

Diary dates

Not to miss

20 October Year 7 Health & Relationship Day

21 October Whole School Non-Uniform day - Foreign Exchange programme. £1 per student

30 October German Exchange, Mayen students arrive at NWHS

4 November Year 10 Subject Consultation Evening 4 - 7pm

5 November Mayen student depart

11 November Class of 2015 Prize Evening 7pm

Exams

12th November

Year 11 BTEC Music Mock Exam

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

Science Year 11 Physics/Biology

Tuesdays 3 - 4pm, S4

Year 11 Chemistry/Biology, S3

FSMQ Year 11 Tuesdays 3 - 4pm,

Year 10 Wednesdays 3 - 4pm

History Year 11 History of Medicine,

Tuesdays 3 - 4pm

Homework Club

Every Tuesday, Wednesday and

Thursday 3pm - 4pm, Library

PE Fixtures

Tuesday 20th October

U14 & U16 Football v Cromer (A)

U13 & U15 Netball v Cromer (A)

Thursday 5th November

U13 & U15 Football v Broadland (A)

U14 & U16 Netball v Broadland (A)

Tuesday 10th November

U13 Football v Jane Austin College (H)

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



Ian Winter,
Acting Headteacher

Make an informed choice

I was delighted to welcome several hundred parents to our open evening earlier this month, at which they heard all about the school from me, but more importantly some of our students.

Head boy, Andrew Weston and head girl, Jodie Weller hosted the evening, and we also heard compelling presentations from Andrew Burrell-Garrard and Becky Nicholas, two year 7 students. A special thanks goes out to them, along with Lydia Gibbs, Nyomi Brady, Megan Howlett and Jodie Weller for a fantastic musical performance.

It's a daunting enough prospect for an adult to stand up in front of an audience of hundreds, let alone an 11-year-old. The prospective parents were visibly impressed with the level of confidence

shown by our students, and this gives a better picture of what we try to achieve here at NWHS than any presentation by senior staff ever can.

It was interesting to hear the feedback from those who attended, both chatting over tea and coffee at the end of the event, and in the more formal feedback forms. Parents were overwhelmingly impressed, which is credit to everyone who has worked so hard to make NWHS a Good school.

Whilst everyone who attended

got the chance to see the school's facilities and even try a few activities for themselves, I pointed out that the only true way to see the school as it really is, warts and all, is to come and see us in action during the school day.

I extended the invitation to any prospective parent to come and do just that, and many have taken up that invitation. I'd like to repeat the invitation here. If you would like to come in and see what really happens, please do contact me, and we will make you very welcome.

Award for commitment to sport

NWHS has been recognised for its commitment to school sport and physical education, with the award of a Silver School Games Mark. Read more overleaf.



Reminder to Parents

Please sign your child's student planner on a weekly basis.

Activities Days

15th to 17th June 2016

Information about the activities and trips on offer for June 2016 will be published before half-term. Deposits for some activities will be required by Monday 9th November

Cashless catering



Our school café now takes credit and debit card payments online with WisePay

All parents will be issued with a 'User Name' and 'Password' to log in to WisePay for each of their children. For parents with multiple students at the school you can choose to merge your accounts.

If you have given permission biometric templates will be created on Wednesday 21st October and the new system will go live from Monday 2nd November. More info about accessing your account will be issued this week.

Benefits to Parents

- Quick and easy to use
- Payments can be made when the school is closed
- Safe and secure to use
- Own private account history available at anytime
- Balances can be viewed 24/7
- Quick and easy way to find information about what your child has purchased
- No more searching for or losing cash



Thank you to everyone that donated their Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers to the High School. Pictured above is the school equipment purchased.



Tough training for NWHS students

Year 9s and 10s put through their paces by Royal Marine Commandos.

Around 50 students at North Walsham High School joined the Marines for a gruelling session of physical activity – and emerged muddy, exhausted and inspired.

The Year 9 and 10 students were taking part in a careers day organised by the Royal Marines, and after a presentation on the careers available in the forces, they were put through their paces during a 45 minute workout by two hard-talking Royal Marine Commando instructors on the school's playing field.

"The idea was to give the students a taste of life in the Marines, and the instructors certainly took no prisoners," said NWHS assistant head Paul Clark. "There was a lot of shouting, and the students ended the session wet, muddy and exhausted.

"Despite all that, the exercise was very inspiring, and the students all agreed it had been a brilliant experience. I think it will have encouraged some of those who took part to consider a career in the forces.

"We try hard to give our students a real taste of as many different careers as possible, both to help them focus their ambitions, and to motivate them to work hard while still at school to achieve them."

As the clocks go back this weekend and the nights are drawing in, we urge you

to think about keeping students safe whilst making their way to and from school. Please make sure children who are both walking and cycling are visible to drivers by wearing reflective clothing and have working cycle lights. Take extra care whilst crossing roads and also whilst walking along routes with no footpaths or cycling where there are no street lights.



Silver school games mark

The award, part of the Sainsbury's School Games initiative, recognises the particular effort that the school puts into encouraging all students to take part in sport and physical exercise, as well as nurturing high achievers and helping them realise their potential.

Achieving the Silver School Games Mark requires a number of stretching criteria to be met in four categories:

- Participation: including providing all students with two hours of physical education and sport per week, and engaging at least 35 per cent of students in extra-curricular sporting activity every week
- Competition: including providing opportunities for intra- and inter-school sports competitions
- Workforce: engaging students themselves to lead, manage and officiate School Games activity
- Clubs: building links with local sports clubs

"We have a good track record of nurturing our talented sporting students at a high level," said NWHS head of PE Paul Bradshaw. "This award also shows that we work hard to engage all students in physical education and sporting activity.

"In an era of growing childhood obesity, encouraging children to be active is increasingly important. What's more, sport instils a real sense of teamwork and achievement, and these are qualities which help students succeed right across the curriculum."

The Sainsbury's School Games Mark is now in its fourth year and continues to reward schools for their commitment to and development of competition, school sport and physical education. More details at www.yourschoolgames.com.

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