

Newsletter – 7th October 2022

This week we have been welcoming Year 6 students and their families to visit us. Students from feeder schools enjoyed our Creative Industries focused Transition day and we welcomed over two hundred families to our open evening where current students were proud to showcase their work and represented the school with tremendous pride. Year 6 parents can still book tours. If you weren't able to make it to our Open Evening last night please do come along to one of our open mornings for a tour. The tours will be at the following times;

Monday 10th October - 9:30, 10:00, 10:30am

Tuesday 11th October - 9:30, 10:00, 10:30am

Please call 01493 750 431 to book a slot.

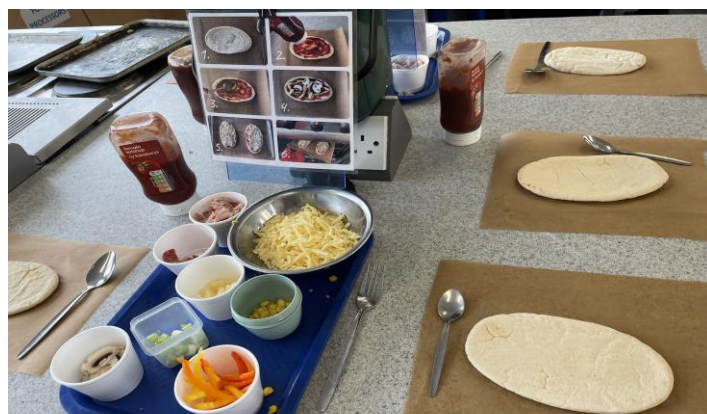
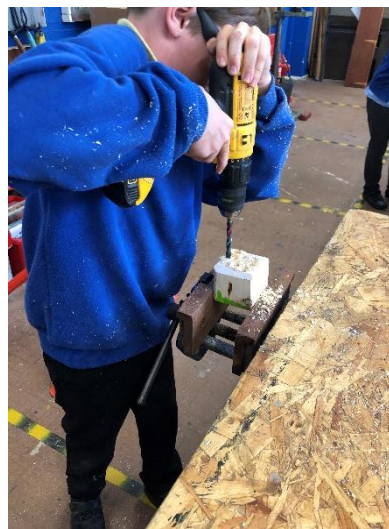


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Creative Industries Year 6 Transition Day

The Creative Industries Faculty welcomed Year 6's to Acle Academy on the 30th of September and 3rd of October. Students got to sample what lessons are like in Art, Computing, Drama, Food, Product Design and Textiles whilst making a range of products. The Creative Industries staff hope they enjoyed the activities put on for them.



Wensum News – Autumn 2022

Please find below a link to the Wensum Trust Autumn 2022 Newsletter

[Wensum News - Autumn 2022](#)

GCSE Pod Winners- Mr Sayce

At Acle Academy we believe strongly that the best revision is that which is completely frequently and in short-bursts. For that reason, we strongly recommend pupils engage with GCSEPod on a regular basis to complete independent revision for their GCSEs. A big congratulations to all our September top revisers who include Ben S (not pictured) who watched the most Pods in September for Year 10 and to Chloe Day who completed the most Check and Challenge questions. Sam H and Zak each watched over 160 pods in September and should be proud of their revision work. Oliver M was the Year 11 pupil who completed the most Check and Challenge questions clocking in over 253 diamonds (correct answers). Well done to all of you and we'll be celebrating all revision successes very soon and they'll be more GCSEPod prizes in October!



Homework

We're really pleased with how the new homework system is being implemented and how the pupils are responding to their study skills. They are starting to become much more apt at planning for the week ahead as a result of the Monday homework drop. We want to help them continue to reduce the amount of missed homework deadlines and interventions put in place for all pupils.

By dropping all homework for the week on a Monday this now means that your child can plan their week on a Monday evening and avoid any last minute stresses with unexpected homework coming up when they have other plans. Equally, we made this change to support parents/carers as it now enables you to have those conversations with your child at home on Monday evening and you don't need to worry about your child being set more work as the week progresses.

Equally, we have Homework Club on both a Tuesday and Thursday after-school in Room 9 which is staff led and offers bespoke help to pupils with their homework. We also have the senior prefects leading 'study planning sessions' every Tuesday lunchtime in the library. They are on hand to help any students draw up a plan for the week to manage their homework. We have previously posted the 'weekly planner' sheet and have given these to all pupils. We are also able to hand out more of these in form time every Monday and your child will simply have to ask their form tutor if they would like one of these.

Please all find an editable digital copy of the weekly planner attached in the newsletter. This can be used by your child at home to plan their week ahead of time. If you would like these printed for your child then please ask them to speak to their form tutor. If you have any questions about the homework policy or would like to discuss this further then I encourage you to get in touch with your child's form tutor or Head of Year.

