



Principal's Reflection



What a super couple of terms we have had, particularly towards the end of the Summer. We would like to thank our students and staff for all the hard work, commitment and enthusiasm to our school community, thank you also to our parents/carers for your continued support. There have been fantastic trips and events in school and these have provided much enjoyment to our students and staff alike, so a big thank you to the staff that have organised the trips/events as it takes a good deal of time and a tremendous amount of work to ensure they run smoothly. It was also brilliant to welcome Y6 students for our Transition Days and we look forward to them starting with us in September in Year 7.

At the beginning of January we successfully launched our new in class Behaviour System, and this has gone from strength to strength. On a recent external monitoring visit by two former HMI Inspectors, they commented on how calm, well behaved and polite our students were. This is a real credit to all students, staff and parents/carers for supporting this new initiative .

Year 11 and Y13 students worked incredibly hard in preparation for their final exams this Summer, and we very much look forward to celebrating with them back in school on the result days:

A-Level - 15 August 2024 –8.30am

GCSE - 22 August 2024— 8.30am

CAMPS INTERNATIONAL

We'll start with the Camps International Trekkers who are travelling to Peru for a once in a lifetime experience supporting Peruvian communities. Here are our intrepid explorers just before they left for Heathrow...

We hope the student's involved have a fantastic 4- week trek and we'd like to thank Mr Valente and Miss Escudero who are accompanying them!



Reward Mornings

We also hosted our inaugural Year 7-11 Reward Mornings last week when we welcomed a number of parents and carers into school whose children had won an end of year award. The events were a wonderful celebration of achievement and endeavour and we were delighted to see so many happy students! The feedback from both students and parents/carers was extremely positive so we will be repeating them in the future.

Some very proud students and their teachers!



Sports Day

The fun didn't stop there either as last week we held our annual Sports Day. Sports Day consists of the traditional athletic events as well as a number of more inclusive events such as E-Sports, Football and Tug-of-War! Here are some photos of our incredible athletes...

To see more photos scroll to:
[Sports Day 2024 page](#)



Reward Days and Work Experience

This week we took a large number of Year 7, 8 and 9 students on their end of year Reward Days. We are sure that they too will have a lovely day with their friends, celebrating the end of an extremely successful year. Our year 10s are on their Work Experience Week so we hope that they find their placements interesting and thought provoking.



Senior Prefect Election Day

The 4 July is already a famous date, but this year it also held significance for us as we had our very first Senior Prefect Election Day. Over 350 votes were cast and we now have a team of soon to be year 11 Senior Prefects who will help support younger students and provide the all-important student voice going into next year. Here are some images of our polling stations on the big day...



Webpage News Stories and Photos of Prom 2024

Follow the links below to see our latest stories, to name a couple—Junior Kangaroo Maths Competition and our Y11 Prom.

[Junior Kangaroo Maths Competition](#)

[Prom photos](#)

And Finally

We would like to wish all our students and staff a very restful Summer holiday, we hope you get the chance spend time with your families and friends and to relax and recharge after what has been a very busy school year—Happy Holidays!



We look forward to seeing you all back in school in September:

New Year 7 and Year 12 - Wednesday, 4 September

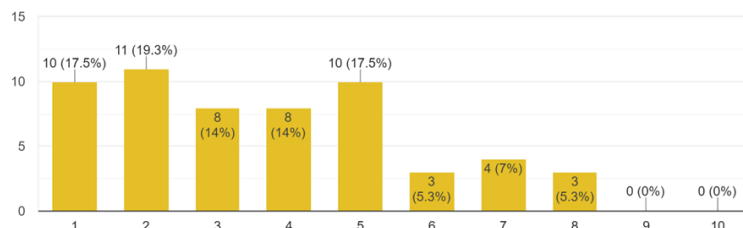
Whole School - Thursday, 5 September

Wellbeing at HHS

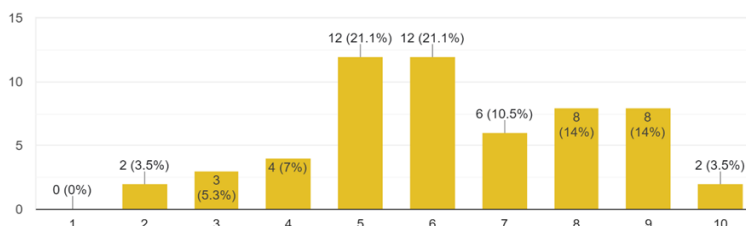
We have three wellbeing workers at Hellesdon High School: 2 counsellors and 1 youth worker. Our counsellors and youth worker saw 227 students last year and there were 2,065 appointments. Appointment times average 30 minutes in length and we try to continue support for as long as students require it.

