

Newsletter - 2nd December 2021

Year 11s have made an excellent start to their Pre Public Examinations this week. We have been very impressed with the way they have conducted themselves in the exam hall and shown commitment and determination in their approach to their revision and exams. Keep up the great work Year 11!

Masks in school

From Monday this week the Department for Education announced that face coverings should be worn in all communal areas in all settings by staff, visitors and students in Year 7 and above unless they are exempt. The Government has introduced this measure as a precaution to slow down the spread of the Omicron variant of Covid 19 in the UK while they gather further information. The Government has stated that they will continue to keep this under review as the situation develops.

All Acle Academy students and staff (unless exempt) are required to wear a face covering inside the school when transitioning around the school and at social times. Students are not required to wear face coverings during lessons but may do so if they wish. Students travelling on dedicated school transport are also required to wear a face covering at all times while travelling to and from school.

Please could parents ensure that students come to school with a face covering and a bag to keep it stored in when not in use.




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Enrichment in History

Well done to all the students in Year 7 and 8 who completed some fantastic work as part of the Enrichment project. All names were put into a draw and the winner of the £10 Amazon voucher in Year 8 is Ella S and Year 7s winner is Maisie C.


Every pupil was given house points for every piece of work they submitted and Star of the Week to those students who completed all 9 enrichment tasks. Absolutely fantastic to see you all getting involved. Well done and have great Xmas. - Ms Bostock.




Roman Britain













Enrichment Homework Grid




The enrichment tasks have been designed to give you a wider understanding of the topic you're studying. You will receive achievement points for any completed tasks and be placed into a half termly prize draw. Either submit your work via Google Classroom or hand your homework to your class teacher. **Good Luck!**




https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/player/m000k2s4 Listen to the 'Homeschool History' podcast on Gladiators and make notes on a google word doc. 	Create a detailed timeline of The rise and fall of the Roman Empire. 	Create a Family Tree of the first 12 Roman emperors 
 Practice your map drawing skills. Include towns and roads the Romans built in Britannia. Don't forget Hadrian's Wall!	 Create a fact file on a famous Roman of your choice. Make sure to include links to Britannia.	 A day in the life of a soldier on Hadrian's Wall. Write a diary entry think of a cool name!
Research what Romans liked to eat and create a menu for a dinner party. 	Create a poster for Roman Britain warning people what punishments they'll receive if they break the law. 	Conduct an interview with Julius Caesar. Ask him any question you like! 




The Stuarts












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https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/player/m000m0p Listen to the podcast on the Restoration and make notes on a google doc. 	Create a detailed timeline of the Stuart Period from 1603-1715 AD. 	Create a Family Tree of the Stuart monarchs. 
 Conduct an investigation into what happened to Oliver Cromwell's head.	 Create a fact file on a famous Stuart Individual of your choice.	 A diary entry from a Londoner living through the Great Plague and Fire of London.
Write a series of News headlines detailing the events of the English civil War 	Create a poster informing people of what to do about the Great Plague. 	Research what health was like for people in 17th Century Britain. 



Our vouchers winners

YEAR 10 - Parent/Carers Update

After consultation with Norfolk County Council, and WEX Norfolk, we have made the decision to postpone work experience for our year 10s. This is due to the current situation and WEX Norfolk struggling to support with extra safety checks needing to be completed due to Covid, as well as the concerns that students will struggle to find placements by early March.

We are still planning for work experiences to go ahead, as we feel that this is a really important and valuable experience for students to take part in. We have decided to move the work experience week to **the 13th - 17th June 2022**. We will launch work experience with students in form time next week and they will be sent home with a pack with all the information needed. This will also be shared with parents via email and the website. We are very much looking forward to ensuring our students will be able to take part in this experience but we will need your support.

