



Principal's Reflection



After another very busy term, as the school year draws to a close, the summer holidays begin. It is the chance to reflect on what has been a very busy last 4 weeks indeed. We welcomed the Y6 students who will be joining the school in September for their transition days, lots of very excited if somewhat apprehensive faces greeted us on their first day, but that was quickly forgotten as they made new friends and got used to the busy life of a bustling High School.

Various trips have taken place such as our Y7 visit to Birmingham for the Science Big Bang. For our Rewards Trips Y7 went to Gressenhall, Y8 went Trampolining and Y9 made the journey to Lowestoft to Pleasurewood Hills. Of course, these trips don't just happen, but require a great deal of meticulous planning and organisation to ensure they run smoothly and on time. So, we would like to thank all the staff involved for their dedication and time.

It was great to see so many parents/carers and grandparents who took the time out from their busy schedules to join us as we celebrated their son/daughter's achievement in the end of year Celebration Assemblies. What we particularly like about these assemblies is the buzz generated by the students as they celebrate their successes in front of friends and family (photos are on the next page).

On Friday, 18 July it was our annual Sports Day, a range of activities and competitions culminating in the final relay races. It was a fantastic event with the weather clearly on our side, both students and staff enjoyed the day. The results are as follows:

♥ Congratulations Everest winners of Sports Day ♥

Winners of the other House Cups that were presented at Sports Day are reported in the House Update pages below.

♥ Fuji were overall winners of the House Shield ♥

We would just like to say a huge well done to all our wonderful students for a fantastic academic year and to our amazing Y11 and Y13 students who worked so incredibly hard in preparation for their final exams this summer, we now very much look forward to celebrating with them on their respective result days in August (below).

- [A-Level/BTEC Level 3 - 14 August 2025 from 8:30am](#)
- [GCSE/BTEC Level 2 – 21 August 2025 from 8:30am](#)

PTA Lottery Results

For the latest PTA Lottery Results, please click [here](#).

Rewards Cinema Event

It was great to see so many students that had purchased cinema tickets to watch The Lorax in school on 17 July. It was made even better by being able to provide students with popcorn from our new popcorn machine that the PTA kindly purchased for us. Thank you PTA!

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 — Happy holidays!

We look forward to seeing you all back in school:

Year 7 and Year 12—Wednesday, 3 September 2025

Year 8, Year 9, Year 10, Year 11 and Year 13—Thursday, 4 September 2025



CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES—JUNE 2025

We recently hosted all of our Celebration Assemblies for students and parents/carers to come together to recognise the wonderful work and effort they have all put in this year.

It was a really positive atmosphere in the school and it was wonderful to see so many families there to celebrate with us. Congratulations to you all!



Made in Dagenham—School Production

Made in Dagenham was a resounding success performing to hundreds of audience members from our community. Thank you to everyone who was involved and came and gave their support! We had a lot of fun and the show was dazzling!



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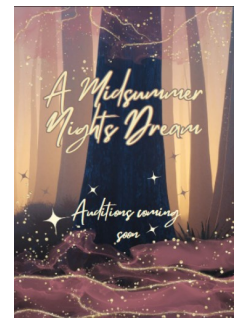


Picture You Dead

Years 10,11,12 and 13 have been back to the Theatre Royal Norwich to see Picture You dead, which was another great night out. Earlier this year the pupils also saw The Woman in Black and Come from Away, making for a varied year of live theatre productions.

A Midsummers Night's Dream

On Tuesday, 8 July, eight Hellesdon students took part in a public performance of A Midsummer Night's Dream at the Norwich Playhouse as part of an RSC community project involving eight other schools. Hellesdon is the lead associate school in the RSC Norwich cluster and this is the second year our students have been able to take part in such an incredible event. The students represented the Athenian Court of Theseus, The Young Lovers and the Fairy King and Queen, Oberon and Titania. The Performing Arts Department were very proud of the hard work, quick thinking and talent of all of the students involved!



