

3rd November 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Non Uniform Day & Service Area Drop Day 1 - Thursday 9th November 2023

We will be holding our first collapsed curriculum Non uniform 'Service Area Drop Down Day' of this academic year on Thursday 9th November. The students will be off timetable to work with a service area for a morning and afternoon. They will be given an opportunity to experience a range of activities and experiences organised by the staff and senior prefects within that service area.

Please find details below which give you a bit more insight into the range of activities planned for the day. A brief overview is provided below. **All pupils will be attending in non-uniform** for the full day but some activities might advise particular clothing depending on what they plan to do. Please check the below information carefully.

Schedule for Service Area Day 1

<u>Service Area</u>	<u>AM</u>	<u>PM</u>
Study Support	Year 11	Year 10
Wellbeing	-	Year 9
Enrichment	Year 7	Year 11
DICE	Year 9	Year 8
Community	Year 10	-
Charity	Year 8	Year 7

Wellbeing - Direct any queries to Mrs Thompson

ktompson@acle.norfolk.sch.uk

Year 9 students will be spending the afternoon with the Wellbeing service area. They will rotate around four different activities each lasting thirty minutes.

The activities are; Making friendship bracelets, painting a canvas, learning a Haka routine, board games and choir singing.

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Community - Direct any queries to Miss Pring

hpring@acle.norfolk.sch.uk

Community are going to be looking at some ways in which we can give back to both the school and the community in Acle in November. We will have others embracing their creativity skills which will be required for some groups who are helping Science with display boards, creating cards, mural brainstorming that could be put up around the school site. A small group will be going to help at Acle Primary along with biscuit making and a visit to the local care home to hand out the treats!

Charity - Direct any queries to Ms Segurado

dsegurado@acle.norfolk.sch.uk

Our Charity Service area supports a range of charities over the academic year. For this forthcoming drop down day for year 7 and year 8 we will be supporting The Royal British Legion with a focus on Remembrance Day. We are extremely proud of our students who are always willing to engage enthusiastically in charity based events. We will also ensure pupils are educated about the work The Royal British Legion does and the significance of Remembrance Day.

Please see <https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/remembrance/about-remembrance> for more information about this organisation.

Remembrance Day activities Year 7 and Year 8

The main activities will be crafts, do not wear your best outfit! Aprons can and will be provided.

History of Remembrance Day

The group will have the opportunity to learn about the history of this day, explore important quotes related to the topic and develop their knowledge too.

Felt Poppies

With over three hundred felt poppies created by each pupil, we will create a life size silhouette of a soldier, which will be on display at school.

This activity is an ideal opportunity to develop skills with construction, detail and working towards a group artwork.

Poppy badges

We will be designing and making badges. These badges will form part of our charity enterprise and will be on sale at a cost of 50p. This is a great chance to build design skills, learn about and promote the charity we are currently supporting.

Craft poppies

The children will be exploring the techniques of crafting with a range of materials such as papers, tissues and colour pens to create their own poppy.

Charity Visitor

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We are very lucky to have a member of the local community to join us on Thursday. The children will have the opportunity to hear about Remembrance Day, and the important work they do.

DICE -Direct any queries to Ms Bell

rbell@acle.norfolk.sch.uk

We have the Ignition Dance Company coming into Acle Academy to teach Afrobeats and Dancehall dance workshops with Year 8 and 9. Students will get the chance to learn existing routines and choreograph some of their own moves. All Year 8 and 9 students should come to school in their PE kits that day. The workshops will be done either in trainers or bare feet. Students will also have the opportunity to learn more about the history of Afrobeats and Dancehall music and to ask any questions about the cultures they came from to the dance teacher who is very knowledgeable.

As well as the dance workshops, students will be exploring the underground music scene and its ability to unite people from a range of different backgrounds through a shared love of music and community. This will focus particularly on the culture and origins of Drum and Bass music which has been an important and influential element of the underground music scene in Britain since the early 1990s and continues to be popular today.

Enrichment- Direct any queries to Mr Green

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Year 7 - AM

Key stage 3 students will rotate around a range of activities put on by the Enrichment Service Area staff; Ghost Audio, Sign language, Photography, Planes, Straw Towers and Football.

Students will learn a range of different skills and knowledge which will hopefully stand them in a better position in the future.

Year 11 - PM

As a final year send-off and before the next round of mock exams take place the Enrichment team decided it would be good for students to go out of school on possibly their last Acle Academy trip. Hollywood Bowl gives groups of students the platform to talk to others in a similar position and hopefully form some new friendships to support them during their final year of studying.

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Study Support: Direct any queries to Mrs Durkin

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For our drop down day, Study Support is looking forward to welcoming professionals from our community to talk to students about their careers and the pathways they followed. We are excited for our students to meet representatives from the following industries:

- Fashion design
- Media and PR
- Midwifery
- Financial planning
- Emergency Services
- Veterinary and animal care

This is a valuable opportunity for pupils to engage with prospective employers, consider their own aspirations and learn more about some of the many interesting roles that their studies here at Acle Academy will enable them to work towards.

If you have any questions or queries regarding the drop-down day on Thursday please contact the service area lead if it is in relation to the activities being run or feel free to contact myself.

Yours sincerely



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