Ms Skarin- Assistant Principal



Parliament

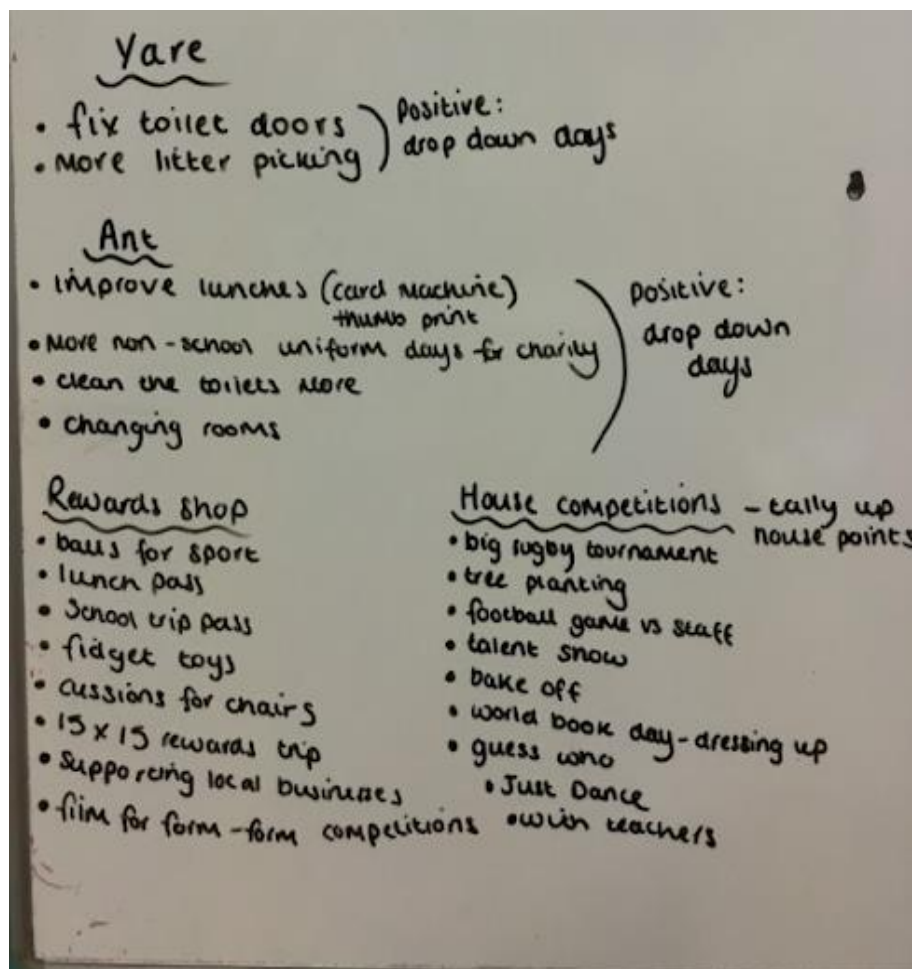
On Wednesday 24th November we saw our first parliament meeting taking place.

I was so impressed with the suggestions, discussions and engagement from all the students.

Students worked in their Houses, where they represented the voice of their form group. The suggestions were then collected and motions put forward to the Senior Prefects, who will vote on what proposals to present to the leadership team and to work on within their Service Areas.

The students also complete a pupil voice survey on Form time activities, as well as putting forward ideas to create our 5 Principles of Acle Academy parliament, on how we would like it to be run. Thank you to all students who took part, their behaviour was impeccable and we are very proud of them! Ms Skarin- Assistant Principal