Our termly Wellbeing Surveys clearly tell us that this support is really benefiting our students:

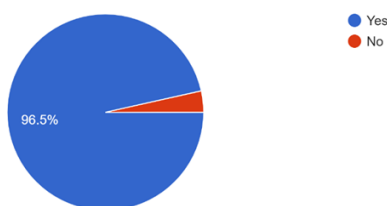
Q3 Before you started wellbeing support, how would you rate your wellbeing from 1-10?
57 responses



Q4 How would you currently rate your wellbeing from 1-10?
57 responses



Q7 Would you recommend 1-to-1 wellbeing support to a friend?
57 responses



Due to the popularity of our wellbeing service and the high number of students we are trying to support, we cannot always guarantee everyone can be seen every week or fortnight. However, we will always make an appointment for students, if they let Miss Thetford or the wellbeing worker know that they would like to see their worker.

The huge demand for our service unfortunately means we have a long waiting list. Students can let their Head of House or Miss Thetford know if support is needed, in the meantime or they can ideally go along to SSS (Signposting Support Service). This is for all students on our waiting list. This is every Thursday 3 -3.30pm in the wellbeing offices in Snowdon and Everest cloakroom. A member of the Pastoral team can provide advice and a listening ear and Miss Thetford will be informed, as they may require support to happen a bit quicker.

THE ADDAMS FAMILY MUSICAL SCHOOL PRODUCTION

We are thrilled to share the spine-tingling success of our production, earlier this year. "The Addams Family Musical"! Our school hall was transformed into a whimsical world of macabre melodies, mysterious characters, and unforgettable moments. With the support of the Performing Arts department, our talented cast and crew brought the eccentric Addams Family to life, leaving the audience in stitches.

The hauntingly delightful score, featuring iconic tunes like "When You're an Addams" and the heartwarming "Pulled," resonated throughout the auditorium, creating an atmosphere of laughter and excitement. The dedicated efforts of our students, truly shone on stage.



Year 9 Football Team

The Y9 boys football team enjoyed another strong season with great performances in both the National and County Cups. In the National Cup, the highlight was a penalty shoot out win against Sprowston in Round 3 with Jack T saving two penalties which meant they were the last team from Norfolk left in the competition.



For the second year running, the team made the County Cup final scoring 28 goals in the process. Unfortunately, Sprowston just pipped them again 4-3 in the final but overall the boys can be incredibly proud of their efforts this season. Freddie P finished the season as top scorer with 18 goals with Noah S also chipping in with an impressive 12 goals.

Year 7 Boys Football

Following wins against Thorpe and Notre Dame, the Year 7 boys football team have made it through to the Pathway Final and won the cup! A great achievement by the boys in their first season for the school. George R is the current top scorer but the whole team have all chipped in with goals along the way.



International Women's

A group of Y8/9 girls attended a Barclays Football event held at Goals in celebration of International Women's Day on Friday 8 March. The girls played lots of small-sided matches against other local schools with the Year 8 team putting in a great effort to finish 6th whilst the Year 9 team did superbly to finish second. Special mention to some of our Y10 Sports Leaders who went along to assist with the event.

Sports Leader Event

In March, we took a selection of our Y9/10 Sports Leaders to assist with a Y1/2 Adapted Sports4All at Easton Tennis Centre. This involved working in pairs to demonstrate and then lead an activity to groups 15-20 younger students. All of our leaders were a credit to our school and received lots of positive feedback from the other members of staff who were there. Erol S in particular was highly commended for the way he conducted himself throughout the day.



HUMANITIES DEPARTMENT TRIP OVERVIEW

The Humanities Department have had a very busy Summer term—lots of trips!

Wales

The Year 12 A Level Geography students spent five days in Wales from 17-21 June. Guided by tutors from the Field Studies Council, they collected data at Crickieth and carried out surveys in Llandudno to develop research skills which will be invaluable for their coursework.



