

# Acle NEWS



Newsletter – 24<sup>th</sup> January 2025



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RESPECT, ASPIRATION AND DETERMINATION



## **Welcome to our latest newsletter.**

We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break with your families, although it may seem a while ago now we are all back in the January routine. As the school year continues, it's a wonderful time to renew aspirations and embrace determination in pursuing goals.

We encourage students to break down goals into manageable steps to make progress. Stay organised which will reduce stress and keep focus. Embrace challenges as opportunities to learn, we know mistakes are stepping stones to success, never be afraid to try and try again. Small, consistent efforts and studying daily lead to greater results.

We look forward to celebrating achievements no matter how small, we'll remind students to stay determined and every effort lays down the foundation for a bright future.

Here's to a fantastic 2025!

**Helen Watts**  
**Executive Principal**

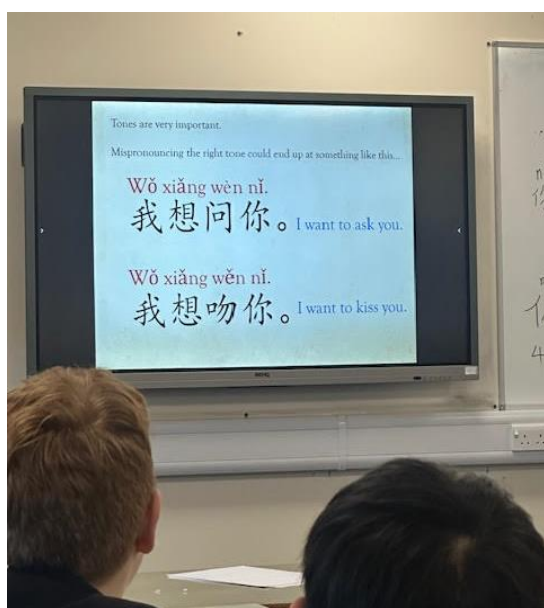


## Mandarin Lessons at East Norfolk Sixth Form College

We're thrilled to share the news that 15 of our Year 8 and Year 9 pupils have been given the incredible opportunity to study Mandarin at East Norfolk Sixth Form and College over the next few months. The enthusiasm and positive engagement of our pupils were truly inspiring. Despite the challenges of learning a new language, each student embraced the experience with determination and curiosity. By the end of their first session, they were already able to confidently speak a few key Mandarin phrases, marking the first step of what promises to be an exciting language journey.

The Mandarin teacher, Jinou, stated, "The students demonstrated excellent behaviour and a strong level of concentration during the lesson. It was great to see their enthusiasm and focus, and I'm confident that this will set the tone for a productive term ahead."

We can't wait to see how these students continue to develop their skills in the coming months. A big thank you to East Norfolk Sixth Form College for this wonderful opportunity!



**IT'S ILLEGAL TO SMOKE IN A  
VEHICLE WITH ANYONE  
UNDER 18**



**Please read the government information on  
Smoking in vehicles**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/smoking-in-vehicles>



**Please follow the link below for more information**

<https://www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/asset-library/t2t-brochure-february-2025.pdf>



### Introduction

Do you want a direct route into a high-flying career in aviation? Look no further. This apprenticeship is your first-class ticket into an exciting, varied role at a leading UK-based Maintenance Repair Organisation (MRO).

We're market leaders in airframe base maintenance, line maintenance, and technical training in regional and narrow-body types. Focused on creating partnerships with a global base of customers, we offer excellent, safe, and innovative maintenance services. We pride ourselves on our skilled and knowledgeable team who are committed to delivering excellent service.

The closing date for applications is 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2025. You can expect to hear from us by 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024 if you are successful. The first stage of the selection process will take place in the week commencing 14<sup>th</sup> April 2025. Second stage interviews will take place in the week commencing 28<sup>th</sup> April 2025. The expected start date for the apprenticeship course is September 2025.

### The Role

We have a very exciting opportunity for Apprentices to join us on a Level 3 Aircraft Maintenance apprenticeship. This role is based at Norwich Airport and is Monday – Friday.

Our apprentices will join the KLM UK Engineering team in supporting customers from around the globe. Initial learning takes place in the International Aviation Academy Norwich – a world-class training centre and the first of its kind – which hosts a live Boeing 737 aircraft.

You will learn the required practical and theoretical skills to become a qualified aircraft maintenance professional and gain a recognised level 3 qualification.

