

Diary dates

School Events

12th May 6:45pm Parents Forum

16th May Year 7 Reports Issued

19th May Year 7 Celebration Assembly

21st May Year 8 Celebration Assembly

Exams

12th May GCSE Exams Begin

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

U14 Cricket V Taverham (home) Wednesday 14th May 3:00pm

U13 Cricket V Taverham Hall (away) Friday 16th May 3:00pm

North Norfolk Athletics Meeting (away) Tuesday 20th May 12:00pm

U13 Cricket V Flegg (home) Thursday 22nd May 3:00pm

After school sports clubs

Netball Club Tuesdays 3 - 4pm

Tennis Club Wednesdays 3 - 4pm

Athletics/Running Club Thursdays 3 - 4pm

SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP
Wednesday 9th July
3:00 - 7:00pm
in The Atrium



Caroline Brooker
Headteacher

Festival highlights excellent learning attitudes of North Walsham students.

The Year 5 Learning Festival was a lovely opportunity to welcome new families and re-establish previous links to our learning community.

Around 60 primary school students and their parents joined us for classroom-based activities, a tour of the facilities and to find out initial information about the school. I was particularly pleased to be supported by our senior students who took time out from their exam preparations to lead tours and talk about the school experiences which have helped develop them into the mature, confident young people that they are today.

All the year 5 students from our partner junior schools have also visited the school for a day to take part in learning activities so that they can start to gain an

understanding about life in the high school. I was very proud to see our year 7 students who have been with us for less than a year demonstrate excellent attitudes to learning with the ability to provide practical help and support.

The range and scope of other learning opportunities continues to be diverse. I was delighted to see how two of our year 8 students secured the chance to interview Norman Lamb which was one of a series of interviews conducted as a result of our involvement in the BBC schools news event. Another year 8 student has had her art profiled by

a leading regional arts magazine and year 9 students are engaging positively with their mentors from a range of employment sectors. The link with Hansells Solicitors and Financial Advisors has been highlighted in the Eastern Daily Press and North Norfolk News.

I am impressed with how our year 11 students are continuing to work well in class as well as cope with the additional pressure of the impending written examinations. It has been good to see positive attitudes towards the practical exams which have already taken place and the excellent standard of the coursework which was displayed in our recent exhibition.

MFL Teacher Mr Weal has become so irritated by the amount of rubbish blighting the town that he has started a regular one-man litter-picking round. He arms himself with a grabber pole and rubbish bag and litter-picks his way to and from school every day. He also spends about an hour per day every Saturday and Sunday ridding the town of litter.



Mr Weal has also given hard-hitting assemblies to the students about the menace of rubbish, including images of the injuries it can cause wildlife. Since he began his campaign about two months ago, he said he had been delighted at the positive response from adults and children. His inspiration came from a feature on the BBC's One Show about a group of women who regularly went litter-picking in their neighbourhood, and decided he was going to do the same.

Year 6 students from our feeder schools will be invited to attend our Induction Days between 30th June and 3rd July. Students will spend 2 days experiencing life at High School in preparation for moving up in September 2014

Half Term Holiday

26th to 30th May 2014



Easter Eggs sold for a Shed

The NWHS gardening club spent most of last term selling Easter eggs and raffle tickets in order to raise money to purchase a garden shed to home the gardening tools/produce which are currently stored in various cupboards around the science department. Students Alex Fawkes, Liam Storey, Chloe Hudson, Katerina Niotis and Chloe Bithell gave up their lunch breaks to sell and deliver the Easter eggs and raffle tickets. Prizes were donated by North Walsham's Sainsbury's, Roys and Waitrose, and Cromer's Morrisons.

Thanks to everyone's generosity, the gardening club raised an astonishing £150! Beating their initial target they have been able to upgrade their choice of shed and have money left over for seeds and equipment. The gardening club is always looking to welcome new members.



