

Newsletter – 21st July 2023

We have reached the end of another academic year and as a school community we have much to celebrate. There have been some wonderful achievements and personal successes throughout the year. Students have worked incredibly hard and we are very proud of them. We hope that everyone has a well-deserved summer break and that you all enjoy time relaxing and building happy memories with your family.

Farewells

We say goodbye to a number of colleagues today.

Miss Girling has been supporting in PE and will be moving on to a new school in September, we are thankful for her contribution to the school. Thanks to Miss Gibbs who returned to us as a Science technician and tutor and has done a marvellous job in her gap year by supporting the Science Faculty.

Miss Cunliffe will be commencing her maternity leave in September and we wish her all the best of luck, she will be replaced by Miss Denny.

Mr Greene has worked as a progress tutor for Maths with us for three years. He has been a fabulous addition to our team and has supported the Duke of Edinburgh programme, ran chess club and supported so many students with their Maths knowledge and understanding. Mr Greene is going to be trying a new career and we wish him lots of luck.

Mr Scott has made a great impact in the year he has been with us as Head of Maths and we are sadly saying goodbye. Mr Scott will be replaced by Mrs Lee who joins us as an experienced Head of Maths.

Sadly we are saying goodbye to Mr Southerden who has secured a promoted post at UTC. Mr Southerden has been a much loved teacher, colleague and friend to all at Acle Academy. Mr Southerden has supported so many students, both with their Science education but also pastoral support. He has run the Duke of Edinburgh scheme and inspired all students with enrichment opportunities. We know that Mr Southerden will be sadly missed by all students and the Acle community but we wish him well in his new endeavours.

Lastly we say goodbye to our legendary Mr Hurren who will be replaced by Mrs Jacotine. Mr Hurren will be moving to Bungay High School as Head of PE which is closer to home for him and will allow him more time with his young family. We know that Mr Hurren is leaving with a heavy heart as he has been an integral member of our school community for nine years. Mr Hurren's commitment to the school has been commendable. His dedication to sporting activities, events and competitions has inspired so many students. He has gone above and beyond again and again in order to allow students the opportunity to participate in sport outside of school. His dedication has led to amazing sporting success for the school across a range of disciplines. Mr Hurren is an outstanding practitioner and a wonderful form tutor and Faculty leader. Mr Hurren has dedicated himself to serving the students of our school community and we are so grateful for everything he has done for the school. We wish him every success and happiness in his new role.

Celebrating Service to the School

As well as saying Goodbye we would also like to celebrate the service to the school of those colleagues who remain with us.

Thank you to Mr Seaman, who has been our caretaker for 10 years this year and is much loved by the school community.

Mrs Bagge, in our LSA team has also given 10 years to supporting children in our school.

Thank you to Mrs Cooper who has made sure all our children were well fed for 15 years, serving in our kitchen and on the cleaning team.

Mrs Barber celebrates 15 years of service to the school, starting as an LSA and then becoming a teacher and moving on to second in English next year.

Mrs Carrington celebrates 15 years at Acle Academy and has inspired so many students with French. Similarly Mrs Harveyson celebrates 20 years of teaching German at Acle Academy. Both Mrs Carrington and Mrs Harveyson are outstanding classroom practitioners and their passion for languages shines through all their work. We are so lucky to have them.

Lastly we would like to congratulate Miss Burdett who celebrates 30 years of service to Acle Academy this year! This is an incredible achievement. Miss Burdett has held many roles through the years as Head of Geography, Head of Care and Guidance, Head of Humanities. She is a stalwart of the school and much loved by all as her genuine passion and care for young people is evidenced in every aspect of her work. She is a fantastic classroom teacher and a wonderful form tutor. Miss Burdett will be stepping down from Head of Geography next year but will still remain with us and we are so very glad that she continues to serve our school community.



From us all at Acle Academy, we wish you a happy summer!

Thursday 24th August 2023 - GCSE Results Day

We very much look forward to inviting Year 11 back to Acle Academy on Thursday 24th August to collect their GCSE results. We would love to celebrate their hard-work and we encourage as many Year 11s as possible to come into school to pick up their results in person.

We will be arranging to provide them with a results day breakfast and staff will also come into school to wish all pupils good luck and help them with this process. Equally, the Senior Leadership Team will be on hand to speak to pupils about any queries they might have about their results or potential post-16 next steps.

We will be **opening at 8:30am** on Thursday and pupils can arrive from this time onwards to collect their results, have a special breakfast and mingle and celebrate with their friends. Prom USB sticks will be available for collection also.

If someone else (parent/carer/relative) is coming to collect the results for a Year 11 student then the student must send a signed note to the office before Thursday, 24th August. The results are addressed to the individual students and cannot be passed by us to anyone else, even a parent, without the permission of the Year 11 student. Results cannot be given out over the telephone, either. Please mark any envelopes sent to the office as 'Results Day' so we can easily pick it out from the summer holiday post.

