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'Appy Christmas and a 'Appy New Year

At the risk of throwing out a terrible pun,
I'd like to wish you an 'Appy Christmas.

We work very hard to keep parents informed about what is going on here at the school, and we have adopted all kinds of communications channels, from Facebook and Twitter through frequent pieces in the local press, to the fortnightly publication you have in your hand right now.

But we know we can't stand still, which is why I am very pleased to be able to tell you about our newest communications tool – the North Walsham High School app.

Developed in-house by our wonderful IT team (take a bow, Mr O'Connor, Mr Jonas and Mr

Pitts), the app contains everything you need to know about what is going on here at the school, from the latest news, the school calendar, all our social media feeds, and even the weekly menu in the cafeteria.

We plan to add more to it over the coming months, including audio and video material. So it should give you every piece of information you need to know.

Please do visit the Apple App Store or Google Play, search for 'North Walsham High School', and download the app on your phone or tablet.

We would love to know what you think, and we welcome suggestions for other things we can add to the app. With your feedback, we can make it a tool which everyone will find really useful.

- The app is a good example of the positive side of the internet – but as we know, there are dangers lurking in cyberspace as well. We have updated our Internet Safety Guide, which is an invaluable guide to staying safe online. I would urge you to download it from the ICT Safety section of our website.



As part of "Parliament Week", a group of students travelled to London for an amazing Houses of Parliament experience. In addition to watching debates in both the House of Lords and the House of Commons, we had a tour of the 1000 year old Palace of Westminster and a brilliant training session on the art of debating.

The trip was a reward for students who had reached Expert or Advanced learner status on our new Expert Learner programme, designed to give our students a better range of skills and experiences for the world of work and training which awaits them.

Christmas Carol Concert

Wednesday 17th December, 7pm

St Nicholas Church, North Walsham

Mulled Wine & Mince Pies

Diary dates

Important Dates

Friday 12th December
Christmas Mufti Day, £1 each, raising money for Save the Children

Monday 15th December Year 7, 8, 9 & 11 School Cross Country

Tuesday 16th December
Year 7 Pantomime Trip - am

Wednesday 17th December
Year 10 Cross Country
Christmas Carol Service 7- 8:30pm

Study

Exams

W/c 8th December
Year 11 Exams All Week

Study support and revision sessions

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

Design Technology Thursdays
3 to 4pm, A1

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,
M2 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 9th December 3:00pm U16
Girls Football Tournament (A)

Wednesday 10th December 3:00pm
U14/U16 Badminton Tournament

Thursday 11th December 3:00pm
U12 Boys Football V Notre Dame (A)
U12 Girls Netball V Reepham (H)

After school sports clubs

Netball Club Tuesday 9th & 16th
Dec 3 - 4pm

Badminton Club Wednesday
10th & 17th Dec 3 - 4pm

Hockey Club Thursday 11th &
18th Dec 3 - 4pm



NORTH WALSHAM YOUNG SPORTS STARS RECOGNISED AT GLITTERING CEREMONY

Young sports stars have been recognised at a glitzy ceremony at our annual Sports Presentation evening acknowledging the school's high achievers of 2014.

16 year-old Liam Clarke carried off the prestigious Graeme Wilton Award for Sporting Excellence, while the Sports Personality Award – given to the outstanding sports performer in the year group which left in the summer - went jointly to Amy Hemp and Charlie Holmes. Meanwhile Amy Hemp's younger sister Lauren Hemp, who was selected for the England U15s football squad against Holland in May, received a rare Platinum Award in recognition of an astonishing year which also saw her selected for Norfolk's U15s and U17s ladies cricket team.

As well as recognising those who had done well at school level, the ceremony also saw awards given to individuals and teams which had competed at county level, including the U15s girls' cricket team, which emerged as County Champions.

School Head of PE Paul Bradshaw commented, "We have a strong sports tradition here at North Walsham, and it is a real delight to publicly recognise those who have excelled in sport over the past year.

The school welcomed back former PE teacher, Mrs Anne Harper to present the awards. Anne retired from teaching in the summer after serving 30 years as a much loved member of the PE department and the school.



Parents Urged To Keep Up To Speed On Online Technology

Parents need to keep as up to speed with their children about technology in order to stay safe online – that was the message from an internet safety evening held at the school, aimed at parents of children in all schools in the area. The event saw the publication of an updated free 24 page guide to staying safe online, which is available to download on the school's website for any parent concerned about internet safety.

PCSO Alex Spinks, who is schools liaison officer for NWHS said, "Computers have so many benefits, and not everything about them is negative. Children are going to have to use them, so it is vital to know the risks, what can go wrong, and how to minimise the risk to young people online."

Parents need to talk to their children about the sites they are using, and understand what they are doing. It is about looking over their shoulder a little bit. School network manager Gary O'Connor stressed the importance of using secure passwords, and regularly checking privacy settings on the sites young people are using.

The Internet Safety Evening is part of ongoing activity at the school to educate young people and their parents about the potential dangers lurking on the internet, and how to minimise the risk of encountering them. All students receive regular sessions on staying safe online, from teachers, school technical staff and from the police.

The North Walsham High School Internet Safety Guide is available to download free of charge at www.northwalshamhigh.norfolk.sch.uk/student-life/ict-guidelines.



Save the Children CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

FRIDAY 12 DECEMBER 2014



NWHS Festive Clothing Mufti Day, wear your Christmas Jumper or any Festive attire.

Give £1

IMPORTANT NOTICE

We have updated our pastoral email addresses so that each year group has a separate contact. These are active with immediate effect and are located at the bottom of this publication.

Please note the ks3, ks4 and attendance@northwalshamhigh.norfolk.sch.uk are no longer in use. Attendance emails must now go to the appropriate year group email address as below.

Last Day of Term
Friday 19th December 2014

School Begins
Tuesday 6th January 2015

NWHS raised £1154.94 for Children in Need in November

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To report a student absence or email pastoral

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