

Newsletter – 16th June 2023

London Parliament Trip

On Thursday 8th June, all of our Key Stage 3 form parliament representatives had the opportunity to go to London and visit Parliament at Westminster. It was a brilliant day and the students were fantastic. After an early start in order to get to Parliament for 10:00am, we were greeted by our tour guide, who gave us a tour around the Palace of Westminster. We had the amazing opportunity to go into the viewing gallery in the House of Commons and see a live debate going on, with the speaker in full action.

Westminster Hall, the oldest building on the Parliamentary estate, and which has played a central role in 900 years of British history, with the major institutions of the British state having grown up directly around it. We saw the gold state coach, the iconic carriage that featured spectacularly at Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee pageant and at the coronation of King Charles III. We learnt lots about the history of democracy, how laws are made and the roles and jobs of the different chambers.

After our tour, we had the opportunity to take part in a workshop exploring further how laws are made and how parliamentary debates take place, building on our whole school focus for this year of oracy. The students all had some great ideas for new laws to put forward, and debated their law proposals with passion!

The visit finished with a meet and greet with our local MP from Broadland, Jerome Mayhew, who spoke to the students about what the job of an MP is like, and his vision for Broadland. The students had some interesting questions for him about the role.

After our visit we all had a lovely picnic in the sunshine outside Westminster in the lovely Victoria Tower Gardens, enjoying watching what was going on along the river. We then headed over to the London Eye pier for an ice-cream and to await our river cruise boat. The cruise took us through the heart of London along the famous River Thames, where we saw some of the city's most famous landmarks, including the Houses of Parliament, Big Ben (Palace of Westminster), St. Paul's Cathedral, Tate Modern, Tower of London, Shakespeare's Globe, Tower Bridge and much more!

Overall it was a lovely day, and a real pleasure to take our House Form MPs to London to celebrate their involvement in Acle Academy parliament this year.

[Trip Photos can be viewed here](#)

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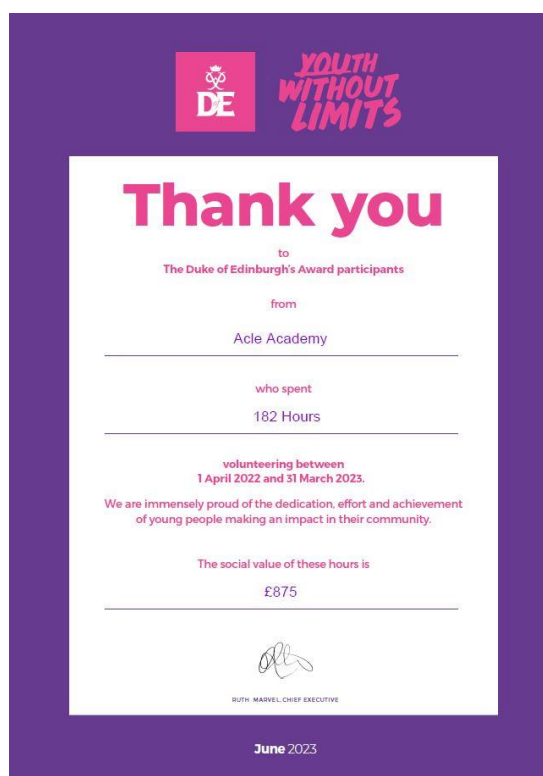
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Duke of Edinburgh Award - Social Value

Volunteering changes lives for the better – that's why it's an integral part of the Duke of Edinburgh programme. It's more than just giving up your time - previous participants talk about how their Duke of Edinburgh volunteering helped them develop a passion for a cause or learn new skills that set them up for their future.

We're so proud of Acle Academy's Duke of Edinburgh participants for dedicating their time and energy to volunteering and the fantastic social value this has added to our community in Acle and the surrounding areas.

This year Acle's Duke of Edinburgh participants contributed over 182 hours to volunteering with an estimated social value of £875!



Well Done Year 11

We are now at the final hurdle for Year 11 with the majority of exams behind us and just a few more to go. It has been a struggle this week with the volume of exams and the heat but Year 11 has coped remarkably well. We are very proud of your hard work and determination.

