

Newsletter | 14th October 2021

We have had a very busy couple of weeks and it has been lovely to open our doors to parents and carers again. Thank you to all the parents who attended the KS4 Information Evening which was a really useful event. For any parents who were unable to make the evening, resources can be found under the Revision Zone on our website.

It was also wonderful to see so many families attend our Open Evening last week. There was a fantastic atmosphere and we were exceptionally proud of all the students who helped or acted as guides on the evening. Feedback from parents is that they were superb and represented the school so well.

Message from Izzy Hawkins- Head of Charity Service Area

As part of our Charity Focus we are installing a rag bin to collect donations of unwanted clothing items which will in turn raise funds for our nominated charities, Nelson's Journey and Therapy Pets. If any of you have any clothing, paired shoes, belts or handbags that are no longer wanted we would love to receive your donations.

Literacy Development

Our Parents Reading presentation is now available to view on our website and an accompanying guide for reading is available with this newsletter. Students should aim to read for 20 minutes every day at home to help develop their reading fluency and vocabulary. All students are learning new vocabulary every day at school and this is recorded in their vocabulary books. Please help them embed this vocabulary by testing them at home.

Drama Donations

The Drama Department is looking for donations to help broaden our costume Department- if you have any interesting items of clothing or accessories such as hats, wigs, formal wear or vintage items that you think would be useful for our Drama Department- please pass donations to Mr Frost in the Drama studio.

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TikTok

What is TikTok?

After downloading the TikTok app, you can start creating your own videos or watch content created by other users.

You can also participate in hashtag challenges by clicking the 'Discover' button. Creating and editing videos is simple, with different effects, filters and stickers to choose from.

Age restrictions

TikTok is intended for users age 13 and over. You can report underage users by emailing privacy@tiktok.com

How to stay safe on TikTok

Choosing to **make your account private** allows you to approve or deny followers and restrict your uploaded content to followers only.

How to make your account private:

- Tap on the profile tab
- Go to the **three-dot** menu in the top-right corner
- Tap on **Privacy and safety**
- Then toggle **Private account**

You can keep your identity secure by not including any personal information, such as name, address, phone number or age in your profile.

Gifting on TikTok

Users can purchase, receive and send **coins** and **gifts** with monetary value, earn **diamonds** and withdraw **diamonds** if they are aged 18+.

Coins and **gifts** are a virtual currency which cannot be refunded, reimbursed or exchanged for currency. **Coins** can buy **gifts** and **gifts** are given to show appreciation for content. When a user contributes a **gift** this will be removed from their account and converted into **diamonds** in the content provider's account.

Diamonds give users the opportunity to earn real money for their creations and can be withdrawn in exchange for currency via a verified PayPal account once an account balance contains more than \$50.

Users having problems with any virtual currency should contact TikTok at transaction@tiktok.com

Limit the content you see

If you don't like a video, you can simply long-press on that video and tap **Not Interested** to see less of that sort of video in the future.

Decide who can follow you

Even if you have a private account, you can manage who follows your account by removing followers or blocking users at any time, for any reason.

Set your messaging preferences

Messaging can be a great way to trade creative ideas with other users, but on TikTok only your followers can send you a private message.

You can unfollow or block a user to stop them from sending a direct message or disable messaging entirely from your privacy settings.

Set your video to private

If you've already uploaded the video: Tap the **share** icon and tap **Who can view this video > Private**

If you're about to post a video: Tap **Who can view this video > Private**

What else can I do on TikTok?

- Add an effect
- Create a duet
- Choose who can send you DMs
- Turn comments on your videos on or off

What about parental controls?

Parents can use **Digital Wellbeing** to help manage their child's experience on TikTok. **Screen Time Management** allows you to select how much time you'd like your child to spend on TikTok and, once enabled, **Restricted Mode** will limit content that may not be appropriate for all audiences.

- Go to the user's **profile** and tap the **settings** icon in the top right hand corner
- Tap **Digital Wellbeing** and then **Screen Time Management** (to manage time spent on app) or **Restricted Mode** (for age appropriate content) following the steps that follow

Note: Both of these features are password protected.

