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I'D LIKE TO THANK...

'Thank you' is such a wonderful phrase, and yet it is one we use far too infrequently. We all know what it is like when we go the extra mile for someone and they don't acknowledge the fact - and how nice it is when someone bothers to show their gratitude with a few well-chosen words.

How many of us owe our starts in life to a teacher who has made that extra effort? Whether it's nurturing a particular talent, helping us through a particular problem, or just taking the time to develop us as we grew up. I'm guessing most of us can think of a teacher from our school days whom we wish we could go back and say 'thank you' to.

This was why we held our first 'Teacher of the Year' Awards this month. We gave our students - and staff too - the chance to nominate teachers who they would like to thank in particular.

You never know when you

try something like this what the reaction will be. We were extremely heartened when we received over 500 nominations from the children alone. Clearly my wonderful colleagues are appreciated by their young 'customers'.

We gave out four awards for particularly inspiring teachers. Every single nomination was handed to the teacher concerned, so that they could see that their efforts are valued by the people who

matter most.

Teachers don't do it for the glory, they do it because they believe that they can make a difference. But nevertheless, it is particularly nice when those magic two words are spoken.

Read more about our winners over leaf.



Summer's bid for teen beauty contest final

Year 9 student, Summer Waugh has made it through to the semi-finals of a national teen beauty competition - and now she needs Norfolk to get voting to help her make it through to the Grand Final in Blackpool in October.

She is one step away from the glamorous ceremony to crown Miss Junior Teen GB, an accolade which carries with it a whole host of prizes including dresses, jewellery, holidays and a professional photo shoot, as well as £500 cash.

Summer, who has an ambition to be a dancer or a gymnast, said, "Taking part in this competition is such a good experience, and to get to the Grand Final would be amazing. Having achieved something like this would be something tremendous to put on my CV, and would help me when it comes to applying for college.

To vote for Summer to be a finalist in the Miss Junior Teen GB contest, search for 'Miss Teen GB' on Facebook, and then look for Summer Waugh's photo and 'Like' it. Voting closes on 1st July.



Diary dates

Not to miss

26th June 7:30pm Year 11 Leavers Prom, Northrepps Cottage

28th June German Exchange trip depart for Mayen

1st July Careers Trail Trip

2nd July Sports Day

4th July German Exchange trip returns

6th July 5:30 Paris Trip Info Evening

Study

Study Support/ Revision

DT Thursdays 3 - 4pm, A1

GCSE Food Catch-up Wednesdays 3 - 4pm T3

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 23rd June, 3:00pm Rounders Tournament (A)

Wednesday 24th June, 3:00pm U13 Rounders Tournament v Aylsham

Thursday 25th June, 3:00pm U12 Cricket v Dereham Northgate (H)

Thursday 25th June, 3:00pm U12 Rounders/U13 Tennis v Aylsham (H)

Tuesday 30th June, 9:00am Norfolk School Games - Athletics

Tuesday 30th June, 3:00pm U12 Rounders Tournament @ Reepham

After School Clubs

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

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

Film Club Thursdays 3 - 4pm, Theatre Mr Breeze

Golf Coaching Tuesdays 3pm with Ryan Pudney (Mundesley Golf Club)

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

Rounders Club Tuesdays 3 - 4pm



Playing for England

14-year-old Lauren Hemp has made her full international football debut for England – playing two matches for England U15s against the Netherlands over the half-term break. She has been training with the U15s squad for some time, and with their first fixture since May 2014, she was finally able to receive a cap for the two games, which were part of a week-long England U15s Football Camp at Warwick University.

Alongside her first caps, Lauren was also made vice-captain by FA coaches, in recognition of her outstanding effort and commitment in training. Following a substitution, she was handed the captain's armband for most of the second half of the second match of the week.

"I am extremely proud to have represented my country" said Lauren.

NWHS Head of PE Paul Bradshaw added, "We are delighted that Lauren has been capped by her country. It is thoroughly deserved – she continues to work incredibly hard and we at the school are very proud of her. She displays high levels of dedication and commitment to everything she does and these qualities were evident in the games. I am sure this will be the first honour of many to come her way."

With the closure of the Girls Centre of Excellence at Norwich City Football Club, Lauren is set to return to grassroots football next season, when she will play for North Walsham Boys U16s. This is an initiative supported by the Women's FA, which is encouraging girls to train and play with boys for as long as possible in order to build strength.

With her eye on the England U16s training camp in August, Lauren is also working hard to maintain her fitness levels over the Summer period, and to help with this the Victory Swim & Fitness Centre has given her complimentary membership so that she can make use of the gym and swimming facilities.



Students say 'Thank You' to teachers in teacher of the year awards

Geography teacher, Emma Walker was one of four teachers singled out for praise in the poll which saw over 500 written nominations from students submitted offering thanks to staff members. Miss Walker topped both staff and student polls.

Fellow geography teacher Lucy Smith, PE teacher Iain Mills and history teacher Sarah Springall-Coleman also won prizes in the Awards, the first time the school has given students and colleagues the chance to say thank you to teachers in this way.

"We don't say 'thank you' enough to people," said assistant head Paul Clark, who co-ordinated the awards.

"What was written in the nominations shows that this was much more than a popularity contest. Students took the chance to express their gratitude for the things that they care about – generally when teachers make that special effort to help them, encourage them and support them.

"That so many students took the chance to say thank you is a good indication of the way our staff are valued both by our students and by each other, and of the commitment they all put in to making our school successful."

Gifted and talented students discover Japan at UEA

On Thursday 11th June, students of the 'Da Vinci' club went to University of East Anglia to participate in 'Discover Japan'. There were several other schools invited to the event and the students took part in different workshops which included, karaoke and origami, taiko (Japanese drums), calligraphy, history and heritage, language and culture and art. It was a very interesting and cultural experience.



New student advisers team

This week the newly appointed Student Advisers team from year 9 had some intense training as part of their preparation for the year 6 Induction Days this month. They will also be helping our new year 7s to settle into the High School next term .

Mrs Fretwell was very pleased with their positive and sensible approach towards their training session and hopes that they will become a very successful team. Good Luck!

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