

Diary dates

Not to miss

25th September Year 10 Arts Trip to Sainsbury Centre

25th September Year 7 Form Tutor Parents Evening, 4pm to 7pm

26th September Year 7 McMillan Cancer Inter-house cake sale

29th September Parents Forum Meeting, Library 6:45pm

30th September Year 11 College Day (in school)

3rd October Year 10 Art Trip to Sainsbury Centre

Study

Study support and revision sessions

Design Technology
Thursdays 3pm to 4pm, A1 with Mrs Parker

Homework Club – all welcome

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

Sports

Sports fixtures

Wednesday 24th September 3:00pm
U14/U16 Football & U13 Netball v Stalham (H)

Wednesday 1st October 3:00pm
U14 & U16 Netball v Aylsham (H)

Tuesday 7th October 3:00pm U13/U15
Football & U14/U16 Netball (A)

Wednesday 15 October 3:00pm
U13/U15 Football & Netball (H)

After school sports clubs

Netball Club Tuesday 23rd & 30th
September, 7th October 3pm to 4pm



Caroline Brooker
Headteacher

DECISION TIME

Such are the vagaries of the school calendar, that even as we celebrate the results of last year's GCSE students, and welcome a new intake in to Year 7 in September, we are already turning our attention to the 2015 intake.

This is the time of year when Year 6 parents have to make their choice of high school. It is a big decision, and one which will have a huge impact on your child's future – so it is worth spending time getting it right.

The problem is: how do you start? There are a number of factors which you should take into consideration, the first of which is, of course, location. Whilst parental choice is all very well, choosing a school which involves a significant journey every day will be onerous for both parents and student – and may have an impact on your child's social life and extracurricular activities as well.

Next, of course, you will look at the academic results of the school. You need to look beyond the headline figures. How much progress do students make

between arriving at high school and GCSEs? What subjects is the school particularly strong in – and do these match the aptitudes and interests of your child?

But perhaps the biggest factor which will determine whether your child will thrive at any school is the overall feel and culture, and this simply cannot be conveyed in statistics. There is only one way to find this out, and that is to visit the school, and talk to teachers and, equally importantly, current students.

It is the students who can give the most accurate picture of what a school is like – how they conduct themselves, how confident they are, and, of course, their searingly honest appraisal of life at the school. You need to talk to students at every level of the school, from those with recent experience of Year 7, through

to senior students who will have an overview of the whole experience.

Exam results are of course important, but high school education is so much more than that, and you need to dig a little to find out whether a school is going to give your child an all-round education which will equip them academically, socially, personally and culturally for the big, wide world. If you are making that decision in the coming months, my advice is to immerse yourself as much as possible in your target school(s); only then will you be able to answer that question.

Parents Forum Meeting
Monday 29th
September
6:45pm, Library



Congratulations to our GCSE students who collected their results in August. We are delighted to be able to announce a significant improvement in results. Read the full story on the NWHS website.

Choosing the right school for your child is an important decision. Join us at our Open Evening to explore what North Walsham High School has to offer.

Learning, inspiration and creativity
Innovation, challenge and achievement
Individuality, strength and support
Relationships, respect and responsibilities
Confidence, choice and a better future

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Open Evening
Wednesday 8th October 2014
6pm to 8pm



High attendance at Homework Club

Homework club has started well this term with a record 30 students attending last Wednesday's sessions. This great opportunity is available every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in the Library between 3 - 4pm. All students are welcome to attend. There is support and guidance on offer from Teaching Assistant Mrs Eke.

German Exchange

Last week we welcomed students from our exchange school from Mayen, in Germany. The exchange programme between the two schools has been running for several years and we are very happy to see them again this year.

Students had a fun packed week including a river cruise on the broads and an open tour bus ride around Norwich. Students visited seaside town, Sheringham, for some free time and enjoyed a game of Zoccer in our Sports Hall followed by a roast dinner prepared by Edwards and Blake. They also spent a day repainting the map of Europe located at the front of school followed by Pizza making. Check out the website for more photos.

Thank you to all our host families for accommodating our guests. Our students will be heading to Germany in July 2015 for the next phase of the German Exchange



New staff, new leadership team, and new apprentice at NWSH

North Walsham High School has welcomed eight new teachers to its staff – and has also taken on an apprentice IT technician who until June was a student at the school.

Head teacher Caroline Brooker officially greeted the new members of staff at the beginning of term, at the same time announcing restructuring of the leadership team following the retirement in the summer of deputy head Chris Tooth.

Ian Winter, who was joint deputy head with Mr Tooth, remains the sole deputy head, and five assistant heads will take responsibility for specific areas of school life. Business manager Nicki Everitt completes the senior leadership team line-up.

The five assistant heads are: Paul Clark, responsible for attendance, careers and mentoring; Dominic James, responsible for staff training and learning; Karen King, responsible for safeguarding; Pete Lambert, responsible for curriculum; Paul Leaver, responsible for data.

The eight new teachers joining the school for the new term are: Kirsten Abel (PE), Monica Agache (English), Katy Cooper (English), Lara Gardner (Music), Amanda Parker (Design & Technology), Maggie Philipps (Maths), Jessica Rayfield (Computer Science) and Lucy Smith (Geography)

The school has also welcomed Cameron Pitts as apprentice IT technician. Cameron was a student at the school until earlier this year, and is the first apprentice to join the school's staff.

Head teacher Caroline Brooker said, "We are delighted to welcome our new colleagues who join the school as we continue to achieve improved results and focus on the quality of our teaching.

"Our new-look, expanded leadership team has enabled us to name individuals who will take responsibility for leading in defined areas and monitoring specific groups of students, which is an important part of fulfilling our improvement plan.

"It is a particular pleasure to welcome our first apprentice to the school's staff. Cameron was a student here until July of this year, and we are delighted to be able to offer this great opportunity to him.

"Not only will it provide him with a firm foundation for his future career, but it also sends a very positive message to current students that apprenticeships can be an excellent option to pursue after GCSEs."



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