

## Newsletter – 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023



### Welcome to the New School Year


Welcome to our first newsletter of the academic year. Students have made a fantastic start to the year and we have been so proud of how well they have settled, how well they are conducting themselves around school and creating a calm and purposeful learning atmosphere.

As usual, at the start of the school year we have been focusing on our school values and learning expectations in assemblies. Students have been reminded of our school routines and their responsibilities in helping to be ready to learn, being respectful and helping to keep each other safe.

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## Acle Academy Learning Expectations

<b>READY</b> Are you Ready?	<b>RESPECTFUL</b> Are you being Respectful?	<b>SAFE</b> Are we all Safe?
<p>Be ready to learn and participate in school life. Have a positive attitude to learning.</p> <p><b>Look Smart, Feel Smart</b> Wear your uniform correctly and with pride.</p> <p>Ensure you are well rested and have had breakfast. Make sure you go to bed at an appropriate time and turn off screens/ phones.</p> <p>Attend all lessons on time</p> <p>Try to actively participate in your learning - work hard.</p> <p>Show determination to do your best and aspire to be the best you can be</p> <p>Keep going when things get tough, Accept challenges and persevere - Seek help when you need it.</p> <p>Show pride in your learning and presentation</p> <p>Ensure you have the correct equipment for every lesson</p> <p>Meet deadlines with home learning and catch up on missed learning if you have been absent</p> <p>Try to regulate your emotions so you are in the right frame of mind to be ready to learn</p> <p>Accept consequences of your actions and accept sanctions when given. Be able to acknowledge mistakes.</p> <p>Be ready to move on once an issue has been resolved and start afresh.</p>	<p>Be kind , considerate and responsible</p> <p><b>Respect the authority of staff at all times.</b></p> <p>Show respect to all adults, visitors and each other. Treat everyone with dignity and respect, as you would like to be treated.</p> <p>Be courteous and polite - show good manners at all times.</p> <p>Listen to others and make it possible for all students to learn.</p> <p>Consider the views of others and allow everyone the opportunity to contribute views and ideas</p> <p>Think about the feelings of others- show understanding and empathy</p> <p>Use appropriate respectful language</p> <p>Treat the school buildings and school property with respect</p> <p>Protect the reputation of our school- always be an ambassador for our school in our community.</p> <p>Be able to apologise when you get it wrong.</p> <p>Respect that everyone makes mistakes, we are all human. Forgive.</p> <p>Show respect for yourself. Be proud of who you are.</p>	<p>Be safe and sensible at all times - make good choices</p> <p>Follow all staff instructions without question - <b>'First time, Every time'</b></p> <p>Behave in a responsible, orderly and self-controlled way</p> <p>Walk calmly and purposefully. Move quietly around the school</p> <p>Be in the right place at the right time</p> <p>Do all you can to promote equality and fairness</p> <p>Look after each other in our school community and don't do or say anything that will hurt others</p> <p>Be aware of personal space - allow others to feel safe.</p> <p>Keep the school tidy and litter free</p> <p>Keep yourself and others safe online.</p> <p>Do not bring banned , illegal or dangerous items into our school</p> <p>Challenge unsafe or unkind actions of others.</p> <p>Report unacceptable behaviour</p>



We have also launched our new PRIDE framework and explained to students that through this framework, we will be helping students develop learning habits and skills needed for life after school. We have talked through what each of these areas means and how they can help create the employability skills that are needed for their future and lifelong learning.



You will notice that we have changed our house points to PRIDE points. We have identified specific learning skills that we feel are valuable to help students become better learners. Our lessons will be explicitly focused on developing these skills and we will be rewarding students for developing these learning habits.

### Our Development Priorities for the Year

As a school this year we will be focusing our development and improvement priorities on three main areas:

**To successfully implement our whole school PRIDE framework to ensure a cohesive approach to all aspects of provision, with particular focus on:**

