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News flash

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Business Mentoring - Third Year Success

As we return from the half-term break, our Year 9 students will be getting ready for

Following the extremely successful 'Speed Mentoring' event held just before the break, which saw 35 professional people pitch their mentoring skills to small groups of students, who then had the opportunity to decide who they would like to provide guidance and advice to them for the rest of their time at NWHS.

This is the third year that we have run the event, which means that we now have over 100 local employers and business people giving their time and energy to help equip our young people with the 'soft skills' they will need in the world of work.

If we were to try to put a monetary value on that input, the figure would be frightening. The fact that we receive all of this help for free puts the lie to any suggestion that our local business people are only in it for themselves. It is staggering and humbling to realise that they feel it worthwhile to give their time to the school, and more importantly, to the students.

We often hear employers complaining that school and university leavers are not equipped with the skills needed in the workplace. How fantastic, then, to see such a large group of them doing something to put that

situation right.

To the mentees, and their parents, I would say this: your mentors are generously giving their time for your benefit. This is a huge opportunity, and I do urge you to make the most of it. Your mentors can teach you things that we teachers cannot, and which will be extremely useful throughout your lives.

The best way we can show our gratitude for our mentors' generosity with their time is to really engage with them, and I look forward to hearing further success stories from our pioneering scheme.



A group of 14 Year 10 Health and Social Care students attended a My Care careers event this week which was designed to give them insight into careers in care. They took part in workshops including information about CV writing, interview skills and selection for employment as well as taking part in an employer speed networking event. There was detailed information about working in a variety of care settings including Health, Social, Wellbeing and Animal Care. There was a chance for all of our students to ask questions to find out more about future opportunities in Care work, especially the variety of Apprenticeships available for young people. All of the students who went enjoyed their experience and were a credit to the school.



Year 10 & 11 BTEC Health & Social Care recently took part in a baby sensory workshop with specialist Lisa Stickells. This was to help with the 'communicating with babies' coursework unit.

The Year 11 group also visited Sheringham Woodfields School as part of their coursework to understand the sensory needs and care/education of the children at a special needs school.

Diary dates

Not to miss

2 March Year 10 University Taster Day

4 March 7pm Year 11 Drama Performance (Atrium Theatre)

7 March 6:45-7:45 Parents Forum

9 March Year 9 Careers Fayre Trip

10 March Year 8 BBC Report Day

10 March 1 - 6pm Year 10 Drama Trip to Theatre Royal

10 March 4 - 7pm Year 8 Subject Consultation Evening

Exams

w/c 7th & 14 March

Year 11 Full Mock Exams

17th & 18th March

GCSE Art Exams

10th March GCSE Photography Exam (5 hours)

Study

Study Support/ Revision

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

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

Thursday 3 March, 3pm, U14/U16 Football v Broadland (H)

Monday 7 March, 9am, U13 Girls Cricket Tournament

Tuesday 8 March, 3pm, U15 Girls Football (5-a-side) @ Thorpe

Wednesday 9 March, 3pm, U13/U15 Football v Sheringham (H)

After School Clubs

Art Club/War Hammer

Tuesdays 3 - 4pm, A5 Mr Winsor

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

Former NWHS student Patricia Jozwik, now a 2nd year Public Relations student at London College of Communications, has recently contacted us regarding fundraising for Little Princess Trust (a British charity that provides real hair wigs to children who have lost their own hair as a result of cancer related treatments). It takes hair of roughly 5 people to make a single full head wig. The charity also purchases wigs costing an average of £350 each to donate to poorly children. Patricia's financial goal is to raise enough for one wig. Once she reaches that goal she will have her hair cut and donate it to be turned into a wig for a poorly child. If you would like to know more or donate go to www.justgiving.com/princesstrish

Cashless Catering

A Reminder to parents that a Cashless Catering service now operates in the school canteen.

Students accounts need to be kept topped up with funds in order for students to purchase food and drinks. The system allows you to keep track on everything your child is purchasing.

Please refer to the 'Guide to online services' 'Cashless Catering FAQs' section on the school website for more information.



Ski Trip 2016

Over the half term break, the PE department and a group of 37 students endured a long coach journey to Austria to enjoy a week skiing.

After a long 24 hours the group arrived in the lovely town of Seeboden where they were fitted with skis and boots ready for their first day on the slopes. With most of the students having had no previous skiing experience it was safe to say it would be an interesting day full of laughter and fun. The first day did not disappoint with a number of students slipping and sliding down slope's both forwards and backwards.

The conversations over tea that

evening were all about the trials and tribulations of that first day. The next few days were much the same however the conversations went from the funny antics on the slopes to how well students had been getting on with their skiing and who had managed to ski down the red slopes already. The effort and progress of the them in the first few days was amazing and they were loving every minute of the experiences they were having. Not only was the skiing brilliant but the bond that were building between them all was truly inspiring to see.

To the students delight we had a staggering 30cm of snow half way through the week, which although in skiing terms

made it extremely difficult they responded tremendously and battled through.

However due to the vast amounts of snow poor Mrs Fretwell's quiet walk to the local shop ended in a snowball battle encouraged by both Mr Mills and Mr Bradshaw!

By the end of the week the students were shattered yet they all still managed to ski down a full mountain meaning every student had skied at least a red run, some a black run and some the famous Clammer run.

We asked students to comment on their experiences of the ski trip and to quote quite a few... 'a trip we will never forget'... I think that says it all! Miss Abel, P.E. Dept.

Mentoring scheme - Third year success

Thirty-five business professionals went back to school to take part in a 'speed-mentoring' event – the beginning of a two and a half year commitment which will see them mentoring Year 9 students until they finish high school.

Lawyers, accountants, offshore engineers, journalists, tourism attraction managers, marketers, opticians and even a self-employed magician were among the employers attending the event, at which they met groups of students for four minutes at a time, allowing them to meet every potential mentor before choosing



he ones they would like to be partnered with.

Mentors will meet regularly with their students over the next two and a half years, as well as being available via email and telephone, to offer support and advice on qualifications, the skills needed to achieve their ambitions, and to help motivate and inspire them.

The initiative is aiming to help raise aspirations amongst students, as well as equip them with the social skills and confidence they will need in the workplace.



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