PTA

Our newly formed Parent Teacher Association is looking for new members to join and support the school. We appreciate that time is a precious commodity so commitment can be as little or much as you can support. If you would like further details, please email Isi John-
ijohn@acle.norfolk.sch.uk

Free School Meal Vouchers over Half Term

Norfolk County Council has received a grant from the government's Household Support Fund and is able to continue to work with food voucher company, Edenred, to provide support for all families with children eligible for means-tested Free School Meals. We will be issuing £15 vouchers per child eligible for free school meals to cover the half term.

If you believe your child may be eligible for Free School Meals

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/school-meals-and-milk>

Please note that the free school meal vouchers will only be available to those who are eligible and have registered.

Families in hardship and needing wider support

In addition to the offer of FSM vouchers for eligible families, there is support available for families who are facing hardship and need support.

Anyone experiencing hardship may be able to receive support through the Norfolk Assistance Scheme (NAS), which may be able to provide support for food, fuel, clothes and other essential household items to families experiencing hardship. Wider support from a range of partners can then also be made available with NAS working alongside the Children's Services Community and Partnerships service.

Families may get in touch with NAS via their dedicated website which includes an online application form at [Norfolk Assistance Scheme - Norfolk County Council](#) or if they cannot access the internet, they can call 0344 800 8020.

Year 10: Design Technology

Students had the opportunity to visit St Edmunds Park estate in Acle which is being built by Lovell Homes. As part of the partnership between Acle Academy and Lovells students had a full tour of the site including detailed explanations of the building process from footings to 2nd fix. Our thanks to the Lovells staff for their time and dedication in raising the profile of career opportunities within the Building sector.



Testing

Extra testing kits have been sent home this week with students. These test kits are different from the previous tests that have been issued and can be completed in 15 minutes. Please read the instructions carefully. If you attend a large event for example a wedding, a concert or a football match, we recommend you test every day for the following seven days. This proactive action will help reduce the spread of COVID-19 into the school community and it is detected before you leave home.




The Teenage Brain- guide for parents

The Solihull Approach is a free course aimed at parents to support their child's development. There is an excellent section on the teenage brain which parents may find useful. Please click on this [link](#) for the Just One Norfolk Website for more information.

The Big Ask

Children across the country recently took part in a nationwide survey organised by the Children's Commissioner. The results of this national survey can be viewed [here](#)



*Feeling alone?
Don't know what to do?
Can't see a way forward?*

*Parenting a child who uses
substances and doesn't want to
stop can be difficult.*

**Free online support group for parents of children
under 19 who are misusing substances.**

**During our six sessions we are offering support, advice and a confidential space
to talk.**

**To protect your identity, we are delivering our sessions via Microsoft Teams
with Cameras switched off and with the use of individual's first name or a
chosen nickname.**

Our next course will start on Friday, 5th of November 2021

Lunchtime 12:30 -2pm and evening sessions 5-6:30 pm.

Future courses: 25th of February and 22nd April 2022.

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www.matthewproject.org**

Dates for your diary

Year 8 Careers Day- Thursday 14th October

End of Half term- Wednesday 20th October

Return to school- Monday 1st November

Covid Vaccine programme- Monday 18th October

End of Half term- Wednesday 20th October

Return to school- Monday 1st November

Year 7 Careers Day- Thursday 4th November

Flu Vaccine programme continues- Monday 8th November

Year 10 Parents Evening- Thursday 18th November

PTA Quiz Night- Friday 19th November

Year 11 Mocks- Monday 29th November- Friday 10th December

End of term- Friday 17th December

Vacancies

We currently have a vacancy for a cover supervisor- if you would like further information- please see our website

<https://www.wensumtrust.org.uk/acleducation>

Contact details

The majority of our communication is electronic so it is really important that we maintain accurate records of parental contacts. If you change your email address or phone number, please inform the school office so we can ensure you receive important information.