

Newsletter – 21st July 2022



We have reached the end of another jam packed academic year and we are very proud of our students' achievements throughout the year. We have a lot to celebrate this academic year, as well as individual achievements, the school was finally awarded our 'Good' Ofsted status. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support of the school throughout the year and we wish you a wonderful summer break with your family.

Goodbyes

Sadly, we will be saying 'Goodbye' to some colleagues at the end of this term. Mr Lengthorn, who has been covering Ms Nethersell Webb whilst she has been on maternity leave, will be leaving us and moving on to Hobart High School Mr Lengthorn has been a great addition to the English team and we wish him well in his new post. Next year, Ms Nethersell Webb will return part time to school and will continue the role of Head of English with Mrs Hanner. We will also see the welcome return of Mrs Halls who is re-joining the English Department.

Mr Hart will be leaving us to take up the position of Head at Science at Taverham Academy. Although Mr Hart is very sad to leave Acle, he wishes to teach A level and the journey is less of a commute. Mr Hart has been an inspirational Head of Science and his infectious passion for Physics has inspired so many students to go on and study Physics at A level and beyond. We are very sad to see Mr Hart leave but we wish him all the best with his new position. Physics will be taught by Mr Jenniches until Christmas and we will be joined by our new Head of Science Mrs McNulty in January who joins us from Hellesdon High School.

We are very sad to be saying good-bye to Mr Freeman who has been a fantastic Head of Maths. Mr Freeman has worked at Acle Academy for ten years and has now decided to retire from teaching. Mr Freeman has been a wonderful supportive colleague and a brilliant teacher and Head of Department. He has inspired a significant number of children to go on and study Maths at A level and university and he has helped countless students gain the Maths GCSE grades they needed in order to go on to further study. We wish Mr Freeman a happy retirement but it is not goodbye forever as Mr Freeman will continue to work with the school to support students who need further Maths intervention and tutoring. From September, we will be joined by Mr Scott who is currently teaching at Hobart High School as our new Head of Maths.

Head Student selection

Well done and thank you to all our brilliant Senior Prefects who put themselves forward for the Head Student selection. It was a fantastic day of brilliant presentations and the bar was set incredibly high with all the different presentations and visions for how students would lead their chosen Service Area. Both governors who took part in the selection process remarked on the incredibly high standards of the presentations and how impressed they were with you all. Mr Bliss and I were also amazed by the quality of the students' work and the high standard of their exposition.

We are proud to announce the following positions;

Head Students-

Emma Becker- (also Head of Study Support)

Scarlett John- (also Head of Equalities)

