

Newsletter - 17th December 2021



Thank you to all families for your support over the last term. It has been wonderful celebrating the many achievements of our students through our rewards assemblies this week. Tracking reports have all been distributed this week so you will be able to celebrate your children's achievement too.

From everyone at Acle Academy, we would like to wish you all a wonderful (and covid free) Christmas break and I hope that you all get time to rest and enjoy making memories as a family.

Close Contact Testing

All students have been provided with two packs of LFD tests to cover the twice weekly testing over the Christmas period and an additional pack for daily testing in the event of being contacted as a close contact.

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Return to school in January

Following Government guidelines we will be offering all students a lateral flow test on their return to school in January. To help facilitate this testing programme, we will again need to stagger the return date for students. Each student, who has consent, will have the opportunity to take an LFD test. Students will remain in their form group until all LFD tests in their year group are processed. Transport arrangements will be in place as normal for all children at the start of the new term. All students who participate in asymptomatic testing must have parental consent.

Students may withdraw their consent and not participate, even if their parents have consented. No child will be forced or coerced into taking an LFD test. If you have already provided consent for your child, you do not need to provide consent again. If you have not already provided consent and would like to do so, please follow the link below.

Alternatively if you wish to withdraw consent please also follow the link and complete the form [here](#).

Tuesday 4 th January	Wednesday 5 th January	Thursday 6 th January
Year 11 return	Year 10 and 7 return	Year 8 and 9 return
All other year groups- remote learning	Year 8 and 9 remote learning	All students back in school

Transport will run as normal from the 4th January. Students who will be participating in remote learning on Tuesday 4th or Wednesday 5th will be able to access their set lessons via ClassCharts. If a student cannot remember their ClassCharts login details- please email the school office or your child's form tutor who will be able to provide this for you.

Covid 19 Vaccinations

Young people aged 12 to 15 in England will be offered a second dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine at a minimum of 12 weeks from the first dose, following advice from the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI).

NHS England have now confirmed that, as with first doses, healthy school-aged children aged 12 to 15 will be able to receive their COVID-19 vaccination in their school next term, as well as having the option to receive the vaccine out of school, such as through vaccination centres. These offers will run in parallel.

It is expected that the second dose of the vaccine will be administered before February half term, 2022.

Please do not contact Acl surgery regarding the second dose of vaccines as they are accommodating over 18s only. All other enquiries should be directed to 119 or book online.

Changes to our Pastoral Structure from January

From January we will be launching our new Head of House roles to help support wellbeing, progress and achievement. Our Engage team will take on the new role as Head of House and will interact directly with families and children in their allocated houses. We will also be joined by two new members of the team- Miss Walsingham who will be a Head of House for Yare and Mrs Perkins who will be our Engagement Lead. Mrs Perkins will work alongside our Attendance Officer, Mrs Bryant and our Heads of House and SEND team to help support students who are struggling to engage with school.

You can contact Heads of House directly using the information below:

Head of Ant- Ms Jarvis- kjarvis@acle.norfolk.sch.uk

Head of Bure- Miss Nichols- snichols@acle.norfolk.sch.uk

Head of Thurne- Ms John- ijohn@acle.norfolk.sch.uk

Head of Yare- Miss Walsingham- gwalsingham@acle.norfolk.sch.uk

Families who already have existing relationships with a member of our team are welcome to continue to contact the colleague who has been supporting your child.

PASTORAL SYSTEM 2022

ANT	BURE	THURNE	YARE
Head of House- Ms Jarvis	Head of House- Miss Nichols	Head of House- Ms John	Head of House- Miss Walsingham
7JCU- Miss Cunliffe	7BHA- Miss Halpin	7IKE- Mr Kennedy	7SHA- Mr Hammerton
8GFR- Mr Frost	8DSE- Ms Segurado	8SRI- Miss Richards	8KCA Ms Carrington
9MHA- Mr Hart	9HU- Mr Hurren	9NBD- Miss Burdett	9ZCL- Mrs Cullen/ Mrs Harveyson
10TSO- Mr Southerden	10MGR- Mr Green	10MFR- Martin Freeman	10JBI- Miss Bridson
11EBA- Mrs Barber	11 NWH- Ms White	11CBO- Miss Evans	11AWE- Mr Lengthorn
			

Household Support Fund

The government has made funds available to provide vulnerable households in most need of support; who would otherwise struggle to buy food or pay essential utility bills, or meet other essential living costs this winter as the economy recover. If your child is in receipt of Free School Meals, the household support fund may be able to help with the cost of living expenses. Please contact our Heads of House or Miss Fray if you would like further information.

