

## Newsletter – 17th March 2023



**Acle Academy**  
*Respect, Aspiration and Determination*

### **Respect, Aspiration and Determination**

This week in assembly we have been thinking about our school values of Respect, Aspiration and Determination. We have been asking students to consider how much they embody the values of kindness, trying hard and not giving up. We have also been challenging students to not accept poor standards in terms of litter, graffiti and showing disrespect to the school environments. We have been focusing on the importance of good manners and reinforcing that as people, we are judged by how we conduct ourselves. Good manners reflect a consideration for others and self-respect. Students have been encouraged to practise the good manners that are instilled at home at every opportunity within the school.



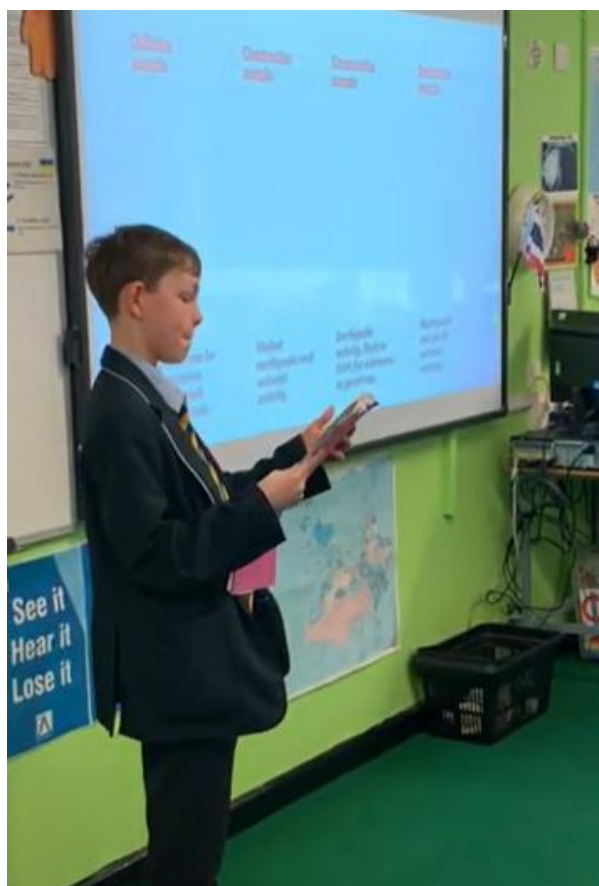
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**WENSUM TRUST**

## Celebrating Wonderful Work

It has been a pleasure to view some of the amazing nominations for this fortnight's Best work.

There are so many examples of students showing great determination to achieve their best work. I have read an amazing diary entry from the perspective of 'Hamlet' by Hollie in Year 8, some mature and thoroughly researched arguments on Equality from Sophie and Melia in Year 8 and I have been impressed with the detail of work from Year 9 students Georgia and Millie in their block printing project. Chloe and Amelia in Year 9 also excelled with their Maths this week. This fortnight's winner is Jayden Brown in Year 8 who led a fantastic oracy presentation in Geography on Plate Boundaries. The confidence that Jayden displayed and the level of detail in his presentation was absolutely brilliant! These are great skills that will help you in the future- well done Jayden!



## A few other nominations

Year 9- Georgia chose Greek as her chosen culture to focus on. She used a wide range of techniques such as transfer printing and block printing to create this awesome cushion. Well done Georgia!



Year 9 – Millie used block printing, transfer printing and reverse stencil to create this superb patchwork cushion. Well done!



