

Newsletter – 16th July 2024

We have reached the end of the academic year and as a school community we have much to celebrate. There have been some wonderful achievements and personal successes throughout the year. Students have worked incredibly hard and we are very proud of them. We hope that everyone has a well-deserved summer break and that you all enjoy time relaxing and building happy memories with your family.



Year 11 Prom 2024

On Monday 1st July at Dunston Hall, we had an incredible time celebrating our Year 11 students at their prom. It was a night filled with laughter, dancing and happy memories.

A huge thank you to everyone who helped make this evening so special, including our dedicated staff, amazing students and supportive parents.

Congratulations to all our Year 11 students - we are so proud of you and can't wait to see what the future holds!



[Follow this link to a gallery of pictures](#)

A USB stick of official photographs will be handed to students
on Results Day - Thursday 22nd August.

Doors open from 8.30am until midday (12 noon)

A graphic with the text 'GCSE RESULTS DAY' in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. The text is arranged in three lines: 'GCSE' on the top line, 'RESULTS' on the middle line, and 'DAY' on the bottom line. The background is a bright orange color with a pattern of lighter orange squares, resembling a brick wall.

GCSE RESULTS DAY

Thursday 22nd August 2024 - GCSE Results Day

We very much look forward to inviting Year 11 back to Acle Academy on Thursday 22nd August to collect their GCSE results. We would love to celebrate their hard-work and we encourage as many Year 11s as possible to come into school to pick up their results in person.

We will be arranging to provide them with a results day breakfast and staff will also come into school to wish all pupils good luck and help them with this process. Equally, the Senior Leadership Team will be on hand to speak to pupils about any queries they might have about their results or potential post-16 next steps.

We will be **opening at 8:30am** on Thursday and pupils can arrive from this time onwards to collect their results, have a special breakfast and mingle and celebrate with their friends. Prom USB sticks will be available for collection also.

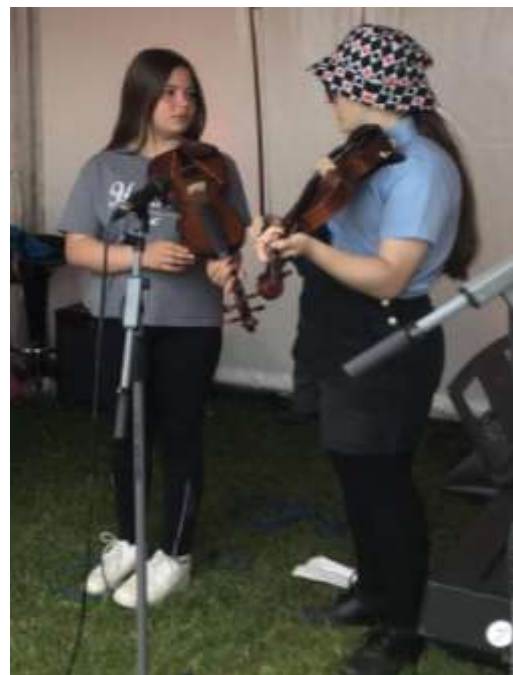
If someone else (parent/carer/relative) is coming to collect the results for a Year 11 student then the student must send a signed note to the office before Thursday, 22nd August. The results are addressed to the individual students and cannot be passed by us to anyone else, even a parent, without the permission of the Year 11 student. Results cannot be given out over the telephone, either. Please mark any envelopes sent to the office as 'Results Day' so we can easily pick it out from the summer holiday post.

Any results not collected by midday on the day will be posted by 1st Class post that night to the last address we have on record. If you have moved or are moving, please make sure we have the correct address.

Royal Norfolk Show

Year 8 had a wonderful day exploring the showground in the sunshine on day one. On day two our talented music students captivated the audience at the Royal Norfolk Show, performing on the acoustic and New Noise stages. This was an incredible opportunity to meet like-minded people and professionals from the music industry. For some, it was their first public performance but all of our students delivered great music and demonstrated courage, a crucial quality when performing live. One of the big successes was an invitation to an open mic event as well as the audience asking for an additional song to be played.

A huge thank you to Norfolk Music Hub for creating this fantastic opportunity for our students.



Pride Picnic

Each year in June, the UK marks Pride month, which is both a celebration of everyone's individuality and a protest about the inequalities that still exist for the LGBTQ+ community.

Acle Academy is a school that welcomes everyone and Pride Month is one way we celebrate our diversity and uniqueness. So, this year we held a non-school uniform day on Friday 28th June, where students donated £1 each to wear their best colourful outfits to school that day. Thank you to students, parents and carers for your support. If you would still like to donate, you can do so via Scopay.

