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Education gets my vote

The General Election is finally here, and in a very long campaign, it has been interesting seeing which issues have come to the fore. What might once have been peripheral issues have been brought into the limelight by new voices in the political spectrum. All of which is good for democracy, of course.

What is striking is how little focus there has been on education. The future of our young people should be a central plank of any politician's agenda, so why has there been so little concentration on this issue?

It's not as if there is consensus across the parties. Whilst most are promising to 'ringfence' education spending, issues such as academisation, free schools, curriculum changes, concentration on exams, local accountability of schools and so on create plenty of

blue water between each party's manifesto.

Perhaps politicians have calculated that education is not a 'sexy', vote-catching issue? Easier headlines are to be had by coming out with sound-bites about immigration, or by making impossible promises on NHS spending; but surely education is something which affects pretty much every family in the land.

It looks likely that the next Government will be formed after

considerable horse-trading. It is vital that in this Whitehall melee, the issue of education does not get forgotten.

We owe it to our young people to ensure politicians keep the focus on what is important. Just because the election is over does not mean politicians can forget the real issues.

Scientist Visit

Year 11 triple science students were treated to a visit from Andrew Thompson for a special lesson in analysing drug concentration – don't worry, he brought a UV spectrometer with him so no student was subject to sampling!

"It was a unique experience and will be beneficial to my revision. When he told me that water was an anomaly and shouldn't exist it blew my mind – I am definitely more interested in studying science further now!" *James Maisner*



During the Easter break, 13 students successfully passed their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze assessed expedition in Reepham. They certainly earned their Award, with bright sunshine on one day and near-hail on the next, it certainly tested the teams' ability to cope with all situations!

Diary dates

Not to miss

5th May 6:00-8:00pm Year 5 Learning Festival

7th May Year 9 Theatre Trip - Boy in the Striped Pyjamas

8th May Year 9 Healthy Living & Relationships Day

11th May 6:45pm Parents' Forum

Exams

W/c Tuesday 12th May
Year 11 GCSE Exams Begin

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 5th May 3pm
U12 Cricket v Norwich School (A)

Wednesday 6th May, 2pm
U15 Cricket v Litcham (H)
U12 Rounders v Reepham (A), 3pm

Tuesday 12th May
U12 Cricket v Thorpe (H)

Thursday 14th May, 3pm
U13 Rounders v Reepham (A)

Tuesday 19th May, 12:30pm Area
Athletics Competition at Greshams

After School Clubs

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

Dance Club
KS4 Wednesdays 3 - 4pm
KS3 Thursdays 3 - 4pm

Film Club Thursdays 3 - 4pm,
Theatre Mr Breeze

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

Rounders Club Tuesdays 3 - 4pm

There is a new section on our website for Revision Resources.
<http://northwalshamhigh.norfolk.sch.uk/learning/revision-resources>



Year 7 Visit Tesco to Experience 'Farm to Fork'

This term, all of our Design and Technology students in Year 7 are visiting Tesco's in Stalham to get involved in their 'Farm to Fork' programme.

'Farm to Fork' is a nationwide initiative dedicated to getting children interested in where their food comes from. Last week it was the turn of 7AS3, well done to the students who represented themselves and the school so excellently.

A huge thank you to Sam Maisey for organising these events for us and to Carol at Tesco's for providing such an enjoyable experience. As you can see from our photos, some of the taste testing was very interesting!



Students take part in mock Elections

Students have been taking part in the political process – with a mock election following hustings featuring Politics students from Paston College.

The Green Party carried the day in the secret ballot, beating UKIP into second place, with the Conservatives taking third place, Labour fourth, and the Lib Dem candidate bringing up the rear.

The five 'candidates' set out their stall at the beginning of the hustings, following which NWHS students had the chance to ask questions and debate the issues. Years 7-10 took part in the event, in the Atrium.

North Walsham is in the North Norfolk parliamentary constituency, where Lib Dem MP Norman Lamb is defending a majority of 11,626.

Many thanks to Paston College for helping to make this great event happen.

UEA Mentors celebrate in style

Eight year 9 students have been participating in this year's UEA mentoring scheme. They have been meeting with their mentor (current UEA student) once a week for 30 minutes; covering topics such as: homework, revision, post 16 options and university life.

On Wednesday 22nd April they joined together with other schools across Norfolk for a celebration event at the UEA. This involved them participating in media and nutrition workshops; run by current PHD students, as well as a tour around the campus, giving our students the chance to speak with current UEA students, see the accommodation and get a real insight into university life.

The day finished with a presentation of certificates to acknowledge all of the students hard work and progress over the last few weeks. Students were a real credit to the school, getting involved, asking questions, being smart and polite – fab day!!!

Want To Be the Next Tiger Woods, Rory McIlroy or Anika Sorenstam?

Golf Coaching at NWHS with Mundesley Golf Club Professional Ryan Pudney.

Starts Tuesday 2nd June 3-4pm weekly until Tuesday 14th July with the possibility of the last 2 sessions happening at Mundesley Golf Club.

If you are interested please see Mr Bradshaw.



Women of the Future

On Thursday 23rd April, a group of Year 10 students ventured to the John Innes Centre for Research to attend the "Women of the Future" conference with keynote speaker, Dr Maggie Aderin-Pocock of Stargazing Live. The students had this to say about the experience:

"Today has taught us a lot about scientific professions and women in science. We enjoyed learning about all the subjects we were taught about including physics, astronomy and biology. We had the opportunity to meet new people and made great new friends. I feel inspired after listening to many lectures and Q&A sessions, especially after meeting Maggie!" *Andie Green*



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