

## Newsletter – 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023

### November

This month, Mr Sayce has been leading assemblies on Movember. Movember is a global movement that takes place every November, where men grow moustaches to raise awareness and funds for men's health issues, particularly prostate cancer, testicular cancer, and mental health. The goal is to spark conversations about these issues and encourage men to take charge of their health. It's a fun and light-hearted way to address serious health issues and promote positive change. Mr Sayce is also committing to running 60km in November in support of this cause. If you would like to support his fundraising for Movember then please see the link below and we really appreciate any donations for such a positive cause. If any pupils would like to get involved with raising awareness of setting up a fundraising event for Movember then please speak with Mr Sayce or Miss Seguardo.

If you'd like to sponsor Mr Sayce please use the link below.

[https://uk.movember.com/mospace/15030343?utm\\_source=qr&utm\\_medium=mobile&utm\\_campaign=movember&utm\\_content=app\\_share\\_mospace\\_qr](https://uk.movember.com/mospace/15030343?utm_source=qr&utm_medium=mobile&utm_campaign=movember&utm_content=app_share_mospace_qr)

Update on 13th November- 25km run so far, 35km to go.

We also have two of our conscientious senior prefects who have also taken up the Movember get active challenge this month. Daniel Keenan and Lincoln Thomas have also pledged to run 60km in the month of November and have set up their own respective fundraising pages. Well done lads for such excellent dedication to a great cause. We're all very proud of you!

If you'd like to sponsor Daniel K please use the link below.

[https://uk.movember.com/mospace/15127661?utm\\_source=qr&utm\\_medium=mobile&utm\\_campaign=movember&utm\\_content=app\\_share\\_mospace\\_qr](https://uk.movember.com/mospace/15127661?utm_source=qr&utm_medium=mobile&utm_campaign=movember&utm_content=app_share_mospace_qr)

Both the Charity and Well-Being Service areas will be running events and support to help with this campaign throughout November and we are very fortunate to have such a kind and conscientious student body.



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## Remembrance Day Competition

The History Department ran a competition throughout October to commemorate Armistice Day. Students created posters to mark this important event and demonstrated a flair for creativity as well as an awareness of the significance of Remembrance in a modern context. The posters were designed to form part of a window display for the East of England Co-op Funeral Services in Acle as part of the school's efforts to create links with the local community. We're so proud of the students who took part in the competition and met with them to hand out prizes earlier this week.

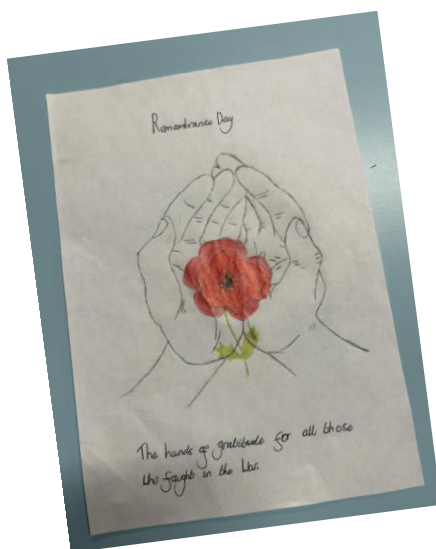
1<sup>st</sup> place – James Singh

2<sup>nd</sup> place - Eva Kwiaton

3<sup>rd</sup> place – Regan Rhodes

Congratulations to our winners and huge well done to all those who took part.