Proceeds will be split between LGBTQ+ rights charity Stonewall and the Diversity, Inclusion, Community and Equality (DICE) service area at Acle Academy.

We also held a pride picnic on the school field and welcomed the Norfolk LGBT+ Project, who were selling flags, stickers and more. It was lovely to see so many students joining in.

If you want to know more about LGBTQ+ rights across the globe and the important work of Stonewall, please visit this link: <https://www.stonewall.org.uk/>



SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Uniform donations

We are always grateful to receive uniform donations. If your child has outgrown any uniform and you would like to donate it to the school, please could you pass any items to the school office. Equally if you would like to sell or buy any pre loved uniform you can do this via our PTA Facebook pre loved uniform shop.



LOWESTOFT
SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

East Coast College and Lowestoft Sixth Form are running a Holiday Club in August. All sessions are free and are aimed at students in years 9 and 10 currently.

Link to book places is below

<https://www.eastcoast.ac.uk/holiday-club/>

Young Diamond Award – Royal Norfolk Show

We are so proud of Zachary in Year 8 who was nominated for a Young Diamond award at the Norfolk Show last week for his volunteering as a St. John Ambulance cadet. He enjoys helping others, volunteering to do first aid at events and teaching emergency first aid to members of the public. In May, he even helped teach CPR to the Lord Mayor and Sheriff of Norwich!

Congratulations and Well Done Zach!



Awards Ceremonies

Yesterday was a day of pride and celebration at Acle Academy. We had a fantastic afternoon recognising the hard work and achievements of our Year 9 and Year 10 students. In the evening, it was our Year 7 and Year 8 students' turn to shine. We were thrilled to acknowledge their dedication and accomplishments.

A huge congratulations to all our award nominees and winners – your hard work and commitment are truly inspiring. Keep up the great work! Thank you to all the teachers, staff, and parents for your continued support. Together, we make Acle Academy a place where students can thrive and succeed.



Head Students

We are thrilled to announce that the standard of applications for Head Student this year was incredibly high. The exceptional presentations and impressive ideas, creativity, and leadership skills demonstrated by all applicants made it an extremely tough decision for our Senior Leadership Team and governors.

We are immensely proud of every student who applied. Your efforts have truly showcased the talent and dedication within our Acle community.

Congratulations to our new Head Students: Daisy S, Sayaki and Freya G! They will be supported by our Deputy Head Students: Melissa, Millie S and Kia. Each Service Area will also have their own Deputy Head of Service Area and we are very proud of Ella, Charlotte E, Tommy, Matilda, Genevieve, Lexi and Reuben on being awarded these roles.

Well done to everyone, and we look forward to seeing the amazing plans you have for our school in the coming academic year!



Sailing

Thanks to Hunter's Yard and the Ranworth Trust, we were able to offer a residential sailing experience to some of our year 8 students last week. The students had previously completed their RYA level 1 at Easton Whelpton over the last half term so were able to further practice their skills. The students were a credit to the school and our staff were very proud of them.

Michaela L wrote the following about the trip:

"It was fun and I learnt a lot for this experience. We practiced putting the sails up and taking it back down. The staff there were really kind and looked after us. I enjoyed sailing to and from places in different weather. Neville one of the main staff was helpful and said information that was useful and interesting for sailing a boat. Overall it was a lovely opportunity to go and sail I would definitely go again. Thank you to the people at sailing and at school who made this happen".

Sports Day

We had our annual sports day on Friday which was a closely fought competition between the houses. We had activities on offer from 100m sprint to tug of war so that all students could find an event that they enjoyed. Students displayed determination and perseverance and continued to smile despite the gradual deterioration of the weather throughout the day which put the presentation on hold until Monday. After a tense wait during the presentation of individual medals, we reached the announcement of house champions. It was extremely close with the year 7 and year 9 trophies being won by Ant and the year 8 and year 10 trophies taken by Thurne; however, Ant reigned victorious overall and the trophy was collected by some of our newly appointed senior prefects. Congratulations!



Heads of Year Structure for 2024 – 2025

Next Academic Year our Heads of Year will stay with their cohort with the exception of Mrs Kinnarney who remains our sitting Head of Year 7 and transition lead. Ms John will move from Year 11 to Year 8 and will start working with our current Year 7s over the next few weeks.

