

# News flash

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“Coming together is a beginning, keeping together is progress and working together is success” Henry Ford

I could have used a football teamwork quote for my last one of the year but thought it best if I did not. I also could have had a moan about how a tiny minority of parents use social media in a way that sets the very worse example to their children and any other child reading it. However, I think as the year draws to an end I want to use this letter post to thank all those people who have chosen to become part of the team and to work to move us ever forward on our journey of improvement to being a wholly and consistently great school. Wasting anyone's energy on those who would act as anchors to the rest of us is not fruitful.

So here goes: Firstly thank you to all of you who have been true supporters of North Walsham High School. To improve this school required some difficult decisions and some decisive action. Through that process you have kept faith that we were always going to improve. You gave me the time and space to make those changes and the support when things got tough. You acted as sounding boards, as a source of feedback, as concerned parents and as advisers. We may not have always agreed and may have fallen out on several occasions but I think we did

so with only one thing in mind 'the success and happiness of our young people'. So thank you so very much.

Secondly, I have to thank my staff. The team I am surrounded by are the most amazing group of people I have ever worked with. I do not have a member of the team who does not have the success and happiness at the heart of everything they do: teaching and support staff. Once this team were in place, from Easter onwards the school is a different place. It is a learning community, a team, and a family. You only have to look at the recent parent events and sports day to see how the whole school functions. Thank you one and all, you are truly amazing. I also want to give a separate thank you to my senior team and to the Board of Governors - you have made this year's success possible and kept me sane.

I would like to thank anyone who has helped us on our journey this year, any consultant, any stakeholder, our mentors, the primary schools and anyone else I may have forgotten who has supported us through thick and thin.

I would even like to thank all those people who have deliberately sought to put barriers in our way. Understanding that what does not kill us makes us stronger, you have frequently shown us how not to behave and given us the resolve to keep calm and carry on.

Finally, as always I would like to thank the children: each and every one of you. You are the most incredible bunch of young people and you have made every single challenge a fight worth taking on. You are resilient, polite, hard working, intelligent, articulate, funny, respectful, challenging (mainly in a good way), kind, and I make you a promise that I will fight even harder next year for you than I have this year.

Have a great Summer break each and every one of you – please don't expect us to take our feet off the accelerators when we return. We have excellence firmly in our sights.

*Neil*

## Diary dates

### Not to miss

**Wednesday 6 September** School re-opens to Students

**Thursday 14 September** School Photographs for all students

**Wednesday 20 September** Parents' Forum 6.30-8pm (Atrium)

**Thursday 21 September & Thursday 19 October** Y6 Open Evenings

### Study

#### Study Support/ Revision

**GCSE (Year 10 & 11) Art & Photography** Mondays 3 - 4pm A1 & A3

**Year 10 FSMQ** Mondays 3 - 4pm

**Resistant Materials** Catch-up Tuesday, 3-4pm

**BTEC Sport** catch-up sessions Friday, 3-4pm, C2

#### Home Learning Club

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

#### PE Fixtures

#### After School Clubs

**Rounders Club** Mondays 3 - 4pm

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

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

**Hockey Club** Tuesdays 3-4.15pm (Years 7, 8 & 9 only)

**Workout** Wednesday 7.30-7.55am

**Gardening Club** Wednesdays 3 - 4.30pm

**Young Historians Society** (Years 7&8 only) Wednesdays 3 - 4pm (HU4)

A massive well done to all students who participated in Sports Day this week. You were amazing! Well done to Rhiannon Holt for breaking the 300m girls record! Also well done to all the students and staff who performed at our Gig on the Grass event today!

## Reading Tip of the week

Studies have shown that reading widely for pleasure helps students to achieve higher across all subjects, have an increased general knowledge and have a greater understanding of cultures other than their own.

With that in mind each week we will be putting in tips to help reluctant readers engage and ideas for you to enjoy reading with your child at home!

“Chat about which books or magazines your child might read, to learn more about the subjects they do at secondary school.”

With thanks to the National Literacy Trust.

## Kyle goes abseiling for charity

On Friday 14th July, Kyle abseiled down The Forum in Norwich to raise money for East Anglian Children's Hospices.

Kyle was one of the youngest abseilers of the day. So far he has raised approximately £150. If anybody would like to donate they can do so at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/KyleAdams>

A huge well done to Kyle for being so brave and raising lots of money for a great cause.



## FROG VLE & New Website

From September, we will be launching a new product called Frog. Frog is an exciting Virtual Learning Environment and whole school tech solution that will provide resources, information and data to parents, students and staff.

Frog contains pages, widgets and apps which will allow us to streamline communication to all and provide better engagement between school and home.

We will not be using Show My Homework or the SIMS Learning Gateway anymore. We realise that we have only recently issued parents with SLG credentials, but due to unsatisfactory performance, particularly on Apple devices, we have decided to withdraw this product in favour of using Frog. Parents will only need one login and will be able to see homework, SIMS data, newsletters, calendar, news and more.

FROG is mobile aware so will work on any mobile device. There will also be a dedicated mobile App that can be downloaded should you wish to use this. Frog will make things simpler for students as it will know who they are based on their main login. No extra login needed.

We will be sending all parents a letter in the last week of the summer holidays with their login details. We will be demonstrating Frog to students in assembly during the first week back.

In addition to this, we are also updating our website over the holidays to be more user friendly.

## Norfolk FA are running a Football Camp in the Summer Holidays.

“Are you aged 12-18, enthusiastic about football and wanting to develop your coaching or refereeing skills? If so the Norfolk FA Football Futures Camp 2017 is a fantastic opportunity for you.

Redesigned this year to focus both on the coaching and refereeing sections of the game more than ever before, and providing young football enthusiasts of Norfolk a platform of opportunity to kick start your coach or referee journey.

Priced at £30 the Camp will be partnered by 4Sports who are supplying a wide range of merchandise. Participants will receive 8 hours of specialist coaching or referee training delivered by top FA and County FA staff as well as the Norfolk FA Youth Council across the two days.

Details of the camp are as follows (please note that the camp is for 12-18 year olds)

Date: Thursday 3 & Friday 4 August 2017

Time: 9am – 5pm

Venue: theFDC - Bowthorpe Park, Norwich

Cost: £30.00

Other: Football Futures T-Shirt & Gift supplied by 4Sports

To book your place click [here](#). Alternatively, contact a member of the development team on [FootballFutures@NorfolkFA.com](mailto:FootballFutures@NorfolkFA.com) or call the County Headquarters on 01603 704050

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### To report a student absence or email pastoral

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