

Diary dates

School Events

30th April Year 5 Learning Day

8th May Year 5 Learning Day
6 - 8pm Year 5 Learning Festival

12th May 6:45pm Parents Forum

Exams

28th April Year 10 - Options

1st May PE Practical Exam

6th May Year 9 - All Subjects

Study

Study support and revision sessions

PE Fridays 3- 4pm, PSD1

Science Tuesdays 3 - 4pm S2

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

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

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

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

Homework Club

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

Sports

Sports fixtures

U12 Cricket V Reepham (home) County Cup Thursday 8th May 3:00pm

After school sports clubs

Netball Club Tuesdays 3 - 4pm

Tennis Club Wednesdays 3 - 4pm

Athletics/Running Club Thursdays 3 - 4pm



Caroline Brooker
Headteacher

NORTH WALSHAM 'MY KIND OF TOWN'

You may have seen a recent article in a national Sunday newspaper disparaging the quality of life in our town. Encouragingly, it promoted a discussion about what it is really like to live in North Walsham.

Alongside a few inevitable negative comments – mostly from people who do not live locally – it was good to see the response from our alumni, former staff and parents defending the town – and saying nice things about the school as well. The support that we get from our local community is very much appreciated.

The encouraging comments have continued recently from both parents and members of the wider North Walsham community, at our recent subject information

evenings and aspiration events.

By the time you read this, the summer term will be underway, and for many students, that of course means exams. I have been particularly impressed with the approach of our Year 11 students in preparing for this vital juncture in their lives. Now that controlled assessments and coursework deadlines have been met, the focus is on revision and preparing to answer exam-style questions.

Given their hard work, this group of young people deserve our support over the coming weeks.

It is always a nerve-wracking time for students and teachers alike, but I am quietly confident that come results day in August, we will be celebrating a strong set of results.

If only the journalist who wrote the Sunday newspaper piece would come up and meet with these hard-working and aspirational young people, perhaps they would be slightly less quick to condemn a whole town on the basis of a cursory glance at Wikipedia.

North Norfolk MP Norman Lamb came face to face with his newly-elected youth equivalent when he visited the High School and met 16 year old Bryony Turner, who was last month elected as member of the UK Youth Parliament for North Norfolk.

Bryony, who is Deputy Head girl at the school, won the election in a text-based poll which saw 29 young people battling it out for nine seats across Norfolk.

Norman Lamb spent 40 minutes with the new youth representative, before inviting her to spend a day shadowing him at the House of Commons.



Prom Fund Raising Success

Thank you to everyone who contributed to and attended our Easter Fayre on Saturday 5th April. We raised £174.37 which along with the £582 from the non-uniform day on Friday 4th April will be a big help towards funding the Year 11 Prom.

May Day Bank Holiday
Monday 5th May

Half Term Holiday
26th to 30th May 2014



Year 11 Performance

Year 11 Btec and GCSE Drama, Dance, Music & P.E students were showing off their talents in a show on Friday 28th March in The Atrium Theatre. Thank you to all the audience who came to support the students. There were several fantastic performances, well done to all the students and staff who worked very hard before and during the show.

Sport Relief

Every half term a different house organises events for charity, and last half term saw Fry raising funds for Sport Relief.

It was a tremendous team effort with all forms contributing to the day with a cake sale, car wash, dog trial, penalty shoot out and a mile fun run.

Highlights of the day included the dogs, who beat any competitor attempting to run through the agility course quicker than them, the fun run competitors dressed as dragons, in onesies and some even taped together and rolling the mile!

A big thank you and well done to all involved, especially those in Fry who made the day so special! So far we have raised £331.68



STUDENTS EXHIBIT WORK IN EXCLUSIVE PRIVATE VIEWING

Parents of Year 11 students at North Walsham High School had a rare chance to see their child's practical work at a private viewing of 60 pieces made by the students as part of their Textile and Resistant Materials Technology GCSE course. A range of clothes, bags, rugs, cushions and play mats were on display alongside birdboxes, tables, gadget tidies and even a model open-top double-decker bus in the one-night show, which took place at The Atrium.

Textiles teacher Teresa Gascoyne, who organised the viewing, said, "Because these are exam pieces, the students can't take them home, and so parents don't get the chance to appreciate the results of their children's hard work. So we came up with the idea of holding a private viewing, at which parents could look at the range of items being made as part of the course."

The exhibits were on display for one night only, and have now been returned for assessment as part of the students' GCSE course.



Fifty children from across Norfolk are being given the chance to train and perform with stars of the West End in a special five day workshop that's coming back to Norwich this October half term. Between the 27th October and 31st October, fifty lucky children aged between 8 and 19 will work on a different West End show each day, with a star from that show, as well as West End professional choreographers, Musical Directors and actors, at the OPEN Youth Venue in Norwich. At the end of the week, the students will perform everything they've learnt in a two hour showcase concert, WITH the professionals, in front of an audience of five hundred people. No previous experience is required, just a willingness to learn. If you love musical theatre, and would like more details, and to request an application form, email jo@westendexperience.com or call 07867 790073.

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ICELAND TRIP

26 Students and 5 staff members spent some of the Easter Holidays exploring the astonishing scenery of Iceland, including the active volcano Eyjafjallajökull. They visited a geothermal energy plant and the geyser geothermal area, where they got to swim in the Blue Lagoon as well as enjoying a morning whale watching.

The geography field trip was organised by Miss Walker for Year 10 and 11 students, who have been looking at tectonics and geothermal energy as part of their geography studies. The party were based in Reykjavik during their five day stay.

Miss Walker said "Iceland is such a fascinating country, and a real-life demonstration of much of what the students have been learning in the classroom."

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