Guide for Parents and Carers on staying safe online

The Children's Commissioner is today launching [a guide for parents and carers on online sexual harassment and how they can support children to stay safe online](#).

"The things I wish my parents had known" draws together advice from 16 to 21 year olds on how parents should manage tricky conversations around sexual harassment and access to inappropriate content, including pornography.

The Commissioner's office began a programme of work focussing on peer-on-peer abuse following the avalanche of testimonies on the [Everyone's Invited](#) website, which laid bare an epidemic of sexual violence among teens. This was picked up in [Ofsted's June 2021 review of sexual harassment in schools and colleges](#).

A surprising but overriding message from young people is that parents should start these challenging conversations early. They suggest broaching topics before a child is given a phone or a social media account, which is often around the age of 9 or 10.



Sports Update

Year 11 rugby team progress in the County Cup:

On Thursday, the year 11 rugby team took on Reepham in the County Cup and came away victorious. It was Acle who scored the first points as good running lines from Cullen enabled Edward to release him on the right to score. Acle then scored a second try through Thomas after some great forward play from Charlie and Jake. Reepham reduced the deficit with a converted try just before half time. In the second half, Acle started slower and allowed their opponents to score another try and draw level. However, this pushed Acle on and two fantastic try's from Captain Edward, which pushed the game out of sight of the hosts to make the final score 27-14.

Year 10 and 11 girls win against Fleggburgh:

The girl's football team travelled the short distance to Fleggburgh for a match and performed really well against a strong side. Acle started well with some lovely passing football which they have regularly shown this year and they looked to feed Talya regularly to use her pace and skill on the wing. It was through Talya that Acle made the break through as she tricked her way past a defender in the box and was fouled for a penalty. She stepped up and expertly slotted the ball home. Flegg grew into the game after this and were rewarded with two errors which gave a striker the chance to take two opportunist goals. The second half appeared to be mostly Acle on the attack and they drew level from a spectacular long range strike from Lauren. With the clock ticking towards the finish, Lauren stepped up again and produced another excellent long range effort to make it 3-2 and secure the win.

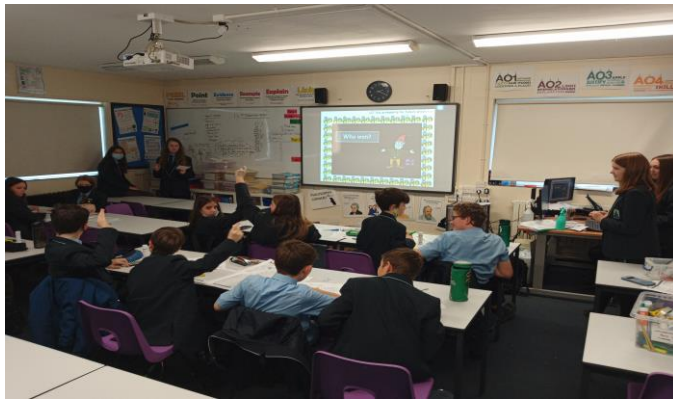
Year 7 boys win a close game against Thorpe:

The year 7 footballers recently took on Thorpe in a football match and won the game 3-2. The boys went behind early on but worked themselves back into the match well and levelled just before half time through Connor. In the second half Nathan scored with a great finish and the boys extended their lead through an own goal. Thorpe pulled a goal back late on but the boys held on for a good win.

Maths leaders

As part of their maths leaders training our team of year 9's worked with Ms White to plan and teach a chrismaths elf project to groups of year 7's.

The feedback from year 7 was that they really enjoyed the project and being taught by some of the older pupils. What a fantastic display of leadership skills. Well done!



Congratulations to our former student William Key- Sword of Honour

We have been informed by the Commandant of The Royal Military Academy that our former student William Patrick Key was awarded the best cadet of the intake.

William was a student at Acle Academy from 2008-2013 and also a member of the Norfolk Army Cadet Force's Acle Detachment.



The Sword of Honour was awarded to Senior Under Officer William Patrick Key. Considered by the Commandant to be the Best Cadet in the Army Commissioning Course 211, he is to commission into The Parachute Regiment.

