

Diary dates

School Events

25th March Iceland Parents Info Evening 6pm in the Atrium

26th March Year 9 Options Information Evening 6pm-7pm

27th March Year 8 BBC News Report Day

28th March Year 11 BTEC Performance 7:30pm

4th April Non-Uniform Day - £1 each in aid of Prom

5th April Easter Farye 10am-12pm in Atrium in aid of Prom

6th - 10th April Iceland Trip

Exams

26th March GCSE PE Practical

27th & 28th March GCSE Art

28th April Year 10 Options

Study

Study support and revision sessions

Year 11 Intensive GCSE English Revision Sessions (Invitation only) Monday 7th - Friday 11th April 8:30am - 2:50pm

PE Fridays 3pm to 4pm, PSD1

Maths Wednesdays 2.50pm to 4pm, M3 Thursdays 2.50pm to 4pm, M1

Geography Year 10 coursework catch up Wednesday 3pm - 4pm, CS2

Art Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays 3pm to 4pm, A4

GCSE Resistant Materials Tuesday, Thursday and Fridays 3pm to 4pm (T1)

Homework Club

Every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 3pm to 4pm, Library

Sports

Sports fixtures

U13/15 Football V Aylsham (home) Tuesday 25th March 3:00pm

U16 Football V Aylsham (away) Wednesday 26th March 3:00pm

U14 Football V Aylsham (away) Thursday 27th March 3:00pm

U14/U16 Football V Sheringham (away) Tuesday 1st April 3:00pm

After school sports clubs

Netball Club Thursday 27th March, 3rd & 24th April 3pm to 4pm

Trampoline club Friday 28th March, 4th & 25th April 3pm to 4pm

'Shelfie' Goes Viral

It is always pleasing when a really creative idea catches the public's imagination, and in these days of social media, what might once have just been a local sensation can end up trending nationally. That is exactly what has happened this month with a fabulous idea from NWS English teacher Sarah Read.



Caroline Brooker
Headteacher

You have probably read the extensive resulting press coverage, and the idea certainly created a real buzz in the school, with students talking of little else on the day.

Encouraging young people to read is so important, not just because it is a skill which they will certainly need in later life as they enter employment, but because books really can change your life. Some interesting research carried out at Emory University in Atlanta, and published in Psychology Today, showed that reading actually leads

to heightened connectivity in the area of the brain associated with understanding language. Using MRI scanners, the researchers found that reading a novel can cause positive changes in the 'resting state' of the brain, which can last for days.

Our teachers' 'shelfies' showed a huge range of reading matter, something which surprised some students, who sometimes think of a teacher solely in the context of the subject they teach. The exercise really got the children thinking about the role books play in people's lives, and showed that

even teachers carry on learning throughout their adult life!

Demonstrating that books are part and parcel of normal adult life is probably the most effective way of convincing young people to get reading. It doesn't matter whether you prefer traditional printed books or an e-reader, reading enhances your life in so many ways. So it is no surprise that Sarah's inspirational idea received so much attention.

What would be in your shelfie?

Sell out performances of the musical Oliver! left the crowds wanting more last week with four amazing shows. Head of Drama, Victoria Christie said "Despite all of the nerves, it has been a great experience for everyone involved, and hopefully it will inspire one or two of them to take performance to the next level."



A fantastic cast and crew gave it their all, with singing, dancing and acting to rival any West End performance! Thank you to everyone who supported the show. See more Oliver! pictures on our website.

Congratulations to 'Shelfie' competition winner Deanna Harrison (Year 8), pictured below receiving her Kindle with Mrs Brooker, Natasha Rennolds (Acting Chair of Governors) & Mrs Read.



Easter Holidays
Monday 7th to Tuesday 22nd
April 2014
School re-opens
Wednesday 23rd April 2014

Design a Bookmark Competition

This hugely popular competition has returned for World Book Day 2014! The winning design will be made into a bookmark and distributed to thousands of bookshops nationwide.

This competition has proved to be a firm favourite in schools across the country, with thousands of fantastic entries received from pupils of all ages.

Prizes will be given as National Book Tokens ranging from £250 to £50.

Templates are available from the school Library. The closing date for entries is Friday 4th April 2014 and the winners will be announced in the summer.



U13s Rugby Tournament

North Walsham High School U13 rugby team competed in a tournament at Langley School on Wednesday 5th March and made it through to the Semi Finals.

All the players contributed well to the team in particular Ryan Gotts, Joseph Whalley, Liam Clarke, Jordan Emerson, Michael Gotts, Tom Wylie, Ashley Ward, Oliver Shield and Charlie Hewitt.

PE Teacher, Mr Mills commented 'Captain George Isbell showed true commanding skills and led by example the whole way. He made some crucial tackles and conversions to help us progress to the Semi Finals.'



U15 Girls Win the Indoor Cricket County Cup

Congratulations to the North Walsham High School girls team who won the Lady Taverners U15 County Indoor Cricket Finals on Monday 17th March. All the girls showed a high standard of play. The team is now through to the regional finals in Leicester in May.

For the full stories and news and events, visit our website.



BRYONY VOTED IN FOR NORTH NORFOLK

16-year-old NWHs student Bryony Turner has been voted in as a member of the UK Youth Parliament, which provides opportunities for 11-18 year-olds to use their voice in creative ways to bring about social change.

Formed in 2000, the UK Youth Parliament consists of around 600 members aged between 11 and 18, elected by over 500,000 young people to represent their views to government and service providers. The Parliament meets regularly to hold debates and plan campaigns, and has been endorsed by the leaders of all three main political parties.

Bryony was one of 29 young people in Norfolk seeking election to the nine seats allocated to the county and won her seat with 1244 votes,

"I decided to stand for the Youth Parliament to help make changes for young people, and because I like standing up for people's views," said Bryony, who is Deputy Head Girl at the school. Bryony's interest in politics was inspired by her involvement in the School Council and from being part of the senior prefect team at the school. She says that she will make an excellent Member of the Youth Parliament (MYP) because of her confidence and determination.

Elections took place in Norfolk from 10th-16th March. Bryony will serve a term of two years.

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