



6th September 2024

Re: Start of Year Update – September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Summer

The Year 11 results for Class of 2024 exceeded our targets and we saw an improvement in every performance measure for the school. This is a great outcome for the hard work of these students and you can see pictures and more details on our school Facebook page - [here](#).

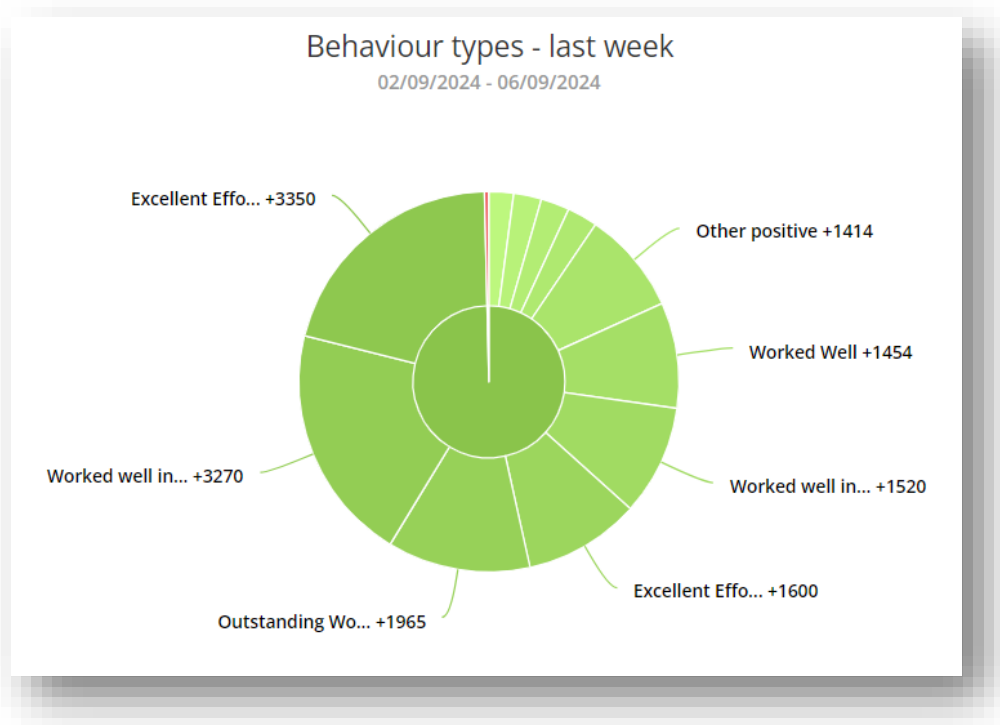
Our staff team also won the Wells Carnival Raft Race and there are some equally brilliant photos of this on the school Facebook page.

We also saw the safe return of our French/Spanish Overseas Residential Trip, as well as our Tall Ships sailing adventure to Finland. We are very grateful to the staff who gave their time to make these happen and for the exceptional behaviour and attitudes of the students.

Students

We would like to congratulate all students on the way that they have returned to start the new academic year, especially our new Year 7 cohort who have been fantastic in their first few days with us properly.

The feeling around school has been exceptional and can be seen in the achievement points that have already been given out by staff (and the tiny portion of negative points) as a result:



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We have introduced a new detention system, to deter students from being late to school and/or exhibit behaviour which results in them being removed from a lesson.

In the event that a student is late to school or is removed from a lesson, they will be given an automatic 15 minute lunchtime detention. If they attend this, then the matter is closed. However, if they do not attend then this is upscaled to a 30 minute lunchtime detention the next day.

If students still fail to attend the 30 minute lunchtime detention, then this is upscaled to a 60 minute detention with the leadership team after school on a Friday. Failure to attend this would result in half a day or full day isolation in the pastoral department.

We thank parents for their support with this new system and hope that it will help enable students to make good choices at a very early stage.

September Information Events

Early next week, you will receive an invitation to a Year Group Information Event on the following dates:

- Year 11 - Monday 16th September: 16:30 – 17:30
- Year 7 – Tuesday 17th September: 16:30 – 18:30 (to include the Residential Weekend information)
- Year 10 – Wednesday 18th September: 16:30 – 17:30
- Year 9 – Thursday 19th September: 16:30 – 17:30
- Year 8 – Friday 20th September: 16:30 – 17:30

These events will give you the opportunity to meet your child's form tutor as well as receive crucial information about key dates for the year ahead, as well as information about school systems and policies.

Staffing

I wanted to take the opportunity to update you on some key staffing information for the start of term:

- Mr Warden (Teacher of PE) has joined us for the start of this year in place of Mr Walpole who left at the end of last term. Mr Warden has already had lots of involvement with APHS PE and Sport as an undergraduate and postgraduate so we are delighted to welcome him to the APHS team officially.
- As per previous communications, Mr Brett has started in the role of SENDCo as part of his wider remit as Assistant Principal in charge of Inclusion and SEND. If you wish to contact school regarding SEND matters, then please do so using senco@aldermanpeel.norfolk.sch.uk.
- Mrs Thornton (Teacher of History) remains off work due to long-term illness as shared last term. Mrs Hagag (Teacher of History) has assumed a full-time teaching role in order to cover her absence and provide much needed stability and consistency for students. We continue to wish Mrs Thornton all the best.

Site

The Site Team and Network Teams have worked tirelessly throughout the summer to improve the school site. This includes:

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- Refurbishment of Reception office
- Refurbishment of school corridors
- Refurbishment of stairs up to English and Maths classrooms, including sky lights.
- New roof installed on the English/Maths/Science block
- Installation of new lockers
- Improvements to CCTV
- Improvements to the computer network
- Upgrades to computer hardware and photocopiers/printers

We have also embarked on a new cleaning contract with a new company, which has already elevated the standard of cleaning our fantastic cleaning team are able to do across the school site.

School Day

Part of the Day	Old times	New times (2024/25)	Notes
Registration	08:40 – 09:00	08:35 – 09:00	Additional 5 minutes for tutor/assemblies
Period 1	09:00 – 09:55	09:00 – 09:55	Remains the same
Period 2	09:55 – 10:50	09:55 – 10:50	Remains the same
Break	10:50 – 11:10	10:50 – 11:10	Remains the same (20 minutes)
Period 3	11:10 – 12:05	11:10 – 12:05	Remains the same
Lunch	12:05 – 12:55	12:05 – 12:55	Remains the same (for clubs/activities)
Reading Time	12:55 – 13:10	12:55 – 13:15	Additional 5 minutes for Reading
Period 4	13:10 – 14:05	13:15 – 14:10	Same length (5 minutes later)
Period 5	14:05 – 15:00	14:10 – 15:05	Same length (5 minutes later)

In case you missed it, a letter was sent with this and bus timetable information, which can be found [here](#).

School Term Dates

Our full term dates for 2024/25 can be found on the APHS Website, here: [APHS Term Dates 2024/25](#)

School Uniform

While almost all students have returned with the correct uniform and appearance, there have been some conversations regarding shoes, skirts and nose piercings.

Please take the time to re-familiarise yourself with our school uniform and appearance expectations. These can be found on the APHS website, here: [APHS Uniform and Appearance Expectations](#).

More detail can also be found in this letter which has previously been sent, here: [APHS Uniform Letter](#)

Uniform can be purchased via Birds of Dereham on their website, here: [Birds of Dereham](#)

Mr M Hardman
Principal

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