

Newsletter – 8th July 2022

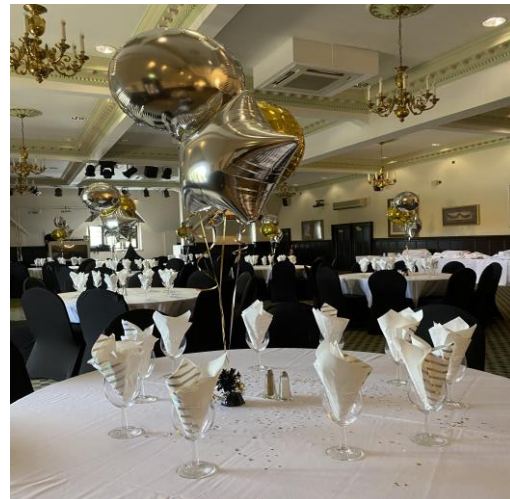
Year 11 Prom – Dunston Hall Friday 1st July

Last Friday, we celebrated the culmination of five years of hard-work, excellent memories and the end of an era for an amazing Year 11 cohort at the school prom. It was a beautiful evening of spectacular entrances, delicious food and a copious amounts of questionable dancing. We were overjoyed that over 85 of our Year 11s attended the prom and it was delight to see them enjoy a final well deserved celebration with their friends. Every pupil who attended the prom will be given a USB full of photos from the event to commemorate and remember the occasion which can be collected on results day. We wish all of our 2022 cohort a well-deserved and restful summer break and we look forward to seeing you all again on August 25th for GCSE Results Day.



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GCSE Results Day - Just a reminder to all 2022 leavers and parents/carers that students will be able to come into school to collect their GCSE results from 8:30am on Thursday 25th August. We strongly encourage all pupils to come into school for this and we will ensure that staff are present and on hand to support any students with queries relating to college courses or their grades. We will also arrange for the kitchen to provide all students with a free breakfast and we want to put on a special last event for all of our Year 11 leavers. We look forward to seeing all pupils on the 25th August to celebrate your success and hard-work!

East Coast College STEM Trip

On Friday the 1st July we were invited to a STEM event hosted by East Coast College, where students had the opportunity to take part in a range of activities linked to clear energy, hosted by local companies from the region, to explore this exciting field of work with lots of opportunities in our local area. Students engaged with activities such as welding stimulation, robotics, marine simulators and wind farm planning! We look forward to working closer with East Coast College exploring careers opportunities! Students were really positive coming back, and were a real credit to the school! Well Done!



Please note-

Mrs Watts has unfortunately been absent since half term due to a back injury and will be recovering for the remainder of this term. Mr Newstead is deputising for Mrs Watts in her absence.

Staggered Return to School in September

Tuesday 6th September – Year 7 & Year 11 return

Wednesday 7th September – rest of the year groups return

Student Timetable – Week 1

A message from Active Norfolk

'This summer's Big Norfolk Holiday Fun'

– opens for booking on Monday 27th June

We're delighted to inform you that booking for our summer holiday activity (HAF) scheme is opening on Monday. Activities start from 25th July and parents will be able to use the booking link to search and book an activity for their child. There are thousands of spaces available across Norfolk and some brilliant activities to choose from, we're encouraging parents to take a look at the Every Move activity finder as soon as possible to secure their first choices.

We are **Promoting the scheme to eligible families – no HAF codes needed!**

This year we're making it even easier for families eligible for means tested free school meals to book on to activities. Instead of needing a HAF code to book, eligible parents just need to enter the name of their child's school during the booking process.

The scheme will run from the 25th July until 2nd September for children aged 5-16 (and 4 year olds in reception classes) who are eligible for means tested free school meals.

Families should visit [Big Norfolk Holiday Fun - Active Norfolk](#) to search and book activities.

We are working with providers to make sure that activities are inclusive and accessible for children with additional needs. Please speak to the chosen activity provider as early as possible so that they can help ensure the child's needs are met.

