

21st October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

We have come to the end of our first half term and I think it is safe to say that we all need the break. Students have coped very well with returning to school after such a period away and with all the changes, but I think a week away to re charge batteries will help everyone. Thank you to everyone who participated in our Year 6 open evening tours and videos on the website, parents who visited all commented on how well our students represented the school. I hope that parents of KS4 found our virtual information evening useful and informative. All the information will remain on the website so please have a look if you have not had a chance to do so yet.

Congratulations

I have been delighted with the number of students receiving house points and star of the week nominations this half term. We are exceptionally proud of three students; Henry Hewitt, Daisy Sawyer and Freya Gibbs, who have received over 100 house points this half term alone. This is an amazing achievement- well done to all three students and to the entire student body who have been working hard to gain house points.

Emotion Coaching

This half term our staff have taken part in emotion coaching training to help further support our students. We have been learning quite a lot about neurodevelopment and working with Emotion Coaching UK, we have learned techniques to help students regulate their behaviour and emotions. If you would like to find out more about these techniques, please contact us.

Parking at the front of the school

Parking at the front of the school will no longer be available after half term as we need to ensure this space is clear for the 905 bus which will drop off and collect students. This area will be coned off in the morning and at the end of the day to ensure the bus can pull in easily. Please could parents use the free parking spaces behind the Methodist church in Acle which is a safe alternative and short distance for students to walk.

Student Collection

We would like to continue to minimise visitors to reception, if you need to collect your child, please pull up outside the school so the receptionists can see you have arrived before they allow your child to leave. Please let Mrs Bryant know in advance where possible if your child has an appointment.

Notifying the school of a positive case over half term

I sincerely hope that everyone stays well over half term, however, if your family experiences a positive case it is still important to notify us as it may affect other families that will need to self-isolate. If your child tests positive over the half term period, please could you email me directly on hwatts@acle.norfolk.sch.uk or ring or message the dedicated school notification number- **07721 332592**.

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Year 7

Year 7 will be issued their new timetables via the school email account on Thursday 22nd October. Hard copies of their timetables will be distributed via their form groups on Monday 2nd November.

Year 10 Parents' Evening

Year 10 Parents evening will be a virtual meeting and is scheduled for Wednesday 18th November. Further information about how to book appointments will be issued on the week commencing 2nd November.

Year 11 students

Year 11 have been given a variety of resources to help them revise and prepare for the mock examinations which begin the first week back after half term. Further help can be found on our revision zone on the website. Year 11 will also be offered additional catch up period 6 sessions which will begin the week commencing the 9th November.

Dinners

Please continue to use Scopay to order and pay for school meals. The week 2 menu is in place for the return to school, please see the current menu choices on the school website. The ordering portal will go live over half term. Breaktime snacks can still be purchased in cash.

We will return to school on Monday 2nd November, which will be **Week 2** on the timetable.

I hope you all enjoy a lovely half term break with your families.

Best wishes



Helen Watts
Principal