### Selection Criteria

We are looking for individuals who have a passion for aviation and engineering; are aged 16 or over with 5 GCSEs at grade 5 or above (or equivalent) including Maths and English, and have valid right to live and work in the UK without sponsorship. You will also:

- Be open to developmental feedback with an appetite to continuously improve your performance
- Be open, honest and trustworthy with a 'can do' attitude
- Be reliable, flexible and hard working
- Be an effective communicator within a team.

Any experience with mechanical or electrical equipment or a demonstrable interest in engineering would be advantageous. Combined or Triple Science GCSEs at grade 5 or above (or equivalent) are desirable.

### Salary and Benefits

In return for your commitment, we offer a competitive benefits package including:

- Earn while you learn
- Retailer discounts
- Organised social events through our social club
- Cycle to work scheme
- Health and wellbeing support, including Mental Health First Aiders on site, a confidential helpline and discounted counselling
- Holiday allowance increasing with length of service
- Free parking
- Close to public transport links



- Company sick pay
- Health Shield cash plan
- An on-site canteen in our hangars (a 5-10 minute walk from the technical college).

Apply here:



## Careers Café - Police

Recently at lunchtime, we welcomed PC Nairn from Norfolk Police to speak to students about careers.

There was a great turn out and students had the opportunity to have a closer look at some of the equipment she uses as part of the riot team.



**More Careers Cafés are coming soon.**

## Year 10 Product Design

After weeks of hard work, creativity, and skill, Year 10 have successfully completed their child-sized chairs.

From design sketches to fully realised physical products, each chair showcases their talent, dedication and attention to detail. We are so proud of the craftsmanship and effort put into these incredible pieces. Well done to all the students for bringing their ideas to life – future designers and innovators in the making!



To see more photos, please follow this [link](#) to our gallery.



I would like to use this opportunity to emphasise the importance of good punctuality.

Punctuality is a life lesson. Everyone knows that if you are late for a bus, plane or train it will leave without you. Employers will not tolerate staff arriving late to work. Yet we regularly have students arriving at school late. Whilst for many students it is only occasionally and only by a few minutes, we do also have a small cohort of students that regularly arrive at any time between 9 and 9.30am and seemingly think this is OK.

I do appreciate that arriving late to school is sometimes unavoidable and due to no fault of the student e.g. a flat tyre, heavy traffic, medical appointment etc. I would be grateful if parents could remember to contact school if their child is going to be late. If I am given a genuine reason by a parent then the child will not be sanctioned for their lateness. If no reason is provided then the student will receive a behaviour point, leading to lunch time interventions on repeat occasions.

Whilst for many students, GCSEs are something in the distant future, it is really important that all our students realise the implications of being late to school on the day of an exam. They simply will not be allowed into the exam late (unless in VERY exceptional circumstances). There will be no opportunity for them to sit the exam at another time. This would mean that they would score ZERO marks for that paper and this would significantly affect their ability to get a good overall grade for that subject. If they are likely to do well in their other papers it would really be a shame if their punctuality affected them getting the overall grade they would otherwise have achieved.

Good habits to ensure punctuality need to be embedded from the outset. If you are having trouble getting your child to school on time, please do reach out to myself or the Head of Year to see if we can work together to support an improvement.

I will obviously follow up with individual students and parents of those students whose punctuality is of particular concern.

Jane Bryant (Attendance Manager) 01493 750431 (option 2) or [jbryant@acle.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:jbryant@acle.norfolk.sch.uk)

Missed minutes =  
missed learning =  
missed opportunities

**Guidance for Parents / Carers**

Good attendance at school is one of the most important factors in ensuring that children and young people have the best opportunities in adult life.

[justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/attendance](http://justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/attendance)

Norfolk County Council



**A message from Stevensons- our uniform supplier**  
**School ties will be replaced within a reasonable time of purchase should they break. We do not provide a lifetime replacement or repair service.**

**Please note school ties are £8 to purchase new.**

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**Acle Academy has a PTA preloved shop and may often have second hand ties**

<http://acle-academy-parent-teacher-association.sumupstore.com/>

## Faculty News



### KS3

Students will be rotating onto their new subjects within the Creative Industries carousels week beginning the 3<sup>rd</sup> February. Students are currently adding the final touches to some very good finals outcomes.