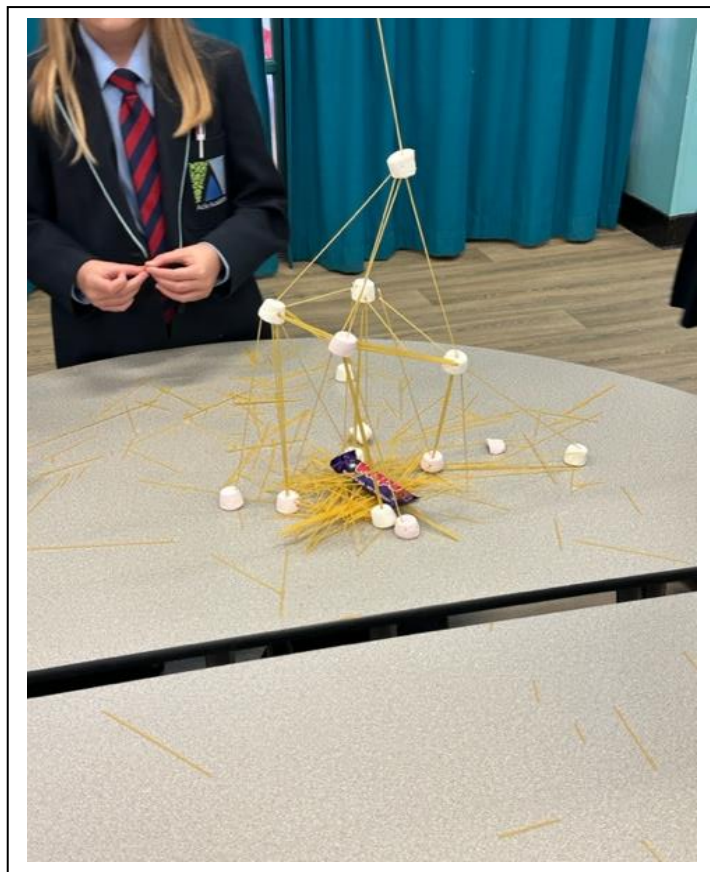
Miss Evans - Head of Faculty for Humanities



## Year 7 Junior Prefects

On Friday 3rd November, Mr Sayce led a Year 7 Junior Prefect training day with 47 Year 7 pupils who applied for the role. We were overwhelmed by how many pupils wanted to contribute as prefects as well as the quality of the applications. The pupils took part in a variety of team building exercises including a memory challenge, a creative building project (making a tower which could support a chocolate bar out of spaghetti and marshmallows) as well as group interviews. Assisting the event Mr Sayce enlisted the help of 12 of our prefects from Year 10. They also represented our student leaders fantastically and supported the Year 7s and gave some excellent feedback on their teamwork, contributions and effort put into the tasks. Overall, it was very challenging to only select a small group of these pupils to be junior prefects this year. We are very proud of all students who put their names forward for this opportunity. We encourage pupils who weren't selected this time to put themselves forward for other leadership opportunities as we saw a lot of positives from all of our applicants. A full list of our new Year 7 Junior Prefects is below;

Harrison Banham  
Jacob Whiting-Brown  
Finley Barnes  
Eden Van Vuuren  
Enzo Barratt  
Maddy Mack  
Aydin Nekrews  
Betsy Simonds  
Charlie Burrows  
Ava Yaxley  
Lilah Searby  
Jonas Kaba  
Maya Forde-Pogson  
Lewis King  
Jack Coghill  
George Bray  
Alfie Proctor  
Amber Dixon  
Charlotte Barnes  
James Singh  
Florence Housego-Watts  
Charlotte Yassin  
Deliah Hampshire-Smith  
George Meldrum



## Service Area Day – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November

Last week, we all enjoyed a fantastic day when we held our first Service Area Drop-Down Day of the year. This was a very successful event with a range of activities and experiences on offer.

## Enrichment

Our Year 7 students enjoyed 30-minute sessions involving a range of activities including ghost audio, sign language, cinematography, planes, straw towers and netball. These sessions ran as in-house competitions with Pride points for the first, second and third places. The results are yet to be counted.

Year 11 students enjoyed an afternoon bowling before their PPE (mock) exams which start on the 27<sup>th</sup> November. It was fantastic to see so many students enjoying themselves and putting some impressive scores on the board.



**Team 17**

Fr.24	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Tot.
Alfree	-	-	-	7	7	1	7	-	-	-	27
Oli G	-	9	0	5	7	15	23	22	X	-	33
Jimmy	1	7	8	2	11	16	4	23	6	39	28
Geaney	10	10	12	13	18	18	28				38
<b>Team 17</b>											<b>306 306</b>

**Team 18**

Fr.26	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Tot.
Ben	-	-	3	9	1	8	9	8	1	1	49
Charlie	1	8	8	6	1	4	7	7	7	-	52
Freddie	7	3	3	8	7	1	8	8	8	-	59
Joe	9	17	26	36	39	46	55	-	-	-	55
Alfie	0	1	8	16	19	21	31	-	-	-	31
Fin	6	3	6	4	2	1	8	1	8	-	39
<b>Team 18</b>											<b>369 369</b>





## Charity

The focus for the Charity service area this year was Remembrance Day, which gave us the perfect opportunity to mark this important day with a number of informative craft activities. The pupils made sun catchers, poppy cards, origami, badges and felt poppies. Our felt poppies have created a group art installation, which is now on display in the school reception.