Deputy Head Students-

Head of Charity- Grace Powell

Head of Enrichment- Maisy Cushing

Head of Wellbeing- Ruby Smith

Head of Community- Alex Found

Deputy Heads of each Service Areas-

Community- Talya Ewles-Belton

Wellbeing- Lily Haynes

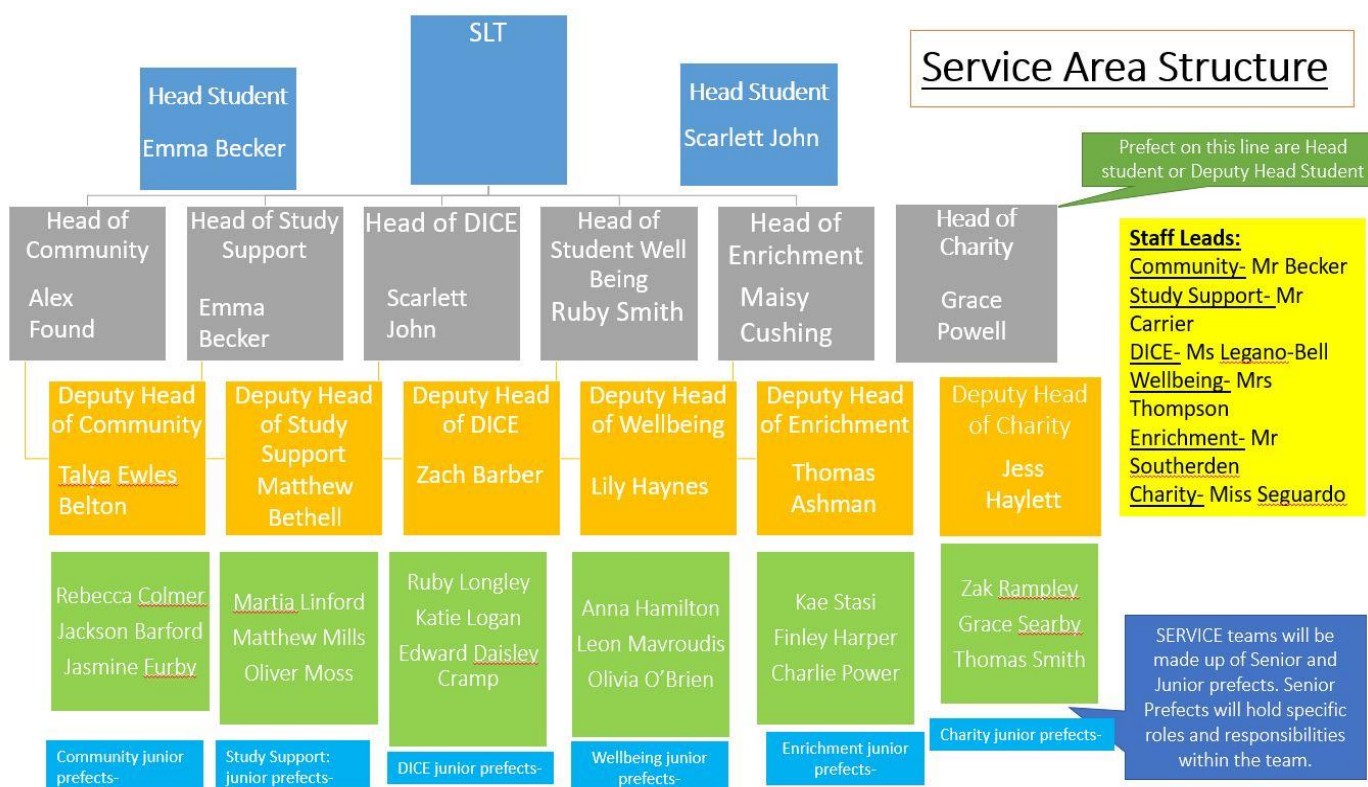
Enrichment- Thomas Ashman

Study Support- Matthew Bethell

Charity- Jessica Haylett

Equalities- Zach Barber

Please also find below the full details on our Service Area Structure for 2022-23.



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 to 12.30pm 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! We will be joined by the EDP and Anglia News.

A few hoodies are still to be collected and Prom USB photo sticks can be collected by all that attended Prom.

Year 10 who sat their Cambridge Nationals can also collect their results between 10am-12.30pm.

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





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**Big
Norfolk**
Holiday Fun

The Big Norfolk Holiday Fun programme is a Norwich City Council scheme, delivered at local schools this summer by the Norwich City Community Sports Foundation. It's completely FREE and will give your child access to lots of different activities to help keep them busy, active and healthy over the holidays!

LOTS OF SPORTS AND GAMES TO TRY!

- Fun workshops and activities
- Coaching from FA qualified coaches
- Free lunches provided

DATES

Sessions are running across July and August. Check your nearest venue for dates.

LOCATIONS

Norwich, Aylsham, Dereham,
Gorleston, Long Stratton, Sheringham,
Wymondham, Yaxham

ELIGIBILITY

The sessions are open to those who are eligible for means-tested free school meals and are aged between 5-16.



Book now

communitysportsfoundation.org.uk

Norwich City Community Sports Foundation, Norwich City FC, Carrow Road, Norwich, NR1 1UE | Registered charity number: 1068239



[Book Here](#)

Year 10 Summer Revision Project

We have launched a revision project for every pupil in Year 10. This will help them to maximise the opportunity to begin revising over the summer holiday and to ensure they are ready for the demands of Year 11 and, that they are beginning to practice and hone key revision skills. In assembly earlier this week, each pupil received a ring binder folder. This was organised with information on their summer revision tasks and a 'how to' revision guide as well as a list of top tips and information connected to revising. We will post details explaining this expectation in the Year 11 Google Classroom.

We are expecting every student in Year 10 to complete some revision over the summer holiday, and we have provided them with resources to help them do this. Ideally, this will be in the form of focused revision skills, GCSEPod videos/questions or practice exam questions. This will help ensure they are ready for Year 11 in September. We have set each Year 10 a minimum target of 8 hours of revision over the summer holiday. The specific work which needs to be done for each subject will be posted on ClassCharts and is therefore viewable to both students and parents/carers.