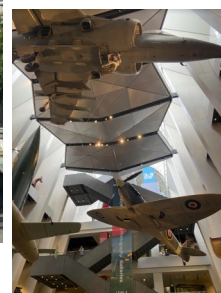
Cambridge University

Our Sixth Form students spent a day exploring the colleges at Cambridge on 5 July. They had the opportunity to attend lectures linked in their future studies and to gain advice on their university applications.



Tudor Visit

On 4 July our A Level and GCSE History students went to London. The first stop was the Tutor Galleries in the National Portrait Gallery followed by a tour of Westminster Abbey.



London and Cromer Visits

The GCSE Geography students spent a day in Cromer studying the coast and then a day in London examining regeneration. There was a second trip to London to visit the Old Operating Theatre and the Imperial War Museum.

MFL—AN UNFORGETTABLE TRIP TO SEVILLE

Mr Valente, Teacher of Modern Foreign Languages arranged a trip for students in Y8-Y13 to Seville in Spain in February this year.

This was such an unique experience for our Spanish students. During their exiting trip to Seville, they explored the charms of the historic city. As they walked around its picturesque streets they visited the Real Alcazar, the bullfighting ring, and the impressive Cathedral. Best of all was the authentic Flamenco Show at the Flamenco Museum.



HOUSE UPDATES



♥ EVEREST UPDATE ♥



Hello from Everest House,

As ever, the end of the school year seems to be upon us quicker than ever. My first year as Everest's Head of House has been filled with challenges, triumphs and the odd shed tear (both in happiness and in despair).

That said, I hope that I have steered the good ship Everest well and our students continue to feel valued, listened too and appreciated.

Highlights of the year has been seeing the Year 7's find their feet and become an integral part of the school (via trips to Eaton Vale) as well as seeing all our Everest students throw themselves into the House challenges, extra-curriculum events and the annual School Production.

At the other end of the scale, it has been bittersweet to say goodbye to the Year 11's who started their journey at Hellesdon High school with me back in 2019.

Together we have been through Covid, lockdown and GCSE's to name but three, it was brilliant to see them all at Prom this year to give them a well-deserved send-off.

Finally, I would like to wish all the students of Everest (and their parents and carers) a very restful, stress-free and relaxing Summer and I look forward to more of the same in September.

Mr King – Head of House

Hello from Olympus House,

♥ OLYMPUS UPDATE ♥



Olympus students have finished another year at Hellesdon with success in abundance. With the change in Head of House, it would be easy for some students to see this as an excuse to drop standards, but I am glad that the vast majority of Olympus has proudly represented their House and school in a positive manner. Olympus students have earned a massive 93,957 positive marks this academic year which is an outstanding display of positive behaviour and attitudes.

With our fantastic performance on Sports Day, we were able to claim the Charity Cup and House Shield. . There were plenty of students who were outstanding on Sports Day, but there are special mentions to the following: Oliver W (Y10), Felix H (Y8), Emilis G (Y9), Natalia A (Y9), Masie L (Y7), Noah P (Y8), Theo L (Y8), Lilah P (Y7).



We have 52 students in Olympus who have not received a single negative mark since September. We also have 11 students with 100% lesson attendance, both outstanding achievements. The national attendance target is 96% and while we have a large number of students who have met this, our House average is sat significantly below this.

In what can be described as a miniature pitch invasion, the celebrations from Olympus students when we were crowned champions at Sports Day was a sight to behold. The level of enthusiasm is unmatched and is something that we can hope to relive next year.

It has been just over half a term since I started holding the fort for Mrs Bradshaw, who has given birth to a healthy baby boy. I hope to continue to build on Mrs Bradshaw's hard work that has helped support Olympus students. I am looking forward to continuing to be a part of their journey through Hellesdon High School and seeing what great things we can achieve.

Have an amazing Summer!

Mr Reid—Head of Olympus

HOUSE UPDATES



Hello from Fuji House,

As we approach the end of the school year, it is nice to sit back and reflect on the achievements of so many of our students and look forward to fresh opportunities in September. On a personal note, it has been lovely to be welcomed into Fuji House by all students and staff and I have really enjoyed getting to know the wonderful students within our House this year. There have been many mistakes by both myself and our students in my first year in the role, but we have all grown stronger as a result and I am excited to see what next year brings.