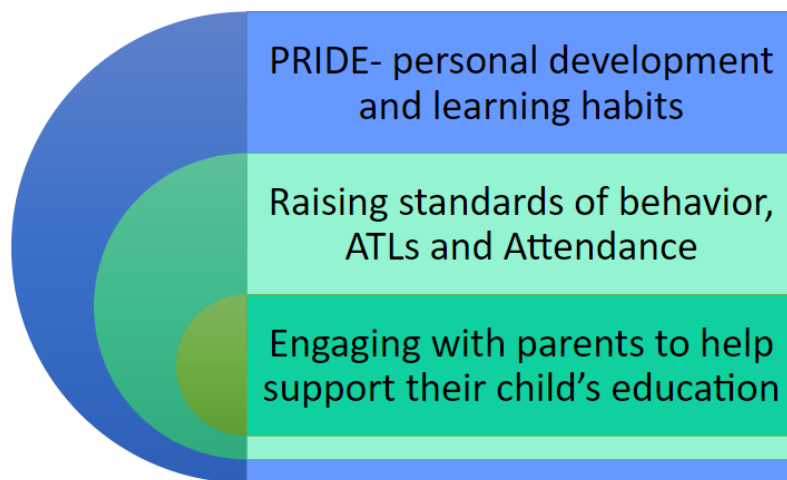
- Enhancing the curriculum with personal development opportunities
- Raising aspirations and attitude to learning by signposting soft skills for life and CIAG within curriculum
- Maximising opportunities for developing strategic learning habits

**Raise standards of behaviour, attitudes to learning and attendance by enhancing a sense of 'belonging' to our school community.**

- Enhance Implementation our Learning Expectations of Ready, Respectful and Safe
- Ensure consistency in the application of strategies to support behaviour and attendance
- Ensure that all adults within the school contribute to raising standards of behaviour and have high expectations of all learners
- Implement a language for learning policy
- Continue to develop our relational approach and enhance students' ability to build empathy

**Engaging parents and carers to help support their child's learning and development.**

- Implement Google classrooms so parents can help support learning at home
- Improve communication with parents at all levels of school provision
- Enhance our rewards and celebrations provision to improve communication with home
- Enhance parents and carers sense of belonging to our to school community



If you would like to share any feedback or ideas of how we could further develop our provision in terms of our improvement priorities, we would love to hear your feedback. Please share any feedback by emailing [info@acle.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:info@acle.norfolk.sch.uk)



## Lyfta

We are delighted to introduce a fantastic new learning platform this year called Lyfta which we will be using in form time and lessons. Lyfta is an interactive learning resource that uses professional filmmakers to capture the human experiences and different stories from people across the world. Lyfta uses story worlds to feature an inspiring human story, carefully selected to spark curiosity, empathy and compassion and open up conversations on important topics.

### EXPLAINING LYFTA: WHAT IS LYFTA TIME?

Our vision at Lyfta is that by the time a child leaves school, they will have experienced and connected with a meaningful human story from every country in the world. In doing so, they will have experienced different cultures, different languages, different jobs and perspectives. They will have seen hundreds of positive human stories modelling resilience, problem-solving, teamwork, and many other critical skills, values and competencies. By the end of their schooling, they would understand for themselves how interconnected and interdependent we are, and would have gained a deep awareness of their power and role in the world.

Students have been introduced to the concept of Lyfta in Assemblies this week and will be starting to explore the platform in form time next week. To find out more, please visit <https://www.lyfta.com/>

## Year 7 Transition- Team Building Workshops

We were delighted to welcome the Fool Hardy Circus on site on Wednesday for all of our year 7s to take part in workshops throughout the day, focused on team building, trust and confidence. These sessions encourage perseverance, diligence, self-discipline, hand-eye coordination, manipulation skills and dexterity. All the students were amazing and our visitors were so impressed! It was lovely to see the students supporting each other and working together. They had the chance to experience different activities such as tightrope, trapeze and diabolo juggling before finishing with a performance in the Big Top. We were so pleased to see the students develop skills outside the classroom, and I am immensely proud of how they represented our school! Well Done year 7 - a brilliant start! Mrs Skarin



**Please follow this link to our gallery for more photos;**

<https://www.wensumtrust.org.uk/acleacademy/about-us/our-gallery/year-7-foolhardy-circus>

## Open Evening- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October

This year we will be holding two sessions for our Open Evening on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October.

**Session 1** – arrival from 5.00pm for a welcome presentation at 5.15pm. Guided tours will commence at 5.45pm

**Session 2**- arrival from 6.45 for a welcome presentation at 7pm. Guided tours will commence at 7.30pm

### Open Morning Tours

Experience our learning environment first hand during the school day by pre booking a family tour. Open Morning tours are available from 9.30- 11.00 on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October. Please pre book by contacting our school office- [info@acle.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:info@acle.norfolk.sch.uk) 01493 750431

**Please note- due to the level of preparation involved in Open Evening, school will close early at 1pm on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October, buses and taxis will depart from school at 1pm.**

## Uniform donation

The PTA runs a very valuable pre-loved uniform shop and would love to receive some more donations. If your children have outgrown their school uniform from last year and you would like to sell or donate these items, please contact [pta@acle.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:pta@acle.norfolk.sch.uk) . Donations can be left at the main school office.



