

Diary dates

Not to miss

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

20 February Ski Trip Returns

23 February Year 8 Health & Wellbeing Day

24 February Norfolk Police presentation to Year 9 'One Punch Can Kill'

Exams

w/c 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 Tuesdays 3 - 4pm

Homework Club

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

PE Fixtures

Tues 9 February, 3pm, U15 Girls Football (5 a side) @ Thorpe

Thur 11 February, 3pm,
U14/U16 Football v Alderman Peel (H)

Wed 24 February, 3pm,
U14/U16 Badminton v OVA (A)

Wed 2 March, 12pm Year 7/8 Sportshall Athletics County Finals, UEA

After School Clubs

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

Cricket Coaching (Girls)
Mondays 3 - 4 pm

Dance Club Thursdays 3 - 4pm

Gardening Club
Wednesdays 2:50 - 3:50pm

Indoor Hockey Club Mondays
3 - 4pm

Netball Club Tuesdays 3 - 4pm

STRONGER TOGETHER

By now you will know about the proposal to form a multi-academy trust with Paston College, East Norfolk College and Flegg High School, and you may well have seen the press reports about it.



Ian Winter,
Acting Headteacher

The EDP article rightly stressed that the plans would allow for all four institutions to retain their separate identities. This is something which I'm sure our parents, and the wider North Walsham community, will feel is important.

I'm a firm believer that any educational establishment is most successful when it is rooted in its locality, and there are some good examples around the country of academy trusts which have successfully managed to retain this kind of local identity and ownership.

What the proposal does offer

is the chance to create an entity which has the scale to support that local provision, and offer more opportunities for our students.

We have to be mindful that on our own we are a relatively small high school in a rural area: we want to keep all that is good about that situation, but we also want to add more and better opportunities for our students – for example offering a wider range of subjects, and a growing number of vocational options.

I recognise that any kind of change can feel disruptive, but we live in a world which is not standing still.

We have to adapt to the educational and wider environment, and ensure that we are best placed to provide the best possible education and life chances for our young people. We would be neglecting that duty if we didn't explore new avenues to do things better.

The most important thing is that parents play a part in shaping what is to come. I would urge you to participate in the consultation process when it starts in a few week's time, to ensure that together we can provide the very best future for our young people.

Year 7 Boys Win Indoor Athletic Competition

Well done to all the teams who took part in the North Norfolk School Sport Partnership Indoor Athletic competition recently.

All teams were placed, with the Year 7 boys team coming 1st. They will go on to take part in the Sportshall Athletic County Finals at the UEA on Wednesday 2nd March.



Important Notices

We really welcome and value visits to school from our Parents and Carers. In the first instance please contact your child's Pastoral Assistant. Please report to Main Reception on arrival if visiting us for any reason.

Parents are encouraged to let the school know by 8.45am if their child will not be in attendance by telephoning 01692 400084.

Half Term

Monday 15th - Friday 19th
February



On Saturday 6th February, Gethin Clark (Y9), Thomas Lowe (Y11), Louis Lunn (Y9) and Gianni Whitwood (Y9) took part in a Warhammer school competition. NWHS crammed around a table decorated with models of ruined castles and burnt out vehicles. They pitted their strategic abilities against some very experienced foes from Wymondham High Academy. North Walsham set up their armies on one side of the table facing their opponents with the steadfastly gaze of a courageous hero. The day was filled with fun and excitement, taking the time in the middle of the day to judge a painting competition by Games Workshop regulars. Sadly, we lost against the brute force of Wymondham High's armies in four matches of what was North Walsham's inaugural outing to the Games Workshop school tournament. Prizes were given out at the end with all four contestants getting a certificate of participation and Gianni Whitwood winning for most sportsmanlike combatant as well as receiving special recognition for his painted model army. Warhammer Club that takes place every Tuesday 3pm to 4.30pm (setting up at lunchtime). If you are interested in model making and enjoy playing games then perhaps Warhammer Club is for you. Perhaps you already collect and paint Warhammer models in which case please join us! We need more warriors! Read more on our website.

Business people and school students network at unique business breakfast

North Walsham professionals were provided with a networking opportunity with a difference when they were joined by high school students at a business breakfast held in the town, with the aim of encouraging them to take up the role of mentor to young people.

Over 280 students are currently benefitting from having a mentor, with over 70 mentors taking part. Now the school is encouraging more to come forward to become mentors to current Year 9 students.

Mentors, who generally have between two and five mentees, meet regularly with their students over a two and a half year period, as well as being available via email and telephone, to offer support



and advice on qualifications, skills needed to progress towards their ambitions, and to help motivate and inspire them.

Current mentor John Fleming, who runs a handyman business in the town, added, "The media keeps saying that our young people have no direction, and this is a way we can give them that. We are adults in the real world, and the knowledge and experience we can give the students is really

valuable. It is good to be able to put something back in."

The 2016 scheme will be launched at an event at the school on Friday 12th February. Anyone interested in becoming a mentor can contact Paul Clark at pclark8nm@nsix.org.uk. Mentors receive training, and are required to complete a DBS check.

Read the full article on our website.

Who wants to be a millionaire?

North Walsham High School's millionaire's club continues to go from strength to strength. The school now boasts an impressive 34 members, that is to say that they have read over one million words since the beginning of this academic year, including 5 multi-millionaires.

The students are awarded their certificates and badges in assemblies each week as new members pass the impressive milestone.

The scheme is proving very popular with all students at school and an amazing 4067 books



have been read, and quizzes on those books passed by students since September. A quite incredible total of 174,760,013 words have been read by North Walsham students in the same time.

Year 8 lead the way with over one thousand books and 46 million words read. No surprise then that they also have the most millionaires (14) in their year group.

English teachers are updating their notice boards weekly so that students can find out exactly how many words they have read and how many to go until they can join the exclusive millionaires club (and to see if they are ahead of their friends).

Mr. Breeze, the literacy co-ordinator, has been amazed at how quickly students have taken to the scheme and is delighted when students catch him in the corridors to tell him that they are millionaires. "When we started the scheme we only ordered 50 Millionaire badges, but already we've had to put in an order for another 100."

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