Many thanks for your continued support with ensuring your child completes their homework. Mr Sayce.

GCSE Information Evening

Many thanks to all the parents/carers and pupils who attended our GCSE Information Evening. It was wonderful to see so many people from our extended community come together to learn more about your child's GCSEs. I hope you found it useful and we will be updating all the resources on the Acle Academy website which will have all the presentations alongside videos from the Heads of different subjects which explain key points for each subject. In addition to this, we also have the GCSE Revision Zone which is personalised and bespoke to our school. This contains revision guides, past exam papers and all other revision resources for each subject. All of this information and resources can be found on our Acle Academy website under the 'Students' tab and you simply need to click on 'Revision Zone. Finally, we are just finishing the updates to Scopay for revision guides which can be bought online and you will receive a letter early next week confirming this and detailing all the different books which are available. If you have any further GCSE based questions please feel free to get in touch with Mr Sayce or your child's form tutor.

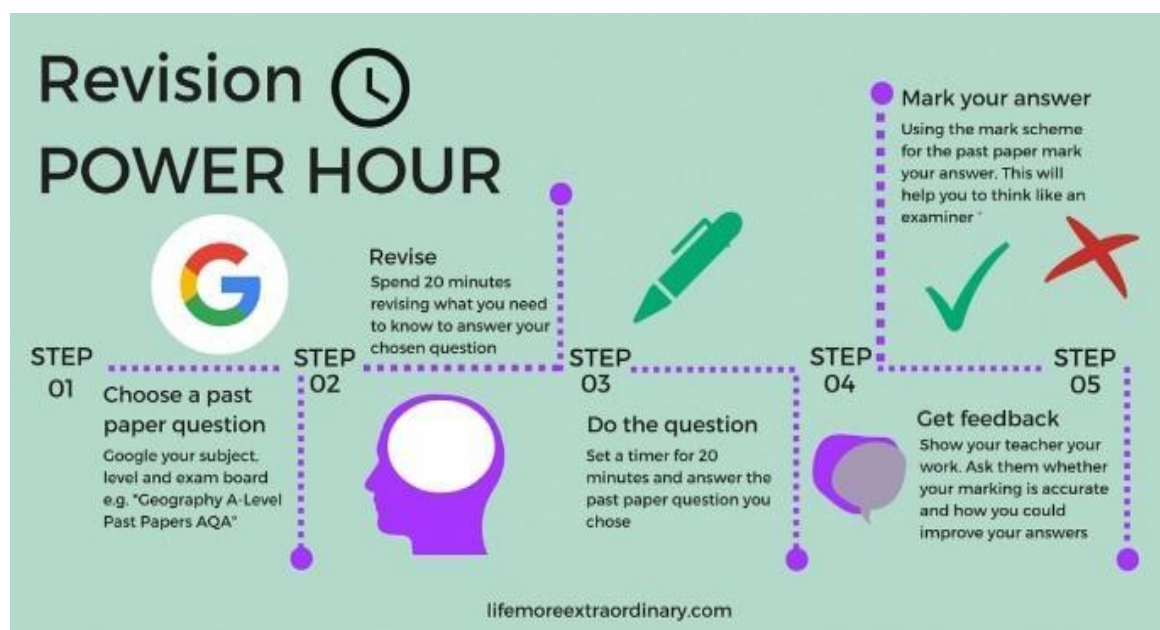
GCSE Revision Cards- monitoring and supporting Year 11 with revision

We've had a really positive response from Year 11 to our revision monitoring scheme so far. It is clear that so many pupils have really been engaging positively with their revision. We encourage them to make sure that this is a regular part of their study schedule and they should be building in time for independent revision at home. This is best served if the revision is 'active' and involves them working with the material, either creating resources such as mind-maps, flash-cards or Cornell notes. Alternatively, I do recommend they practice past exam papers as this is one of the most efficient ways to revise. Cognitive science has proven that these forms of revision are far more effective than 'passive' revision such as simply re-reading or highlighting text.

As their parents/carers, can I please just ask that you have frequent conversations about revision with your child and remind them to get their revision card signed off by their teachers and checked by their form tutor. We still have a minority of pupils who have yet to get any hours signed off and we are putting measures in place to support them. More importantly, I will begin rewarding those pupils who have been working hard next week and they can expect a variety of small rewards for every 10 hours of revision they complete.

The Power Hour method of revision explained:

This is a highly effective but under used method of revising. It covers all aspects of essential revision. By completing a power hour you will revise a topic, practice an exam question, understand a mark scheme and gain feedback from your teacher.