Increase £2000 by 25%

$$100\% + 25\% = 125\%$$

$$\frac{125}{100} = 1.25$$

$$1.25 \times £2000 = £2500$$

Increase £7000 by 30%

$$100\% + 30\% = 130\%$$

$$\frac{130}{100} = 1.3$$

$$1.3 \times £7000 = £9100$$

Increase £600 by 5%

$$100\% + 5\% = 105\%$$

$$\frac{105}{100} = 1.05$$

$$1.05 \times £600 = £630$$

Decrease £7000 by 25%

$$100\% - 25\% = 75\%$$

$$\frac{75}{100} = 0.75$$

$$0.75 \times £7000 = £5250$$

Decrease 80 by 10%

$$100\% - 10\% = 90\%$$

$$\frac{90}{100} = 0.9$$

$$0.9 \times 80 = 72$$

Decrease 90 by 10%

$$100\% - 10\% = 90\%$$

$$\frac{90}{100} = 0.9$$

$$0.9 \times 90 = 81$$

Decrease 60 by 50%

$$100\% - 50\% = 50\%$$

$$\frac{50}{100} = 0.5$$

$$0.5 \times 60 = 30$$

Decrease 70 by 20%

$$100\% - 20\% = 80\%$$

$$\frac{80}{100} = 0.8$$

$$0.8 \times 70 = 56$$

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Amelia Allen 9d2

Beginning with how fractions link with percentages and decimals.

Going on to looking at making investments in companies as part of careers week.

[Full gallery of entries can be found here](#)



## The Carnegie Awards Reading Group

This Friday, the shortlist for the YOTO Carnegie awards is being announced. We are going to be running our own shadowing group, led by Mrs Nethersell-Webb. Each week, we will meet up to discuss the books we have read and at the end of the shadowing period, we will meet to agree on our winner and watch as the actual winner is announced. Please find more information about the awards via the link below

<https://yotocarnegies.co.uk/about-the-awards/>



## Sport

On Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March, our lovely year 8 Netball team went to Lynn Grove for a tournament and were excellent throughout. The team was boosted by our new student Isla, who was excellent in each game, and new players Ace and Kayleigh after developing so much in our recent scheme of learning on netball in PE. Ace started the tournament with a great result against Venture, who are a very strong team, by drawing 4-4. Ace then went and beat Charter before winning against Lynn Grove, which included some sensational shooting by Kady. The final match was against Flegg, but in a very close game, the opponents just edged it by one goal. This was a great performance by all students and shows how far the team has come in the last two years!

More Sports news can be found [Here](#)





## National Careers Week 2023

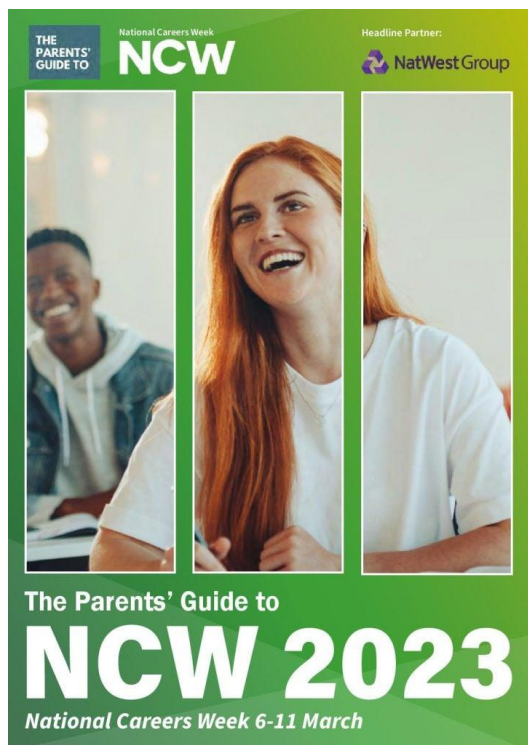
Last week was National Careers Week. National Careers Week is a one-week celebration of careers guidance for young people across the UK. The main aim is to provide young people with an opportunity to focus on the careers and pathways they wish to experience in the future.

At Acle Academy we celebrated this with themed work in tutor time, with KS3 exploring what we can be doing to help their careers prospects in the future by for example being curious, watching the new, working on transferable skills. In KS4 students discussed what we might want out of career advice, how it can help us explore options and plan how to get there.

As part of National Careers Week, year 10 also had the opportunity to meet Warrant Officer Kevin Heron from the Army Engagement team, who gave a presentation on the many different careers available in the Army, with a useful Q and A session. Students also had the option of taking part in a resilience and team building practical workshop by our visitors. I was very impressed with their problem solving and engagement!

For more information and a really useful parent guide to NWC 2023, please visit

<https://nationalcareersweek.com/parents-guide-2023/>





## Spring Art Competition

This term we are running our school Art competition. The competition is open to all pupils to enter- not just GCSE! There will be prizes for the winners in each year group, and the winning entries have the potential of their work printed onto school greeting cards or postcards.

