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Politician inspires a younger generation

You may have noticed that the BBC ran a 'Democracy Day' this week, with programmes and articles right across the network examining how important it is that people engage with the political process.

Over the past couple of decades, a chasm has emerged between the political class and ordinary people, and nowhere has that gulf been wider than amongst young people. Too often our younger generation are turned off by politicians who are seen as distant, elite and irrelevant.

It was very pleasing, then, to welcome our local MP Norman Lamb to the school this month. As well as being the constituency MP, Norman is also Minister of State at the Department of Health, giving him a seat at the top table of politics. So we were very grateful that he took the time to

come and talk to Year 8, and more importantly, to engage in debate with them.

Norman was himself educated at a Norfolk state school, demonstrating to our students that they too could emulate his success if they were so minded.

In a lively question session, he was challenged on a wide range of issues, ranging from how politicians can keep us safe from terrorism, to the importance of academic qualifications. I was impressed with the level of awareness of current affairs amongst the students, and their enthusiasm for engaging in debate

(as was Norman).

Of course, Year 8 students are still at least five years away from being able to vote in elections. But it is vital that we do everything we can to make politics relevant for our young people, because if we fail to engage them, democracy itself will ultimately be the loser.

Whatever your politics, that cannot be allowed to happen. As Winston Churchill once said: "Democracy is the worst form of government, except all those other forms that have been tried from time to time."

Newsflash is a year old!!!

We would like to thank you all for making it a success over the last year.

To make sure we are getting it right, we have put together a short questionnaire for you to complete. You can access this via <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/K63J32Y> or by using our Facebook page, Twitter feed or on our website under the News story.

We rely on and appreciate your feedback.

Well done to the 31 students who qualified for the County Cross Country Championship following last weeks District Cross Country event.



Diary dates

Not to miss

28th January Year 11 Individual & Group Photographs

30th January Year 11 Art Trip to London Galleries

4th February Year 9 Options Evening 6-7pm

5th February Intermediate Maths Challenge Event

Exams

W/c 2nd & 9th February
Year 8 all subjects

Study

Study Support/ Revision

Art Year 11 Coursework Catch-up
Wednesdays 3 - 4pm, A5 Mr Winsler

Design Technology Thursdays
3 - 4pm, A1

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

Maths FSMQ Tuesdays 3 - 4pm,
M2 Dr Lee,
Revision Wednesdays 3 - 4pm, Miss
Honey/Mrs Clare

GCSE PE Fridays 3 - 4pm, Mr
Bradshaw & Mr Mills

Homework Club

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

Sports

Sports Fixtures

Thursday 27th January 3:00pm U14
Boys/Girls Badminton V Fakenham (A)

Friday 28th January 12pm Norfolk
School Cross Country Championship

Friday 30th January North Norfolk
Partnership Sportshall Athletics

Tuesday 3rd February U16 Girls
Football Tournament (A)

Wednesday 4th February U14/U16
Boys Badminton V Cromer (A)

Thursday 5th February U14/U16 Girls &
U16 Mixed Badminton V Aylsham (A)

After School Clubs

Netball Club Tuesdays 3 - 4pm

Indoor Girls Cricket
Mondays 3 - 4:15pm, Sports Hall

Art Club/War Hammer
Tuesdays 3 - 4pm, A5 Mr Winsler

Film Club Thursdays 3 - 4pm,
Theatre Mr Breeze

History Club Thursdays
3-4:30pm, Miss Springall-Coleman

Music Strings Group **COMING
SOON** Wednesdays 3 - 4pm

North Walsham Job Centre

Our Year 10 BTEC Health & Social Care group visited North Walsham Job Centre last week. The group were welcomed by Steven Brady and his team. They were given a tour of the building and were given information about current jobs in Health & Social Care along with advice about writing CV's, job seekers allowance and how to apply for work.

Callum Reed made a thank you speech on behalf of the group. Building links with the local community is very important to our students and these visits are a great way for them to do this. Thank you to Mr Brady and his team!



Norman Lamb visits NWHS

Inspirational assembly for Year 8 students

Mr Lamb told the students about the path which had led to him becoming an MP, including choices about his higher education which he could have made in a more considered way. He underlined the importance of academic qualifications in achieving success in any walk of life.

“It is really important that young people engage both with politics and the wider world of current affairs, and a visit like this brings those things to life. Hearing first-hand about what goes on around the Cabinet table was fascinating, and the debate which followed showed that Norman had really captured the imagination of the students.”

Norman Lamb was elected as Liberal Democrat MP for North Norfolk in 2001, and was appointed Minister of State at the Department of Health in September 2012. His current portfolio includes older people, dementia, adult social care, end of life care, mental health services and health matters relating to prison services.

Cambridge College Trip

Some of our Year 9 students spent a day in Cambridge, at the site of Anglia Ruskin College. The students had a tour of the campus and the opportunity to question their student guides. They had a skills training session where they had to solve a number of challenges against the clock, and a working lunch, in which they had to start to plan their future career paths.

When asked the question 'What did you learn today?', the students made the following comments;

'The stepping stones in which you can reach your career' (Megan Briggs)

'The importance of using your initiative' (Kyran Turner)

'You should go with what you like doing and then find a career within that' (Jessica Bradley)

**Friday 13th February
Year 9 Speed Dating
Mentoring event**

**More info in the next
issue of Newsflash**

New Menu Tasting Session

On Tuesday 13th January, some of our students took part in a new menu tasting session with our caterers, Edwards & Blake. The students, along with Chefs from other schools, were asked to taste and give their feedback on around twenty new dishes.

The professionals from Edwards & Blake commented on students fantastic behaviour and attitude. Well done and thank you to; William Isbell, Jessie Mardell, Ben Schamp, Daisy Kerry, Ryan Cook, Jodie Weller, Lucy Curtis Warminger, and James Maisner.



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