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Headteacher

## Recognising Achievements

One of the highlights of the school year is when we invite back Year 11 students for the annual prizegiving, and it was a pleasure to welcome the Class of 2014 to the Atrium this month.

Along with their parents and families, we were able to congratulate them on their successes, to recognise their achievements, and to present prizes and cups to some worthy winners.

This is a cohort which had to cope with last-minute Government changes to the curriculum and the exam system; I am proud that they took this in their stride, and not a little frustrated that they had to. Education will always be a political issue, but politicians need to be careful that their manoeuvrings don't endanger

the future of the young people who are at the sharp end of any changes.

We were very fortunate to be able to welcome John Archibald to present the prizes. John is chief executive of Victory Housing Trust, and so is responsible for the management of around one in ten homes in our area. He is also chair of Voluntary Norfolk, so his commitment to our local communities is clear.

In an inspiring speech, he challenged the Class of 2014 to believe in themselves, to be determined and never give up,

but also to accept that failures happen, and to embrace them as 'stepping stones for moving onto success'.

This is a good lesson for all of us. We will all face setbacks during our lives; how we deal with these is a good indicator of how successful we will be. Every walk of life is full of achievers who have come back stronger after failure.

It is a good philosophy for life, and one which we instil in our students: believe in yourself, and you can face whatever life throws at you.

## Class of 2014 Prize Giving

A total of 36 of last year's Year 11 students were awarded prizes and a hundred were presented with their GCSE certificates.

The most prolific prize-winner was 2013/14's Head Boy Nathan Price, who carried off a total of seven separate prizes.

Guest speaker, John Archibald, urged the former students to believe in their ability to achieve their dreams. Prize-winners received plaques to mark excellence in individual subjects, paperweights awarded by the head teacher and Governors, and cups for a variety of achievements.

New for 2014 was the Chris Tooth Cup for Academic Excellence, presented by former deputy head



Chris Tooth, who retired at the end of the school year, and the Dave Robertson Award for Good Citizenship, presented in memory of Dave Robertson, who until his death recently spent many years volunteering to help with exam invigilation at the school.

Head teacher Caroline Brooker told the assembled former students and their families, "It is important to have moments in life when you come together to recognise your achievements.

The ceremony also saw stunning musical performances by current students at the school.

## Diary dates

### Important Dates

**Thursday 27th November**  
Choose Your Future Careers Event  
Year 9 Subject Clinic 4 - 7pm

**Thursday 4th December**  
Sports Presentation Evening 7- 9pm

### Study

#### Exams

**W/c 1st December** (2 weeks)  
Year 11 Exams All Week

**Friday 5th & Thursday 11th December** Year 11 GCSE  
Photography Mock Exam

**Monday 8th & Tuesday 9th December** Year 11 GCSE Art  
Mock Exam

#### Study support and revision sessions

**Art** Art Club/War Hammer  
Tuesdays 3 to 4pm, A5 Mr Winner  
Year 11 Art Coursework Catch-up  
Wednesdays 3 to 4pm, A5 Mr Winner

**Film Club** Thursdays 3 to 4pm,  
Theatre Mr Breeze

**Geography** Year 10 Catch-up  
Tuesdays, Year 11 Catch-up  
Thursdays 3 - 4pm CS2 Miss Walker

**History** Young Historians Society  
Thursday 3 - 4:30pm, Miss Springall-Coleman

**Maths** FSMQ Tuesdays 3 - 4pm  
in M2 with Dr Lee, Revision  
Wednesdays 3 - 4pm Miss Honey

**Music** Strings group Wednesdays  
3 - 4pm, Mrs Gardner

**BTEC Sport** Fridays 3 - 4pm, Mr  
Bradshaw & Mr Mills

#### Homework Club

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

### Sports

#### Sports fixtures

Tuesday 25th November 3pm U13/U14  
Girls Football Tournament (A)  
U13/U14 Netball V Reepham (H) 3pm

Wednesday 26th November 1:30pm  
U15 Football V Hellesdon (A)  
U16 Girls Football V Diss (H)

Thursday 27th November 1:30pm U14  
Cup Football V Springwood (H)

#### After school sports clubs

**Netball Club** Tuesday 25th Nov,  
2nd & 9th Dec 3 - 4pm

**Badminton Club** Wednesday  
26th Nov, 3rd & 10th Dec 3 - 4pm

**Hockey Club** Thursday 27th Nov,  
4th & 11th Dec 3 - 4pm



On Thursday 6th November year 8 & 9 boys took part in the Norfolk Emerging Schools Rugby Tournament.