Additional free places for vulnerable children and young people

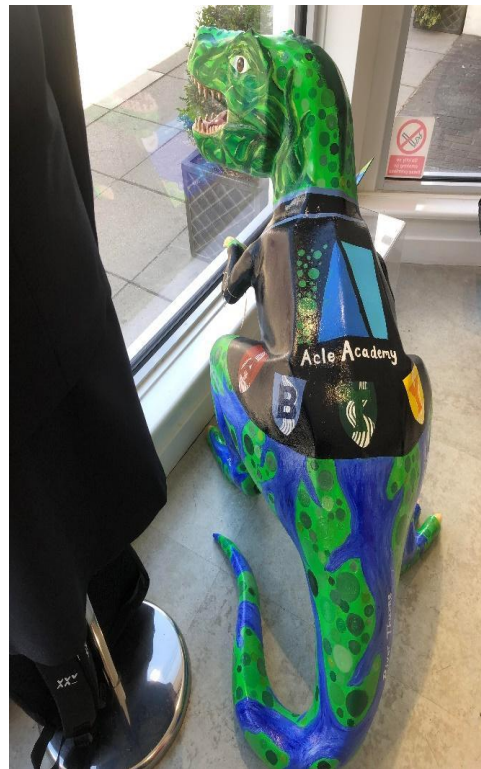
Please remember that in addition to places for children eligible for free school meals, there are a small number of places available to vulnerable children and young people. This includes young carers and children with a social worker or refugees. Please contact us at BNHF@norfolk.gov.uk



Go Go Dinosaur Trail

We have two dinosaurs in the Norwich Dinosaur Trail this year. Our first Dinosaur is our 'Acle -suarus' which is in Stevenson's Uniform shop on Ber Street. The 'Acle- saurus' was designed to reflect the school community so it is wearing our school blazer and has our school house emblems on it. The 'Acle- suarus' was created and designed by our Art Club students. Our second dinosaur 'Homer' was donated by Lovells through the Go Go Discover Learning and Community Programme. Students who take part in the Creative Industries club, 'The Shed' collaborated on their design to celebrate the construction industry and included a high visibility vest which glows in the dark, brickwork and the Acle St Edmunds Park site plan on the tail. 'Homer' is the dining terrace in Chantry Place shopping mall.

We would love to see your photos if you complete the dinosaur trail- please send in photos to info@acle.norfolk.sch.uk



Sport Leaders

On Monday 13th and Wednesday 15th June, we accompanied ten sports leaders to Freethorpe for their primary cluster cricket events. The students were involved in umpiring, coaching and scoring for the younger children's matches.

Cluster Sports Leader John Grayson commented saying, "The Sports leaders you sent to the cricket were excellent, many thanks," with other staff commenting that they were a credit to the school.

Acle Academy supports the primary cluster in all of their sports events including the football, multi-skills, netball, cricket and athletics.



Lords Cricket Trip

On 16th June, the PE department ran an inspirational trip to 'the home of cricket', Lord's Cricket Ground. The students watched the T20 Blast match between Middlesex and Surrey and were lucky enough to see wonderful cricket played with many England internationals such as Jason Roy and Eoin Morgan. The students had a fantastic experience in such an iconic venue.



End of Year Reward assemblies

End of year Reward assemblies will take place across the day on Thursday 14th July to celebrate the achievements of all pupils. Year 7 and 8 will have their assemblies in the morning and then Year 9 and 10 in the afternoon. Great effort has gone into planning this celebration of all their achievements across the curriculum but also in relation to recognising and valuing key character traits and other awards such as sporting achievements. Every pupil who is invited to the rewards assemblies will receive a personalised invitation to the event. Their participation at the assembly will see pupils receiving sweet treats and we hope that they'll be a really positive atmosphere in the hall. Each pupil who is nominated will receive a certificate and award winners will be given either a book personally chosen by their teachers or a gift voucher.

Pets As Therapy

The school has been lucky enough to have the PAT dogs in school since September. Pets As Therapy (PAT) is a national charity that enhances the health and wellbeing of thousands of people in the community across the country. Students have had the opportunity to see these beautiful dogs in school and enjoy the calming presence they bring. It is a time for students to reflect and have time in a calm atmosphere, away from the classroom and has proved successful and very popular with many students and staff.