The title for the competition is 'Spring.'

You can submit entries in any media and materials, for example, photography, a painting or a sculpture. Please label with your full name and year group.

**All entries must be submitted to Ms Segurado - the deadline is Friday 24th March, 12.45pm.**

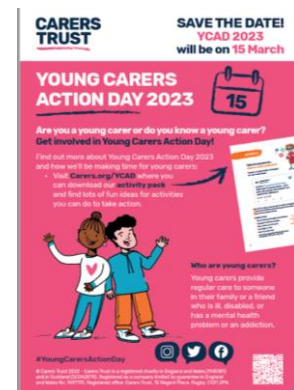
The competition entries will have a judging panel of Acle's finest art critiques and the winners will be announced once we return from the Easter holiday.

Good luck! Be creative.

## Year 8 Art

Year 8 have been working on the word 'text' to create wall hangings using a range of techniques such as plaster bandage, collage, foils, stencilling and paints. They have done a fantastic job of using all the materials and working in pairs too. Well done everyone.





## Young Carer National Action Day

This week's Personal Development session in form time focused around National Carers Action Day, which is celebrated nationally on the 15<sup>th</sup> March. This year's theme was '*Make Time for Young Carers*'. The aim is to make our students aware what it means to be a young carer and how we as a school can help and support our young carers. We are collaborating with Caring Together, who is running an awareness project across Norfolk raising awareness and support for young carers. This partnership involves assemblies, staff sessions and group work. We are looking into the possibility of setting up a group specifically aimed at our young carers.

A young carer is someone under the age of 18 who helps look after someone who could not manage without his or her help. This could mean looking after a parent, brother or sister, grandparent or family friend who has a disability, long-term illness, or drug and alcohol related issues.

As many as one in 12 pupils are thought to have caring responsibilities, whilst we already know of some students who are young carers, we believe there may be more across our school who would benefit from the extra support we can provide. Some young carers worry about bullying and may be tired, worried, find it difficult to concentrate and have limited time for friendships and activities after school. If this is the case, we can help; by offering for example extra help with homework, flexibility around calling home, advice about how to get your child into school where transport may be an issue, a teacher to talk to and alternatives to after school activities. We can also provide advice on benefits, local support groups and more.

Do you think you have a Young Carer in your household? Please do let us know, even if you might not need any extra support currently. Please do contact Mrs Skarin, Assistant Principal and Young Carers Lead via the school office or email to arrange a phone call or meeting. [cskarin@acle.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:cskarin@acle.norfolk.sch.uk) or alternatively contact your child's Head of Year. All contact will be treated in the strictest confidence.

If you want to talk to an independent organisation around caring, please go to

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/care-support-and-health/get-help-with-looking-after-someone/young-carers>

<https://carersmatternorfolk.org.uk/our-work/support-for-carers/young-carers-and-family-support/>



## Our Wensum Trust Vision & Strategic Aims

Our vision is to work together to help every child to develop into high achieving, confident, healthy, caring and resilient members of their family and community; creating a pathway to support their career aspirations, independence and contribution to society.

We value the need to develop positive relationships with every child and every family in order to achieve this vision. We aim to work together to understand and respond to individual circumstances, regardless of background or early life adversities, and to offer the appropriate care during challenges along the way.

## Our Strategic Framework

Our framework has been designed to guarantee that the needs of the whole child are met and that our schools offer every child the best possible support throughout their learning journey.



At the core of our values is our own, unique **definition of success:**

*Children are in school, participating and enjoying their learning and feeling safe; with a sense of belonging and with aspirations towards a future path. Our children are resilient, articulate and, by the time they leave us, they are learners for life.'*

More information can be found via the link below

<https://www.wensumtrust.org.uk/information/our-vision-and-strategic-aims>



## Walking Talking Mocks

Thank you to the English and Maths Department this week who have run Walking talking mocks for our Year 11 GCSE students. Teachers complete the mock paper with students and share lots of hints and tips on how to gain the best marks. Students have reported that these have been extremely useful in their preparation for the exam. We were very proud of how diligently Year 11 worked through these two intensive days.