Prom news

Last term the Prom committee visited Dunston Hall to see the venue for our much awaited Prom in July. The group had the opportunity to talk with the Head of Events and discuss how the event would run on the night. This was a great opportunity for everyone to get ready for their prom.

We also want to say a big thank you to everyone who has purchased their prom ticket for this great event! We can't wait to celebrate your time at Acle on Friday 7th July at Dunston Hall.



Year 11 Donations and returns

As we reach our final week for Year 11 next week, please could we ask for any donations of revision materials and uniform to be handed in to the main school office.

We would love to receive any revision materials, including any homemade flashcards as we can always make use of these with other students. Donations of uniform will be used to help support students by adding to our Reflection area stock for free donations or to be used to be sold for a small price to help raise funds for our PTA.

Please could we ask that Year 11s return any English literature texts to their English teacher or the main school office and that they also return their locker keys.

Sports Day Plea

Sports Day is approaching on Friday 7th July. Due to the warm weather, we are looking for marquees that the PE department could use for the day to provide additional shelter. If you would be willing to provide one for the day it would be highly appreciated. Please contact Mr Hurren via email nhurren@acle.norfolk.sch.uk

Next year - new school skirts

Ready for September, we will be introducing a new school skirt to replace the straight skirt that is currently available. We have had a number of issues over the years with the straight skirt including poor fit, seams breaking and many girls choosing to roll the skirt up to unacceptable levels. The new skirt will be a straight fit with two pleats at the front which will allow more movement and flexibility for girls. The pleated full skirt will still be available. Students who already own a straight skirt will not need to purchase a new skirt, we will phase this in gradually, but the straight skirt will no longer be available to purchase from Stevenson's. The new style skirt should be available on the Stevenson's website imminently.

Year 10 Art GCSE Trip to Sainsbury Centre for Visual Arts

The year 10 Art GCSE had a great opportunity to visit the Sainsbury Centre for Visual Arts last term. This was a great opportunity to see the art collection and gather resources for their new project based on 'Structure.' The group were shown round the museum, the current exhibition- Empowering Art, the Ziggurats and had a short tour of the UEA campus. We did lots of drawing and photography, and enjoyed the sunshine too.



Sailing afternoon at Eastwood Whelpton Boatyard

Miss Jarvis took 6 Year 8s to Eastwood Whelpton Boatyard last week for their first sailing session. The students were eager to learn and have already accomplished helming, tacking and managing the jib as a team. The group has started to use sailing terminology and show leadership whilst being in charge of a boat, and have been a credit to the school for their exemplary behaviour throughout. We look forward to them building on these skills and seeing what they acquire next. Well done everyone!



Acle Chess Championship

The last few weeks have seen the completion of the Acle Chess Championship. Over six lunchtimes, students across Years 7 to 10 battled it out to be titled Acle's Grandmaster. Tensions ran high as competitors needed not only to pit themselves against the very best players that Acle has to offer but also play against the clock, as games were timed at 10 minutes per side. All players tried their very best to score as many victories as possible but there could always be only one winner. With a flawless run of 6 wins and 0 losses, Year 8's Toby B took the win, being the only student to end the competition undefeated. In a respectable joint second place, with a total of 5 wins each, came Year 8's Ewan P, Year 9's Kia S and Year 10's Jake P. The competition was a resounding success and fun was had by all involved.

Congratulations to Year 10 on their work experience

We have received some wonderful reports from employers on our Year 10 students who have enjoyed work experience this week. Work experience can be a daunting process for some students but we know that so many students have enjoyed the challenge, learnt new skills and had unique experiences. Well done on all your efforts Year 10- we are very proud of you.

Careers and Aspirations Week at Acle Primary School

Well done to all our students who performed at a musical event at Acle Primary School on 24th May. The primary school was celebrating careers and aspirations and our music department was invited to host a session. Acle students showed their talent and skills to a welcoming audience. Guitars, piano, vocals, viola and clarinet were among the instruments played, inspiring young audiences to learn an instrument and be curious about music.



Football Kit Donation

Talya, a Year 11 student, has kindly donated a full new football kit to Acle Academy. After attending a Lioness' England game, Talya entered a competition sponsored by Arnold Clark to 'win your club a kit'. On finding out that they had won, Talya and her family chose to donate to Acle Academy.

