

Diary dates

Not to miss

- 12 January** District Cross Country
- 13 January** 4- 7pm Year 11 Subject Consultation Evening
- 18 January** 6:45pm Parents Forum
- 20 January** 7:00pm Celebration for Caroline Brooker, St Nicholas Church

Exams

- w/c 11 & 18 January**
Year 9 Exams in all subjects
- 14 January** Year 11 BTEC Music 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 Thursdays 3 - 4pm

- History** Year 11 History of Medicine, Tuesdays 3 - 4pm

Homework Club

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

PE Fixtures

- Tuesday 12 January, 3pm U13 Girls Football (5-a-side) @ Thorpe
- Thursday 14th January, 2pm U13 Girls Football v Flegg (H)

- Tuesday 19 January, U14 Boys/Girls Badminton v Reepham (H)
U16 Boys/Girls/Mixed Badminton v Sprowston (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

- Dance Club** Thursdays 3 - 4pm



Ian Winter,
Acting Headteacher

CARRYING ON MRS BROOKER'S WORK

As you will know by now, we started the term with the saddest of possible news – the death of our head teacher Caroline Brooker on New Year's Eve, after a long battle with cancer.

It is a measure of the esteem in which Mrs Brooker was held by the whole school community that there have been many, many tributes paid to her in the media, online and on social media. Particularly powerful are those from former and current students – the young people whom she cared so deeply about, and whose lives she enhanced so much.

Mrs Brooker knew more than anyone that a successful education is much more than what goes on in the classroom, and her

dedication to providing a full, all-round educational experience has given many hundreds of students the confidence, opportunities and life skills which so importantly complement the academic side of education.

I was privileged to work alongside Caroline for most of the decade that she led the school. During those ten years, she transformed NWHS, creating a school about which North Walsham can rightly feel pride. She was typically generous in her praise of the

whole team when we received our glowing Ofsted report last May, but it was under her leadership that this significant accolade was achieved.

The best way that we can remember Caroline is to carry on doing what she spent her whole working life doing: giving our young people the best of starts in life, preparing them to succeed in whatever they choose to do in their lives. I know that the whole staff at North Walsham High School share my determination to do just that.

New scheme makes millionaires of North Walsham students

18 millionaires have been created at NWHS, with one student becoming a double millionaire – all in the space of one term.

Students haven't been doing the lottery, but taking part in The Millionaire Readers Club, which aims to get students reading. The Millionaire accolade is given to students who have read a million words in an ever-growing list of books stocked by the school's library.

So successful has the scheme been since its launch in September that 18 students have passed the milestone, with one, 13-year-old year 8 student Nathan Saunders, reaching the double millionaire mark in just one term. Nathan read his way through a staggering 26 books this term. He enjoys a range of fiction, including young spy novels, futuristic space

books, and his favourite, Robert Muchamore's Henderson's Boys serie

"We have been absolutely amazed at how successful the Millionaires Readers Club has been," said NWHS Literacy co-ordinator Rob Breeze. "It has really encouraged students to pick up a book and read. We only started the scheme at the beginning of the school year, and by half-term we had our first millionaire, and now there are 18 of them.

Qualifying books are stocked in the school's library, and to score the word count, students must complete an online quiz about the book to ensure they have read and digested it.



Celebration of Caroline Brooker's life

on Wednesday 20th January
in St Nicholas Church,
North Walsham
starting at 7:00 p.m.

All welcome





Singing teachers become internet sensation

Our teachers have become a Christmas internet sensation for the second year in a row – after they posted a YouTube video of them performing the classic festive hit ‘Rocking Around The Christmas Tree’.

Following a similar video posted last year to raise money for BandAid 30 was viewed by nearly 6,000 people, this year’s video received over 2,200 views in the first week.

The video features some individual – and in some cases quite alternative – performances from staff, who re-recorded the song and made the video under the direction of music teacher Mrs Gardner.

Viewers of the video are encouraged to click through to the East Anglian Children’s Hospices website (www.each.org.uk) and make a donation.

The first ‘artist’ to be seen singing on the video is NWSH acting head teacher Ian Winter, who said, “I suspect that Adele has nothing to fear from us in terms of the Christmas number one spot, but we certainly brought a great deal of enthusiasm to our very own version of this Christmas classic. The result is just over two minutes of gold – although whether it’s musical gold or comedy gold is up for debate.”

The video can be seen at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ROjAt9kxWzs&feature=youtu.be>.



North Walsham young sports stars recognised at glittering ceremony

North Walsham’s young sports stars have been recognised at a glitzy ceremony at the annual Sports Presentation evening acknowledged the school’s high achievers of 2015.

England U16s star Lauren Hemp topped the awards, carrying off the prestigious Graeme Wilton Award for Sporting Excellence, as well as the first ever International Award, reflecting her achievements as a member of the national football squad.

The annual Sports Personality Award – given to the outstanding sports contributor in the year group which left in the summer – went jointly to Liam Clarke and Chloe Yarham. Meanwhile, Amy Hewitt received a Service to PE Award, with Nathan Allen and Victoria Earp both receiving Outstanding Endeavour Awards.

As well as recognising those who had done well at school level, the ceremony also saw awards given to individuals and teams which had competed at county and area level. Guest speaker was Paralympian and Sky Sports Living for Sport Mentor Fran Williamson.

School Head of PE Paul Bradshaw commented, “Sport is a particular strength at North Walsham High School, and our annual awards are a chance to recognise publicly those who have really achieved great things over the past 12 months.

“As well as those who have reached the very highest level, there were many students receiving awards, reflecting the breadth of participation in sport at all levels across the school – something that was recognised in October when we were awarded a Silver School Games Mark.

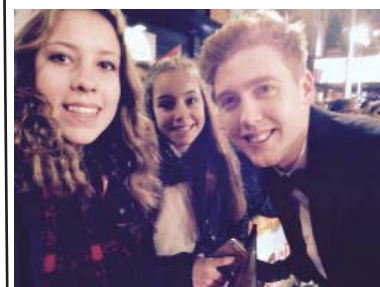
“Sport can play such an important role for young people, not just in encouraging physical fitness and healthy living, but also in fostering a sense of teamwork, challenge and achievement which will benefit them way beyond the sports field and into their future lives.”

NWSH at move premiere

Year 10 student Jessica Bradley got a taste of the glamorous red carpet lifestyle when she joined reporters from all over the world in the press pen in London’s Leicester Square for the premiere of Joe & Casper Hit The Road, the movie starring YouTube superstars Joe Sugg and Casper Lee.

Jessica was at the event to file a report for popular tween website TotallyTween.co.uk, and as well as interviewing the stars of the movie, she witnessed a succession of online celebs on the red carpet, including Zoella, Alfie Deyes, Marcus Butler, Jim Chapman and Norfolk’s own Tanya Burr. Jessica was the envy of her friends at NWSH when she posted a selfie of herself with Joe Sugg.

Almost 20,000 fans watched the event live-streamed on the BBC’s YouTube page, and over 11,000 submitted questions for the stars on Twitter.



SATELLITE CLUBS

BADMINTON

North Walsham High School / Sports Centre
 All ability levels 11 - 18 yrs
 Wednesdays 5pm - 6pm
 Starting from Wednesday 6th January 2016
 First 5 sessions FREE then £1.50 per session
 Equipment provided

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