

# Newsletter - 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022

We've had a very busy half term and despite struggling with absences in staff and students due to covid, I am delighted that we have been able to keep the school fully operational and that we have been able to continue to provide a wide range of extracurricular opportunities for our students. After the last two years of disruption, we are committed to enhancing the classroom based curriculum with different extra-curricular experiences as these opportunities not only increase engagement with learning but also help build important soft skills that are needed for future life such as team work, organisation and problem solving.

I am pleased to say that our current covid absences have significantly reduced so we will be able to go back to optional masks in social spaces after half term. I hope all families have a wonderful half term break with your children.

Mrs Watts

## Pets As Therapy Dogs

We are delighted to welcome *Pets As Therapy* as part of our intervention programme this year. The students involved thoroughly enjoyed the therapy dog session and are looking forward to seeing them again soon!- Miss Frary.



## Maximise Potential

On Monday, we were lucky enough to welcome the amazing Jasper from Maximize Potential to Acle Academy to work with our Year 11 students. Jasper spend 2hrs motivating pupils to see their potential and talking through vital exam and revision preparation. It was wonderful to see how engaged all of our Year 11 pupils were and they all left the hall full of optimism and keen to push on with their revision work. To quote one Year 11 at lunchtime *'Can he come in every week, I feel incredibly motivated now and can see that I have the potential to do well in my GCSEs'*. Remember, if any Year 11 pupils would like support with their revision or preparation for the exams please do let Mr Sayce know and we will ensure we help you get ready for the 2022 exams. – Mr Sayce



## National Apprenticeship Week 7<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> February

We have been celebrating National Apprenticeship Week which is an annual week-long celebration of apprenticeships, taking place across England this week. An increasingly popular study option, apprenticeships are a great way to gain hands-on experience while studying towards an industry recognised qualification and earning a wage. They are available across a range of sectors including accounting, business, law, construction, engineering and transport.

During this week students have received further information during form time and during curriculum time with regards to apprenticeships. There are many resources available to students and parents/carers, please see the attached and visit the links below. Mrs Skarin.

### Useful Links

[UCAS: apprenticeships](#)

[Unifrog: how to apply for an apprenticeship](#)

[RateMyApprenticeship: advice for school and college leavers](#)

[Gov.uk: find an apprenticeship](#)

[Parents' Guide: apply for an apprenticeship](#)

[LearnLive: National Apprenticeship Week](#)

[Amazing Apprenticeships: guidance for parents & carers](#)

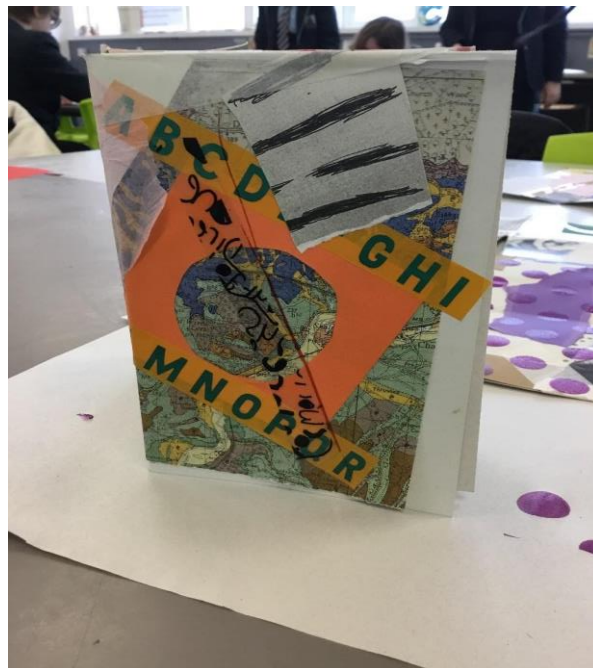
## Creative workshops

East Coast College Creative Arts Tutors visited us in Art & Design, they ran two workshops which were great.

Year 10- A fashion workshop with drawing

Year 11- Graphic zine workshop

These workshops were a great opportunity to develop creative skills and find out more about further and higher education as well as career paths- Miss Segurado.





## Sports Report

Last Tuesday, the U16 girls' football team reached the Norfolk County Cup semi-final after a hard-fought 2-1 win against King Edward Sixth School. Acle made a bad start when a looping shot managed to beat Kacey in goal. Apart from this, the defence of Jasmine, Rebecca, Millie and Ruby managed to deal with all KES attacks. Acle were playing some lovely football and created a few chances before their dominance paid dividends when Amelia smashed the ball home from a corner. Darcey then saw a smashing drive canon off the bar. The second half saw Acle defend the strong wind, which the defence did expertly. Abi and Talya on the wings provided excellent width and worked hard throughout. Midway through the second half Acle scored what proved to be the winner when Beth latched onto a through ball and slotted the ball home. The girls will now face Cromer Academy in the semi-finals, so well done all involved.