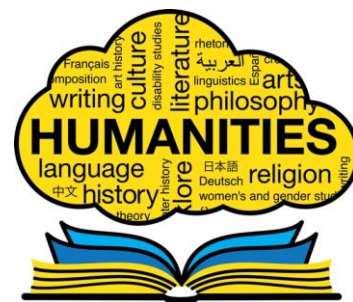
The Creative Industries staff have been busy updating information regarding the options process for Year 9 students. We are looking forward to meeting with you at the Options Evening on the 13<sup>th</sup> of February to showcase the fantastic work our KS4 students create.

### KS4

KS4 students are continuing to refine their practical skills in Food, Textiles, and Product Design as they prepare for the demands of their Year 11 exam contexts. Through hands-on projects, they are developing essential techniques, problem-solving abilities, and creativity, ensuring they are well-equipped for their assessments. Whether mastering advanced cooking methods, pattern pieces or developing their CAD skills in product design, students are gaining valuable experience that will support both their coursework and final exams. This focused approach helps build confidence and independence, preparing them for success in their final year.



In History, our students in year 9 have recently completed their oracy assessments focused on the long-term causes of World War One. In groups, students were assigned one long-term cause (from Militarism, Alliances, Imperialism and Nationalism) and were asked to create an argument to persuade the rest of the class that their cause was the most significant. Students drew on prior learning and analysed a wide range of historical evidence to form their arguments. Moreover, they were able to demonstrate sophisticated use of persuasive language, in their attempts to convince their peers, that their cause was the most important long-term contributory factor to the outbreak of the First World War. We were so impressed with their efforts and it was fantastic to see students engage with this complicated debate so effectively. More than that, the collaborative skills students could draw on to build their arguments demonstrated excellent ability to compromise and co-operate in professional environments. Well done, Year 9 historians!





Quick update from the Performance studies faculty!

## PE

After a mad first term the PE department has made a number of changes to improve the PE experience for students. Following student voice, we have made changes to how we create and manage teaching groups, as well as making some adjustments to curriculum content.

One big change is also how we assess students. We are now using a PRIDE & PERFORMANCE model of assessment, where we assess students not just in their practical performance of sports/activities, but also in how well they apply PRIDE values within their lessons. This will ensure those students who are less physically able can be recognised for the broader value they bring to the subject as leaders / officials / coaches etc.

We continue to have a large number of fixtures in a variety of sports and have recently launched a Wimbledon Tennis trip and are seeking interest in a possible Twickenham Rugby trip in the summer term.



*Physical Education*



## MUSIC

Mrs Gilbert has big news in the formation of a school choir - again following student voice requesting a school choir. This is fantastic news as it adds another area of performing arts to the faculty.

Students have been performing in Rewards assemblies to celebrate their progress and there are several events planned for the Spring and Summer terms to look out for including a Music Industry Day in March.



## DRAMA

Following the fantastic Xmas performances of Beauty and the Beast, Mr Frost is having a short (well-earned) break to prepare him for the next show which will be launched and will start later this term. Watch this space for the Show to be announced.

Drama doesn't stop though with Mr Frost launching Drama Ambassador roles this term to help support with all Drama matters. Another exciting opportunity for students to get involved with.



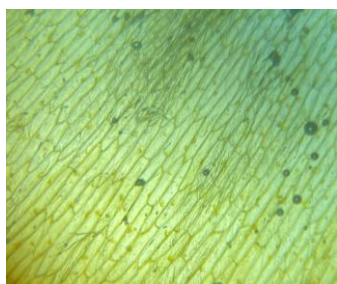


In science this week, year 11 students have just finished their second wave of mocks and have settled back into their studies with vigour. Year 10 students have been investigating the concentrations of dissolved substances in potatoes as seen in the image on the right, by placing them in different sodium chloride solutions. They are excited to find out the results later in the week.... Meanwhile in Chemistry, both Year 9s and 10s are exploring what happens when you add an acid to a metal, with some spectacular results.



At KS3 students have also had the opportunity to work on their practical skills. Year 7s have been working on their microscopy skills and had the chance to explore the unseen world. The picture to the left was taken by one of our very own at Acle academy who prepared a slide of onion cells and took this picture of what they saw in the microscope!

In year 8, students have been working on separating mixtures and have been able to separate pure salt from rock salt that is used to grit roads. Incredible work.



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RESULTS



It has been a busy start to the new year, especially with year 9 and 11 parents' evenings. It was great to see so many parents and discuss the fantastic work students have been doing.