Any results not collected on the day will be posted by 1st Class post that night to the last address we have on record. If you have moved or are moving, please make sure we have the correct address.



Music Industry Day - 11th July

Some of our students were involved in a **Music Industry Day** on 11th July. The workshop was delivered by IEMusic, specialising in delivering curriculum relevant music workshops in UK schools. Workshop leaders and attending artists offer up to date music industry advice in a fun and engaging way.



Our students worked in small groups and were able to explore their song writing and performance skills over the course of a full day under the supervision of an attending artist Alex Hawkins. Each group then took to the stage to demonstrate their work and received artist and class feedback.



At the end of the day, students became an audience for an inspirational performance by Alex himself as well as careers talk and questions time from the workshop leader.



School Meal Price Increases

There will be an increase to the cost of school meals which will take effect on our return from the summer break.

We have always tried to keep our meal prices affordable to families and our last price increase was pre-covid. As you will be aware, since then, there has been a significant increase in costs associated with meal production - both in relation to food supplies and energy costs. The Wensum Trust has been standing the cost of increases, but is now in a position where it has had to review the situation.

To ensure we can continue to fund a high-quality service that delivers healthy, nutritious meals, caters for all allergens and dietary requirements, and is served in a safe environment on our school premises, we will be increasing our meal deal price from **£2.30 to £2.55** per day from 1st September 2023. **This increase will also apply to our other food products on offer.** If your child is in Year 7-11 and you are in receipt of any of the following, you may also be eligible for free school meals:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999, plus, from 19 April 2022, those with no recourse to public funds.
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' - the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get) at the time of your application.

You can apply for free school meals [Here](#)

If you have any questions or need support in making an application please contact the school office for confidential support.

If there is a difficulty in providing payment of meals, please contact the school office as soon as possible. All queries and requests for support are confidential and we will always work with families to ensure that a solution is found and that we can continue to ensure all children have access to a meal.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

Norfolk Children's Book Day

Last week a group of students had the opportunity to attend Norfolk Children's Book Day. They really enjoyed meeting the authors, William Hussey, Ross Montgomery and Lisa Thompson. They made the most of the opportunity to quiz them about every aspect of their writing careers, from how they generate ideas and develop characters to how much they earn! Some students purchased books and had them signed by the author.

After a picnic lunch in the grounds of Norwich Cathedral, the students were treated to a tour of Norwich School's very impressive libraries. The pupils left feeling excited and inspired to start work on their own books.



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.

RSC Playmaking Event

On Friday 14th July, Mr Frost and Mrs Barber took 15 students across years 7 - 10 to the Royal Shakespeare Company's playmaking event which took place at the Norwich Theatre Playhouse. We have been lucky enough to become a Lead Associate school with the Royal Shakespeare Company, as part of their outreach programme. In this introductory year, staff have benefited from training with the RSC and this culminated in Friday's event for students. They got to work in a professional space, and experienced workshops on lighting and sound, writing, and acting, which culminated in a sharing at the end of the day to the other schools. We focussed on Romeo and Juliet and students were able to work on interpreting the play and approaching practical work in different ways... a thoroughly enjoyable day had by all! There will be many more student events to follow next academic year, so watch this space!



Please see the link below to a video by the National County Lines Co-Ordination Centre about County Lines, exploitation and debt bondage.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= 8hTP-huJq4>

Strasbourg and Black Forest Trip

On Thursday, we were really excited to set off on our first foreign languages trip since lockdown, taking a group of Year 9 and 10 languages students to Strasbourg in France and the Black Forest in Germany.

It was a late start, travelling through the night and arriving in Strasbourg on Friday evening. On the way, we took the opportunity to see another country, stopping in Luxembourg for lunch!

As it was 14th July, Bastille Day, after a quick but delicious dinner in the hotel we went for a walk into central Strasbourg to see the festivities in the central square and experience the fantastic atmosphere of live music and traditional stalls selling local food.

Early on Saturday, after a wonderful breakfast, we set off for our first activity of the day – a visit to a traditional gingerbread factory. Here we learnt about the history of gingerbread and even had the opportunity to try lots of different varieties. Almost everyone took the opportunity to buy some great souvenirs before we set off on our next adventure to Kehl in Germany. Here we climbed a viewing tower to see the Black Forest and walked across the bridge over the Rhine which is the border between the two countries. It's not often that you get the chance to have one foot in one country and one in another!