A very big thank you to all the staff and students for being so great and working so hard on this great day! We all had a super day being creative and making lots of poppies.



## Study Support

The purpose of our Study Support drop down day this term was to remind our hardworking students what their achievements could potentially lead to when they leave Acle Academy to start their college education in preparation for the world of work.

In the morning, our Year 11 pupils met professionals from industries including veterinary care, nursing, midwifery, journalism, PR, fashion, finance, insurance and policing. Students reported that hearing about the wide range of pathways into these careers left them feeling excited, inspired and ready to commit to the challenging months ahead as they prepare to sit GCSE exams.

In the afternoon, our Year 10 students focused on developing their presentation skills, including body language and application form techniques, culminating in mock interviews with business representatives. One professional was so impressed with how an Acle Academy student conducted herself during their mock interview, that she was offered (and very happily accepted) a coveted work experience placement in the fashion industry on the spot!

We are extremely grateful to Yarmouth Oilskins, Green Balance Veterinary Clinic, Alan Boswell Group, James Paget University Hospital and Norfolk Constabulary for supporting this event.





## Community

The Community service area gave back to both the school and the community in Acle. They embraced their creative skills to help the science faculty with display boards, and to create cards and murals for the school site too. A small group went to help at Acle Primary School, helped in the school garden and students also made biscuits and visited a local care home to hand out the treats!



## DICE

Ignition Dance Company came to Acle Academy to teach Afrobeats and Dancehall dance workshops with Year 8 and 9. Students had the opportunity to learn more about the history of Afrobeats and dancehall music. As well as the dance workshops, students explored the underground music scene and its ability to unite people from a range of different backgrounds through a shared love of music and a sense of community.





## Wellbeing

Year 9 students had a fantastic afternoon with the wellbeing service area. They all took part in four different activities which they rotated around. Students made a Haka routine and performed it to each other, they played games, made friendship bracelets, painted a canvas and also enjoyed choir singing. It was such a fun afternoon for both the students and the staff.



[More photos from the Service Area Drop-down day can be found here](#)

## Wellbeing and Mental Health event

Thank you to parents who attended our Wellbeing and mental health event on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November. Parents who were unable to attend may be interested in the Wellbeing and Mental Health section on our website which can be found via the link below.

<https://www.wensumtrust.org.uk/acleacademy/students/mental-health-and-wellbeing>

The slides from the Parent Wellbeing Workshop from yesterday can also be found via the link below.

[https://www.wensumtrust.org.uk/\\_site/data/files/users/75/files/7CA25DBD8CECB3D8C030CA32076AFC8D.pdf](https://www.wensumtrust.org.uk/_site/data/files/users/75/files/7CA25DBD8CECB3D8C030CA32076AFC8D.pdf)



## Google classroom and home learning expectations

From chatting with students we have noticed that some students have not been accessing their google classroom with the frequency we would expect, especially at Key Stage 4. Google classrooms are created to help support learning at home. All lesson materials and support help sheets are stored in the Google classroom. We would like students to develop the habit of spending a little time each night reviewing their learning and topics studied from checking through their google classroom. We know that some teenagers see home learning as a chore to complete and will often rush through their learning to complete a task. We would like to encourage all students to spend an extra 10 minutes per day reviewing their learning through their google classrooms. Returning to learning helps embed knowledge and understanding in the long term memory.



## Shrek the Musical JR.

The drama department is pleased to announce that this academic year's school production of Shrek JR will go live on 13th, 14th and 15th December, from 7.30pm. The students have worked extremely hard on the production, and have been leading workshops, rehearsals and designing props and set throughout the process - a real student-led project! We can't wait to show you the talented performers Acle Academy has and hope to see you there at the show.

The Eventbrite logo, which consists of the word 'eventbrite' in a white, lowercase, sans-serif font, centered within a solid red square.

