16 provision as well as mentoring and individual support.

There is now a dedicated area upstairs where the library used to be, for careers and guidance meetings. The selection of printed literature and information is being added to on a daily basis in this area and will soon be complimented by a virtual version accessible by all.

Following the Easter break, enrichment afternoons will provide opportunities for one to one and small groups to work with mentors and to have visits (virtual initially) from people from the world of work to provide a bit of inspiration as well as bringing to life as many different career pathways as possible.

Here are just a few of the links that are live at the moment, starting with the rather exciting new Home - Games Careers Week - 26th March to 2nd April - [gamescareersweek.org](http://gamescareersweek.org) - A really useful website if you're interested in a gaming career, even if you can't make any of the events.

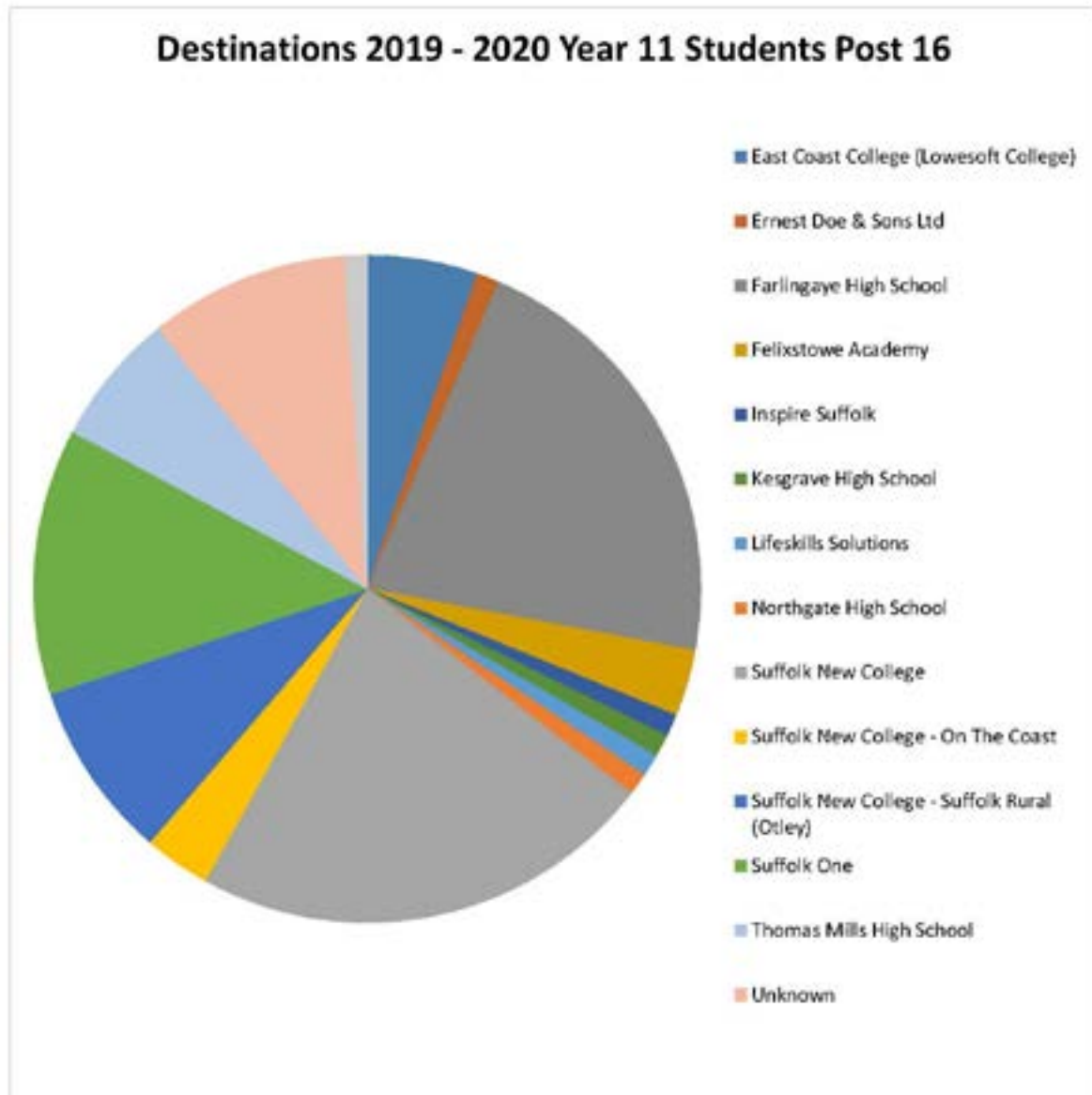
[Undergraduate Open Days](http://pearsoncollegelondon.ac.uk) - [pearsoncollegelondon.ac.uk](http://pearsoncollegelondon.ac.uk) - All about undergraduate degrees in Animation, Game Art and Visual Effects.

[Career opportunities with Arcadis](http://event.webinarjam.com/register/202/6v523byw) - [event.webinarjam.com/register/202/6v523byw](http://event.webinarjam.com/register/202/6v523byw) - Careers in the Design and Consultancy industry.

[Experience > View Opportunity Details](http://s4snextgen.org/Opportunities/View/id/1226) - [s4snextgen.org/Opportunities/View/id/1226](http://s4snextgen.org/Opportunities/View/id/1226) Construction virtual work experience.

## Where do our students go when they leave us?

After students finish their time with us, as you will see from the pie chart below, they go on to attend a wide range of post 16 places of study and apprenticeships around the county.



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### **Contact us...**

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