We will follow this up with pupils from September and will be putting small rewards and incentives in place for students who ensure they are completing their focused revision.

We want to make it clear that we appreciate that this summer break is a holiday for all students and a chance to recharge after a long year but also want to enable each student to achieve highly in Year 11. Thus, we feel that finding a balance, and beginning to revise now will certainly help all pupils when they are in Year 11.

All the information about their revision project is within their folders and we have also sent this home to parents/carers via ClassCharts announcements and email. I will also ensure I post it on the Year 10 Google Classroom before the summer holiday begins. If your child needs any help or support with this or any additional revision resources please do get in touch with myself, Mr Sayce. jsayce@acle.norfolk.sch.uk

. Year 9- GCSEPod launch and summer challenge

We have set all Year 9 pupils a challenge over the summer holiday and various subjects will pre-set a bespoke list of GCSEPod videos for students to watch in preparation for the start of their GCSE courses. We led an assembly earlier this week to explain the project and we gave out relevant resources to help pupils with this. Equally, all form groups had computer room sessions last week to ensure they knew how to log into GCSEPod and they could get to grips with how it works.

This summer challenge will be highly beneficial to them, and this type of assignment is frequently referred to as **'Flipped Learning'**. This will serve the dual benefit of getting them actively engaged in using this fantastic resource but also giving them a valuable head start to their GCSE subjects.

Each subject will publish a set of GCSEPod videos/assignments over the summer holiday and it is advisable for your child to watch these pods/ complete the multiple-choice questions that come with them.

We will then **reward pupils who have engaged positively with this in September**. Equally, it will be hugely beneficial to them at the beginning of Year 10.

All GCSEPod assignments set for pupils will go live on ClassCharts and GCSEPod on the 22nd July and pupils can ignore content for subjects they are not pursuing at GCSE level.

If you have any questions regarding GCSEPod or this summer challenge for Year 9 then please contact myself, Mr Sayce as I am leading on GCSEPod and revision support for pupils. jsayce@acle.norfolk.sch.uk

End of Year Awards Day Reward assemblies

On Thursday 14th July we celebrated the amazing achievements of our pupils this year with our KS3 and KS4 end of year 'Awards Day' rewards assemblies. Pupils were congratulated and given awards for their work in all subjects across the curriculum as well as Head of House rewards and bespoke Senior Leadership character awards. It was a really special occasion for all of those who were involved and every pupil nominated for an award received a certificate and entry to the rewards assembly. We gave away many staff recommended books and prizes for all the achievements and congratulations to all 166 pupils who took part in the day.



The Brilliant Club Cambridge Trip

The 'Brilliant Club' had a lovely trip to Cambridge on 1st July. This group have worked with a PhD tutor this year on a university level project and have looked at different universities across the UK. All of this has been completed online but on the 1st we went for a tour around Gonville and Caius College and then had some free time in Cambridge.



Summer Support



Summer Support



Broadland Help Hub
01603 430421

The Help Hub is a partnership between organisations. It can offer practical support, suggest community groups, and offer advice and guidance.



Activities Day

Although we were unable to complete our traditional Sponsored Walk due to the heat wave, luckily, students were still able to enjoy Activities day on Wednesday 20th July. Activities included; Pottery, Go Karting and tubing, Pleasurewood Hills, Pleasure beach and crazy golf, Lazer Tag, Football at East Norfolk, Gravity (Trampoline Park) and IMAX cinema, Go Ape and Retro Replay Arcade.

Head of Year Structure- September 2022

From September we will be moving to a new pastoral structure adding another member to our pastoral team. Ensuring students are happy, healthy and well supported is important to our whole school provision which is why we are adding extra capacity to this area of support. Moving from Heads of House to Heads of Year will also make it easier for parents to know whom to contact regarding their child. Please see below the pastoral structure for September 2022 and contact details.