**Easter activity dates are available from Monday 3 April right through until 17 April.**

The Big Norfolk Holiday Fun activity programme provides holiday activities for children and young people aged 5-16 (or 4 if your child is slightly younger but in school) throughout the holidays.

Find out how to book your child onto a Big Norfolk Holiday Fun activity by watching [this video](#).

**More details can be found [here](#)**

## Head of Year

Our pastoral team ensures 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](mailto:gwalsingham@acle.norfolk.sch.uk)

Head of Year 8 - Miss Nichols [snichols@acle.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:snichols@acle.norfolk.sch.uk)

Head of Year 9 - Ms Jarvis [kjarvis@acle.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:kjarvis@acle.norfolk.sch.uk)

Head of Year 10 - Mrs Perkins [cperkins@acle.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:cperkins@acle.norfolk.sch.uk)

Head of Year 11 - Ms John [ijohn@acle.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:ijohn@acle.norfolk.sch.uk)

## Skirts

We are having to remind a number of girls that skirts should be worn on the knee. Quite a few students are choosing to roll up their skirts. Please could parents help enforce this expectation at home.

## Year 8 Parent Survey

Thank you to all parents who completed our survey last week after Parents evening. 82% of parents surveyed said they would recommend our school to another parent. We always value feedback and are looking for ways to improve, thank you for sharing your views.

## Chess Club

On Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March the first chess club ran in room 44 with 38 students across Years 7-10 turning up to play. This was inspired by some Y10 boys asking to play at break & lunchtime & grew from there. Students played each other in mini tournaments, whilst other students taught their peers how to play. Mr Greene was on hand to show students the basics, but also the strategic tactics of the game! There was a great atmosphere, but due to a shortage of boards we had to turn students away. We have now ordered more boards, so there should be enough to cope with the demand. Who knew Acle had such accomplished chess players? On Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March Year 7 had their own time at lunchtime and 21 students turned up to play.

A tournament will be organised after Easter to allow students to play each other and across year groups to get Acle's Grand Master- further details to follow.

Chess club is held at lunchtime in room 44, every Tuesday. All students are welcome.



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.

**Scan the QR code to visit  
our website and follow  
us on Facebook and  
Instagram**



## 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](mailto:lfrary@acle.norfolk.sch.uk) or Mrs Thompson [kthompson@acle.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:kthompson@acle.norfolk.sch.uk) for this.

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

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

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

## **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.



The PTA is excited to announce that our online preloved uniform shop is now open!

The stock includes preloved school uniform and sportswear and is accessed via our SumUp Shop by following this link:

<http://acle-academy-parent-teacher-association.sumupstore.com>

Items can be paid for online with suggested donations per item. The item can then be collected at a prearranged time with the PTA. We are hoping that this will be the start of reusing outgrown good quality uniforms and supporting families in need of them.

Please spread the word. If you wish to donate or have any queries, please contact Melanie Minns at [acleacademypta@gmail.com](mailto:acleacademypta@gmail.com)

If any parents or carers are interested in supporting the PTA at events or becoming a member please contact us by emailing [pta@acle.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:pta@acle.norfolk.sch.uk)

## We are recruiting!

We currently have the following vacancies in our team:

- Cover Manager & Cover Supervisor
- Cover Supervisor
- Data Manager
- Mid-day Supervisor
- ICT Technician
- Invigilators
- Minibus Driver

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](#)

## Dates for your diary

27<sup>th</sup> March – Cluster E safety parent sessions - 6.30-8pm

30<sup>th</sup> March - Year 6 Transition Easter Event - 4.30 - 6pm

31<sup>st</sup> March – School closes @ 3.30pm for Easter Break

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April - Inset Day, no students in school

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April - Back to school (week 1 timetable)

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April - Year 7 Parents' Evening 4.30 - 7.30pm

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May - Parent Workshop on Body Image - 6-7pm

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May - School closes @3.30pm for May half term

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June - Back to school (week 1 timetable)



