

## Newsletter | 14th May 2021

### Face Coverings in School

From Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May the school will be aligning with Government advice that states that face coverings will no longer be recommended for pupils in classrooms or communal areas. This means that students will no longer be required to wear a face covering anywhere in school. Students who may still wish to wear a face covering may do so in lessons or in communal areas.

Students must still wear a face covering on public transport and when travelling on dedicated school transport.

### LFD Home Testing

Thank you to all parents for continuing to support the home testing programme. Please remember to log results on the NHS test and trace website and on the school form which can be found [here](#) or on our website.

If your child tests positive on an LFD home test kit, please arrange for a PCR test as soon as possible and contact the school. In the event that this is out of school hours, please notify Mrs Watts,

hwatts@acle.norfolk.sch.uk or ring the out of hours Covid hotline- **07721332592**

### Sad News

With sadness, we learnt of the death of Miss Pauline Smith, a founder member of Acle Academy, who died recently at Wymondham Care Home. Miss Smith taught for the majority of her career at Acle, commencing in 1959, at the opening of the new Secondary Modern School, until her retirement in the 1990's.



Teaching PE and Science, Miss Smith became Deputy Head, helping to guide the school through its many formats.

Pauline's attendance at 2019's 60th Anniversary of Acle Academy was particularly poignant for her, reuniting with her very first students, revisiting past memories and gaining such pleasure from the values attributed to Miss Smith's support and guidance for them and indeed their children and, in some cases, grandchildren.

## Reading for Pleasure Survey

Thank you to all parents who have taken part in our reading survey. If you have not had a chance to take part yet, please follow this [link](#).

We strongly believe that students should be reading for pleasure to help develop their vocabulary and academic ability. All students should have a reading book on them at all times and we would encourage all students to read for at least 15 minutes per day at home. If you would like any advice in helping to encourage reading at home, please contact Mr Carrier our Literacy Lead at [rcarrier@acle.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:rcarrier@acle.norfolk.sch.uk)

## 'The Chase'

Viewers of 'The Chase' will be able to see Mr Carrier featuring on the programme on **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May at 5pm** on ITV and 6pm on ITV+1. Mr Carrier is sworn to secrecy but has told us it was a nail biting end.



## The Big Ask

The Children's Commissioner wants to hear from as many children and young people in England as possible through [#TheBigAsk](#). We are encouraging all students to take part in this [survey](#).



## The Brilliant Club

Congratulations to our Year 10 students who have taken part in the Brilliant club and completed their graduation. These students have been working with a PhD tutor on a project about climate change.

[The Brilliant Club](#) is a UK non-profit organisation that aims to widen access to university for students in school communities. Throughout the project, our students took part in university style tutorials and wrote essays of a standard and style that would be expected from university students.