Junior Prefects

We launched our Junior Prefect application process with pupils in Year 7-9 last week and we have had an amazingly positive response from pupils who have applied in their masses to be prefects. It's a real testament to their sense of community spirit and high aspirations that we have had so many put themselves forward for the application process. The Senior Leadership Team will be looking at applications next week and a decision on the final selection will take place after group interviews and a team-building exercise. Expect to hear a final announcement on our selection of junior prefects before half-term.

This year's school production

The drama department is pleased to announce that this academic year's school production has been decided! Mr Frost put it to a vote, where Shrek JR won! Please look out for more publicity surrounding the production, which will go live after the Easter holidays next April. More information will follow as to how to purchase tickets! Students have expressed a huge interest in taking part, and we can't wait to get them all involved in such a valuable, collaborative and ultimately fun process again this year! We look forward to seeing you there.



Costume/Props: Community Plea from Mr Frost

Mr Frost and his drama ambassador students are working hard this year to ensure that our drama department is as good as it can be. As part of this, we are always looking for costumes and props to add to the department. Therefore, if you have any old clothes or items that you are willing to donate, they will be gratefully received by Mr Frost. Please contact him via email on gfrost@acle.norfolk.sch.uk and he will be happy to arrange collection. Many thanks in advance.

Young Minds - Mental Health Day

This year's World Mental Health Day is on Monday 10th October. Thousands across the country are coming together to say #HelloYellow.

We will be having a Yellow themed day at school to help raise awareness and show young people that how they feel matters and help to create a future where all young people get the mental health support they need.

To show our support students may wear **yellow accessories** on Monday the 10th October. There will also be an opportunity at break times to have nails painted yellow. Yellow ribbon will be given out in form time for students to wear if they don't have any yellow accessories. **Students will be required to wear full school uniform on the day.**

If you would like to know more about the charity please click on the following link which will take you to their website <https://www.youngminds.org.uk>

You can also make a donation by clicking on the following link

[Donate](#) | [Help Young People Get Mental Health Support](#) | [YoungMinds](#)



Calling ex-students - Leavers 2021

We are reaching out to all our previous students to see if you would be able to support us! On the 14th October we are holding a post 16 education careers fair for our current year 11 students. As part of the careers fair we would love to have a 'Student Experience Table' where students would be able to meet some of our previous Acle Students. We would really like to give the students the opportunity to have an informal chat to some of our previous students about the courses/subjects they are currently doing, how they are finding it, and about their experience of starting and studying post 16 education.

Students would need to be available on Friday 14th October from 13.00 until 15.30. If your son/ daughter is able to help, on this occasion or in the future we would love to hear from them! Please contact Ms Skarin on cskarin@acle.norfolk.sch.uk

Head of Year Structure- September 2022

Our pastoral team ensure students are happy, healthy and well supported. Please contact your child's Head of Year for any pastoral queries.

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

Length of skirts

We have noticed that we have a significant number of girls who are rolling the top of their skirts up in order to make them shorter. I am sure that this probably happens once they leave home but we would be very grateful if parents could help reinforce this expectation at home. We will be issuing behaviour points for girls who continue to roll their skirts up. Whilst we appreciate that everyone is different and some of the skirts do have more room at the waist, the length of the skirts should be worn at the knee or just above the knee, not barely covering bottoms as some of our students favour. Please help us reinforce the professional dress expectation.

Medication

Should you need your child to take any temporary medication at school, this must be dropped off to the office with a note. Long term medication permission will be required where we hold medication on an ongoing basis, please contact Ms Frary lfrary@acle.norfolk.sch.uk or Mrs Thompson kthompson@acle.norfolk.sch.uk for this.

Absence Reporting Procedures

If your child is going to be absent please ensure that you notify school **BEFORE 9am on each and every day they will be absent** using one of the following methods:

- 1) The Report Absence function on ClassCharts (scroll across the options at the top to find it)
- 2) Leave a message on the absence line 01493 750431 Option 1
- 3) Email the Attendance Manager Mrs Bryant jbryant@acle.norfolk.sch.uk

Any absence related emails should be sent to jbryant@acle.norfolk.sc.uk.

Please also ensure that you notify Mrs Bryant in advance of any medical/dental appointments that may result in your child arriving late to school.

Please call Mrs Bryant on 01493 750431 Option 2 if you want to discuss any aspect of your child's attendance.

Year 7 Art - Finding their wings

Year 7 have created some wonderful butterflies as part of their Art project- find your wings.





Jim Agnew Memorial CHARITY

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A new source of help is at hand for young people who are struggling to find their feet in life. A charity has been launched recently in the name of farmer Jim Agnew, who died in November 2020. Mr Agnew was a magistrate who worked with children who came into contact with the Youth Justice System.

