

Newsletter – 13th January 2023

Happy New Year and New Year's Resolutions

Welcome back to the start of the New Year. I hope all families had a restful and enjoyable Christmas and managed to escape the flu that seems to have affected many people this Christmas.

Last week students were asked to consider the symbolism of New Year in assembly and they learned about how different countries and cultures celebrate New Year. We explored the concept of New Year's Resolutions and the various success rates of these. We considered what makes someone successful. Students learnt about the importance of making mistakes when learning something new and were reminded that everyone has the ability to achieve great things and can achieve it with the right mind-set. Students were encouraged to embrace the power of the word 'yet', 'I might not be good at this **yet**, but I know that I will get there.' All students were challenged to think about one thing they would like to change this year and encouraged to:

- Set a realistic goal
- Watch others you think are good at your chosen thing to improve and consider- what is it they are doing that is different from you?
- Think about and celebrate where you have made improvements
- Ask for feedback and take on feedback.
- Make mistakes and don't beat yourself up about them
- Harness the power of 'yet'
- Be kind to yourself

Please help support at home by asking your child what their chosen goal is this year and how do they feel they are progressing with it.



Year 11 PPE (Mocks) Results Day

Students received their mock exam results on Tuesday 10th January, we hope their mock results and tracking reports spur them on for the summer exam season. A letter has gone home to all Year 11 parents which highlights all the upcoming opportunities to build upon what they've achieved already and push on for the next set of mocks in February.



U12 Girls League Netball match v. Caister – Tuesday 10th January

After many rearrangements, the year 7 team played Caister in their first game of 2023. The girls played extraordinarily, playing 15 minute quarters. Despite the long lasting quarters, in the first one the girls took a huge lead of 8-0, with Lily-Grace scoring 7 of those. Lily had 9 shots in total, and scored 7, amazing effort, well done!

After a team talk with Miss Wacey and Mr Hurren the girls took on their advice and went on to carry out the great lead in the 2nd quarter. The girls worked as a team so that they didn't concede a goal. They managed to score 3 more goals! The students were determined to keep this huge lead, working together with excellent accurate passes so that Caister couldn't intercept their passes. Finishing at half time with the lead of 9-0.

After half time the girls were raring to go as they were super happy with their performances. This quarter the girls were instructed to move into space to receive the ball, doing this it helped them score one more goal. Due to their excellent team work they were successful in this.

Moving on to the fourth and final quarter due to the huge lead, as a team we decided that it would be a great time to try them in different positions. Frankie was our centre the entire match so Miss Wacey decided to try her out in goal attack, she scored 2 great goals, well done Frankie. The student's enthusiastic efforts were clear, this is great to see already from the emerging Year 7 team.



The Brilliant Club

Miss Frary met with the Brilliant club students this week to introduce them to the project! The Brilliant Club is something we run every year in school and focuses on raising students' aspirations and making them aware of what different universities are like. They visit two different universities and also take part in a university standard project led by a PhD student. Next week they are all off to Homerton College, Cambridge. In the below photo, they are filling in their pre programme assessments.





Jake Dade selected to represent Team GB in the European Youth Olympic Festival

We are proud to announce that Jake Dade will be competing for Team GB in the ski cross event this month at the European Youth Olympic Winter Festival. This high-risk sport consists of high-banked bends, terrifying jumps and rollers. There are 3 other competitors alongside Jake in each heat. This is fantastic news for Jake's family, as well as the school. I'm sure his family are just as excited for him as we are.

After speaking with Jake, he acknowledged his gratitude and thankfulness for the experience and opportunity. He claims to have started skiing from "the day he could walk." Jake developed a strong enthusiasm for skiing as a result of growing up in a skiing-oriented family. He has been taken on skiing holidays since he was a young child and excelled at skiing right away. He learned to ski in Obergurgl, Austria, unaware that over 10 years later he would be representing Team GB!

He began practising at the dry slope in Norwich but after breaking his collarbone there he has since limited himself to snow skiing because it presents less risk of injury. After years of skiing, his abilities were recognised, and he was chosen to become an instructor at the dry slope.

Jake acknowledged that the selection procedure was lengthy; it began in October 2022 during which time he had been training in the camps and receiving daily skiing evaluations. On occasion he would train alongside team GB! After careful consideration he was chosen for the ski cross Olympics in 2023!

Congratulations Jake! We are incredibly proud of how far you have come and wish you the best of luck.



Parking Reminder

We continue to have a significant number of repeated occasions where parents have parked too close to the school entrance and along South Walsham Road and sometimes refused to move which poses health and safety issues for our children.

During the dark afternoons of winter, visibility is greatly reduced. There are many cars parked along South Walsham Road and our students leave school in dark coats and are not always the most observant. We know that cars travel at high speed from South Walsham and do not always slow down quickly enough as they pass the school and enter the village. Please can we ask all parents to park in the capacious car park behind the Methodist church which is only a short walk from the school. We request you do not drive on to the school site to drop your child in the mornings or collect them in the afternoons when school ends. If we can all be mindful as a school community we can help keep our children safe.

More Acle Academy News can be found [Here](#)

Useful Resources/Activities & links can be found [Here](#)

Rewards & Achievements News can be found [Here](#)



Acle Academy PTA is looking for new members. If any parents or carers are interested in supporting the PTA they can be contacted via pta@acle.norfolk.sch.uk

Online Safety Webinars.

Are you a parent or carer, or someone who looks after children?

Norfolk Constabulary's Safer Schools Team and their colleagues in Prevent (Counter Terrorism), Cyber Security and the Safeguarding Children Online Team will be delivering two webinars about keeping children safe online.

Select a session below to reserve your spot:

Session One
Tue 7 Feb 2023 | 11:00 - 12:00

Session Two
Tue 7 Feb 2023 | 16:00 - 17:00

The poster features a cartoon character with blonde hair, wearing a red hoodie and a red cap, emerging from a smartphone screen. The character has a wide, toothy grin and is pointing towards the viewer. Surrounding the character are several speech bubbles containing icons: a red thumbs down, a yellow angry face, a red heart with a white cross, and a white skull. The background is a solid red color. In the top right corner, the Norfolk Constabulary logo is visible.

Session One <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/online-safety-webinar-session-1-tickets-460817406267>

Session Two <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/online-safety-webinar-session-2-tickets-460832501417>

We are recruiting!

We currently have the following vacancies in our team:

- Cover Supervisor – immediate start
- Mid-day Supervisor
- Teacher of Girls PE – Easter start
- Minibus Driver
- ICT Technician
- Teacher of Mathematics and Science – September start

If you would like to find out more details about any of these posts, please see our website or contact the school for an informal chat.

[Find Current Vacancies here](#)



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

24th January – Parent Workshop –Mental Health 6-7pm

26th January – Year 9 Parents' Evening.
4.30 - 7.30pm

2nd February – Year 11 Revision Evening –
6pm - 7.30pm

9th February – Year 9 Options Evening -
time TBC

10th February – School Closes for half term
@ 3.30pm

20th February – Everyone back to school



Our School Calendar can be found [Here](#)