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TEN WISE WORDS OF ADVICE

It was a real pleasure to welcome back the Class of 2015 this month for our annual Prizegiving ceremony, at which we marked the achievements of a really splendid bunch of young people who left us in July to move onto the next stage of their lives.

It's very easy to think that once they receive their GCSE certificates, students' time with us has come to an end. But in fact you will always remember your high school, and what happens here will shape you for the rest of your life. So we are always delighted to welcome our alumni back into the school – whether they left this summer or 20 years ago.

We were privileged to have Simon Wright as our guest speaker at this year's ceremony. Simon started his career as a maths teacher in north Norfolk, before entering the world of politics and spending five years as MP for Norwich South. Since the election earlier this year, he has returned to his passion for helping young people, by becoming chief executive of Nelson's Journey, the Norfolk-based children's

bereavement charity which has a national reputation.

Simon summed up his advice for the Class of 2015 in ten words: 'Be curious. Find your passion. Work hard and take risks.' These are wise words, and ones which I hope all of us, students, parents and teachers, will take to heart.



Outstanding students have been recognised at the school's annual Prizegiving ceremony – with a total of 37 of last year's Year 11 awarded prizes at the event, held in front of parents and families at the School's Atrium.

The most prolific prize-winners were Maisie Barber and Isobel Shuttleworth-Hobbs, who each carried off seven separate prizes, and Lucy Curtis-Warming, who won six awards.

Prize-winners received plaques to mark excellence in individual subjects, paperweights awarded by the head teacher and the Governors, and cups and trophies for a variety of achievements.

Photographs of the event can be found on the School Facebook page.

Christmas Holiday Dates

Monday 21st December to
Monday 4th January 2016

Children In Need

Thank you to all who donated to
Children In Need. We raised a
massive £897.40 in total

Diary dates

Not to miss

19 November Internet Safety
Evening 7:00-8:00pm

24 November Year 11 Healthy
Living & Wellbeing Day

25 November Road Safety
Presentation to Year 7 1:50-2:50pm

26 November Year 9 Subject
Consultation Evening 4:00 - 7:00pm

2 December Ski Trip Parents Info
Evening 7:00-8:00pm (Atrium)

10 December Sports Presentation
Evening 7 - 9pm (Atrium)

Exams

**W/c 30 November & 7
December**
Year 11 Exams in all subjects

3 & 4 December
Year 11 Mock Art Exam

10 December
Y11 Photography 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 24th November, 3pm, U16
Boys & Girls Badminton v Reepham (A)

Tuesday 1st December, 3pm,
U15 Girls Football (5-a-side) @ Thorpe

Tuesday 8th December, 3pm,
U16 Mixed Badminton v Aylsham (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

Dance Club Thursdays 3 - 4pm

Year 7 Take Part In Healthy Living And Wellbeing Day

Year 7 students have taken part in a collapse day talking about healthy living and wellbeing with outside agencies. We had visitors from Norfolk Fire and Rescue Service, RNLI, YMCA, Norfolk Police and the Girls Friendly Society.

Students have learnt about healthy eating. They have had the chance to get in a fire engine and learn all about the different equipment used. Mental and sexual health were also talked about and students were encouraged to talk about how they could be affected by this. Local PCSO Alex Spinks came to talk to the students about Internet Safety.

We would like to say a huge thank you to all the outside agencies who have come along to talk to students today.



German Students Say 'Ja' To Guerilla Gardener

Twenty-one German school students joined NWSH teacher and renowned guerrilla gardener Simon Weal to clear and replant an area in the car park next to North Walsham Community Centre – part of a week of activities marking the longest-standing exchange programme in Norfolk

The students, from the Albert-Schweitzer-Realschule in Mayen near Koblenz, were taking part in

an exchange with students – the 45th year that the exchange has happened

“The German students were really taken with the idea of ‘guerilla gardening’ – clearing and replanting public areas on a voluntary basis,” said Mr Weal. “They got stuck in, and they have left a lasting memento of their visit for all the town to see.

The students also took part in a



beach clean at Great Yarmouth, as well as visiting a number of local attractions.

The NWSH will make the return visit to Germany in June next year.



Students Send Christmas Cheer In Shoeboxes

Eighteen Romanian families will be enjoying a happier Christmas this year – thanks to the generosity of Year 7 students

Shoeboxes filled with toys, crayons, gloves, hats and even toothbrushes and combs will be winging their way to the country as part of the UK-wide Family Shoebox Appeal, which delivers gifts to families throughout eastern Europe who often have to make a choice between food and fuel.

This is the seventh year that NWSH students have taken part in the initiative, which was set up in 1992 by charity Link To Hope. The charity ships thousands of such shoeboxes to poor families in eastern Europe each Christmas, with the aim of bringing a little Christmas cheer to families for whom buying gifts is just not an option.

The students have filled the shoeboxes with items for all family members, ranging from household items through to family games, sweets and soft toys.

“Every Year 7 student has contributed to the appeal,” said teacher Ros Fretwell. “We encourage them to purchase items with their own pocket money if possible, so that they understand the concept of making a small sacrifice to help someone worse off than them enjoy a little Christmas cheer.

Internet Safety Evening

Parents worried about keeping their children safe online are being invited to a special Internet Safety Evening on Thursday 19th November at the school's Atrium. where they will hear presentations from online experts, teachers and the Police. The evening is open to all parents, not just those of students at NWSH.

Attendees will receive the latest edition of North Walsham High School's renowned 24 page guide to staying safe online, which has been adopted by schools all around the UK since it was first published in 2013.

“It is important that parents keep up with children as much as possible, because they are a step or two ahead of parents most of the time,” said acting head teacher Ian Winter.

“One of the biggest issues we have to deal with is social media – although 13 is supposed to be the minimum age to use Facebook, 75 per cent of Year 7 students already have a Facebook account.

The presentations will cover a range of topics, including the importance of knowing what to post (and not post) online; how to set up appropriate privacy settings; secure passwords; and tackling cyber-bullying.

The Internet Safety Evening is part of ongoing activity at the school to educate young people and their parents about the potential dangers lurking on the internet, and how to minimise the risk of encountering them. All students receive regular sessions on staying safe online, from teachers, school technical staff and from the police.

The latest edition of the Internet Safety Guide will be available to download free of charge immediately after the event, at www.northwalshamhigh.norfolk.sch.uk/student-life/ict-guidelines.

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