Year 7 - Mrs Kinnarney - skinnarney@acle.norfolk.sch.uk

Year 8 - Ms John - john@acle.norfolk.sch.uk

Year 9 - Miss Nichols - snichols@acle.norfolk.sch.uk

Year 10 - Miss Jarvis - kjarvis@acle.norfolk.sch.uk

Year 11 - Mrs Perkins - cperkins@acle.norfolk.sch.uk

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



Reminders

Sponsored Walk is on Wednesday 17th July and is a non-**uniform day, don't forget packed lunches, water** and sunscreen. Money for an Ice-cream stop optional.

Activities Day is on Thursday 18th July and is non-**uniform day, don't forget packed lunches, water and** sunscreen. Students should sign up for the late bus in the morning before they leave site if they need to use it 4.30pm.

Last Day of term is on Friday 19th July and is a non-**uniform day, there will be a 'Grab and Go' lunch** service and school finishes at 1pm, after registration all buses and taxis will run at this earlier time. The First Bus 905 service is being replaced for the afternoon journey and will service all usual stops.



**Big Norfolk Holiday Fun will be back in the summer holidays!
Activities will take place between 22nd July – 3rd September 2024.**

Book via this link <https://everymovenorfolk.activityfinder.net/>

Big Norfolk Holiday Fun (BNHF) activity programme is run in partnership with Norfolk County Council, thanks to four years of funding provided by the Department of Education. It provides holiday activities for children and young people aged 4 -16 in Norfolk.

These activities include multi-sports, dance, theatre, arts and crafts, and much more!

Children eligible for benefits-related free school meals can claim free spaces on the activities, whilst paid spots are available on many activities for those who don't. [Find out more about this in our FAQ section.](#)



Safe Parking

Please can we remind all parents not to park directly outside the school in the parking bays at the end of the school day as these bays are reserved for the buses that need to access school. Additionally, please do not park on the double yellow lines on South Walsham Road as this obstructs vision when children are crossing the road. If you need to collect your child from school, please park in the large car park behind the Methodist church which is only a short walk from the school.



STEVENSONS

Summer Shopping.

Your uniform is supplied through our Norwich Branch

ADDRESS:

Stevenson's, 67 Bar Street,
Norwich, NR1 3AD

CONTACT:

norwichbranch@stevensonsonline.co.uk

Please note we are a cashless branch.

OPENING HOURS:

From 15th July to 18th August, our branch will be open exclusively for pre-booked appointments Monday to Friday.

We will be open for walk in customers on Saturdays, and from 19th August to 1st September, we'll be open Monday to Sunday. For more information about our extended opening hours, please visit our website.

Online

Shopping online at www.stevensonsonline.co.uk is easy!

You can select home delivery or opt for convenient Click & Collect from your local store.

Our in-stock items are typically dispatched within 48 hours. Plus, with our 365-day return policy, you can shop with confidence knowing that returns are hassle-free.

In Store

For in-store shopping, new starters are encouraged to book an appointment for personalised guidance on sizing and required uniform items. Appointments can easily be booked via our website.


Existing pupils have the option to book an appointment if desired, although we suggest visiting us on Saturdays and during our walk-in weeks for any top-up items, pre-booking appointments isn't necessary during walk-ins.

Your Future.



Eastwood
Whelpton

Sailing Summer Camp



29, 30, 31 July
19, 20, 21 Aug

10:00 - 16:00
£55 a day
£150 for 3 days

Year 7 to 11
Bring a packed lunch



Norfolk
County Council

Penalty Notice Fines for School Attendance are changing!



With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued **after 19th August 2024**.

Per Parent, Per Child

Penalty Notice Fines are issued to each parent, for each child that was absent. For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

National Threshold

There will be a single consistent national threshold for when a penalty notice must be considered by all schools in England of 10 sessions (usually equivalent to 5 school days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10 school week period. These sessions do not have to be consecutive and can be made up of a combination of any type of unauthorised absence. The 10-school week period can span different terms or school years.

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised absence the amount will be:

- £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.
- Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

Second Offence (within 3 years)

- The Second time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised absence the amount will be:
- £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.

Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)

- The third time an offence is committed a Penalty Notice will not be issued and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrate's Court. Prosecution can result in criminal records and fines of up to £2,500.
- Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on the parent's future DBS certificate due to 'failure to safeguard a child's education'.



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



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.

Scan the QR code to visit our website and follow us on Facebook and Instagram





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

Wednesday 17th July - Sponsored Walk

Thursday 18th July - Activities Day

Friday 19th July – 1pm early finish for Summer Holidays

Wednesday 4th September – Year 7 and Year 11 return only

Thursday 5th September – all other year groups return



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

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