Then it was back to Strasbourg for a boat trip through the city and our evening meal in a traditional Tarte Flambée/Flammkuchen restaurant (a type of flatbread pizza, which usually has crème fraîche, onion and bacon on it, although we had the chance to try different flavours such as goat's cheese with honey and spicy Mexican)

Sunday was the eagerly anticipated trip back across the border into Germany to Europa Park theme park, home of the fastest rollercoaster in Europe! The students had a wonderful day exploring the park and experiencing lots of different rides. Everyone had an amazing time! On the way back to the hotel, we stopped off at a Flunch restaurant where the students could choose from a wide selection of traditional French or more familiar dishes for dinner. It was wonderful to see so many students trying things that they had never tasted before.

Bright and early Monday morning we were on our way home, breaking the journey half way for lunch in Belgium.

We would like to thank the students for making the trip so wonderful. They were polite, well-mannered and cheerful throughout.

Mrs Carrington, Mrs Harveyson, Mr Greene and Mrs Webb



We are recruiting!

We currently have the following vacancies in our team:

- Cover Supervisor
- Mid-day Supervisor
- Invigilators
- Science Technician
- Progress Tutor for Mathematics

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](#)



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.

Information can be found [Here](#)

Bookings can be made [Here](#)

Booking lines open at 9am on Monday 19th June 2023

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

Telephone: [01603 430525](tel:01603430525)

Email: T2T@southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk

Facebook page [Here](#)

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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.

If you would like to join the PTA please contact them by email
pta@acle.norfolk.sch.uk



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.

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

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

More Acl 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

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

Wednesday 6th September – Back to school for new Year 7s and 11s only (week 1 of the school timetable)

Thursday 7th September – Back to school for all others year groups (week 1 of the school timetable)

Friday 8th September – School Photos

Thursday 5th October – 1pm early finish to prepare for Open Evening



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

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

Summer Holiday Vaccination Clinics

Make sure you're fully protected

The HPV, MMR, MenACWY and DTP **vaccinations** will help to keep you safe!

Mon 24 th July	Beccles Public Hall, NR34 9AD	09.30 – 14.30	W
Tues 25 th July	Cringleford Business Centre, NR4 6AU	08.30 – 15.30	B
Wed 26 th July	Sheringham Community Centre, NR26 8NP	11.00 – 14.30	W
Fri 28 th July	Fakenham Community Centre, NR21 9DY	09.30 – 14.30	W
Mon 31 st July	Dereham Memorial Hall, 62a Norwich Street, NR19 1AD	10.30 – 15.00	W
Tues 1 st August	Great Yarmouth Library NR30 2SH	10.00 – 14.15	W
Wed 2 nd August	Charles Burrell Centre, Thetford , IP24 3LH	09.30 – 14.30	W
Thurs 3 rd August	Norwich Castle Quarter NR1 3DD	08.30 – 15.00	W
Fri 4 th August	Kings Lynn The Discovery Centre PE30 2LA	09.30 – 14.30	W
Tues 8 th August	Cringleford Business Centre, NR4 6AU	08.30 – 15.30	B
Wed 9 th August	Norwich Castle Quarter NR1 3DD	08.30 – 15.00	W
Thurs 10 th August	Connaught Hall, Attleborough , NR17 2AS	9.30 – 14.30	W

Fri 11 th August	Sheringham Community Centre, NR26 8NP	9.30 – 14.30	W
Wed 16 th August	Norwich Castle Quarter NR1 3DD	08.30 – 15.00	W
Thurs 17 th August	Cringleford Business Centre, NR4 6AU	08.30 – 15.30	W
Fri 18 th August	Great Yarmouth Kingsgate Community Centre, NR31 0LE	09.30 – 14.30	W
Mon 21 st August	Norwich Castle Quarter NR1 3DD	08.30 – 15.00	W
Tues 22 nd August	Great Yarmouth Library NR30 2SH	10.00 – 14.15	W
Wed 23 rd August	Sheringham Community Centre, NR26 8NP	10.30 – 14.30	W
Fri 25 th August	Charles Burrell Centre, Thetford , IP24 3LH	09.30 – 14.30	W
Tues 29 th August	Kings Lynn The Discovery Centre PE30 2LA	09.30 – 14.30	W
Wed 30 th August	Norwich Castle Quarter NR1 3DD	08.30 – 15.00	W
Fri 1 st September	Beccles Public Hall, NR34 9AD	09.30 – 14.30	W

W = Walk In B = Bookable

You can contact the Immunisation team to book an appointment or to check your vaccination status on 0300 555 5055 opt 2 or e-mail hct.csaisnorfolk@nhs.net



Help with living costs

You may be struggling with living costs for a range of reasons. This leaflet tells you what support is available and how to get advice.

You can also find this information on our website
www.norfolk.gov.uk/costofliving

If you don't have access to the internet at home, you can go online at any of our Norfolk libraries.



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Sessions for School Years 6-13
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- 9TH JULY
- 23RD JULY
- 6TH AUGUST
- 20TH AUGUST

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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.**

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