

12 January 2024

MESSAGE FROM..... MR EARL, PRINCIPAL



Secure Site Update

As mentioned in last week's Bulletin, contractors have been on site installing fencing at the front of the school. I am now pleased to inform you that the works have completed and our school is now a fully secure site.

Due to this change, we have removed some of our "one way" systems around school to help students move around easily and safely.

We understand that with this change, students will need to find new routes to their classrooms, which may start with a slight lateness to lessons, which we will take into consideration on an individual basis.

However, we will still be challenging students who are persistently late.

Message from Miss Mason, Assistant Principal



During lessons over the past half term, teachers have been encouraging students to develop their inquisitive habits by asking challenging questions.

Questions are really useful in working out what students know and understand; but challenging and engaging questions can encourage students to explore ideas and concepts too.



Challenging questions can motivate and engage students with their learning. They can help teachers to draw attention to key points and they can encourage discussion and collaboration. When students think and formulate their answers, it promotes creative and critical thinking. Questioning helps students to activate prior knowledge and learning and encourages them to apply their learning to new situations and scenarios.

In lessons, teachers encourage all students to participate and respond to questions. Teachers allow for thinking time so students can form and express their opinions. A range of different questioning techniques are used to suit different learners' needs. During the last term, I have seen excellent examples of questioning and student response in lessons across the different subjects. I have also seen students asking important and relevant questions themselves, further developing their own skills of inquiry.

THEME OF THE WEEK for week commencing 15 January

"Would you feel comfortable having a conversation about your mental health?"

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **15 January** – 1st Rehearsal 6th Form Drama Students, 3.00pm – 5.00pm
- **18 January** – Year 10 Parents' Evening – 4.00pm – 7.00pm
- **19 January** – 2nd Rehearsal 6th Form Drama Students, 1.15pm – 3.45pm



NEWS FROM OUR SIXTH FORM

Y12 HCP

Last Term our Y12s took part in the Hellesdon Community Project (HCP) which is a joint venture between Hellesdon Sixth Form (HSF) and Norwich City Community Sports Foundation (CSF).

The Project consisted of three phases:

1. Leadership Phase

A day at an adventure training area learning new skills and developing teamwork and leadership skills.

2. Learning & Planning Phase

Time to learn about community action and plan a project to enhance our local community.

3. Charity Phase

Running an event(s) planning to develop awareness of the work of charities in our community and raise money to support them. These events could also be part of the Sixth Form programme to support our school community.

The final phase took place on 18 and 19 December with students involved in various events, from bake sales, gunge the teacher, to a coffee morning organised at Hellesdon Village Hall and many more. They managed to raise over £1300 for local charities as well as reach out to a number of local organisations. A huge well done to all the students and staff involved in the Hellesdon Community Project.



Sixth Form Applicant Interviews

We have had a really positive start to the Y11 Sixth Form Interviews this week, thank you to all those students who arrived promptly to their allocated times/dates. To all the students who have applied to Sixth Form, please be reassured you will receive an Interview invite over the next couple of weeks; We are allocating these weekly. If you have any questions, please email the Sixth Form Team sixthform@hellesdon.net

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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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