

North Walsham High School News flash

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A CLOSE-KNIT FAMILY

For the hundreds of students, teachers, parents and friends who packed St Nicholas' church in the town last week, it was an opportunity to celebrate the life and legacy of our much-missed head teacher, Caroline Brooker.

And if ever you wanted to see what an effect Mrs Brooker had on generations of young people, you only needed to watch in admiration as a succession of them – both current and former students – stepped forward to give their own tributes. Every one of them demonstrated a confidence, a maturity and a poise which belied their years.

When we talk about equipping our young people for life beyond school, this is a big part of what we mean. Of course academic qualifications will always be a vital

part of what we do, but to succeed in employment, in society and in life generally, you need much more than that.

For teenagers to stand up in front of several hundred people, at an emotionally-charged occasion, and acquit themselves with so much calm confidence, makes us all very proud, and it had a big impact on Mrs Brooker's family, who were guests of honour at the celebration.

I know that the very many tributes meant a lot to the family, and that was put into words by Mrs Brooker's youngest daughter

Rachel, who concluded the celebration by thanking those who had taken part.

"I know she would have been so proud to have seen this. It's clear that this wasn't only a job for my mum. You were her second family," she told us.

That is very true. We are a very close-knit family here at NWSH – it's more than just teachers and students. It is what makes us such a successful school, and what gives us the strength to move forward and continue Mrs Brooker's good work.

 **RHS IN EAST OF ENGLAND**
Community Outreach

RHS seeks Skilled Horticultural Volunteers to support Secondary School Growing projects

Aims of project:
The Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) is the UK's leading gardening charity. We want to help everyone enjoy the benefits of gardening. There is a national shortage of young people going into horticulture. Secondary Schools rarely offer horticulture as a subject and few offer it as an extracurricular activity due to lack of time or knowledge. We want to address this by supporting schools to run growing projects in their schools, with the help of skilled horticultural volunteers. We are recruiting secondary schools in the Norwich area and we are seeking volunteers locally who have time and skills to offer their support to one of these schools. We hope to have a team of up to 3 volunteers based at each school.

RHS will provide volunteers with:

- ✓ Training in working with young people and exciting growing projects to engage them with
- ✓ Regular seasonal planning advice
- ✓ Seeds, plants and resources to get the projects going
- ✓ Free uniform and boots, travel expenses to school
- ✓ Free RHS show tickets for Hampton Court or Tatton

Secondary Schools will provide:

- ✓ Staff to be the gardening coordinator to attend each week, manage pupils and gain skills in horticulture themselves to ensure sustainability of the project
- ✓ An area for growing project

Volunteers will be:

- ✓ Knowledgeable gardeners
- ✓ Enthusiastic about working with young people
- ✓ Able to volunteer regularly as part of a team
- ✓ An ambassador for the RHS to encourage young people to consider a career in horticulture
- ✓ Able to show that gardening is a life skill that can help young people lead fulfilling lives
- ✓ Subject to a DBS check prior to working in school

For further information please contact : alisonfindlay@rhs.org.uk
Telephone: 07738883664

Gardening Club to expand

Students have been working hard to keep up with the gardening around the school on Wednesday afternoons with the help of Miss Wright and Mr Weal.

We have been given the fantastic opportunity to be involved in a Royal Horticultural Society Growing project this year, which all being well, will start in March this year.

The project needs volunteers to run, so if you know anybody who has a flare for gardening and a bit of spare time please get in touch with us or the RHS using the contact details on the flyer.

Many thanks for your support!