Last Wednesday the U14 boys' team exited the County Cup after a 0-3 defeat to St Clements School. Acle arguably played the better football in this game but could not find the finishing touch to the chances created, whilst the visitors did. They have had a good cup run this year and we hope to improve on this next year. Mr Hurren



## Science Success- Top Class

Y9 students have won another Top Class match, this time against Marshlands High School. We are currently top of the leader board and one step closer to the live final at UEA! Very well done to all the Y9 students who participated. - Mr Hart.

## Blood Brothers Trip

Mr Frost took a group of year 10 and 11 students to the New Wimbledon Theatre in London to see a touring production of 'Blood Brothers'. All the students really enjoyed the show and really benefited from seeing the play they study for their GCSE exam brought to life! It was really good to get back to being able to see live theatre again and although it was a long day, the students represented themselves and the school so well at all times!



## World Book Day- Reading Challenge- 3<sup>rd</sup> March

For World Book Day this year we are inviting students to take part in a variety of activities to share their love of books and reading.

We are running a design a bookmark competition which gives students the opportunity to show off their artistic and creative skills. The two best designs will be selected and made into bookmarks for students to use during their library lessons. Students will be able to collect a bookmark template from their English teacher if they would like to take part.

We are also looking for students to submit a photograph of themselves reading in an unexpected or different place or position. If they also want to be reading with someone else then even better. The most unusual and inventive photographs will win prizes. Please email photos to [info@acle.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:info@acle.norfolk.sch.uk) or hand in copies of photos to the school office.

The deadline for both competitions is World Book Day itself and the winners will be awarded book tokens.

## Uniform Reminders

The significant majority of students wear their uniform with pride and adhere to our uniform regulations. However, we have noticed that a few hoodies are creeping in and this can cause unnecessary challenge in the school day, especially when some students perceive their hoodie to be a coat. Please can I ask all parents to support us by ensuring that children have a proper coat and not a sweatshirt/hoodie. After half term we will confiscate any hoodies and ask parents to collect them.

## Managing Social Media- Parent update- Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> February 6-7pm

We would like to invite parents and carers to attend a workshop on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> February from 6-7pm. The workshop will cover hints and tips about how to help your teenager manage social media, the laws around apps and social media and how to help talk to your child about internet viewing and social media content. We hope to see you then.



## National Citizen Service for Year 11 Leavers – Summer 2022

A government funded programme delivered locally by Norwich City Community Sports Foundation, NCS provides young people aged 15 – 17 the opportunity to take part in a residential week and volunteering projects in their local community.

The activities of NCS are focused to allow young people to make new friends and raise awareness of the community around them, whilst preparing them for their next steps in life. Not only will NCS look great on their CVs, the skills gained will play a valuable role in future employment, training and university applications and is also recognised by UCAS.

### Phase 1 – Be Epic

Phase one is a Monday - Friday residential. During this phase the young people will get the chance to meet lots of new people and make new friends. They will participate in outdoor adventurous activities such as high ropes, raft building, canoeing and many more.

### Phase 2 – Live Life

Phase two is integrated within the residential. During this phase of the programme young people will learn essential life skills including nutritional workshops and an enterprise challenge as well as workshops from local charities and businesses, all whilst gaining confidence. It will all look great on CVs and UCAS.

### Phase 3 – Do Good

Phase three is the last week of the programme, again Monday-Friday. Young people will be based in their local community, where they will need to meet daily. They now have the opportunity to make a mark on their local community by devising a social action project based on an idea they are passionate about.

### Celebration – Go Party

Once they have completed all three phases, they will be invited to a celebration event, where they will receive an NCS certificate which is signed by the Prime Minister.

Young people can choose to take part in one of four NCS waves during Summer 2022:

**Wave 1:** Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July

**Wave 2:** Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

**Wave 3:** Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July

**Wave 4:** Monday 1<sup>st</sup> August – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> August



To confirm your young person's place, give the NCS team a call or visit [www.wearencs.com](http://www.wearencs.com) now. Hurry, spaces are limited!

If your child is entitled to free school meals, is a young carer, has an Education and Health care plan or is in or recently left care, they are entitled to a bursary to take part in NCS for just £10 rather than the usual price of £50. This £10 covers all three weeks of the programme. Please contact Mrs Skarin [cskarin@acle.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:cskarin@acle.norfolk.sch.uk) if you need further support or have any questions.