Head Student selection

We recently appointed a core team of 30 senior prefects and on Friday 15th July we will be listening to the presentations and ideas of 18 prospective head students. This is always an absolute pleasure to be on the judging panel on and this occasion really showcases the talent, ingenuity and determination of our Acle pupils.



Young Norfolk Writing Competition

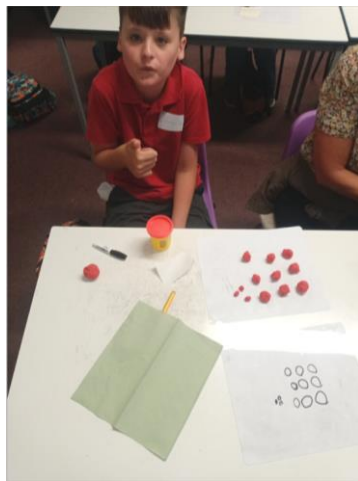
Congratulations to Emma B who has won the poetry competition for the Young Norfolk Writer's competition! Emma wrote a very moving poem about a personal family experience of coronavirus entitled 'Warning'. On Sunday 3rd July Emma attended a workshop and presentation at Dragon Hall in Norwich. Alongside other winners, Emma performed a reading of her poem to a live audience. Her poem was shared with students at the Norwich University of Arts who created art work to accompany her poem.

Emma has also created a wonderful logo for our Autism Ambassadors which has been made into badges. Well done Emma on your incredible creative achievements, we are very proud of you!



Transition Event – 4th & 5th July

On Monday and Tuesday this week we welcomed our new 2022/2023 year 7 cohort up for our transition days. It was two very busy, but very fun filled days, with this being our biggest cohort yet, with 142 students. On the first day the students got to have some taster sessions in Maths, where the students explored different ways to write Harry potter's platform 9 and $\frac{3}{4}$! They also took part in some English and Science tasters which was really well received. On the second day, they had a chance to meet their form teacher/ head of house, take part in a Careers workshop exploring prejudice and stereotypes within different careers, as well as getting a taster for some of the different sports they can take part in at Acle! The two days were supported brilliantly by our student helpers; Freya G, Daisy S, Alice , Lexi M, Kayla N, Bryce L, Toby S, William W, Alfie C, Joe W, Kayleigh S, Amelia G, Lily S, Emily W, Nathan C, Tobias H, Ewan P, Jayden B, Darren S and Laylah M. A massive thank you to them, and all of our brilliant year 9 maths leaders for making sure the two days ran smoothly.



Service Area Drop Down Day 3 – Thursday 7th July

On Thursday 7th July we ran our final Drop-Down day of the year looking at the work of our 6 service areas. It was a lovely day full of different activities and we had a huge range of activities for all the pupils to take part in. We also had a range of visitors who came to lead different sessions and all remarked on the amazing attitudes and behaviour of our Acle students.

D.I.C.E

As part of the D.I.C.E. Service Area's drop-down day activities for year 9, they were given a talk around disability by Mac from Diversify Now. Students were given an insight into society's perception of disability, interspersed with personal anecdotes from Mac. Students showed empathy, maturity and a willingness to discuss these issues with sensitivity and openness. Mac's talk has helped to continue our ethos of an accepting, diverse culture throughout our Acle Academy community and we thank him hugely for such an engaging workshop!'



Wellbeing



For drop down day our year 10 students spent the morning with the Wellbeing service area. They rotated around four activities which were tennis, rounders, a mindfulness session and board/card games with the added bonus of some magic tricks from Mr Freeman! The students had a fantastic time.

