

Local News

Felixstowe International College



Students and staff of Felixstowe International College, based at Maybush House, were delighted to receive the news that Ofsted has graded the education at the school as *Good* in all areas.

Inspectors mentioned in particular the positive family atmosphere developed throughout the school with polite, well-mannered, courteous and happy students. Students personalised tutoring allowed high academic achievement with progression to some of the top universities. Inspectors acknowledged that exam results were impressive, placing the school in first position for A level performance in Suffolk.

Welfare provision was also inspected with the school again achieving an overall *Good*. Inspectors noted the happy environment and thanked the proprietors, leaders, staff and students for their hard work in making impressive improvements. Inspectors found that students enjoy coming to school, are proud of their achievements, felt safe, were well looked after and with no incidences of bullying at the school.

In a letter to students, inspectors thanked them for making them feel at home and remarked that the excellent food provided would be encouraging them to seek out their nearest Korean Restaurants!

This has all come on top of the success of the previous year's A Level Academic results which propelled students to becoming the top Academic School in Suffolk for 2018. A remarkable achievement when considering English is a second language for all students.

Felixstowe International College was founded in 1995 within part of the old Felixstowe College complex. The former college, which many readers will remember, was an independent school for girls. This closed in 1994 with many of the buildings and much of the land being sold for redevelopment.

Felixstowe International College is a Christian School and students attending have parents who work as pastors or missionaries in all parts of the world, sometimes in challenging areas. The school receives no funding from the UK government and is funded by a small number of parents who, as part of their Christian service give to support the majority of students. Our students are predominantly from Korea with some from China and Thailand.

From September 2019 Felixstowe International College will welcome enquiries from students interested in studying for a limited number of scholarship places as day students. Prospective students will need to demonstrate a passion for their subjects, in particular mathematics and science, willing to work in small tutorial groups and most importantly contribute to the happiness and well-being of the school.



Rotary Sponsors four West End Week Students



West End Week offers young people a five-day musical theatre experience. The students take part in workshops covering drama, dance and singing with entertainment industry professionals and appear in a show alongside top West End performers.

This year's workshops included numbers from *Les Misérables*, *Footloose* and *Hairspray*, culminating in a performance at the Hayworth Theatre in the grounds of Ipswich High School on 2 August. Joining the students in the performance were Gemma Naylor and Norman Bowman, both well-known on the West End stage and beyond. Norman also took part in an inspirational question and answer session about his life in theatre.

Felixstowe Rotary Club's Youth Development project aims to give young people opportunities to develop and demonstrate the confidence to succeed. West End Week does just that and the club is pleased to have sponsored four places on this year's event. For many it will be a once in a lifetime experience, for others their first steps into the entertainment industry.

The photo shows Rotarian Mike Watkin with Mark Connell of West End Week and three of the performers.

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