HRH The Princess Royal KG, KT, GCVO, QSO, represented Her Majesty the Queen at the Sovereign's Parade at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst on Friday 10 December 2021.

The Royal Military Academy Sandhurst in Surrey is where all officers in the British Army are trained to take on the responsibilities of leading the soldiers under their command. More than 80 % of officer cadets are university graduates, but some arrive with A-levels or equivalents. Others are serving soldiers who have been selected for officer training, and some come from overseas, having been chosen by their own country's army to train at the world famous Academy.

The Commissioning Course for Regular Army officers is 44 weeks long, including recess periods. It runs three times a year, starting in January, May and September. Training at Sandhurst covers military, practical and academic subjects, and while it is mentally and physically demanding, there's also plenty of time set aside for sport and adventurous training.



Creative work this term



Reading Rewards

At Acle Academy we value how important (and how fun) reading can be. Every time a student finishes a book they are encouraged to complete a review where they can develop their skills of summary and evaluation. Comprehensive and detailed reviews are awarded ten house points! The following have completed the most reviews in their year group so far this year:

In year 7: Esme A H, Daisy H, Austin L and Evelyn M.

In year 8: Lexi M, Shayna R and Dylan W.

In Year 9: Phoebe B and Emily G.

In Year 10: Maisy C, Zack J and Mia R.

In Year 11: Mary C

This is just a small number of the many excellent reviews we've received so far.

All students who have submitted reviews of suitable detail are entered into a prize draw at the end of each term for a chance to win an Amazon Kindle. This term we're proud to announce that Kady D of year 7 was the winner. Well done, Kady! We hope that your new Kindle brings you many hours of reading fun!

Well done to everyone who has been keeping up the great reading this year and, remember, there's nothing better after turkey and mince pies than wrapping up in a duvet and getting lost in a good book.

We have also included the Pixl Secondary Reading update with this newsletter with recommendations of new releases for teenage fiction in case anyone needs any last minute stocking filler ideas. - Mr Carrier



Free School Meal breakfast from January

From January, we will be offering all of our students who are in receipt of Free School Meals, a free breakfast in addition to the free school meal at lunch time. Students will receive a hot roll or muffin, hash brown and a fruit juice or hot drink.

Could your child be entitled to Free School Meals?

Please visit <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/school-meals-and-milk> to check if your child/ren are eligible for Free School Meals.

If you are in receipt of one of the following, please apply on line so that school can order you the vouchers:

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

Goodbye

Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to Miss Bostock today. Miss Bostock has made a significant contribution to the work of our team since 2013. Miss Bostock is a teacher with a tremendous gift for inspiring students through her high expectations and passion for History and education. In her leadership role, she has shared innovative and creative approaches to ensure that lessons are always challenging and engaging. Miss Bostock has also led the development of trainee teachers, sharing her experience and helping to shape the standards we expect. We are all saddened by her loss to the school and education but we wish her well in her new adventure.

Miss Bostock will be replaced by Miss Evans who will lead the History Department and be Head of the Humanities Faculty from January.



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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

My School Fund initiative to help boost our budget

Acle Academy is part the My School Fund initiative. This innovative scheme allows for us to be able to boost our school's budget with your help.

How does it work?

Parents and carers can sign up to the scheme for free and start earning cashback on the things they buy in participating retail stores, including Sainsbury's and Argos. As you spend you'll receive 2% cashback in the form of eGift vouchers that can be redeemed in participating stores. By linking your spend to our school on the My School Fund website we'll also earn 1% cashback on your spend.

Add that all up across our school's network of families and together we can all make a big difference!

How to get involved

Visit myschoolfund.org to register for free and link to **Acle Academy**. From there, everything you spend in participating stores will go towards helping boost our budget, plus your own!

Sign up today at myschoolfund.org

Vacancies

We currently have the following vacancies in our team:

- Cover supervisor
- Caretaker

Please see our website for further details.

<https://www.wensumtrust.org.uk/acleacademy/about-us/our-vacancies>

Dates for your diary

Phased return to school

4th January- Year 11 return to school
(other year's remote learning)

5th January- Years 7 & 10 return to
school (Year 8 & 9 remote learning)

6th January- Years 8 & 9 return to school

11th January- Year 11 PPE Results Day

13th January- Year 11 Parents' Evening

20th January- Leavers' 2021 Reunion

27th January- Year 9 Parents' Evening

9th February- Year 9 Careers' day

10th February- Year 9 Options' Evening

11th February- End of half term

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.