## Medication

If your child needs 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.

## College Open & Information Events 2023

COLLEGE	EVENT	DATE	TIME
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>			
East Norfolk Sixth Form	Open morning	Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	9-12pm
Paston College	Open evening	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	4.30- 7pm
<b>OCTOBER</b>			
Norwich City College	Open evening	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	5- 7.30pm
Norwich City College	Open morning	Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	10-1pm
Sir Isaac Newton	Open evening	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	5.30- 8.30pm
East Norfolk Sixth Form	Open evening	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	4- 7pm
University Technical College (UTC)	Year 12 Open Event- book online	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	4.30-8.15pm
Easton College	Open evening	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	5pm- 7.30pm
East Coast College	Open Morning- book online	Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	10- 12pm
Easton College	Open day	Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	10am- 1pm
Sir Isaac Newton	Open evening	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	5.30pm- 8.30pm
<b>NOVEMBER</b>			
Access Creative	Open Morning	Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	11-2pm
East Coast College	Open Evening- book online	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	5-7pm
Paston College	Open morning	Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	10- 1pm
Access Creative- access to higher education	Open evening	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	6-7.30pm
<b>DECEMBER</b>			
Access Creative	Open Morning	Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	11-2pm

For further information about how to access these events, please visit individual provider websites. I recommend that you try to visit as many of these events as you can to get as much information as you can to help you make the decisions regarding your future. There will be more information in CC lessons, where you will also be given your 'Help you Choose' Login details. We aim for all students to have completed the initial application by Christmas. Our careers Guidance counsellor will be in school every Monday, and will be seeing students by appointments. If you do want to see her as soon as possible, please contact Mrs Skarin [cskarin@acle.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:cskarin@acle.norfolk.sch.uk)

## Reminder - School Meal Price Increases

There has been 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 have increased our meal deal price from **£2.30 to £2.55** per day from 1st September 2023. A meal deal consists of 2 items of either main, dessert or drink. **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.

Norse canteen catering information can be found on the school website <https://www.wensumtrust.org.uk/acleacademy/parents-and-carers/fresssh-canteen>

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.



## **The Grand Norwich Duck Race- 2023- Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2pm**

Acle Academy is entering the Grand Norwich Duck Race which will be held at St Georges' Bridge and race to Fye Bridge near the Ribs of Beef on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September. Please come along at 2pm and help cheer our Acle Duck on!

Students have entered a design competition and are busily designing and decorating the duck this week. We will share images of our Duck next week when it is finished.



## **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. Additionally, parents may choose to park on Mill Lane behind the school and children can exit via the back field.

## We are recruiting!

We currently have the following vacancies in our team:

- Cover Supervisor
- Invigilators
- 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](#)

## A parent's guide to keeping kids healthy this school year

Please follow the below link

<https://ukhsa.blog.gov.uk/2023/09/08/a-parents-guide-to-keeping-kids-healthy-this-school-year/>



<https://tinyurl.com/AAPTA-HALLOWEEN>



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 have any uniform donations please drop these off to the school office.

**If you would like to join the PTA please contact them by email**

[pta@acle.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:pta@acle.norfolk.sch.uk)

**Our next event is the year 7 Halloween Disco on 13<sup>th</sup> October 7-9pm**

**Tickets can be purchased via**

<https://tinyurl.com/AAPTA-HALLOWEEN>



## **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

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September – Year 7  
'Meet the Form Tutor' evening 4.30-7.30pm

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September – Year 11  
Information Evening 6.30-8pm

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October – 1pm early  
school closure to prepare for Open  
Evening

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October – Open  
Morning for yr6 transition to us in  
September 2024 – 9.30-11.30am

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October – Open  
Morning for yr6 transition to us in  
September 2024 – 9.30-11.30am

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October – Parent  
workshop - 6-7pm

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October – Year 10  
Information Evening -6.30-8pm

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October – Year 7 only  
PTA Halloween Disco – 7-9pm

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October – School closes  
for half term @ 3.30pm



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

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