Some discussion points



Our Parliament

Thurne



Bure



Yare



Ant



Rugby Success

On Thursday 25th November, Mr Bliss took the Year 10 rugby team to North Walsham Rugby Club to play in a triangular tournament against Aylsham and Hellesdon under floodlights. Sadly due to an injury in the first game the Hellesdon team had to leave meaning that our boys only got to play Aylsham. However, in really tricky conditions, with the wind and sleet making the rugby ball handle more like a bar of soap, the boys equipped themselves really well and got stuck into the Aylsham side. Some great tackles early on from Freddie P and some great work at the breakdown from Seb S meant that Acle were quickly able to assert their dominance on the game. With the excellent wing play of Cullen B whose pace proved too much for the Aylsham defence the game began to become a little one sided as he ran in a number of tries. This was a tremendous achievement from our boys as Aylsham had a large number of club rugby players, who had no answer to the excellent teamwork and commitment that the Acle boys were showing. Further tries from Michael R, Charlie P and Seb S, put the icing on what was an excellent all round performance from the whole team. A great number of positives to build from and the team looks to have a bright future moving forward. A special mention must go to Freddie P who played up a year group and was excellent throughout. He also managed to kick some valuable points on a difficult pitch in some horrendous conditions.

Well done boys, a great win!
Mr Bliss- Assistant Principal



Coats, Hoodies and Uniform

The majority of our students are wonderfully presented every day and follow our uniform code. However, we have seen a small group of students who have needed to be reminded about uniforms. It would be a great help if parents and carers could help reinforce some of the key messages from home.

- The only jewellery permitted in school is one set of stud earrings worn in the lower lobes and a watch. No other jewellery is permitted in school.
- Hoodies and sweatshirts are not permitted. Students should only wear the official woollen school jumper from Stevenson's under their blazers. PE sweatshirts or hooded tops are not allowed.
- Belts should be plain navy, brown or black with no logo.
- Shoes should be black hard soled.

Some students are wearing hooded sweatshirts or fleeces as an alternative to a coat to school. Please could parents help support by encouraging children to wear a proper winter coat rather than a hoodie to school in this cold weather.

If your child has lost their tie, a replacement can be purchased from the main school office, these are £7.



SORA app

As part of our priority to help develop reading we have been promoting the use of the SORA app in school. SORA is an app that will let you access e-books and audiobooks for free. It allows you to customise font and text size, as well as look up definitions of unfamiliar words. We have linked the SORA app with our in school library so students are able to access thousands of titles of books for free. A full user guide is attached with this newsletter.