All programmes will be delivered to all current COVID-19 legislation. The NCS Trust has ensured a contingency plan is in place if legislation means a residential week is not possible. In the event of this, the NCS programme will revert to a two-week programme.

Please visit the NCS website <https://wearencs.com> for all up to date Frequently Asked Questions.

The NCS Team can also be contacted via

E: [ncs@norwichcitycsf.org.uk](mailto:ncs@norwichcitycsf.org.uk)

T: 0800 1978 0101



**COMMUNITY SPORTS  
FOUNDATION**

LUNCH MENU - WEEK ONE					WEEK COMMENCING 21 FEB   14 MAR   18 APR   9 MAY   6 JUNE   27 JUNE   18 JULY
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>PLATED</b>	Sri Lankan Chicken Curry with Steamed Rice and Naan Bread or Sri Lankan Vegetable Curry with Steamed Rice and Naan Bread (v) VEGAN	Spaghetti Bolognese with Homemade Garlic Bread or Vegemince Bolognese with Homemade Garlic Bread (v)	Slow-Roasted Pork with Stuffing, Baby Jacket Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables and Gravy or Lentil Roast with Baby Jacket Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables and Gravy (v)	Sweet Chilli Chicken with Rice Noodles and Shredded Vegetables or Sweet Chilli Vegetables with Rice Noodles (v) VEGAN	Battered Fish with Chunky Chips, Mushy Peas or Beans or Five Bean Burger with Chunky Chips, Mushy Peas or Beans (v)
<b>STREET</b>	BBQ Pulled Pork in a Bun with Homemade Slaw	Falafel Wrap with Shredded Salad and Salsa (v) VEGAN	Tomato and Spinach Pilaf (v) VEGAN	Meatball Sub with Rustic Tomato Sauce and Cheese	Jamaican Jerk Chicken Wrap with Rainbow Salad
<b>SWEET</b>	Raspberry Brownie	Fresh Fruit Selection	Fruit Crumble with Custard	Fresh Fruit Selection	Lemon Cheesecake
LUNCH MENU - WEEK TWO					WEEK COMMENCING 28 FEB   21 MAR   25 APR   16 MAY   13 JUNE   4 JULY
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>PLATED</b>	Pork and Pineapple Curry with Steamed Rice and Naan Bread or Butternut Squash and Courgette Tikka Masala with Steamed Rice and Naan Bread (v) VEGAN	Spaghetti Carbonara with Garlic Bread and Mixed Salad or Creamy Mushroom Spaghetti with Garlic Bread and Mixed Salad (v)	Roast Chicken with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables and Gravy or Quorn Fillet with Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables and Gravy (v)	Beef Fajita with Mexican Rice or Quorn Fajita with Mexican Rice (v)	Battered Fish or Salmon Fingers with Chunky Chips, Mushy Peas or Beans or Veggie Burger with Chunky Chips, Mushy Peas or Beans (v)
<b>STREET</b>	Chicken and Sweetcorn Quesadilla	Moroccan Couscous with Spiced Cauliflower (v) VEGAN	Five Bean Chilli with Nachos and Dairy-Free Cheese (v) VEGAN	Tomato and Basil Pasta with Mozzarella (v)	Tandoori Chicken Wrap with Shredded Salad
<b>SWEET</b>	Forest Fruits Cheesecake	Fresh Fruit Selection	Apple and Peach Crunch with Custard	Fresh Fruit Selection	Beetroot Brownie
LUNCH MENU - WEEK THREE					WEEK COMMENCING 7 Mar   28 Mar   2 May   23 May   20 June   11 July
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>PLATED</b>	Chicken Fillet with Katsu Curry Sauce, Steamed Rice and Naan Bread or Quorn Fillet with Katsu Curry Sauce, Steamed Rice and Naan Bread (v)	Beef Lasagne with Garlic Bread and Mixed Salad or Roasted Mediterranean Vegetable Lasagne with Garlic Bread and Mixed Salad (v)	Pork Sausages with Creamy Mash, Seasonal Vegetables and Gravy or Vegetarian Sausages with Creamy Mash, Gravy and Seasonal Vegetables (v)	Teriyaki Chicken with Rice Noodles or Teriyaki Vegetables with Rice Noodles (v) VEGAN	Battered Fish with Chunky Chips, Mushy Peas or Beans or Sweet Potato and Vegetable Fritter with Chunky Chips, Mushy Peas or Beans (v)
<b>STREET</b>	Fish Finger Wrap with Shredded Salad and Mayo	Carrot and Chickpea Biryani (v) VEGAN	Louisiana Chicken with Diced Potatoes	Mac 'n' Cheese with Crispy Onions and Rocket (v)	Onion Bhaji Burger with Spiced Mango Chutney and Shredded Lettuce (v) VEGAN
<b>SWEET</b>	Eton Mess	Fresh Fruit Selection	Apple Berry Slice with Custard	Fresh Fruit Selection	Lemon Curd Muffin