The boys got off to a flying start with some brilliant defensive skills, moving across to make the tackles but unfortunately right at the end of the first match, the opposition found a way through our very strong defence and the match ended at 5-0. In the second game we won with some brilliant tries. In the third game we lost 3-1 to the hosts of the tournament, Wymondham, the overall winners. Unfortunately we lost our fourth game of the tournament but we all came off the field knowing that we gave 100% in our performance. In our final game got off to a great start but were not able to score. We were all over them but all we could get was a draw. Great performance lads, well done!

A big thank you from all the boys to Liam and Robert for coaching us for the tournament and not forgetting Mr Mills for getting us there and organising the whole event for us. Without you we wouldn't have been in the tournament.

Written by George Isbell, Year 9

## Communication at NWHHS!

We are a year into our programme of raising the profile of communication at NWHHS.

Hopefully you should all now be receiving text messages from us. This service has proved invaluable over the past year and the feedback we have received from you is very positive. Please remember to keep us up to date with any changes to your contact numbers and email addresses!

We launched our new school website last year. We are still working on elements of the website to help enhance your child's learning. However, there are lots of resources to help you and your child on there. You can also use the 'contact us' page if you are unsure of anything. We are constantly updating the information on there for you.

We have launched 'Show My Homework' this year. So far, apart from a few minor glitches, we feel it has made a real difference. Students and Parents/Carers seem to be using it easily. If you have any problems accessing the website, we now have a guide to online services on our homepage.

We also set up new email addresses for specific reasons. This is just another option to calling us, as we know there are peak times of the day when the phone lines are very busy. If you are wanting to tell us your child is away due to illness you can now email attendance@northwalshamhigh.norfolk.sch.uk, as well as that you can now also contact your key stage leader for pastoral questions by emailing them at ks3@northwalshamhigh.norfolk.sch.uk, for Years 7, 8 and 9 ks4@northwalshamhigh.norfolk.sch.uk for Years 10 & 11. These emails have been greatly used by you as Parents/Carers, which is excellent!

If you would like to raise anything at Parents' Forum and can't attend the meeting dates (these are all on the Parents' Calendar on the website) then you can email us at parentsforum@northwalshamhigh.norfolk.sch.uk and we will take your questions to the next meeting. In addition to this, we now also have the PE Fixtures calendar on the website under the calendars tab. There are up to date fixtures of sports games outside of school hours and as this is a live document it is updated if there are any changes to arrangements.

Your ideas are always welcome so please feel free to let us know if you have any!



## Children in Need

On Friday 14th November the school helped to raise £1013.49 for Children in Need by having a mufti day, cake sales, a raffle, a handball tournament and other 'Pudsey' themed events.

We also had 3 of our own 'children in need' after bravely having their legs waxed to raise money for the charity. The boys, James Bassett, Luke Chopping and Liam Clark volunteered to have their legs waxed in front of a packed auditorium. In total the boys raised £216.93 a good amount for enduring such pain.



Romanian Christmas Boxes Year 7 students kindly filled up 18 shoe boxes full of toys, sweets, gloves, socks, hats and essentials to send to all those children in Romania who get so little at Christmas. A special mention needs to go to Keziah Belson - who alone filled up a large box with the help of her younger sisters.



## NWHHS train with West End Stars

Five NWHHS students were given the chance of a lifetime to train and perform with some of the West Ends biggest stars during the half term holiday. Jessica Bradley, Isabel Register, Katy Ellis, Megan Howlett and Jodie Weller took part in 'West End Experience' when it came to North Walsham, giving them the opportunity to train in dancing, singing and acting with industry professionals from shows like Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Les Miserables, High School Musical and Wicked. At the end of a day of intensive training, they all got to perform in front of hundreds of people, alongside the West End pros in an hour long concert. West End Experience is returning to North Walsham between the 20th and 22nd February 2015, and Norwich between the 6th and 10th April 2015. If you'd like to be part of it, email jo@westendexperience.com for more information and a booking form. No experience is necessary...next time could be your chance to shine!

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### Pastoral questions

Years 7, 8 and 9:  
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