

## Newsletter | 21st July 2021

### Thank you

Thank you to all parents, carers and families for your wonderful support of the school through an exceptionally challenging year. We are so proud of how our students have coped with the challenges of lockdown and returning to school under Covid restrictions. The children have shown fanatic resilience and determination and we are very proud of them all. We hope that you all have a wonderful summer together and we look forward to welcoming everyone back to school in September.

### Dates for the diary

#### Arrangements for the return to school in September

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September- Year 11 and Year 7

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September- Year 10

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September- Year 8

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September- Year 9

Students are invited to take part in two LFD tests 3-5 days apart on their return to school in September. If you would like to amend your previous consent or give consent for a Year 7 student, please use the following link: <https://forms.gle/8KwWKyF6QmzzQyes5>

## History Trip to the Tower of London



On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July 104 year 7 students went on a great adventure to the Tower of London. The students had a fabulous time at the World Heritage Site, visiting the site of the execution of Anne Boleyn and Lady Jane Grey as well as the very impressive Crown Jewels. Many students had their photos taken with the fabulous Yeomen Warders and we also visited the Bloody Tower where we saw the infamous 'rack' on which Guy Fawkes, and many others, were brutally tortured. Thankfully, we even saw the Ravens!

A great day was had by all, well done year 7.





## Awards Ceremony

On Thursday, we enjoyed celebrating the achievements of our pupils through two special rewards assemblies. It's been an incredibly difficult 18 months but our pupils have worked admirably under trying circumstances and fully deserve to celebrate their achievements. They should be proud of their hard work and resilience.

140 pupils were nominated for a variety of different awards from specific subject awards, to well-being and whole-school awards.

Congratulations to everyone who was invited and well done to all Acle students.

## Sponsored Walk

We all had a lovely day last Friday on the sponsored walk, the sun was shining and despite the heat, students did really well to complete the 10K walk. Thank you for all the contributions towards our sponsored walk. Money is still coming in but so far we have raised just over £680, this will go towards the school students' gym and wellbeing room. We were exceptionally proud of how well the students' conducted themselves on the school walk, their behaviour and conduct was impeccable. It was a pleasure to return to school and see that we had received numerous compliments from members of the public about how well the children had represented the school and how polite and courteous they were. Well done to everyone for a fantastic achievement.



## Big Norfolk Holiday Fun

There is a fantastic range of activities for 5-16 year olds taking place this summer during the holidays, and the full programme is available online to book.

The sessions will include a variety of fun activities, including sports, music, arts and other exciting opportunities to learn and develop skills, alongside a free nutritious meal each day.

This opportunity is provided as part of the government's Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme being delivered across Norfolk by Norfolk County Council in partnership with Active Norfolk.

Booking can be done in 3 simple steps

1. Parents should visit - [www.activenorfolk.org/getmycode](http://www.activenorfolk.org/getmycode) to register and receive their Big Norfolk Holiday Fun booking code
2. You can check out all the fun activities here [www.norfolk.gov.uk/holidayactivities](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/holidayactivities) and decide which ones they'd like to book
3. Parents' need their booking code to hand and click on the links provided for their chosen activity. Using their booking code will ensure that the activities will be completely free of charge.

Please remember that the free holiday activities are likely to be popular and we really don't want families to miss out! **Securing a code does not guarantee a place on activities and places are booked on a first come first served basis.**

If you have any questions please get in touch at [BNHF@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:BNHF@norfolk.gov.uk).

## Testing over the Summer

Public Health England are urging households to continue with twice weekly testing over the Summer period. Schools are unable to provide test kits but they are available from Norfolk pharmacies, libraries and can be ordered online at [www.norfolk.gov.uk/covidtesting](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/covidtesting).

## Goodbyes

Sadly we will be saying goodbye to some colleagues this week and we wish them all the best in their next steps.

Mrs Webb will be commencing her maternity leave and we wish her all the best with her new family addition. Mrs Webb will be replaced by Mr Lengthorn and Mrs Hanner will be acting Head of English from September.

Mr Minns will be leaving us to join Stalham High School. Mr Minns has been a significant part of the Maths Department and has contributed greatly to the school. From his work as a progress tutor, he helped students get that light bulb moment and break down some of their mental barriers and low confidence they had with Maths. Mr Minns has also been a fantastic teacher and form tutor since Christmas. He has been a wonderful colleague to work with and we wish him well in his new post.

We will also be saying goodbye to Mrs Taylor who has chosen to spend some more time with her family. Although only being with us a year, Mrs Taylor has transformed the music Department. She has brought boundless energy and enthusiasm to the Faculty and organised numerous music events, extra-curricular clubs and visits.

Mr Pope will also be leaving us to complete his English PGCE. Mr Pope has been an amazing cover supervisor and has built strong relationships with students and staff. We wish Mr Pope every success in his teacher training and best of luck for the future.

Mrs Bracey will also be leaving us at the end of this term. Mrs Bracey has been a great support to children with additional needs. She will be sadly missed and we wish her all the best for the future.

## Are you eligible for Free School Meals?

Are you eligible for benefits-related free school meals for your child? Do you receive one of the following:

- Universal Credit — with an annual earned income of no more than £7,400 after tax
- Income Support • Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual gross income of no more than £16,190

If you do, it is important to register early online by visiting the website: <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/school-meals-and-milk>





## Sports Day

Well Done to Thurne who were the overall House winners of Sports Day 2021.





## Prom

On Tuesday evening the leavers prom was held at Dunston Hall. We were delighted to say goodbye to year 11 in style.