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The Musical Comedy

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Year 7 Homework Task

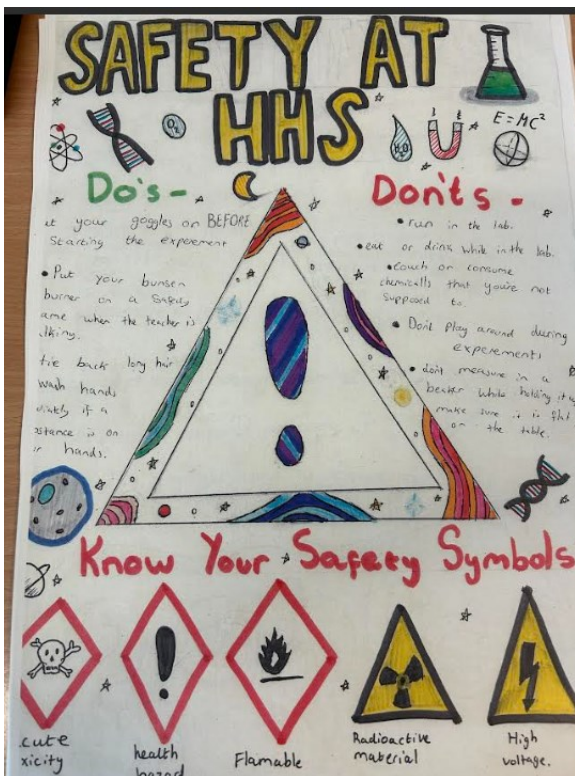
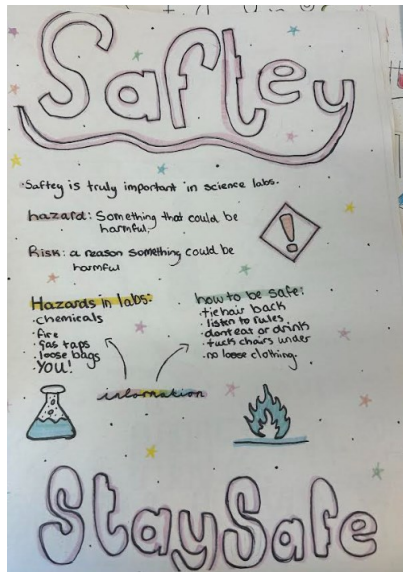
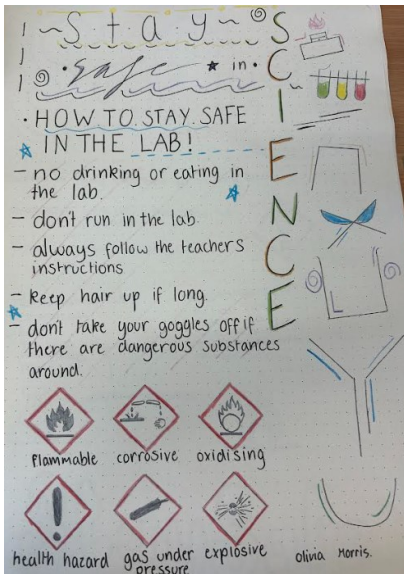
Year 7 trainee Scientists were asked to take part in a homework task this term. The focus was Safety within a Science laboratory.

Lots of year 7's entered. We were astounded by the creativity and scientific content. Well done to all those that entered.

The winners will have their posters displayed across the Science department. They will act as a reminder to everyone about the safety requirements within our school laboratories.

The winners will also receive a prize during their next lesson. Congratulations to Molly F, Eleanor T, Archie C and Olivia M.

The difficult job of judging the entries fell to our 3 hard working and knowledgeable Science lab technicians this included Mr Hensey, pictured below, a big thank you to them.



Y10 History Visits to London and Year 10 Geography Field Trips to Cromer and London

This term our Year 10 History GCSE students spent the day in London. They were able to visit the Old Operating Theatre where they had a presentation about Nineteenth Century surgery. They also spent time at the Science Museum where they were able to see some fascinating medical artefacts such as Louis Pasteur's microscope and Crick and Watson's DNA model. A big thank you to the students, whose behaviour was exemplary, and to the staff for making the days so successful - Mrs Kelleway



Year 10 Geography students have been on Field trips to Cromer and London this week. Many thanks to Mr Thacker for organising the days and to all the staff involved.



In between running revision sessions, boosters and warm ups for our Key Stage 4 students, Mr Rider and Mr Tkaczuk are also currently planning our annual battlefield History trip to Belgium for Y11 students (October 2025) and we are very excited that so many students will be joining us in the autumn .

A special thanks to Mrs Lovick for all her incredibly hard work over the past two years supporting our History students.

Dr Taylor and the History Department

Maths University Day

On the 23 June Miss Tompkinson took five Year 12 students to UEA for a Maths at University Day. The students were brilliant and engaged with all of the different activities during the seminars. It also gave them valuable experience as to what lectures will look like at university and how the structure differs to Sixth Form.

Please see a photo attached below of the day. From left to right the students are Harry M, Santosh S Billy L, Wojciech B and Samantha L.



International Picnic at HHS

We welcomed some of our families to an international picnic recently where we shared dishes and got to know more about the cultural backgrounds of some of our students. We were overwhelmed by the generosity and culinary talents of the parents who brought dishes - we sampled the delights of 'Fatoush' a type of salad, 'Kabsa' a middle eastern chicken and rice dish, a Kurdish lasagne, 'Dolma' a dish of meat and rice stuffed vegetables, a Polish/Ukrainian cake and lots of British scones. Thank you to all those who came! Watch this space for dates of our next international community get-together!"





♥ EVEREST UPDATE ♥

**Overall Winners of Sports Day and
Winners of the Extra Curricular Cup!**

Hello from Everest House,

As you will all be aware, Everest House will cease to exist after the summer holidays as Hellesdon High School goes back into Year Groups and as the outgoing Head of House, I am slightly sad to see it go.

