

## Diary dates

### Not to miss

**29 September** Year 7 Tutor Evening  
4-7pm

**30 September** Year 7 Cake Sale for  
Macmillan Cancer Charity

**3 October** Parents Forum 6:45pm

### Exams

**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 28th September, 3 - 5.30pm  
U13 & U15 Boys Football v Aylsham (H)

#### After School Clubs

**Music Tech Club** Mondays 3 - 4pm

**Netball Club** Mondays 3 - 4pm

**Art Club** Tuesdays 3 - 4pm, A1

**War Hammer Club** Tuesdays 3 -  
4.30pm, A1

**Dance Club** Tuesdays 3 - 4pm

**Gardening Club** Wednesdays 3 -  
4.30pm



Neil Powell  
Headteacher

“End of week two and North Walsham High School continues to make me more proud than you can ever imagine.”

Your children are the most remarkable bunch of youngsters I have ever had the pleasure of leading. They are articulate, thoughtful, intelligent, funny and have a desire to be as successful as they can be. This last two weeks our staff have embarked on a brand new programme of teaching and learning development that has meant that I have received a huge number of compliments from parents, students and members of the community alike about how good the learning is at School. Indeed, we are well

on route towards our outstanding learning in every lesson, every day. This week I was visited by the North Walsham Councillor Robert Murphy who asked me what the Town Council could do to help me and the School. I made it very clear to him my views and they were this: I am saddened that every day I come to work I see sons and daughters of North Walsham getting on a bus to make their way to Aylsham High School. It is only right and proper that we shout the virtues of our school from the rooftops and

show that an education in North Walsham, at your High School, is as good as you can get anywhere in the County. The changes that we are making and the improvements that we are seeing daily, mean that the opportunities students get at NWHS are not surpassed anywhere else. Please come and visit; come and see what is happening in your school, come for a tour, and then tell everyone about the learning revolution that is taking place.

*Neil*



## Exciting times ahead at NWHS

Throughout the past few months, North Walsham High School has experienced a number of changes to improve school life for staff and students - these have been directed by our new head teacher, Mr Neil Powell, who joined us in July.

He came at just the right time - during the summer, we were in the news when it was discovered that the Year 11s had achieved a huge 13% more pass grades in Maths and English than the leavers before them. Teachers and pupils at NWHS were delighted with these results.

But luckily, our new head teacher understands that it isn't all about exam results; Mr Powell has taken many actions towards making sure that students are safe, happy and secure at all times. Over the summer a new fence was installed around the school to maintain safeguarding standards and a new ethos was introduced - ten new rules that encourage pupils to support themselves and others, in and out of the learning environment. In addition to this, Mr Powell has headed a new sanction system to ensure the more focused students can continue to learn without disruptions (especially those in their final year), whilst still giving others enough chances to adapt their behaviour before facing harsher consequences.

While the majority of older students have adopted the new rules well, it is the Year 7's attitude that has been most admirable. With the help of their peers and staff, they've transitioned quickly and smoothly into the next stage of their education. Year 7 student, Parys Bayes-Hole explained, "There's always people there to talk to if I'm worried, so that's really helped me," and her friend Emma Bishop agreed, "I love high school - I feel really happy and safe here."

Overall, North Walsham High School has a vibrant and motivated atmosphere - we are all excited about what the year ahead will bring!

Written by Faye Minton and Millie Abbs, Year 11 Students



## Five new Teaching Staff welcomed at NWHS

North Walsham High School has welcomed five new teaching staff for the start of the new school year – and they were officially welcomed by head teacher Neil Powell at the first staff meeting of the new term.

The four teachers and a science technician who have joined the NWHS staff for the new term are:

- Karl Bloor (English)
- James Broughton (Maths)
- Phil Drake (Drama)
- Jo Lee (Maths)
- Simon Barnes (Science technician)

Welcoming them, Neil Powell commented, “We are delighted to welcome our new colleagues who join us as we build a new focus on teaching and learning right across the school with the aim of further improving our exam results after this year’s big jump.

“Of course, the teaching body is an integral part of this new focus, and our new colleagues will add to our ability to deliver outstanding learning in every lesson.

“All five of our new staff members bring with them experience of various schools and colleges across Norfolk, and they are already putting that experience to good use in the classroom.”



## Year 7 - baking for Macmillan!

Year 7 students are taking part in the Macmillan Big Coffee Morning, by baking cakes for students to buy at Break and Lunch time on Friday 30th September. It’s a bit of a tradition for our new Year 7 students to take part in this great charity event and we love eating the cakes too!

It is run as a charity house event, so the form that raise the most money wins points for their house. We would be really grateful to Parents and Carers of Year 7 students if you could donate cakes or biscuits for this event to help us raise as much money as possible.

Donations will need to be taken to Miss Shephard, Year 7 Student Support Leader, in her office. Empty tins can be collected by students at the end of the day. Please label tins and containers with your child’s name.

**Netball and Dance Clubs are starting next week! Check out the diary dates for details. All Clubs can be found on the Parents Calendar on our Website.**



## Kagan Learning

In addition to our new Headteacher bringing exciting and innovative new learning experiences for upcoming GCSE Students, Staff at NWHS have adopted a new teaching technique called Kagan learning. This is a style of teaching that brings students together in a fun and cooperative manner, to enhance focus and improve performance in the classroom.

70% of learning in the classroom is gained from friends sitting next to you. It’s always been a topic of concern for parents and staff, whether children truly benefit from learning alongside their friends or if this distracts them and prevents students from learning effectively. We watched the students participating in the exercise ‘Stroll, Pair, Share’ in which students pair up and walk around the school talking about what they have recently been taught and to recap what they have just learnt. The majority of the class agreed that this was their new favourite technique for group work.

One student said “Hearing other people’s versions of what we had just learnt made it easier to understand, I’m really enjoying the new techniques I’m learning.” Another student said “I’ve really benefited from this learning, and it makes me feel so much more confident about my abilities.”

**Written by Harleigh Byers and Rosie Phillips, Year 11 Students**



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