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

**Our Rural Hub Term Dates can be found [Here](#)**

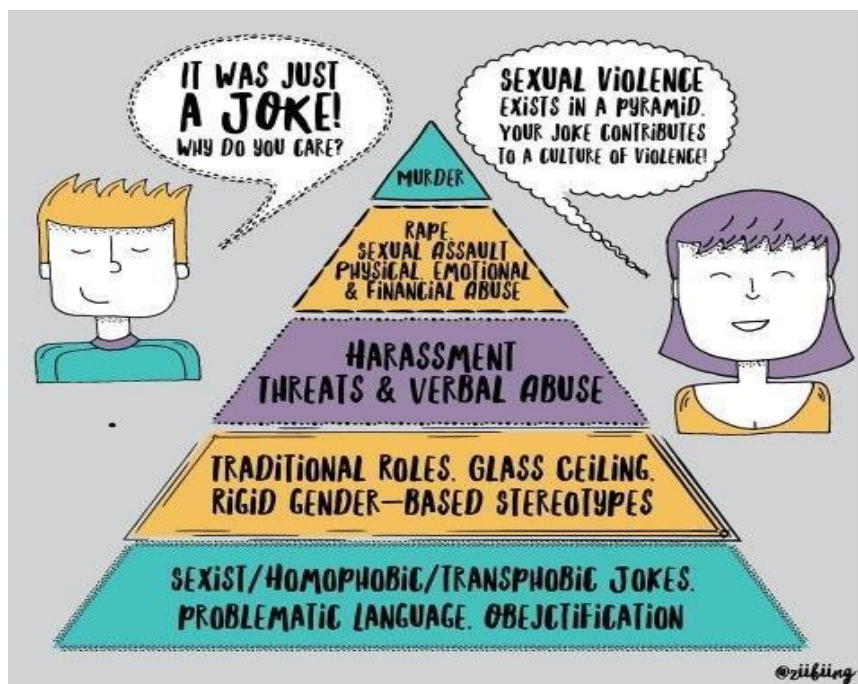


## 7<sup>th</sup> March Parent Workshop - Sexual Harassment and Language Handout

Sexual harassment is **any unwanted sexual behaviour that makes someone feel upset, scared, offended or humiliated**, or is meant to make them feel that way.

Sexist language is **inherently discriminatory language, either written or spoken, that implies an unjustified sexual bias against a group or an individual, usually women, but sometimes men.**

All pupils have seen this:



Misogyny contributes to a wider picture of harmful attitudes which can escalate, as shown in this pyramid.

You may call it a 'joke' or 'banter', but these can soon contribute to extreme behaviours.

What we do as a school to tackle sexual harassment.

- One to one conversations with teacher or HOY
- Restorative meetings with HOY
- Work pack – one sexism – We have an example for you to see.
- Green button for staff
- Personal Development Sessions and Assemblies
- Any incidents are logged on CPOMs, our safeguarding programme, which alerts LT and necessary staff of the incident so follow up can take place.

### Help and support in school

- Head of Year
- Tutors
- Your child's trusted adult in school
- Online Reflection Form for your child to fill out

### Support out of school

- Chathealth – 07480635060 (just send a text)
- Leeway – 03005610077
- Harbour – 03000202525
- Just One Norfolk – 03003000123 (call) 07520631590 (text)
- Police – 101 if not urgent. 999 is emergency



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**AUTISM**

Acceptance Week  
2023

## Join us for an online talk with autistic guest speakers Dean Beadle and Robyn Steward

A great opportunity to learn from them both  
about social needs and communication  
styles and hear them speak about their  
experiences.



**Tuesday 28th March**

**Parent/carers: 1.30–2.30pm**

**Professionals: 3.30–4.30pm**

Email [emma.stevens@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:emma.stevens@norfolk.gov.uk) to sign up

**An event for families with children in Year 6**

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# **Acle Academy Easter Egg Hunt**



**Acle Academy and the PTA would like to invite your family to our Transition Easter Event on 30th March, from 4.30pm - 6.00pm.**

**This event is an opportunity for students to get familiar with the surroundings at Acle Academy through an Easter Egg Hunt, taking them around the school.**

**There will also be other Easter Themed events happening, i.e. such as arts, crafts and games.**

**For children participating in the Egg Hunt, we ask for a donation of £1.**



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There will be coffee, tea and cakes available, together with the opportunity for parents and children to talk to staff, the PTA, our current students and our Senior Leadership Team.