Head of Year 7 - Miss Walsingham gwalsingham@acle.norfolk.sch.uk

Head of Year 8 - Miss Nichols snichols@acle.norfolk.sch.uk

Head of Year 9 - Ms Jarvis kjarvis@acle.norfolk.sch.uk

Head of Year 10 - Mrs Perkins cperkins@acle.norfolk.sch.uk

Head of Year 11 - Ms John ijohn@acle.norfolk.sch.uk

Rewards Trip

The academy was delighted to recognise the achievements of our students with the highest attitude to learning scores by taking them on the annual rewards trip. This year, the fifty strong group enjoyed an adventure to Pleasurewood Hills in Lowestoft. Spending all day there, it was wonderful to observe students making new friends as they formed their buddie groups to explore the park freely and enjoy their time there. Particular highlights included the groups who forced me (Mr. Hart) to go on the frankly terrifying Jolly Roger and the groups who insisted Ms. Nichols went on Wipeout more times she would have liked! A fantastic and well deserved day had by all the students and we look forward to continuing to reward excellent attitude to learning next year.

Wimbledon

On 29th June, eight lucky students were given the opportunity to embark on another inspirational trip led by the PE department. The students had to set their alarm clocks early as we left Acle for SW1 at 05.30. They were greeted to glorious sunshine and a truly remarkable venue to watch some amazing world-class tennis at Wimbledon. The young Acle students were lucky enough to watch ex-Acle Academy student Olivia Nicholls win her doubles match on an outside court before taking up their seats in court number 1 to watch British number 1 Cam Norrie win his match. They also took part in a TV interview with a junior Wimbledon player and learned how to string rackets. This was a wonderful experience for the students and memories they can keep forever.



Sports Day

On July 7th, glorious sunshine greeted the Acle Academy students for an action packed day of sporting and athletics activities for sports day. The morning got off to a fantastic start with the throwing events taking place whilst other students remained in their forms discussing strategies and finalising competitors for competitions. Following these events, all students came out to the field for the main events. Despite the heat, all students gave 100% effort to try and help their house to become house champions. There were some wonderful team performances in the tug of war and relays, whilst individuals pushed themselves to the limit in the track and jumping events. All in all, the day was a credit to the students who competed and showed great encouragement for all participants, and this is our aim and ethos in sports day. The day was summed up by Miss Jarvis who said, "Personally, I thought this was the best sports day ever - and I've been here since 2009!" The overall champions were Thurne with Ant in second, Bure in third and Yare in last position. Well done to all students for your participation and staff who ran events to make a great day.





Sports Day House Winners for 2022



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 - Stevensons Update

Stevensons are delighted to announce that despite of the global supply chain issues that the COVID Pandemic has caused we have had confirmation that the new Acl Academy Sportswear will be available for dispatch from the week commencing 15th August 2022.

These items are now available on our website for pre order. If you are planning to come into our Norwich branch to try on for sizing, please make an appointment via our website portal. Orders are also available to collect from branch at your convenience.

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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about us visit
www.stevensons.co.uk

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SCHOOL UNIFORM SPECIALISTS

Wimbledon Stars

Ex-student Olivia Nicholls got through to the second round in the women's doubles at Wimbledon this year with her doubles partner Alicia Barnett. She unfortunately lost in the first round of the mixed doubles with her partner Kyle Edmund.

Another ex-student Alfie Hewett made his first mens wheelchair singles final, but lost to the world number one Shingo Kunieda. Alfie and his doubles partner Gordon Reid were denied the Grand slam title after a defeat in the double final.

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.



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

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

Tuesday 6th September – Years 7 & 11 return (Week 1)

Wednesday 7th September – Years 8,9 & 10 return (Week 1)

Friday 9th September – Student Photographs

Friday 16th September – Year 6 Transition Day

Tuesday 20th September – Year 11 Geography Field trip

Tuesday 20th September – Parent Workshop, Internet Safety

Thursday 22nd September – Year 7, Parent/Carers – Meet the Tutor/HOY 4.30pm-7pm

Thursday 29th September KS4 Information Evening - 6-7pm

Friday 30th September – Year 6 Transition Day

Thursday 6th October – Open Evening 6-9pm for new starters in September 2023 (school closes at 1pm)

19th October – Year 11 Careers Trip to East Norfolk

21st October – PTA Halloween Disco 7-9pm (school closes for half term)



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
- Teaching Assistant

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>



YMCA

YMCA NORFOLK



Acle Youth Club

Tuesday

11-14 year 6:30 - 8:30pm

Senior Drop in:

15+ years 8:30 - 9:30pm

Acle Recreation Centre
Bure Room NR13 3RA



Contact: 07894935775
youthclubs@ymcanorfolk.org

In Partnership with Acle Parish Council



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