

13 October 2023



MESSAGE FROM..... MR READ, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Firstly, I would like to thank all of the students, staff and parents/carers for welcoming me into the Hellesdon community since my arrival in September; it has been great to get to know some many new people over the last 6 weeks. My role is focused on developing strategies linked to progress and achievement. I had the opportunity to speak to students about this in assemblies over the start of the term, explaining that achievement is the end result of our hard work, and progress are the steps we take along the way. With this in mind, I will be developing how our students use their assessment feedback to drive their own progress to ultimately achieve their ambitions.

Following a busy start to the new year, it was fantastic to welcome Year 11 students and their families into school for the first 'Journey to Excellence' evening this week. This evening was the first step of our focus on supporting Year 11s in achieving academic excellence in their examinations next Summer. We were delighted by the turnout and positivity of the event with staff there to share advice on how students can take responsibility for their learning, and how parent/carers can support from home. We look forward to welcoming Year 10 parents/carers for their first event in November.

During next half-term, Year 11 will complete their Pre-Public Examinations (PPEs). We are currently planning to ensure that all students have the best environment to excel, and we look forward to celebrating their achievements.

Following our sad news about the sudden passing of our former teacher Jo Mueller, please go to our webpage if you would like to read our tribute to her [Jo Mueller Tribute](#)

THEME OF THE WEEK for week commencing 16 October

"Should opinions be shared as part of news reporting?"

DATES FOR YOUR

- **19 October** - Year 7 Meet the Tutors Evening, 4.00pm – 7.00pm
- **30 October** - Year 7-11 - Flu Vaccinations, all day
- **31 October** – Year 7-11 - Flu Vaccinations, all day

We have school calendar on our webpage with all school events/trips – please click link [School Calendar](#)

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SCHOOL NEXT WEEK.....

Year 7 – Meet the Tutor Evening is taking place on Thursday, 19 October, to book your slot to meet your child's Tutor, please go to our webpage for our letter (sent last week) and booking instructions- [Meet the Tutor letter and booking instructions](#)

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

It is important your child attends school every day for them to get the very best possible education and support. We also appreciate that there are a multitude of complex reasons that can cause students to stay off school for extended periods. However, if you do have any concerns regarding your child's attendance, please contact the school so we can arrange a time to discuss any issues and provide you with any support you may need.

POLITE REMINDER – ILLNESS AND MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS

Parents/Carers:

ILLNESS if your child feels unwell during the school day, they must go to Student Reception to see our Medical Needs Co-ordinator. Students must **not** contact their parent/carer to arrange to be collected from school. If your child is unwell and needs to go home our Medical Needs Co-ordinator or Reception staff will contact you.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS – where possible medical appointments should be made outside of the school day; however, we understand this is not always possible. If your child needs to leave school during the school day for a medical appointment, please contact our School Reception on the day of the appointment, as soon as possible, by calling **01603 424711**.



NEWS FROM OUR SIXTH FORM

Y13 Sizewell B Trip – please go to our webpage to read the full story about this trip – [Y13 Sizewell B Trip](#). Photo right, of our students in their safety gear before starting a tour.

Sixth Form Film - This week we launched our brand new promotional film for Sixth Form featuring some of our students. Well done to all involved in the making of this film, it gives a real feel to Sixth Form Life.



The film can be found on our webpage <https://www.wensumtrust.org.uk/sixthform/about-us> and our Sixth Form Instagram page <https://www.instagram.com/hellesdonsixthform/>

Sixth Form Open Evening – 1 November 2023

For information about the evening, please click the link to our webpage below

[Sixth Form Open Evening](#)

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We're committed to working with parents and carers to ensure your child feels happy and safe in school. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school office.

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