There have been lots of firsts and lasts this Year. Year 7s - well done for completing your first year at high school. It is not an easy transition, but since the trips to Eaton Vale you have all taken it in your stride and overcame lots of barriers and I am proud of you all for getting through to Year 8. Year 11 - congratulations on making it through 5 tough years at the school, you've made it through some immense challenges and have done so well in your GCSEs. I wish you all the best in your results and future endeavours whether that is at Hellesdon High School or beyond.

Unfortunately, this year we were unable to return the House Shield to its rightful home. Nonetheless I could not have been prouder of the efforts of all of our students. On Sports Day, there were a large number of students that showed wonderful commitment and desire to do the best they could for their house. Some students volunteered right at the last minute to do some of the most challenging events like 800m and won points for their House. Next year, if we show the same spirit, I'm sure we will stand a good chance of winning. It also brings me great pleasure to announce that we won the Classroom and the Extra-Curricular Cup. This shows that when given a target, Fuji students really know how to lead by example. It also shows how well-rounded our students are and we could have not won these without all Fuji students pulling in the same direction. Lets build on this for next year!

Have a wonderful Summer break and we look forward to seeing you in September.

Mr Cole— Head of Fuji House



Hello from Nevis House,

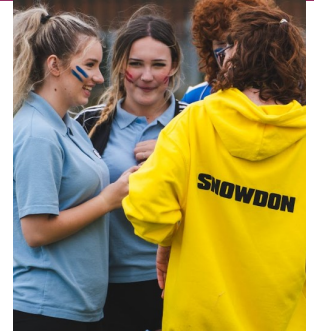
Another packed full year has passed and we are so close to Summer we can almost smell it! This year has seen Nevis steered by the safe hands of Mrs Ruthen and Mr Bailey whilst Mrs Smith and I were on maternity leave; both of us welcoming baby boys to our families. Our return to work has been lovely and it has been so good to see how Nevis has grown in the year we have been away.

We were particularly proud of how the House supported each other during Sports Day. Nevis were definitely the loudest and that enthusiasm no doubt helped us to win Sports Day overall! Well done Nevis! Every single one of the students played a part in making sure we entered every race, knowing that our efforts would be celebrated, win, lose or draw.

And now we have our sights set on Summer. A holiday to rest and have fun after all of the hard work this year. As the school year draws to a close we say a fond farewell to Mrs Smith, who is taking a step back from her Head of House position to spend more time with her family. Thank you for everything Mrs Smith, we will miss you, but know you will be keeping an eye on us from the Maths department where you will continue to teach. From September we will say hello to Mr Bailey as joint Head of House with me; he is ready and raring Nevis! If you need us in any way it will be the usual methods of phoning reception or emailing nevis@hellesdon.net

From the whole Nevis team we wish you a relaxing Summer holiday, with plenty of fun and sunshine we hope!

Mrs Nickerson and Mrs Smith—Head of Nevis House



Hello from Snowdon House,

It has been a busy term for Snowdon house. Miss Auffray, Ms Kemp and all of the Snowdon tutors have been working hard to support our students pastorally, with a particular focus on improving attendance. We know that attendance in the present is a big determiner of success in the future. We are pleased with the improvements that some of our students have made in this area, and grateful for the support of Snowdon parents who have worked with us to bring about positive change.

Our Year 11s recently took part in their GCSEs. The vast majority of Snowdon students faced this challenge with a good attitude and we wish them all the best with their results. Exams can be a stressful time for young people, and we are hugely proud of the resilience they showed. From now revision will be a big focus.

Recent Snowdon successes: We are so proud of all our Snowdon students for what they achieve inside and outside of school. Particular mention goes to the following:

- Miriam B performed in a show with her acrobatics squad recently.
- George R got signed to Norwich City football club for his age category and since September has been playing for them abroad at various overseas competition, while successfully keeping on top of his school work.
- Harry S (who plays football for Aylsham) won 5-2 recently with two assists.
- Henry B did really well on a recent Biology assessment.
- Lucy H has shown incredible resilience and been a great source of support to her family recently.
- Courtney L has planned her revision amazingly well. If every student did it like Courtney, they would all achieve amazingly well.
- Year 10 and 11s performed a big music event at the Brickmakers. Snowdon students involved are: Josh C, Dan H, Phoebe M, Malachi B, Chloe B. Photos are on the Brickmakers section within this newsletter.