Community



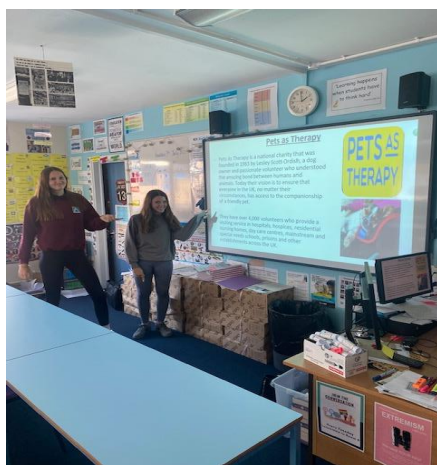
Year 7 and 8 students had an amazing day working for the local community. This included groups who made cakes for our whole school community which were gratefully received by all students during sports day. Some students made artwork and wrote poems, which we will be distributing to the local care home communities to hopefully brighten their days. Finally students focused on themselves and did a group workout session which had amazing feedback.

Go Green

The Saplings have taken root and are growing well. Due to the incoming heatwave students weeded the base area and watered all the trees planted. To ensure the trees can withstand the heat students then spread wood chips and soaked them thoroughly. Thank you to all the students who were absolutely brilliant. The trees say thank you.

Charity

The Charity Service Area once again welcomed back visitors from Nelson's Journey and Pets As Therapy. Year 7 students listened attentively to presentations about the work of both charities and completed activities with both charities and were able to spend time with the therapy dogs, which they all enjoyed. They also had sessions led by teachers linked to persuasive writing for charity and constructing a memory tree in art. We even had some of our newly appointed senior prefects lead a session which was expertly delivered by Jess H, Ruby S and Grace P. Well done to all involved!



Enrichment

Combat Bazooka Ball, Airsoft and Teambuilding

Year 10 thoroughly enjoyed their afternoon enrichment session with a variety of team building tasks. From shooting each other with foam balls in a game of dodgeball with guns to defusing a bomb in virtual reality they developed communication and trust with their peers. Students improved their aim and reaction time in the airsoft range achieving some fantastic accuracy and speed. An honourable mention to Michael R who nearly defused a bomb solo (only 1 module remaining unsolved) after being abandoned by his team for the opportunity to shoot staff. We hope to further invest in VR technology for more exciting virtual challenges and games after brilliant feedback from students. The enrichment service area would like to thank all students who participated in the combat activities this year for their fantastic behaviour, dedication and engagement. We are looking forward to welcoming combat back next year with more exciting activities such as archery tag, clay pigeon shooting and survival skills.



Year 10 Discovery Days to East Norfolk Sixth Form

On Wednesday 6th July we took the year 10 students over to East Norfolk Sixth form for a 'Discovery Day' in preparation of starting to explore the different local opportunities on offer post 16 in readiness for their decision on destination post year 11! Students had the opportunity to get a guided tour around campus, and an introduction by the head of admissions introducing them to the structure and expectations within a sixth form. They then had the chance to attend a range of different workshops, with everything from Public Service, Politics, Art and Design, Engineering and E-Sports. There was some great feedback from both our students saying that they were now considering subjects they might not have thought of before, as well as from the staff at East Norfolk saying that they were most impressed with the engagement and enthusiasm from our students! A lovely and exciting morning. Well Done year 10. With lots of Post 16 Open days and events coming up over the next term, these will be shared with students via their year group google classroom and with parents via email, ClassCharts and the newsletter so look out for upcoming events!

Message from Stevensons Uniform Supplier

As you look towards back-to-school 2022 we wanted to write and provide some additional information for parents/carers about our branch arrangements for the summer.

You are hopefully aware we run an appointment booking service. Please see attached a flyer with details about the booking system and enclosed a link to the tutorial on how to complete this.



Create an account and make bookings for branch appointments. If you are unsure of how to create accounts, there is a YouTube tutorial link below.

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

SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOPPING SUMMER 2022

Your local branch is Norwich

67 Ber Street, Norwich, Norfolk, NR1 3AD

Tel: 01603 622355

30th May - 24th July: Walk-in customers welcome

Monday - Friday 9.00am - 5.30pm

Saturday 9.00am - 5.00pm

25th July - 19th August: Open for pre-booked appointments and Click&Collect only

22nd August onwards: Walk-in customers welcome

Please refer to our website for information on extended opening times

In-store Fitting Appointments:

Following the success of our service last year, appointments will take the same format this summer.

They are recommended for new starters (rather than online ordering) and will be bookable online.