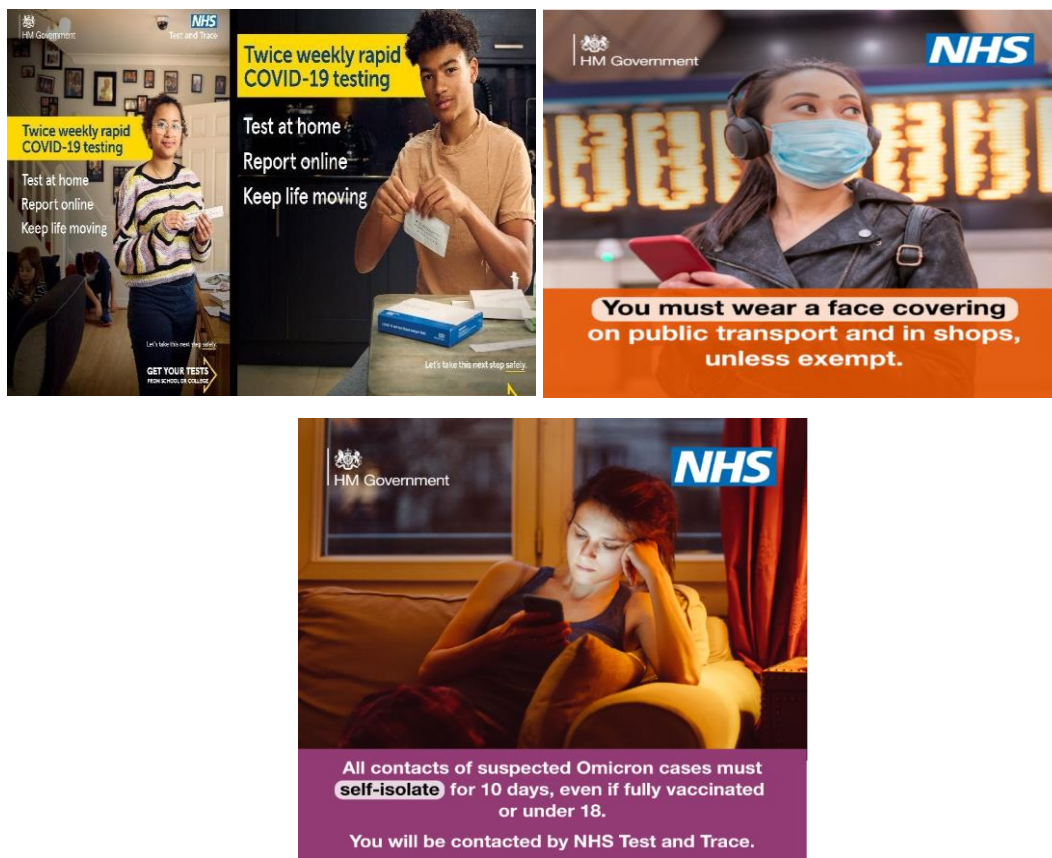
Twice Weekly Testing

Please continue to test twice weekly at home to help keep our school community safe. Additional test kits have been distributed by form tutors and are available in reception if further test kits are needed.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-self-test-help>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S9XR8RZxKNo>

We recommend these are completed on Sunday and Wednesday.

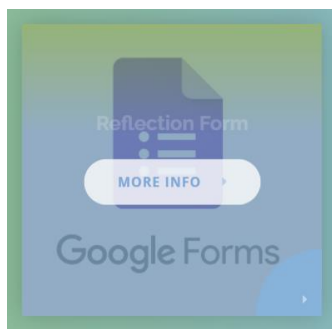


Thank you

Thank you to all parents and families who donated a hot water bottle to the refugees hot water bottle appeal. We received over forty donations which will make a great difference. Thank you for your support.

Reflection online reporting form

If students need any support with any element of pastoral care they can report issues online via our Reflection reporting form on our school website



Aerosols

Please can I remind students that aerosols are banned in school. Many of our students and staff have breathing difficulties or allergies and can become very ill when aerosols are sprayed in their vicinity. For those with acute sensitivities, these products pose a serious health hazard. If a banned product is found, whether it is used on site or not, it will be confiscated and disposed of. We will assume the intention is to use it. Thank you for your cooperation.

Students not participating in PE lessons

Please could I take the opportunity to remind you of a long standing procedure whereby if a student is unwell or injured, they are expected to bring a PE kit and change to be part of the lesson. This allows every child to be involved in the lesson in a meaningful way such as taking on the role of a coach or official. Additionally, we are unable to accommodate students in other parts of the school and therefore they will be required to be in the lesson whether inside or outside. Wearing school uniform outside on the field and/or in the rain for a PE lesson is not permitted.

The only circumstance in which a child would not have to change is if there are restricting factors such as wearing an arm sling. Students are welcome to wear extra clothing, such as coats, to keep them warm if they are involved in coaching or officiating.

Many thanks

Mr N Hurren

(Head of Performance Studies Faculty)

Appointments to see staff

Please can we remind parents and carers that any parent that wishes to speak to a member of staff must make an appointment. We have experienced an increasing number of parents who have turned up to reception with the intention of seeing a member of staff immediately. Staff are teaching and are unable to drop everything to deal with a query. In addition, please may I remind parents that we have a three day turnaround on communication. We will always try to respond as soon as possible but we are dealing with a high demand of communication presently.

FSM Christmas Vouchers

The school will be providing free school meal ecode vouchers over the Christmas holidays via the Edenred service and Norfolk County Council. FSM-eligible families will receive £55 per child. The £55 is based on the usual £15 per child per week for the 2 weeks of the holiday, plus an additional £25 per child to help families free up household finances in advance of an anticipated rise in energy costs in January and to try and help children enjoy a better Christmas than they might otherwise have.

