

Diary dates

Not to miss

28 September 6:45 Parents Forum

29 September Year 11 College Day

7 October 6 - 8pm Year 6 Open Evening

Exams

1st & 2nd October

Year 11 GCSE French Oral Exams

W/c 12th October

Year 7 Core Exams

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 1st October 3:00pm
U13 & U15 Football v Aylsham (H)
U14 & U16 Netball v Aylsham (H)

Tuesday 6th October 3:00pm
U14 & U16 Football v Sheringham (A)

Thursday 15th October 3:00pm
U13 & U15 Football v Broadland (A)
U14 & U16 Netball v Broadland (A)

After School Clubs

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

Gardening Club
Wednesdays 2:50 - 3:50pm

Netball Club Tuesdays 3 - 4pm

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

Half Term Holiday Dates

Thursday 22nd to
Friday 30th October

Gardening Club returns to NWHS!

Miss Wright is starting up her Gardening Club after school on Wednesdays from 2.50pm-3.50pm. This is open to all students and all tools are provided, except gardening gloves. Activities include growing vegetables, tending to garden beds and encouraging wildlife populations. Interested students should see Miss Wright in S1.

GIVING SOMETHING BACK



Alex Robinson,
Chair of Governors

I regret to announce that our head teacher, Caroline Brooker, is on sick leave while she receives treatment for a long-term illness. The whole school community wishes her well, and we look forward to her return in due course.

In the meantime, deputy head Ian Winter will step up to become acting head teacher. Mr Winter is an experienced member of the school's senior leadership team, and the Governors and I have every confidence that he will lead the school capably in Mrs Brooker's absence.

Mr Winter will be supported by assistant head Dominic James who will become acting deputy head. Mr Winter and Mr James will be assisted by our extremely able senior leadership team, consisting of our four assistant head teachers and our school business manager. This expanded team was described as 'an emerging strength' of the school in our OFSTED report in May, and the Governors have every confidence that they will continue to ensure the effective running of the school in Mrs Brooker's absence.

I know that everybody at the school will want to join me in wishing our head teacher a speedy recovery.

One of the things we try to instil in our students is that their education is not something which they simply 'receive' - they have a duty to give something back, it cannot be a one-way street.

I'm very pleased to say that this is something our students throw themselves into enthusiastically. Just last week we took part in the MacMillan Coffee Morning, with Year 7 children baking cakes to sell on the day. A very creditable £188 was raised for this fantastic charity.

Each of our five Houses undertakes a range of fundraising activities during the year. This year there has been a range of charities chosen, such as Toilet Twinning, an organisation which provides people in the poorest communities on the planet with a decent toilet, clean water and all the information they need to stay healthy; and the Teenage Cancer Trust, which as the name suggests, supports young

people who are coping with cancer.

It is really important to teach young people that they have a social responsibility, something just as important as their need to achieve their own dreams and aspirations.

Much nonsense is written about young people being selfish and self-centred; this is certainly not our experience here in North Walsham. The efforts they make to prepare themselves to be contributors to society is something we should all encourage, because it enriches us all.

Finally, I speak for everybody here at North Walsham High School when I send our best wishes to our head teacher, Mrs Brooker, who is not well at the moment. We all look forward to welcoming her back.

Mr Ian Winter,
Acting Headteacher



Year 7 raised £188.77 for Macmillan with their cake sale on Friday 25th September

Summer School Fun!

During the summer holidays, 23 selected Year 6 children from feeder schools were invited to attend our Summer School.

The children took part in a range of activities to help them to make friends, become familiar with the school and meet staff to help their transition into High School. The activities included a walk along the Dilham canal to look at local history and geography, a Maths session where the children were able to make pictures by plotting co-ordinates, a visit to Davenport's Magic Kingdom, bowling at Rossis, a visit to Cromer Zoo and working in the Food Technology area to make their own lunch.

During the second week a film making company joined the Summer School and the children made a short show called 'The Chelsea and Andrew Show' and also a documentary style film about the school and its links with the community through Arts North Norfolk.

Parents and friends were invited to a final assembly where some of the children performed song and dance routines to entertain them, and 'Star of the Summer School' awards were made for a variety of categories. Everyone really enjoyed Summer School.



NWHS students show they have a heart

Students have demonstrated how big-hearted they are, with a series of donations being made to good causes following a year of charity fundraising at the school. Half of the cash raised by the annual sponsored walk has been used to purchase a defibrillator for The Atrium, which could provide life-saving help to any member of the community using the facility, while the other 50 per cent is being combined with other funds raised by each House, with five separate charities receiving the money – the good causes chosen by members of each House

The donations made by each House are as follows:

Blogg House: £543 to Toilet Twinning, a charity which provides the poorest communities with a decent toilet, clean water and the information they need to stay healthy.

Cavell House: £369 to the East Anglian branch of the Teenage Cancer Trust, which offers world-class cancer services for young people in the UK, providing life-changing care and support so they don't have to face cancer alone.

Fry House: £296 to the Benjamin Foundation, a Norfolk-based charity which helps people across the county deal with many of the challenges that life throws at them.

Kett House: £482 to Cystic Fibrosis Trust, which supports people living with the condition.

Nelson House: £541 to Nelson's Journey, a Norfolk-based charity which supports young people to cope with bereavement.

Year 7 students tell us 'What makes us British'!

Students in Year 7 have been talking about 'What makes us British' during Geography lessons this week. Mr Mullen, Geography Teacher thought that some of their responses were so great, he thought he'd share them with us...

"I think being British is being polite and helping others...also, accepting people for who they are and what they believe in." *Lily Redfearn.*

"I think being British is always buying raincoats and umbrellas, even in the holidays. We also always end up having Sunday lunch, full English breakfast and fish 'n' chips...it is also a multi-cultural country with people from all over the world." *Ellie Suttle.*

"I think being British is loving your neighbours because we welcome people in from different countries. I also think it is all about our different cultures e.g. different foods (Thai, Chinese and Indian) as well as different religions. I am proud to be British because I know I will grow up in a country with no discrimination, strong ground rules and understanding money." *Nyree McCann.*

Well done Year 7, what a great start to your learning at NWHS!

Eleven new Teachers welcomed at NWHS

The new staff were officially welcomed by head teacher Caroline Brooker at the first staff meeting of the new term. The 11 new teachers joining the school for the new term are: (pictured right to left, front to back) Kay Southgate (MFL), Amanda Parker (D&T), Helen Lincoln (English), Liz Girling-Budd (SENDCo.), Matthew Bunn (D&T), Amy Cooke (Science), Daniel Mullen (Deputy Head of Cultural Studies faculty), James Messenger (MFL), James Arthur (Maths), Michael Johnson (Maths, Head of Year 10) and Sam Laws (English)

Mrs Brooker commented, "We are delighted to welcome our new colleagues who join the school as we continue to achieve improved results and focus on the quality of our teaching. This new school year has seen a large intake at Year 7 level, as the school's reputation continues to grow and attract students and parents. The strength of our teaching body is an integral part of the reason we have this growing reputation, and these new colleagues will further bolster that strength as we start the new school year."



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