Ben and Finley Grill A Cabinet Minister

Two budding journalists from North Walsham High School had the chance to grill a Cabinet minister when North Norfolk MP and Care Minister Normal Lamb agreed to visit the school to be interviewed. Year 8 students Ben Schamp and Finley Tranter wrote to Mr Lamb asking if he would submit to their questioning – and were delighted when the MP not only said yes, but arranged to come to the school so that the interview could take place face to face.

Mr Lamb was asked a question about the Europe debate: he believed that we should stay in the EU. He was also asked about the bad Ofsted report for North Norfolk schools; he answered, "I think there is a problem with the County Council's aptitude which needs to be sorted." Ben and Finley asked him if he thought there was a bias in Ofsted towards schools that have become academies and his reply was, "It is about how the schools are doing, but they may well be a bit biased, I don't know." Finally they asked him about the state of the mental health system in England, and he said, "The crisis care fund is for getting people into hospital when in crisis, but we also need to be working to then get them out of hospital."

Year 10 Students Visit UEA

Fourteen Year 10 students joined others from around the county at The UEA to participate in this year's 'Move On Up' University taster day.

Students had the opportunity to join in a variety of workshops set up for the day, including game design, making slime, economics, Greek, law and healthcare. They also had the chance to have a look around the campus and speak with current students.

"I learnt how to develop my teamwork skills and the correct GCSEs and A-Levels I need to become a Psychologist. The trip definitely influenced whether I will go to University. It showed me that anyone can go to Uni if they try hard." – **Sallie Fletcher-Helps**

"I found the experience great and learned new things. I enjoyed exploring the campus, the facilities in the University are great! I think it's great to go and attend University." – **Ruth Manalo**

"I really enjoyed discovering the University and we did some fun activities. I definitely want to go to University in the future. This trip has opened my mind as to what University has to offer." – **April Burton**

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Emerging Talent: Rosie Phillips

Some people may remember that Rosie Phillips was named winner of our cover competition back in February. We were very impressed with her painting of a puppy head and abstract. In this issue we speak to Rosie, 13, and her mum Joyce about her love of art.

"Ever since she was at preschool from about the age of 2 or 4 Rosie has shown a real love of drawing," says Joyce. "At primary school she was often in trouble for drawing on her school books when she wasn't supposed to be writing and doing sums."

That is now when she started at North Walsham High School. Her Rosie's talent was really recognised!

"In her first year at the school Rosie painted a portrait of the family on a huge canvas for her homework," recalls Joyce. "She was named Artist of the Month and the painting was hung on the wall of the school for six months. We were really proud of her."

At home: Rosie draws at every available opportunity.

"She loves drawing animals, particularly horses," says Joyce. "She's also really good at people and has watched a lot of her friends. On her bedroom wall she has a painting that she did of the pop star Rihanna and one of my husband's paintings of horses of the singer Lady Gaga."

So, where does Rosie get her talent from?

"Her mum, laughs Joyce. "Her dad's side of the family are quite artistic. Her granddad in particular is interested in art and is very impressed with Rosie's work."

Rosie is happy to talk about the future. "I plan to do an GCSE and A-Level and then hopefully go on to study art at college," she says. "We had quite a chat whether I'd like to be a full-time artist or whether it's something I'd do part-time or as a hobby and I really like to see with animals too."

Rosie enjoys experimenting with lots of different artistic styles.

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Rosie's Talent Highlighted In Leading Arts Magazine

Year 8 student and budding artist Rosie Phillips has had her work profiled by a leading regional arts magazine – after winning a competition to create a cover for the publication.

Arts East is one of East Anglia's most important arts publications, and the April edition features a double page spread profiling Rosie and showing a cross-section of her work. Rosie plans to do art GCSE and then go on to study art at college. She enjoys experimenting with a number of different artistic styles, ranging from portraits and landscapes to animal pictures and abstract work. As well as the prestige of winning the competition and seeing her work in print, Rosie won a selection of artist materials from Norwich Art Supplies.

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