On Thursday, 4 July we had an amazing time celebrating Prom with our Year 11s who all looked amazing in their prom dresses and suits. Great to see them all being happy to see each other again and expressing genuine joy during the awards and dancing. We look forward to seeing them again for GCSE results day on Thursday, 22 August.

Snowdon students also showed great team spirit on Sports Day and had a great time chanting and supporting one another.

Have a lovely relaxing Summer holiday and we look forward to seeing you back in September.

Ms Kemp— Head of Snowdon House



Dresses from our Prom Dress sale that our Heads of House and Senior Leadership Team organised.



Year 7—Eaton Vale 2024

SPORTS DAY - 2024



Brickmakers Gig

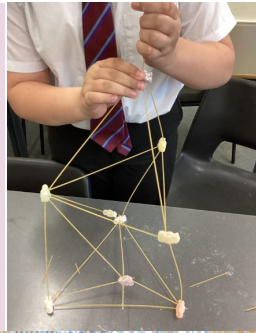
Our Brickmakers gig was a huge success and we were so proud of all the students who performed. The venue was packed and everyone had a brilliant time!



SNAPSHOTS OF EVENTS IN SCHOOL



What a great success our Wellbeing Event was, with stalls and activities taking place across the school. Many parents, students and staff joined us along with main school helpers. A big thank you to Miss Thetford for co-ordinating the event.



Our Young Carers made Jelly Baby towers! There were some great creations with impressive height! Everyone got thoroughly covered in white dust, a sign of a good time had!



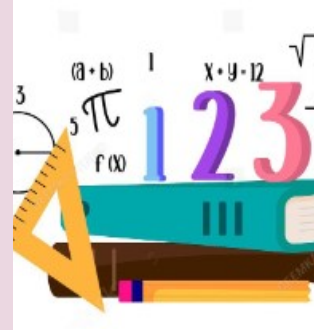
Y9 students visited Cambridge University. This was to raise aspirations and demystify that 'normal' students can go to Cambridge if they work hard!! There were talks on various aspects of the university and a tour.



Three of our music students performed at The Assembly House in March as part of the Norfolk County Music Festival. We are so proud of our students who all played piano solo in front of a large audience.



As a School of Sanctuary, HHS is proud to welcome students from all over the world, building a culture of compassion and kindness. We are celebrated Refugee Week from 17-23 June promoting understanding of the experiences of displaced people as well as combating stereotypes of refugees and asylum seekers.



In June three Y12 students went to the UEA for a Maths at University Day. The students were brilliant and engaged with all of the different activities during the seminars.



Our second visit to Redlands house was a resounding success! Students shared laughter, stories and games with the residents, brightening their day and fostering meaningful intergenerational connections as part of the Friend Indeed Project.



Students nominated by their English teachers went to Norwich High School for Girls to listen to acclaimed author and activist Laura Bates.



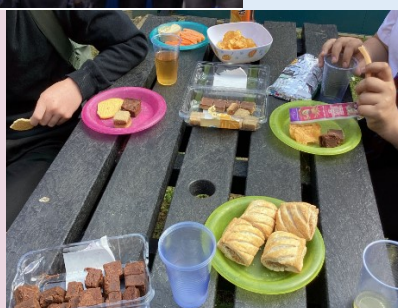
Recently HHS had the outstanding opportunity to collaborate with the Royal Shakespeare Company on their national tour of Romeo and Juliet. Our Sixth Form and Y10 students were able to perform with them at HHS and The Playhouse Theatre in Norwich. Y7 -Y11 students helped organise and market the event in their roles as school's Shakespeare Ambassadors.



We had an extra special version of Hot Chocolate with the Principal—Shakes and Cakes! A huge group of students were nominated by Mrs Ferraris for taking part in the Junior Mathematical Challenge. We are so proud of you all for representing HHS so well.



Forty six of our Y10 students went on a History trip to London to visit the Old Operating Theatre and the Imperial War Museum on 2 July.



For our last Young Carers of the year we had a picnic, it was lovely to catch up with them for a chat and discuss their Summer plans.