Pre-register now, if you don't already have an online account, and we'll send you an email in advance of booking opening.

The recommended appointment window for your school is 15th August - 19th August. Please, where possible, book during this window. This helps us to maximise school specific stock and reduce the time taken to serve you.

Online Ordering:

Our website will continue to operate as normal. **Orders should be placed by Sunday 31st July, to ensure in stock items can be delivered for the start of the autumn term.**

If you choose our 'Click&Collect' service when ordering you can collect, even when our branches are open 'by appointment only'.

Customer Services:

Want to talk to a member of our team? Monday - Friday 9.00 - 5.30 and Saturday 9.00 - 5.00 your branch contact number is 01603 622355

180 day returns policy

Buy your uniform early without worrying about your child having a sudden growth spurt before the start of school.

We will refund all unworn items, still in their original condition purchased within 180 days.

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Ann Freud Centre

The summer holidays offer an opportunity to recharge, but some young people may find themselves struggling without the structure and support network of school. The Anna Freud Centre's Schools Division has created a #SelfCareSummer pack, please find attached with this newsletter. This is to help young people find strategies to support their mental health and wellbeing over the holidays. If you/your child would like a hard copy of the booklet there are copies available in the NEST or Inspire.

Safe Parking

Please may we remind parents not to park on the single yellow lines outside the school during drop off and pick up times. Dangerous parking has resulted in a serious accident this week. South Walsham road is very dangerous during the mornings and after school as the road is very narrow with a number of bends which can make visibility poor. Please can we urge all parents who collect their children to use the vast parking spaces available behind the Methodist church. This is only a short distance from the school and will allow children to walk safely to and from school. Parents also should refrain from entering the school driveway to drop and collect students at the start and end of the school day. The buses and taxi's need to flow freely at these times.

Uniform donation

If your child has outgrown their uniform, we would gladly accept any donations so we can help other families with our second hand uniform shop. Please pass any donations to the main school office.

Rag Bin donations

Please remember we have a rag bag bin at school and will gladly accept donations of clothes and shoes. The rag bag bin is now a permanent heavy duty collection bin and is situated near the bike sheds for ease of making donations.

Replacement ties

If your child loses their tie they are available to purchase from the school office at a cost of £7.



Please remember to check ClassCharts for daily updates and messages. ClassCharts is used to communicate house points, behaviour points and interventions. We also use the parent instant messaging system to share important messages from school. Parent help guides are available on our school website. If your child has lost their log in, please ask their form tutor or the school office who will be able to provide child and parent login details. Parents and students can view their child's timetable via ClassCharts.

Dates for your diary

Monday 11th July – HPV Vaccination Catch up's

Wednesday 13th July – Rewards Trip for invited students only.

Tuesday 19th July – Sponsored Walk

Wednesday 20th July – Activities Day

Thursday 21st July- 1pm-School closes for the Summer Break



PTA

Our PTA has had wonderful success with recent events such as the car wash, raffle and quiz and is looking to grow their work further. We are always looking for anyone who may be able to help out at the odd event and would warmly welcome new members. Time commitment can be as a little or as much as you can offer. For more details, please email – pta@acle.norfolk.sch.uk

Vacancies

We currently have the following vacancies in our team:

- Invigilator
- Mid-day Supervisor
- Head of Science Faculty

Please see our website for further details.

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

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.

Summer Camps

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Throughout the summer holidays, East Norfolk Sixth Form College will be hosting Football, Multi-Sports, Dance and Basketball Camps

Who - Anyone aged between 5-12

When - Weekdays Monday 25th July - Friday 2nd September

Time - 10am-3pm

Where - East Norfolk, NR31 7BQ

Includes - Cooked lunch

Cost - From £12.50 per day



Book now for Football, Multi-Sports and Dance
via our website or the QR code
<https://events.eastnorfolk.ac.uk/>



Book for Basketball at: <https://www.gybasketball.co.uk/camps>



Product Design requires more High Density Polypropylene for their Polymers recycling project. If you are willing to contribute please could we ask that the items are washed out before being brought in.



Many thanks
Mr Green