The idea for the charity came about after Mr Agnew's death, when his many relatives and friends gave generously to the Aylsham Rotary Club in his memory. The club worked with Mr Agnew's family to develop the idea of a charity, so that the donated money could be used for a cause close to his heart. The charity will act as a resource for young people who are struggling and will primarily offer small grants for essential items and activities that will help them to remain in their chosen education, training or work setting.

Both the Youth Offending Team at Norfolk County Council and the Benjamin Foundation were consulted and they were clear that there is a gap in their provision. There are various areas of support that they can provide but other areas where they cannot help because either they do not have the funding or, with the latter organisation, certain activities do not fit with their charitable status.

Young people up to the age of 21 living and studying in Broadland and the North Norfolk council districts, who can demonstrate a need, can apply for support grants. There is no lower age limit. Application forms may be found on the website Jim Agnew Memorial Charity – Jim Agnew Memorial Charity (jimagnewcharity.org)



Homework Club is held on Tuesdays and Thursdays in Room 9 until 4.30pm. There is always a member of staff available to help with homework, classwork and coursework.

Pupils can sign up for the late bus on the day.

We would really like to see students come along so they are able to complete their work in a quiet space with support available if needed.

Any questions please contact Mrs. Mills at lmills@acle.norfolk.sch.uk



Oracy October - Speak Like a Specialist

This October we are joining the Voice 21 Project to promote 'speaking like a specialist'. Students who would like to take part can nominate a subject where they would like to develop their oracy skills to speak like a specialist. Resource sheets are available in Inspire with a number of challenges for individual students to try. Students should inform their subject teachers of their chosen specialism and teachers will then support them to develop their specialist vocabulary and confidence in oracy.

For more details, please contact Mrs Barber. ebarber@acle.norfolk.sch.uk



Safe Parking

Please may we remind parents not to park on the single yellow lines outside the school during drop off and pick up points or come into the school grounds or park in the bus lay by. We have lots of buses and taxis that need to come into the school grounds and additional cars pose safety issues. 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.

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.

Music Club

Our after-school music club takes place every Thursday after school. This club is provided by Norfolk Music Hub and offers a fun space for pupils to further explore music and develop their musical skills in a setting different to the music classroom. Students will be able to take part in a range of instruments as well as composing and producing music on 'Garage Band'. The club runs from 15:30pm – 16:30pm every Thursday, booking a late bus is recommended, your child can do this on the day of travel, by 1.25pm at the school office. This club is offered free of charge.

If your child would like to join please email Mrs Gilbert agilbert@acle.norfolk.sch.uk



Please remember to check ClassCharts for daily updates and messages. ClassCharts is used to communicate house points, behaviour points and interventions. We also use this platform for parent announcements. 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. Please note you can no longer exchange instant chat messages with teachers or support staff.

Dates for your diary

Monday 10th & Tuesday 11th October 9.30-11am. Open Morning for new starter families in September 2023 who may miss Open Evening.

Tues 11th October – Parent Workshop on Internet Safety 6-7pm

19th October – Year 11 Careers Trip to East Norfolk

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

31st October – All students return to school



PTA

Acle Academy PTA is looking for new members and would love to hear from any parents or carers that are interested in supporting. The contribution of your time can be as little or much as you are able to offer. We are particularly looking for a treasurer. The PTA is excited to announce our first Halloween disco on 21st October and will be planning another Disco for KS3 before Christmas. The PTA can be contacted via pta@acle.norfolk.sch.uk

Vacancies

We currently have the following vacancies in our team:

- Invigilator
- Mid-day Supervisor

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 home address, email address or phone number, please inform the school office so we can ensure you receive important information.

Homework Planner 2022-23

- 1- On Monday evening, use the below table to record which pieces of homework you have been set for the week ahead. Remember to include the deadline date and if you have any issues understanding the homework.
- 2- Now complete the week planner on the other side of this sheet.
 - a- Add in any commitments you have for the week ahead. For example, sports training, extra-curricular clubs, family events etc.
 - b- Then add in the homework you will complete on the day you will action this.

for HOMEWORK SUCCESS



Homework for Week Commencing:

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Weekly homework planner

Week commencing:



Monday



Thursday



Subjects which have set homework
for this week

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- 2.
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- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.

Tuesday



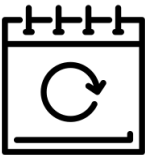
Friday



Wednesday



Sunday



Saturday



UNDER 14 GIRLS

PLAYERS WANTED!

WE'RE LOOKING FOR GIRLS
IN SCHOOL 'YEAR 8 OR 9'.

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT
DANNY ON 07841 111855.



WEDNESDAYS
5.30 TIL
6.30PM

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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