

Diary dates

Not to miss

9th September Year 10 GCSE & BTEC Drama Trip to Theatre Royal

10th September Year 11 CV writing workshop (am)

15th September Year 7 Photographs

24th September Year 7 Parents Evening with Tutors

Study

Study Support/ Revision

GCSE Art & Photography
Catch-up Wednesdays 3 - 4pm A4

GCSE Design & Technology
Catch-up Wednesdays 3 - 4pm T3

BTEC Sport Fridays 3 - 4pm, Mr Bradshaw & Mr Mills

Homework Club

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

PE Fixtures

Thursday 17th September 3 - 6:30pm
U13 & U15 Football v Alderman Peel
U14 & U16 Netball v Alderman Peel (A)

Tuesday 22nd September U14 & U16
Football v Fakenham (H)

After School Clubs

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

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

Music Clubs
Strings Group Wednesdays 3 - 4pm

Young Historians Society
Thursday 3:10 - 4:15pm CS3

A WARM WELCOME

It is always exciting to start a new school year, and in particular to welcome a new crop of students to the school. This year we are seeing a bumper intake at Year 7, with around 157 students joining us, and it is to them, and their parents and families, that I particularly want to address my thoughts.



Caroline Brooker
Headteacher

The move to high school can be daunting and slightly scary, as well as exciting. We work very hard to create a friendly and welcoming atmosphere at NWHS, something that people – from parents to OFSTED inspectors – often comment on. So those first-day nerves will soon go, to be replaced, I hope, with a real sense of belonging and community.

Five years seems a very long time when you are 11, but that time will fly past. My advice to those joining the school is to throw yourself into everything enthusiastically. In school as in

everything else in life, you will get so much more out of it if you engage and get involved.

High school offers so many opportunities: not just the chance to learn and gain qualifications which will allow you to pursue your dream in later life, but also the chance to make lifelong friendships, get involved in sport, music, drama, arts, go on trips – to do all the things to help you grow as a person, both inside and outside the classroom.

School is also a place where you can have fun. From the simplest

playground kickabout to the glamour of the Year 11 Prom, enjoyment should be a big part of school life. It is an essential balance to the hard work needed to gain those vital GCSEs.

So a warm welcome to all our new students, both those starting in Year 7, and those joining at other levels in the school. I hope you enjoy your time at NWHS, and have no doubt that like so many year-groups before you, you will give us reason to be very proud of you when you eventually leave us.

GCSE student's jump for joy at results

Congratulations to all GCSE students, who picked up their results from school on Thursday 20th August.

Mrs Brooker commented, "I congratulate our young people on their achievements. I am delighted to say that the vast majority of our students achieved the grades they needed to progress to the next stage in their development, whether that is 'A' levels, an apprenticeship, or straight into employment.

"It is easy to forget the individual hard work and commitment when the results are aggregated into

bland and essentially meaningless league tables. GCSEs should not be about statistics, because they are about securing the future for each young person, and as such are very personal.

"Overall we are pleased with the progress that the class of 2015 has made since they joined the school five years ago, and we should celebrate their success."



George Fleming, Lucy Curtis-Warwinger, Isobel Shuttleworth-Hobbs and Maisie Barber celebrating after collecting their results.

Learning, inspiration and creativity
 Innovation, challenge and achievement
 Individuality, strength and support
 Relationships, respect and responsibilities
 Confidence, choice and a better future

North
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Open Evening
 Wednesday 7th October 2015
 6pm to 8pm

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Activities days July 2015

Students spent the last two days of term enjoying activities and trips around Norfolk and further afield. Local trips included a visit to Pleasurewood Hills, Eaton Vale Activity centre, the Hippodrome Circus, Norfolk Snow Sports centre, Skirmish Paintballing and a camping expedition in Norwich. Over 90 students had a magical time visiting the Harry Potter Studio's in London and great success was had with the NWHS Great British Bake Off competition.

Pictured is signature bake winner, Holly Brown being presented with her trophy by judge Mrs Brooker.

Two coach loads of excited students set off to Disney Land Paris where great fun was had by all, visiting the French capital and the famous theme park. Mrs Springall-Coleman led a residential trip to the France and Belgium battlefields. The students showed compassion and empathy during the trip; an especially poignant moment at the Newfoundland Memorial (pictured) where they over looked the acre of trenches that have been left as they were at the end of WW1 because there are still 400 (of the 12000 killed) dead soldiers under the ground. All the students represented the school excellently on all the activities.



Students step out to raise money for charity

Over 400 North Walsham High School students put their best feet forward for charity on Thursday 16th July as they took part in a mass sponsored walk.

All of Years 8, 9 and 10, along with 32 staff members, took part in the 11 mile walk, from the school to Bacton Woods and back, with the majority of the route along the Weavers Way. Nine particularly energetic students, along with three members of staff, decided to run the course.

At present the total raised stands at £2994.57, half of which will go to charities chosen by each of the five Houses at the school.

The remainder of the money raised will be used to improve the school environment for students, with the exact choice made by the student leadership team.

NWHS head teacher Caroline Brooker said, "Our annual sponsored walk is a great tradition at the school. It is an excellent means of celebrating the end of the school year in a way which is enjoyable and healthy for the students, whilst at the same time benefitting both the school community and the wider community."

The Year 11 BTEC & GCSE Health & Social Care groups were proud to be involved and help host the Age UK Norfolk, North Walsham Dementia Friendly Community Project at the end of last term. The event, launched in the Atrium, was an opportunity for local businesses and organisations to find out how to ensure people living with dementia can use their services. NWHS students helped welcome guests, serve refreshments and assist with car parking.

The Health & Social group have also recently donated proceeds from a raffle, over £100 to local charity About with Friends.

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