

**Budding musicians
in Year 7 Watch
This Space! Music
lessons coming
soon!**



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Peer mentoring

Congratulations to 15 Year 10 students selected for training to become mentors to Year 7 students through the Franklin Scholars Programme. They were selected through an interview process. They are valuable role models to our younger students and we wish them every success.



Odd Sock Day

As part of **Anti-Bullying Week 2018** NUASt students were encouraged to wear odd socks for the day to illustrate how each of us is unique. Students engaged in a range of activities to explore the key message: **Choose Respect**. Students will also be doing plenty of work in PSHE to recognise, respond to and reduce cyber-bullying. Further information about Anti-Bullying Week 2018 can be found at:

<https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/anti-bullying-week-2018-choose-respect>



Theatre Trip

On the evening of Thursday 10th November, A Level English Literature students went to Warwick Arts Centre to see a terrific performance of Shakespeare's *Othello*. For most, this was their first theatre experience and *what* an experience it was! It was definitely worth the very late night!



NUAST News

Christmas 2018

Message from the Chair of Governors

The Governors at NUASt are very pleased with the progress the school has made in the first three years. The school has established a good reputation based on its examination results and a successful OFSTED inspection last year. The transfer to NOVA Education Trust has gone well and we are pleased to be a part of a successful Multi Academy Trust and to have the support of the University of Nottingham.

Demand for pupil places is high and as a consequence, we have appointed a large number of additional teachers. The challenge of our Principal Mr White and his team is to continue this excellent performance so that our students can benefit from a first class education whilst maintaining our STEM focus.

The Governing Body are made up of people from local industry, the University and Parent Governors. The Governors work to improve educational standards for all pupils and to set the strategic direction of the Academy. The Governing Body meets four times a year and representatives attend Parents' Evenings in order to meet with parents/carers.

John Saunders, Chair of Governors

Message from the Principal

As you will see from the newsletter, it has been a very busy half term. We have held a number of successful open evenings and events for prospective students and parents/carers for admission into NUASt for September 2019. Parents/carers have fed-back positively about our students who have taken part in these events: they represent NUASt very well.

In the Spring Term, Years 10, 11 and some Sixth Form students will have the opportunity to develop revision skills and hone their examination technique working with Positively MAD. A parent session focusing on revision will also be held for Year 11 parents.

University applications are progressing very well with students starting to receive offers from their chosen universities. Six students have secured interviews for Oxbridge places and we wish them well in their forthcoming interviews.

I would like to wish you all a happy and restful Christmas break and look forward to seeing students back at NUASt on Monday 7th January.



Safeguarding & Preventing Radicalisation



 Mrs Fountain	 Mr White	 Mr Tapp		
 Mrs Actis	 Mr Edwards	 Mr Cox	 Mr Wood	 Mrs Turgoose

If you have concerns about your safety, the safety of other students or any extreme behaviour, please speak to one of the pictured members of staff.

Work hard, be kind

Happy Christmas!



China Trip October 2018

A group of Year 13 students led by Mrs Barnett and Mr Hayward enjoyed the experience of a lifetime when they set off for China in October. Shanghai is a bustling metropolitan city which rivals New York for its iconic skyline. The views were breathtaking. It is a 24-hour city with work on roads being done through the night to prevent any disruption to the running of the financial capital in mainland China. In contrast, Ningbo was quiet and peaceful with crickets being heard at 9pm. The heart of Chinese culture lies in the Tea Ceremony. Ceremony and respect are very important in Chinese culture. We also experienced first-hand the emphasis in education on engineering and science, much like NUASt. Indeed, our link school in Ningbo educated China's first, and currently only, Nobel Laureate winner in Science, Tu Youyou, who developed an anti-malarial drug. The experience was unforgettable and it was an incredible privilege to develop friendship and understanding with peers from such a different culture.



Sport



Over the last half term 78 Year 7 and 10 students have represented NUASt at different sporting events across the city. We have competed in 10 different competitions in Dodgeball, Athletics, Futsal and Badminton.

Our most successful team this term was the Year 10 Girls' Dodgeball team, who achieved Silver medals and narrowly missed out on Gold by one game.

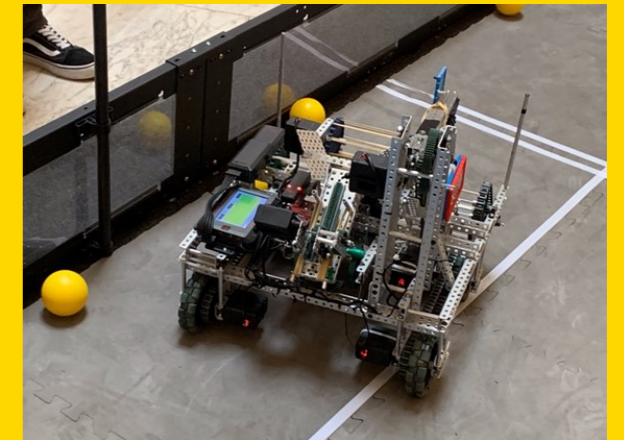
All students have not only show incredible talent, but also an outstanding level of sportsmanship throughout every tournament we have been part of. Congratulations to all!

VEX Robotics Success

On the 21st November a group of NUASt students participated in the Stowe School regional VEX Robotics competition. The group left the school in the early hours to compete against schools from around the country, including 3 teams from Stowe School.

The competition is split into qualifiers and then a knock-out stage. NUASt's team did well in the qualifiers, securing a good seeding into the knock-out stage. After a long day competing and a very tense final, we won the competition, qualifying for the national finals in March.

Congratulations to Amy Bolton, Josh Bolton, Nathan Taylor and Dylan Astle.



Senior Maths Challenge 2018

On 7th November a team of four (Bruno Truben, Isaac Dixon, Oliver Leask and Nathan Taylor) took part in the regional final of the Senior Team Mathematics Challenge at Nottingham University, competing against nineteen other schools from both the independent and state sectors from across the East Midlands. The NUASt team achieved 3rd place in the competition, with the two tied first-place winners only one point ahead of them. NUASt is fast earning its reputation as Nottingham's home of the very best mathematical minds.

On Tuesday 6th November 2018 thirty-eight A level Mathematics students from NUASt took part in the individual 90-minute brain workout of the Senior Maths Challenge, organised by the UKMT based at Leeds University. Impressive then, that four of our students achieved gold certificates, with two students invited to participate in the UKMT Olympiad competition on 30th November. Bruno Truben and Isaac Dixon were also Kangaroo qualifiers last year. The Olympiad competition is devised to pit the very best mathematical brains around the world against one another – we look forward to hearing how Isaac and Bruno get on. Zong Yuan Wang and Doyle Tuggey were also awarded gold certificates and progress to the regional Kangaroo competition. Thirteen students achieved silver certificates with three Year 12 students only one point off a gold certificate and Kangaroo qualification: Harry Graham, Oliver Leask and William Burbidge. There were eleven bronze certificates awarded.