

Diary dates

Not to miss

13 September Year 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11 Photographs

29 September Year 7 Tutor Evening 4-7pm

3 October Parents Forum 6:45pm

Exams

12 September Year 7 Baseline Assessments

17 October Year 7 Core Exams Week (English, Maths & Science)

Study

Study Support/ Revision

GCSE Art & Photography
Mondays 3 - 4pm A1 & A3

GCSE Food & Nutrition
Tuesdays 3 - 4pm Food Suite

GCSE Design & Technology
Tuesdays 3 - 4pm C2

BTEC Sport Fridays 3 - 4pm C2

Homework Club

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

PE Fixtures

Wednesday 14th September, 3 - 6.30pm
U13 & U15 Boys Football v Alderman Peel (A)

Wednesday 14th September, 3 - 6.30pm
U13 & U15 Netball v Alderman Peel (A)

After School Clubs

Music Tech Club Mondays 3 - 4pm

Art Club Tuesdays 3 - 4pm, A1

War Hammer Club Tuesdays 3 - 4.30pm, A1

Gardening Club Wednesdays 3 - 4.30pm

Half Term Dates

24th - 28th October 2016



Neil Powell
Headteacher

“This has been a week of firsts for me and writing this column in the Newflash is no exception. It has been a wonderful few weeks all told.”

Our fantastically improved exam results show what can happen with a dedicated staff and students who are committed to meeting their goals. Welcoming the students back to school has been a great experience and of course seeing the new Year Sevens for the first time in their new uniforms (please don't throw anything at me at this point) has been heart warming. Our staff have embarked on a renewed focus: to ensure that the learning experience that the students receive gets better and better each

day. Also, we now have a site that is totally secure and safe. Oh, and I made a personal bet with the Year 11s that if they work hard towards their goals this year, I will commit to losing 3 stone by the date of the first exam. What have I done! It is at this point of the year, with the team I have around me and the students who come each and every day, that I start to get excited about what we can all achieve together. For your part, please make sure that you continue to communicate with us and attend every event you

can to help us to make sure that we are all delivering the best for our students. We will be introducing some parent/carer/student study and revision classes after school later in the term - so watch this space. Thank you for all of your support to date and don't forget, if you want to talk to me I will call you back within 24 hours and if you want to see me I will arrange a personal meeting with 72 hours. Until next week, Neil.

Big rise in GCSE results at NWHHS

North Walsham High School is celebrating a big jump in GCSE results, with the number of students achieving A*-C in both English and maths rising from 45% in 2015 to 58% this year.

Head teacher Neil Powell said, “I would like to congratulate our students who are celebrating their GCSE results today. Our headline measure (students with A*-C in both maths and English) has shown a big improvement over last year.

“We very much regard this as a work in progress, and we aspire to even better results. That is why we have put in place a renewed focus on teaching and learning to ensure we continue that upward trend.

I would like to pay tribute to the hard work and dedication of our teaching staff who have helped this year's students achieve such good results – and to the students themselves, who have done the school proud.”





Mrs Gascoyne travels to Ghana

Mrs Gascoyne travelled to Ghana this summer with 150 pencil cases donated by NWHS students, families and friends, for school children in Africa who are only just experiencing their first glimpses of education. Something of which our students take very much for granted. Most of these children live on the streets in a small tribal township called Bukom. The children are responsible for collecting water and working on the streets to provide for their families. Their homes are made from scraps of materials found locally and within such an over populated county, they find themselves at risk of malnutrition and diseases such as malaria. The charity run school, The Street Academy, provides these students with a free basic education, one meal a day and medical care. Mrs Gascoyne is currently working with the school to help train the teachers to become better equipped to teach the students (aged 8-16.) She would also like to thank everyone who has donated to her pencil case appeal. The school children were delighted to receive their own equipment that they could use to help provide them with an education that they deserve.



A big thank you to local Businesses and Parents

We would like to thank several local businesses for donating prizes for our Year 11 Leavers day in June. We had a great response to the raffle from the students, who were over the moon with their prizes.

Thank you to Karttrak Cromer, Cromer Cinema, Roys of North Walsham, ReLax Driving School, Craft Burger, Victory Leisure Centre, 17 Plus Driving and to Parent Angela Powles for all of their very kind donations.



Two long serving Teachers retire

Two long-serving teachers with 40 years' service between them have retired from North Walsham High School at the end of the summer term. Assistant head teacher Dominic James and head of induction Ros Fretwell said goodbye to colleagues and students at the end of last term.

Drama and English teacher Mr James has been assistant head at the school for 15 years, during which time he was instrumental in winning arts specialist status for the school, which led directly to the building of The Atrium building. Prior to joining NWHS he taught at Sprowston High School. In retirement he is moving to the US with his American wife.

Mrs Fretwell retires after 25 years at the school, where she has performed a number of roles including head of Key Stage 4, head of Year 11 and head of induction. She has also taught A-levels at Paston College during her time at the school. Originally from Kings Lynn, she started her teaching career in Worcestershire before moving back to her home county.

Thanking the pair for their long service, and wishing them a happy retirement, NWHS head teacher Neil Powell said, "Dominic and Ros have between them given many years service to the school, and have played a part in making it the school it is today. They have both seen many changes, and it's good to hear them proclaim those changes as positive. We wish them both a long and happy retirement.

Cashless Catering

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

Students accounts need to be kept topped up with funds in order for them to purchase food and drinks. The system allows you to keep track on everyting your child is purchasing. Please refer to the 'Guide to online services' 'Cashless Catering FAQs' section on the school website for more information.

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