

## Newsletter – 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024

### PACT Animal Sanctuary Visit

On Friday 19th April Mrs Swain and Miss Frary took 8 students to PACT animal sanctuary for some animal therapy sessions.

We spent some of our time with a lovely therapy dog called Dill and we also got to have a grooming session with a pony, along with seeing many other animals at the centre.

PACT is currently piloting animal therapy sessions for schools and we were very happy to volunteer and participate! We hope to be able to work with PACT in the future so these trips can continue.



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## Reminder - Skirts and Trousers

We have been reminding students of the importance of wearing skirts at an appropriate length and would like to thank parents for your support with this. If your daughter chooses or is asked to wear trousers, please ensure that the trousers are navy and a tailored style. Trousers which are skin tight or resemble leggings will not be appropriate for school. If you are unsure, please check with your child's Head of Year before purchasing.

## Year 10 Product Design

Students have completed their final design and made a project with the creation of these fantastic mirrors. Students have developed their CAD (Computer Aided Design) skills by using 2D Design and Google Sketch Up in preparation for the Year 11 contexts. The photographs were taken just before their final lesson which was during the last day of term. Students will be able to add any finishing touches.

Please follow the link below to our Gallery.

[Product Design - Year 10 Mirrors](#)

## Art

Year 10 GCSE Art have been studying our new project 'Natural Forms.' As part of this project we have been looking at the famous sculptor Barbara Hepworth. The group were using their sculpting skills to carve into blocks of soap. They firstly began sketching out their ideas and then began to carve into the material using a wide range of tools. We then took our sculptures outside to photograph them in the landscape. Great work everyone!





Last week, we hosted a Primary School Sports Hall Challenge for 5 of the local schools. Our Year 10 leaders were an absolute credit to the school and received high praise from the visiting staff.

Well done to:

Grace B

Charlie F

Melissa P

Joyce P

Bella R

Zech R

Daisy S

Saksha S

Sayaki S

Millie S

Madeleine S

Caleb U

Jamie W

This week, we collaborated with Norwich Canoe Club and one of their members of staff came into school to lead assemblies. She also brought in some paddle machines for students to try so we ran a 30m sprint competition for each year group (years 7-10). It was great fun and the winners received a voucher for a free one hour kayak session.

Congratulations to:

Year 7 - Jayden B

Year 8 - Olivia D

Year 9 - Bailey L

Year 10 - Reuben M

## Year 11 English & Maths Revision Conferences

A selection of Year 11 students attended our first Wensum Trust English and Maths revision conferences this week. Learning alongside students from Alderman Peel and Hellesdon High School, our students gained valuable tips and advice to help prepare for their GCSE English and Maths exams.



## Year 10 GCSE Textiles

Last term the Year 10 Textiles students worked incredibly hard on designing and making their own hoodies. Students learnt how to use and adapt a commercial pattern, constructed the hoodies using the sewing machine and overlocker and used a variety of different decorative techniques. Superb outcomes from them all!



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## Charity - Thank you!

**We have raised £285 for Marie Curie which is the equivalent of over 12 hours of specialist nursing care ♥ and nearly £500 for Myeloma UK.**

## Service Area Day – 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024

On 13<sup>th</sup> March we held our second Service Area Activity Day of the year. Please follow the link below to our website for a full report and gallery of pictures.

[Service Area Day 13th March 2024](#)

The latest Rewards & Achievements News can be found [Here](#)





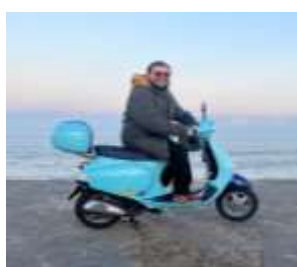
## Distinguished Gentleman's Ride

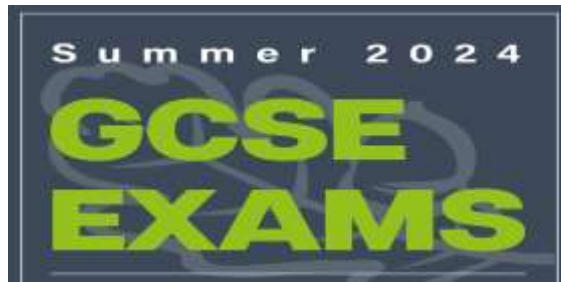
I am participating in the Distinguished Gentleman's Ride this year in aid of Men's Mental Health and Prostate Cancer Research, alongside my Father. This is a large event on the 19<sup>th</sup> May in which motorcyclists dress in their finest attire and ride out from Norwich to Holt (and back). My father and I have always been passionate about scooters and have worked on them together for many years, and we are aiming to complete it with me on my Vespa ET4 (22 years old) and his Honda C90 (40 years old), which will be the longest journey either of us have tried on these particular scooters (neither of which are especially fast, comfortable or reliable, but are definitely good fun), and we'll be riding alongside 200 other motorcycles, many of which will be significantly faster and more powerful.

The Distinguished Gentleman's Ride was founded in Sydney, Australia, by Mark Hawwa. It was inspired by a photo of TV Show *Mad Men's* Don Draper astride a classic motorcycle and wearing his finest suit. Mark decided a themed ride would be a great way of connecting niche motorcycle enthusiasts and communities while raising funds to support the men in our lives. Movember has been the official charity partner of The Distinguished Gentleman's Ride since 2016. Both organisations share a simple goal: to bring people together and change the face of men's health. Funds raised by The Distinguished Gentleman's Ride help to power Movember's work across two of the most complex issues facing men around the globe: prostate cancer and mental health. Both men's mental health and prostate cancer are causes very close to my heart as I know and am close to many people directly affected by these.

If you're able to donate, or to share the page to spread awareness, I would be very grateful. You would be supporting a fantastic cause and enable the charities to carry on completing the fantastic work that they do on a daily basis, and in case you're travelling to North Norfolk, watch out for slow traffic towards Holt on the 19<sup>th</sup> May.

The link to donate is here: <https://gfolk.me/IsaacKennedy572666>





Please see the link below to view the timetable

[GCSE 2024 Summer Exams Timetable](#)



## Positively You

Positively You visited us on 16<sup>th</sup> April and Alan's session with our Year 7 students was transformative. Through his engaging workshop, which focused on fostering academic resilience, he help to empower our young learners with invaluable tools to navigate challenges and setbacks with confidence and perseverance. The interactive session not only equipped students with essential skills but also instilled a resilient mind-set that will serve them well beyond the classroom.



## 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.

## We are recruiting!

We currently have the following vacancies in our team:

- Examination Invigilator
- Lead Examination Invigilator



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](#)



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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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

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday – school closed

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May – school closes for half term @ 3.30pm

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – school opens after half term – (Week 1 timetable)

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June – Year 11 Leavers Assembly 1.30-3.30pm (students only)

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July – Year 11 Prom @ Dunston Hall - Arrivals from 6.30pm

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July – Information Evening for parents and year 6 students who are joining us in September 2024

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July – 1pm early finish for Summer Holidays**



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

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