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 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.



Norfolk 
Assistance Scheme

Are you worried about getting through the winter financially?

We can help you get support and financial assistance for food, energy, water and other essentials.

Do you fall into any of these groups?

- Reduced income
- Redundant – reduced working hours
- Unexpected expenditure
- Recently lost employment
- Struggling with utility bill arrears
- Need transport to get back to work



The fastest way to apply is online: www.norfolk.gov.uk/NAS

If you do not have internet access, call 0344 800 8020

To discuss an open application, call 01603 223392 OPTION 5

Maths in Action Event

A group of our Year 10 Stretch pupils took part In 'Mathematics in Action' run through Cambridge University. They explored secrets of a digital world and how messages and photos are transmitted on the internet; Engineering and Machine learning exploring whether machines will ever be cleverer than us; Social media's viral maths videos and Maths in Sport, including how you take the perfect penalty kick! This was a great day of exploring how maths is used in the real world. Thank you to Ms White and Mr Greene for organising this event.



Maths Leaders

Ms White and our Year 10 and Year 9 Maths leaders have been working with their year 8 and 7 maths buddies to support their progress and build their confidence in maths. Following training and an opportunity to plan and design their support sessions, the maths leaders have run form time 121 sessions with their maths buddies. This has involved looking at numeracy ninja, gaps in knowledge from their tracking exams and working through their intervention books. The interaction and supportive atmosphere is an absolute delight to be part of. Thank you for all your hard work in these sessions, it really does make a difference!



Charity Service Area Poster competition- November 2021



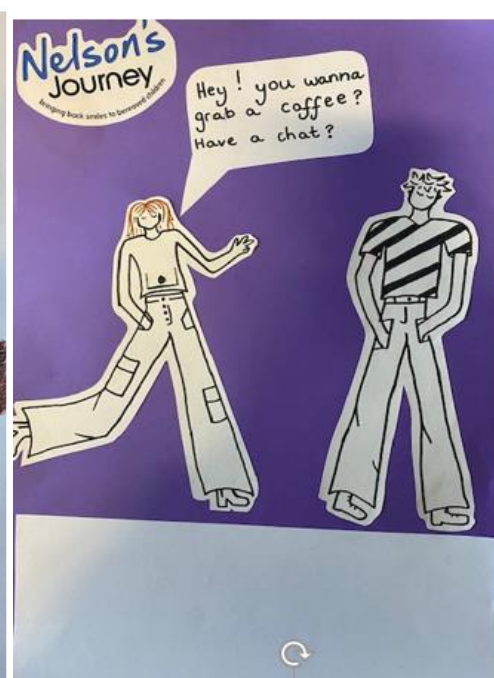
We recently embarked on an exciting project as the Charity Service Area with the core aim being to build up a working long-term relationship with Nelson's Journey and Pets As Therapy.

As part of our drop-down day plans we held a poster competition for all Year 10 and 11 pupils. We encouraged them to design a charity poster in support of either charity. We had some excellent entries and it was very difficult to decide a winner with some many quality entries.

The winners of the competition are Ruby L for her lovely poster for Nelson's Journey and Carly H for her emotive poster in support of Pets As Therapy. Well done to both these pupils and they will each receive a £10 Amazon voucher for their efforts.



by Carly H



by Ruby L

Dates for your diary



Self-Harm Parent Workshop - Thursday
2nd December – 6-7pm

Christmas Jumper Day in Aid of Save the
Children – Friday 10th December

End of term - Friday 17th December -
**1pm closure, usual school transport
will run at this time, including a
replacement service for the First Bus
905 service.**

Return to school- Tuesday 4th January
2022

Year 11 Leavers 2021 Reunion-
presentation of exam certificates.
Thursday 20th January 2022 - 7pm

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.