Year 11s have period 6, as well as other interventions starting next week, so keep an eye out for which groups we are running and see Ms White if you have any questions. Next mocks are after half term so keep the independent revision up, especially the practice paper-stands outside reception are fully stocked again! Any other questions, just ask your maths teacher.

Year 8, 9 and 10 will have assessments this half term, announcements will appear on class charts with more specific dates and revision content is on Google Classroom.


The Year 10 Further Maths students have continued to have their after school lessons and will have a "live" one after half term in their usual maths slot. If you are in Year 9 and are interested for next year, keep an eye out for information or see Mrs Lee.



It has been another busy month in the English department. Year 11 have completed another round of mocks, this time completing both Literature papers, and staff are now in the process of marking these. We had a successful trip to the Theatre Royal this week to see a fabulous production of 'An Inspector Calls' by J B Priestley. We were able to take year ten students and some from year eleven and the students talked about how much they enjoyed seeing it brought to life on the stage. There is also an opportunity for any budding writers to enter a writing competition run by Norwich school. This has been published within school this week and any students interested should speak to Mrs Cullen if they have any further questions. The details are included below:

**The Laurie Herring Prize for Critical Response**

Tell us  
what  
**inspires**  
**provokes** or  
**baffles** you



Enter our  
**Young Critic**  
Competition

- ▶ Submit a review, essay or critical response of between 800 - 1000 words.
- ▶ Film, draw or record your response.

No matter the subject; it is your response we are interested in. We are looking for powerful, persuasive voices, with original opinions and a flair for expressing them.

Judging categories: Years 7-8, Years 9-10 and Years 11-13.  
Prizes in each category: First: £100, Second: £50, Third: £25

**Closing date: 10 February 2025**

## More Creative Industries News! - YouTube Channel

We are thrilled to introduce the new Creative Industries YouTube Channel, designed to enhance student learning and engagement. Subject staff have carefully selected a range of relevant videos that align with current lessons, providing an additional resource for students to deepen their understanding and revisit key topics at their own pace. This platform offers an exciting way to explore creative subjects through high-quality content that complements classroom learning.

Our goal is to create a modern, accessible learning tool that supports students in their studies and revision. Whether reinforcing class discussions or exploring new ideas, the YouTube channel provides a dynamic and engaging way to learn. We encourage both parents and students to subscribe and make the most of this valuable resource. Stay tuned for regular updates and new content!

Scan the link below to view and subscribe.



## **Acle Academy Traffic Management Scheme**

**As many parents, carers, staff and students are only too aware, everybody's safety when accessing our school site is of the utmost importance.**

**It is with this in mind that a new Traffic Management Scheme will be implemented from January 2025 to ensure the safety of all at Acle Academy. This will include, but not be limited to the following measures;**

- **New bollards to ensure the front gates are kept clear**
- **Parents are reminded not to drop students at school within the car park, unless agreed with the Principal.**
- **Parents are not permitted to park on the school site when waiting for students at the end of the day.**
- **When visiting the school, parents only park in designated areas, you will be asked to move if parked incorrectly.**
- **It is illegal to park or drop off/pick up on the yellow line on South Walsham Road during the times of 8am -9.30am & 3pm-4.30pm. You will be asked to move your vehicle and repeated violations will be noted and reported to the police.**

**We hope that everyone can assist in our aim to ensure the safety of students when arriving and departing, and to prevent unnecessary accidents.**

**Mr. D. Butcher & Mr. K. Denny  
Premises Site Team  
Acle Academy**



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## Stalking: know your rights

**Stalkers face up to 10-years in prison, and an indefinite restraining order.**

**If you have experienced stalking by a current or former partner, speak to NIDAS.**

*If you feel you're in immediate danger, always call the police on 999.*



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## Stalking is...

**Tracking your movements, 'bumping into' you, syncing phones to see what you're doing, turning up at your home, constantly contacting your friends...**

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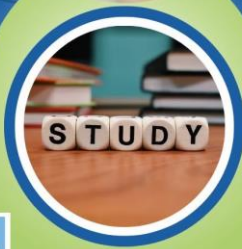


# YEAR 11 STUDY ROOM

From 20th January we will be opening up the Year 11 Study Room in room 9. Please sign up by the reception hatch if you would like to attend.



12:55-1:25 in room 9  
Every day



## YEAR 7 PARENT ENGAGEMENT EVENING

We would like to invite you and your child to attend an information and practical evening on the best ways to support your child in Year 7.