Talya, who is currently taking her sports studies exams along with her GCSEs, plays youth football for Ipswich Town FC and is about to go on tour with the ITFC youth side. As a Year 11, Talya is proud to leave behind these kits as her legacy and a reminder of her inspiration of "This girl can".





Summer Uniform Rules

As we now are in the summer months, students are no longer required to bring their blazer into school every day. Ties have been suspended this week due to the heat but will be expected to be worn next week. All students have the option of wearing navy tailored knee length shorts. Please ensure your child has a water bottle each day and encourage your child to bring a sun hat and sunscreen lotion on hot days.



For over 30 years, holiday activities for children aged five years and upwards have been available during all school holidays.

COVID safe sessions are held throughout the Broadland district in village halls, schools and community centres from Reedham to Reepham and in the fringe parishes of Hellesdon and Thorpe St Andrew.

Booking Lines for May Half terms sessions are still open

Information can be found [Here](#)

Bookings can be made [Here](#)

If you want more information contact us using the details below:

Telephone: [01603 430525](tel:01603430525)

Email: T2T@southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk

[Facebook page](#)

We are recruiting!

We currently have the following vacancies in our team:

- Teacher/Instructor of Product Design (Textiles & Resistant Materials)
- Progress Tutor for Mathematics
- Cover Supervisor
- Mid-day Supervisor
- 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](#)



Future bookings for the Summer programme can be made now, follow the link below.

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](#)



Our online preloved uniform shop includes 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.

Please note the dates for our next 2 events and follow the link to book a ticket/place

Sunday 25th June – PTA Lazy car boot – 11am <https://tinyurl.com/aapta-lazy-car-boot>

Friday 14th July – PTA Disco for Year 6 & 7 only – 7-9pm <https://tinyurl.com/aapta-disco>

Posters for the events can be found at the end of the newsletter



Please remember to check ClassCharts

May we remind parents that ClassCharts is our main form of communication to keep up to date with daily progress, updates and messages. ClassCharts is used to communicate house points, behaviour points and interventions. We also use this platform for parent announcements. As part of the home school agreement we ask parents to check this regularly, at least on a weekly basis. 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 the child's timetable via ClassCharts.

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



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

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

More Acle Academy 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.

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 20th June – Parent Workshop on Bereavement – 6-7pm

Thursday 22nd June – Year 11 Leavers' Assembly – 1.30pm to 3.30pm (Rescheduled time)

Sunday 25th June – PTA Lazy car boot – 11am

Tuesday 4th July – Transition Information evening for Year 6 and their Parent/Carers 5-7.30pm

Friday 7th July – Year 11 Prom @ Dunston Hall – 6.30-11pm

Friday 14th July – PTA Disco for Year 6 & 7 - 7-9pm

Friday 21st July – School closes early @ 1pm for the summer break



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

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



<https://tinyurl.com/aapta-lazy-car-boot>

ACLE ACADEMY PTA PRESENT



SUMMER DISCO

Transition Event

FRIDAY 14TH JULY

YEARS 6 & 7 only
7PM-9PM

MAIN HALL, ACLE ACADEMY

SOUTH WALSHAM ROAD, ACLE

TICKETS £3.00 - ONLY AVAILABLE ONLINE

@: <https://tinyurl.com/aapta-disco>

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Member Association

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Address: 67 Ber Street, Norwich, Norfolk. NR1 3AD
Contact: norwichbranch@stevensons.co.uk

BOOK AN INSTORE APPOINTMENT

We suggest appointments for all new starters to ensure the perfect fit.

Your schools suggested appointment window is from **Monday 24th July - Friday 28th July.**

Booking an appointment in this window allows us to maximise the school specific stock at our store and reduces the time taken to serve you.

SHOP INSTORE

Visit your local store throughout the summer on Saturdays or during their "Walk in Weeks" from **21st August**, when all our branches will be extending their opening hours until 7pm.

Your local store will be open for pre-booked appointments and Click & Collect only from **Monday 24th July.**

Please refer to our website for full opening hours.

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