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Tickets are only on sale via

### Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/753749062737?aff=oddtcreator>

### Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/756174808207?aff=oddtcreator>

### Friday 15<sup>th</sup>

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/756176483217?aff=oddtcreator>



## Year 7 Engagement Evening

On Thursday 2nd November we held our first ever Year 7 Engagement evening which was focused on embedding positive learning habits and skills which will serve Year 7 students well moving through KS3 and into their GCSE years. It was a great opportunity for parents to attend with their child and learn about how we are implementing our PRIDE framework of learning and how Teaching and Learning is delivered at Acle Academy. We were really happy with the turnout and engagement from the wider community and we thank parents/carers for your positive contributions to a lovely evening. We ran sessions on developing effective study habits and routines (Mr Sayce), online learning tools (Miss Fray), Memory (Mr Newstead), The Brain and Reading for Pleasure (Mr Carrier) and Careers/skills and the language of learning (Mrs Skarin). All of the presentations and resources from the evening are available on the website if you wish to review any of this material. Please do get in touch if you want to find out more about our Teaching and Learning philosophy and methods.





## Y11 PPE Information

**Please follow the link below to the Year 11 PPE (Pre-Public Examinations) Timetable November – December 2023**

[Year 11 PPE Timetable Nov-Dec 2023](#)



## Trident Revision Competition

We have launched our Year 10 and Year 11 Trident Revision Competition and all students are encouraged to proactively engage with this. It covers all 3 strands of effective revision. 1- Creation of revision resources 2- GCSEPod and 3- Past papers. Get revising and your teachers will record what you've completed.



## Safe Parking

Please may we remind parents **not** to park on the single yellow lines outside the school during drop off and pick up times, come into the school grounds during these busy times or park in the school 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.



## Uniform

Please could we remind all parents/carers to label uniform, we are experiencing high levels of lost property, especially ties.



# 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](http://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.

There is also a cost of living hub provided by the government which contains useful information. This can be found at [www.gov.uk/cost-of-living](http://www.gov.uk/cost-of-living).

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**['Help with living costs' link to more information](#)**

## **We are recruiting!**

We currently have the following vacancies in our team:

- Head of Character & Culture
- 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](#)



## **PTA Raffle**

Christmas festivities will soon be here and one new tradition the Acle Academy PTA holds is the annual Christmas Raffle.

Supporting the PTA Christmas Raffle is crucial for several reasons. It directly contributes to funding various educational initiatives, both inside and out of the classroom as well as supporting extracurricular activities. These contributions help create an enriched learning environment that fosters growth, creativity, and a sense of belonging for all our students.

We have a fantastic hamper and other prizes up for grabs and it's a wonderful way to celebrate the spirit of giving while supporting a cause that directly benefits our school.

Recently the APTA has funded two laptops and a proportion of the funds raised from the raffle will help subsidise some of the wonderful experiences for the year 11s when concluding their time at Acle Academy.

Fran Kemp  
APTA Chair





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)



### **Please remember to check ClassCharts**

ClassCharts is our main form of communication to keep up to date with daily progress, updates and messages. ClassCharts is used to communicate pride 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 a child's timetable via ClassCharts.

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Weds 13th



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Thurs 14th

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Fri 15th

 DREAMWORKS  
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# SHREK

The  
MUSICAL JR.

Wednesday 13th, Thursday 14th  
and Friday 15th December 7.30pm  
Scan the QR Codes to book

Director : George Frost    Choreographer : Shakira Nichols  
Music Director : Anna Gilbert    Stage Manager : Vicki Mackie  
Technical Lead : Tom Southerden

Based on the DreamWorks Animation Motion Picture and the Book by William Steig  
Book and Lyrics by David Lindsay-Abaire    Music by Jeanine Tesori  
Originally produced on Broadway by DreamWorks Theatricals and Neal Street Productions  
Original Production Directed by Jason Moore and Rob Ashford    "I'm A Believer" by Neil Diamond

Shrek the Musical JR. is presented through special arrangement  
with and all authorized materials are supplied by Music Theatre International,  
421 West 54th Street, New York, NY 10019

**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

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November – Year 10  
Parents' Evening – 4.30-7.30pm

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> &  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December - School  
Production – 7.30-8.30pm

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December – School  
closes for the Christmas Break @ 1pm  
– All transport home will operate at  
this time.

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January – All students  
return to school (Week 1 Timetable)



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

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