COME AND JOIN US →



6th February  
6:00-7:15pm



## Join Great Yarmouth Sea Cadets for the time of your life!

Aged 12-18? Join our Sea Cadets Section!

If you love getting out on the water and are aged between 12 and 18, join Great Yarmouth Sea Cadets for the time of your life.

Race sailing dinghies on UK lakes, powerboat down rivers, go offshore, achieve a BTEC or undertake your Duke of Edinburgh's Award – whatever you choose, there is a world of exciting challenges at Great Yarmouth Sea Cadets.

You can achieve qualifications in:

- [B]Sailing
  - [B]Rowing
  - [B]Powerboating
  - [B]Engineering
  - [B]Physical Training
  - [B]First Aid
  - [B]Windsurfing
- And many, many more!

There are endless opportunities with Sea Cadets, with qualifications and experiences that will last you for the rest of your life.



### Contact Details

Address: TS Norfolk, Great Yarmouth Sea Cadets, Riverside Road, Gorleston-on-Sea, NR31 6PX

Email: [admin@greatyarmouthseacadets.uk](mailto:admin@greatyarmouthseacadets.uk)

Check out our Facebook page by searching for Great Yarmouth Sea Cadets

Unit Website: <https://www.sea-cadets.org/yarmouth>



**Parent or carer?  
Need advice or support?**

There's lots of services to help in Norfolk and they're joining together in what's called Norfolk family hubs.

Visit [www.norfolk.gov.uk/familyhubs](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/familyhubs) or [www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/family-hubs](http://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/family-hubs) to find out more, including information on:

- Parenting
- Health and wellbeing
- Pregnancy
- Money and work
- Learning
- Days out and activities.

From the minute you know you're having a baby, right up to your child's 19th birthday (25 if your child has special educational needs), Norfolk family hubs are here to help.

Families can be referred to us, or can self-refer, via the Family Hub web page. This is a universal service for all families with a child aged up to 19 or 25 with SEND.

This is the website link for the Family Hub: <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/children-and-families/family-hubs>

The webpage provides a lot of general signposting information and at the bottom of the webpage is the green request for support form link, which can be used to make a referral.

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





**Useful  
Resources/Activities &  
links can be found  
[Here](#)**



**More Acle Academy  
News can be found  
[Here](#)**



## Dates for your diary

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January – Year 9  
Parents' Evening - 4.30-7.30pm.

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February – Year 7  
Engagement Evening - 6pm-  
7.15pm.

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February – Year 9  
Options Evening – 6pm-8pm.

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February – Half term  
begins at 3.30pm.

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February - All students  
return & Year 11 Mock exams  
(Round 3) begin today.

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Year 11  
Revision Evening 6 – 7.30pm.

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Year 8 Parents'  
Evening 4.30 – 7.30pm.

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April – Easter break begins  
at 3.30pm

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – All students  
return today.



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

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



**We have no Current Vacancies**

## December Learner of the Month Nominees



Congratulations to Charlie H and Lily D' S for their superb effort with their 'Macbeth' Assessment in English. Charlie showed great stamina and determination on the extended writing task and Mrs Barber was so proud of what he produced. Well done Charlie! Mrs Barber also nominated Lily as she has worked so incredibly hard, not only on the final 'Macbeth' assessment, but throughout the whole unit. She has shown a real commitment to doing her best at all times. Keep up the good work Charlie and Lily!

Similarly in English Mrs Hanner has nominated Jack C for his brilliant letter of complaint for his assessment on the writing unit 'The Town'. He adopted a mature style with brilliant use of vocabulary and discourse markers to direct his reader through the letter. If I received the letter I would certainly want to rectify the situation! Well done Jack!

Miss Halpin has nominated Frankie G in Maths. Frankie created an incredible exercise book for herself with hints, notes and revision tips to ensure that she could use her methods to aid future learning. A beautifully displayed book. Well done Frankie!

Isla F has been nominated by Mrs Gilbert in Music for producing an original and well-balanced piece of dance track. Isla worked independently and used her own initiative, following success criteria closely and effectively. Mrs Gilbert was very impressed with your work Isla- well done!

## Winner of Learner of the Month



Edith B in Year 7 has been awarded Learner of the Month for December. She took it upon herself, with very little guidance, to learn how to use a Perkin's Braille to be able to write a Christmas note and card for a visually impaired friend. This showed real consideration and a positive, proactive attitude towards inclusivity.





**Acle Academy**  
*Respect, Aspiration and Determination*



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.

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



### **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.

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