The Gardening Club



Diary dates

Not to miss

27 January Year 11 Photographs

28 January Year 10 MyHi Careers Event

28 January 7pm Year 10 Drama Performance - Atrium Theatre

3 February 6 - 7pm Year 9 Option Evening - Atrium

9 February 7pm Year 11 Drama Performance - Atrium Theatre

10 February 4 - 7pm Year 7 Subject Consultation Evening

12 February Ski Trip Departs

12 February Year 9 Mentoring Event

Exams

w/c 1 & 8 February
Year 8 Exams in all subjects

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 3 - 4pm, Library

PE Fixtures

Wednesday 27 January, Norfolk Schools Cross Country

Thursday 28 January, U16 Boys/Girls/ Mixed Badminton v Sewell Park (H)

Tuesday 2 February, U14 Boys & U16 Mixed Badminton v Fakenham (H)
U14 Girls Badminton v Norwich (A)

Wednesday 3 February, U14/U16 Badminton v OVA (A)

After School Clubs

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

Cricket Coaching (Girls)
Mondays 3 - 4pm

Dance Club Thursdays 3 - 4pm

Gardening Club
Wednesdays 2:50 - 3:50pm

Netball Club Tuesdays 3 - 4pm

Norfolk youth parliament – elections 2016

Norfolk youth parliament is a group of nine young people elected by their peers to tackle the concerns of young people in Norfolk. Norfolk Council will be holding elections for Norfolk youth parliament in March 2016. This is an excellent opportunity for young people who want to make a difference and stand up for their peers in Norfolk.

Current members of youth parliament are coming to the end of their two year term. They have taken part in some outstanding opportunities including debating in the House of Commons, fantastic residential weekends and working with schools and other partners to tackle young people's concerns around mental health.

Norfolk County Council are currently looking for young people that would like to stand in the next election. Young people don't have to have knowledge about politics but instead feel passionate about standing up for other young people.

Getting involved is easy:

All the information you need to know about standing in the election can be found at www.norfolk.gov.uk/youthparliament. The deadline for applications is Monday 15 February.

Norfolk County Council are holding a welcome event at the Forum in Norwich on Saturday 13 February 1-4pm. It will be a chance for young people to have their questions answered, get prepared for the election week (beginning 14 March) and meet the young people currently involved.



Congratulations to the 12 students who have qualified to run at the County Cross Country event on Wednesday 27th January.

Students told to play to their strengths by leading Norfolk IT entrepreneur

Develop your communications skills, play to your strengths, and be prepared to change direction – these were among the tips given to Year 8 students during an inspirational presentation by a leading Norfolk entrepreneur.

Matt Lennie, who is now lead analytics and data management advisory consultant at Hewlett Packard Enterprises, was at the school to share his experiences with students, and to give advice about how to succeed in life.

Mr Lennie, whose early ambitions to be a doctor were dashed after a serious car crash meant he couldn't

take up a place at medical school, told how he built on a Saturday job selling computers at Dixons to create a successful career in IT.

“The most important skill in life and in business is being good at communicating. The ability to speak to a customer, interact with a colleague, present to an audience is my most valuable skill.”

Mr Lennie told the students that they might sometimes end up in a ‘rubbish’ job – but that they should use that as a development opportunity, citing the way he used his Saturday shop job as a platform for his later career.

“You also have to be prepared to change direction unexpectedly,” he said. “My car crash meant that I had to completely rethink the career in medicine that I had always planned, but I firmly believe that I am better off now than if I had followed that initial plan.”

Assistant head Paul Clark commented, “It is really important for students to hear from people who have succeeded in the real world. It makes them realise that whilst academic qualifications are important, there are many other skills they need to learn if they want to follow their dreams.”

Half Term

Monday 15th February - Friday 19th February



I was so impressed by the magnificent examples of homework this group of Year 7 students created recently for Design & Technology. Several of these pieces of work will become our wall display. Congratulations and keep up the good work! Mrs Parker



Year 10 Perform for all to see!

‘NO RETURNS’ - An evening of Drama presented by Year 10 Students, featuring four short plays:

- Ernie's Incredible Illucinations
- Stephanie's Story
- The Slaves' Tale
- I'll Drive

Thursday 28th January, 7pm
The Atrium Theatre
Tickets: £2.00 on the door

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