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Get your head in a book!

It seems that pretty much every day is National Something Day or International Week of Something or Other, but I am writing this month's column on one of the most important such days for us at the school, one which we choose to celebrate across all ages: World Book Day.

In a world where the written word has to compete with TV, the internet, social media, and a hundred other distractions, I am always encouraged just how much pleasure our young people still get out of reading books, and how much enthusiasm they can show towards the humble printed text.

We can't take that for granted, which is why today at the school we have had a number of initiatives, from students conducting 'speed-dating' sessions to introduce their favourite books, through all teachers confessing to their favourite reads, to students writing online book reviews.

Why is reading still so important? Well, in pretty much every walk of life, the ability to communicate clearly is a vital skill, and study after study has shown that young people who read make better communicators.

But it's not just about equipping our young people with skills for the future workplace. Reading is a massive pleasure in itself, and a habit which, if acquired at a young age, tends to stay with you for life. Which is why we put such store on books here at school.

But we can't do this alone. If children are to view reading as

something they do for pleasure, rather than for study or out of necessity, then how books are viewed at home is massively important. Sadly, we know that in many homes, books have been relegated to the shelf (literally), whilst the ubiquitous screen is king.

So on World Book Day, my challenge to you is this: turn off the TV, the tablet, the computer and the mobile phone, and sit down for an hour or two with a book. In a world of stress, there are few things more relaxing. And by setting this example to young people, you will be creating book fans for life.

NWHS students prepare to share stage with strictly winner Pasha

13 year-olds Leah Harris and Toni Cook will be part of the supporting group of dancers for Strictly Come Dancing star Pasha Kovalev's (insert) show, at the Pavilion Theatre on Cromer Pier on Sunday 15th March.

This will be the third year that the members of the True Motion Dance troupe will be supporting Pasha. Both Leah and Toni are hoping to be professional dancers when they leave school.

Pasha Kovalev's show 'Life Through Dance' promises to transport the audience into the world of Ballroom and Latin Dance with all its glitter and sequins.

The show is sold out, and the theatre is operating a waiting list for returns.



Diary dates

Not to miss

19th March Year 8 BBC Report Day,

19th March Year 8 Subject Clinic
4-7pm

24th March Year 10 Healthy Living
& Relationships Day

25th March Year 9 Business
Enterprise Day

27th March Non-Uniform day in aid
of Year 11 Prom £1 each

Exams

W/c 16th March

Year 11 Full Mock Exams

23rd & 24th March Year 11 GCSE
Art Exam

25th March Year 11 GCSE PE
Practical Exam

26th & 27th March Year 11 GCSE
Photography Exam

Study

Study Support/ Revision

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

DT 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

Tuesday 17th March
U16 Rugby 7's Tournament @ Langley

Friday 20th March
U15 Girls Indoor Cricket Finals

Tuesday 24th March
U13 & U15 Football v Aylsham (H)
U12, U13 & U15 Netball v Aylsham (H)

Thursday 26th March
U16 Dodgeball Tournament @
Hellsdon High

After School Clubs

Netball Club Tuesdays 3 - 4pm

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

STUDENTS INSPIRED BY ROLLERCOASTER STORY OF HIGH FINANCE GURU

Students were given an inspiring insight into the glamorous world of high finance when bullion and foreign exchange trader – and former RAF pilot – Siam Kidd visited the school to speak at a Year 8 assembly.



Former Greshams School pupil Mr Kidd told students his story, including how he bought his first Aston Martin at the age of 23, and how his rollercoaster career later saw him eating 17p tins of spaghetti hoops from Asda – before his businesses took off and once again he enjoyed success.

Mr Kidd was open about the fact that he was far from a model student at school. But he told the North Walsham students that if they had enough ambition, they could achieve anything they wanted – provided they set themselves clear goals.

Mr Kidd is a successful bullion and foreign exchange trader, and runs a business called The Realistic Trader, which offers training and mentoring to prospective traders.

He has also joined the school's successful mentoring Scheme.

NWHS head teacher Caroline Brooker commented, "Siam's story is certainly unconventional, and his presentation held our students attention because of that."



Mentoring Scheme Success

Over 50 Businesspeople sign up for 2½ year commitment to mentor North Walsham School Students

Representatives from organisations including Aviva, Lafarge, Victory Housing Trust, Premier Inns, KLM, Victory Housing Trust and the John Innes Centre, as well as a host of smaller local businesses, took part in a 'speed-dating' event to match them with potential Year 9 student mentees, whom they will partner with for the rest of the students' high school career.

This is the second year that NWHS has run the scheme, which has been a run-away success; this year has seen a 40 per cent increase in the number of mentors volunteering to take part

The mentors will meet regularly with their students over the next two and a half years, as well as being available via email and telephone, to offer support and advice on qualifications, skills needed to progress towards their ambitions, and to help motivate and inspire them.

The initiative is aiming to help raise aspirations amongst students, as well as equip them with the social skills and confidence to help them achieve their ambitions.

The students met each of the professionals in groups of two and three for just three minutes each, before moving on to the next potential mentor. At the end of the event, students were asked to choose three professionals they would like as mentors, and NWHS staff are now in the process of matchmaking based on their preferences.



Easter Holidays
Monday 30th March to Friday 10th April

Well done to Shania Willden, who raised £107 for The People's Picnic in Norwich. Shania volunteers for the charity, who supply food and basic supplies to the homeless. Shania, with the help of Zoe Gutierrez, baked cakes and sold them in school on Friday 13th February.

Science Department Plea - If anyone has old binoculars/telescopes, we would be very grateful of them for the Solar Eclipse due to take place on 20th March! Please get in touch if you can help! Thank you

Non-Uniform Day
Friday 27th March

£1 per student
Raising funds for the
Year 11 Prom

Bright Futures Residential

On the 25th-27th February, 13 Year 9 students took part in a residential Trip to Holt Hall. The trip was focused around energy and saving energy for schools.

The students took part in a variety of teambuilding activities designed to improve their communication, team working and leadership skills. They had lessons on ecological foot printing, sustainable development, energy in a flash, maths for change using Spearman's rank correlation, and solar panels for schools.

They also took part in a photo scavenger hunt and developed energy saving campaigns which we hope to put in place at school and in our feeder primary schools in the near future.

The students really worked well together and with the other students. They all represented the school extremely well during the 3 days.

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