## Norse Spring Summer Menu 2022

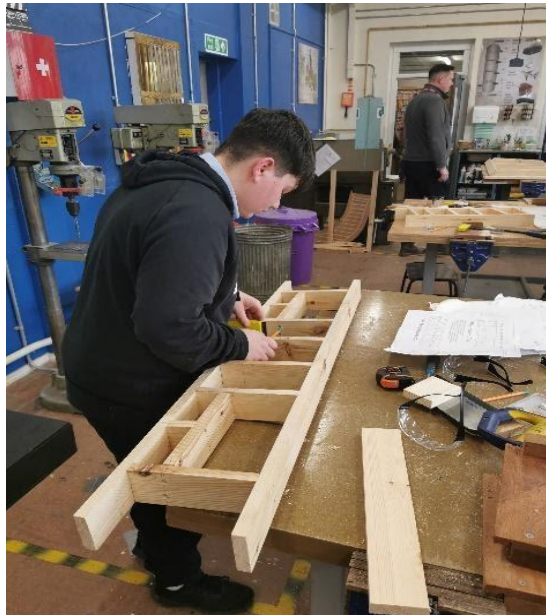
### Commencing Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February

## Lovell's Visit

As part of National Apprenticeship week, we were delighted to welcome our Lovells partners to work with some of our students on a taster session in bricklaying and carpentry. The students who took part were a credit to themselves and the school. They engaged with the tasks with professionalism, maturity and pride. The team from Lovells were very impressed with the aptitude and work ethic displayed by the students. Thanks to Mr Green and Lovells for their organisation and time of such a brilliant event.









## GCSEPod Winners

Congratulations to our first GCSEPod competition winners. Matthew has watched the most videos out of all our students in KS4 and Darcy has completed the highest number of Check and Challenge knowledge questions! Well done to you both for your incredible hard work. We will begin our weekly winners competition next week so everyone has an equal chance of winning. Get revising and using GCSEPod to win on a weekly basis!



## Catering update

We have been working with Norse to improve the affordability of our school meals and we are really pleased to announce that from next term, all breakfast items will be reduced to £1 per item or less and all break time snacks will be reduced to £1 per item.



## Children aged 12 to 15 years old can now obtain a digital NHS COVID Pass for international travel

To help support international travel, including school trips, the NHS COVID Pass service for 12 to 15 year olds now includes the option of a digital NHS COVID Pass.

The NHS COVID Pass for international travel can be accessed through the NHS website for those aged 12 years and over. For young people aged 13 and over, the NHS App can also be used to access the NHS COVID pass.

Further information on [how to get an NHS COVID Pass](#) is available on the NHS website.

## Dates for your diary

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February- Return to school- Week 1

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February- Deadline for Year 9 Option Choices

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> February- Year 10 Careers Day

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> February- Managing Social Media- Parent Workshop 6-7pm- school hall

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March- Year 9 Healthy Relationships Day

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March- Service Area Day

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March- Year 8 Parents Evening

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March – PTA Quiz Night

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March and Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April- Matilda Production-

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April- End of term. Return on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April- Week 1

## Vacancies

We currently have the following vacancies in our team:

- Cover supervisor
- Cover Manager
- Caretaker
- Midday supervisor

Please see our website for further details.

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



## Parent View

We would be very grateful if parents and carers could spare a couple of minutes to register your views of the school with Ofsted's Parent view. Please visit

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

## 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.



**Friday 25th March 7pm**

**Acle Academy  
South Walsham Rd, Acle, Norwich NR13 3ER**

**£7.50 Adults**

**£2.50 Children**

**Ticket includes Burger/Hot dog  
and Chips. Veggie/Vegan option  
available**

*Bring your own  
refreshments.*

To Book Please email [PTA@acle.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:PTA@acle.norfolk.sch.uk) for a booking form.

Max 8 members per team. Doors open at 630pm

*Book early and avoid  
disappointment!*

Soft Drinks, Tea and Coffee  
available to purchase on the  
night