The students of Everest, both past and present have always been incredibly supportive both of myself and the House ethos and I hope that they carry these foundations into the next step of their high school career.

With regards to the highlights of the summer term – we have to first highlight the incredible efforts our Year 11 students put in to get through their GCSE's with only a minimum amount of tears and tantrums.

We have also had some superstars emerging from the lower years with Lennon from Year 9 trying out for the England Dodgeball Team and Erol in Year 10 putting in a Senior Prefect Campaign that would make the most passionate politician bow down in awe.

As well as this – we rewarded our Year 8's with some fun at High Altitude. They had their best day of school this year!

And it only feels fitting to mention our newest additions to Everest House – tutor groups 7BY and 7EW – who have collectively gained over 25,500 positive points over throughout the year (which is quite extraordinary).

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, the parents /carers for trusting in me to steer your children correctly, to pick them up when they have stumbled and to be your first (and hopefully last) stop whenever you felt the need to discuss the multitude of issues, worries and concerns that come with having children in High School.

Whilst I do leave Everest House with a barrel full of wonderful memories and experiences, for some of you, I will still be part of your High School experience as I will be the new Head of Year 7 in September.

So please do all have the most relaxed, stress-free and wonderful summer break possible.

Best wishes,

Mr King – Head of House – Everest House



Winners of the Challenge Cup!

♥ OLYMPUS UPDATE ♥



Hello Olympus,

What a year it has been. Our students have worked very hard and overcome many challenges during the 2024/25 school year.

Our Year 11's completed their GCSE's and had a great time at their Prom, leaving big shoes to fill for the Year 10's who have recently completed their first round of PPE's.

Year 7 have settled in really well, achieving the lowest number of negatives as a starting year group for many years.

As a House, we have gained over 20,000 more positive marks than we did in the previous school year and we also received 3000 less negatives between the 250 students. This is some achievement. I would like to personally thank all of the parents/carers and tutors for their support in helping Olympus students in their improved behaviour and attitudes. I would also like to thank the students, for making an active effort to engage and look to better themselves.

A special mention goes to one of our Year 9 girls, Bella G (right). Bella volunteered with another Year 9 student at the Clare School for their Sports day. Bella worked closely with students with complex needs. Her team went on to win Sports Day

On a personal note, it has been a pleasure to represent Olympus as Head of House for little over a year now. Working closely and getting to know a number of our students has been a very rewarding experience. I will continue to work with the current Years 9 and 10 next year as Key Stage 4 Lead which is another exciting challenge.



Mr Reid—Head of Olympus House



♥ NEVIS ♥

Winners of the Classroom Cup!

To our Nevis Family,

We write this as we move towards the end of our school year and the end of our time together as 'Nevis House'. We wait in anticipation for our Sports Day and are excited to see if the resilience and determination of our students will translate into another win for us! Last Year's Sports Day trophy remains in the Nevis Office and we hope that it will remain in its rightful place so that we can go down in history as the last house to win this event. The House Cup still remains in grasp so we look forward to one final push from our fantastic students who have stepped up the challenge so beautifully in the past.

We are so proud of the young people in Nevis. We have celebrated our wins together and collected ourselves in the times when we have felt loss. As much as the good times have been great to celebrate, it is the hard times that have allowed us to grow. Making mistakes, asking for help and doing what we need to do to put things right when necessary has been something that we have encouraged and our Nevis students have shown us their capacity to work on this time and time again.

As we move towards our new pastoral system we are preparing for changes ahead. Some students may find this unsettling, others may be relishing the changes to come. In all of this change there are constants- a strong pastoral team full of familiar faces (and some new ones!) who are ready to support your child as they move through school.

So for the final time Nevis, well done on a fantastic year, have a brilliant summer staying safe and well and we look forward to seeing you in September. We are so proud to have been your Heads of Houses and look forward to seeing what you do next year!



Mr Bailey and Mrs Nickerson—Head of Nevis House



Winners of the House Shield, the Charity Cup and the Sports Cup!

Well then... my last ever communication as Head of Fuji House. At the start of this year, the Fuji team set out to clear aims to recognise as many positives of our students as possible and my gosh did we find some! At the time of writing, we lead the House Shield and are on track to win multiple cups. This only begins to show how exceptional our students have been.

In the classroom, Year 11 rose to the occasion and set the tone. They showed tenacity and determination in their revision, staying late after school most days and can leave proudly saying they couldn't have tried any harder. I have no doubt many of you will go on to achieve the grades you deserve and we wish you all the success and happiness as you move on to your next destination.



Ellias jumped out of a plane . Raising over 1k raised for the Charity Nelson's Journey!! We are very proud of his dedication and commitment to raise money for Charity, what an awesome achievement! Well done Ellias!

The rest of the House has also followed suit, showing excellent dedication to their studies. We have seen great improvements in attendance as a House, often seeing our tutor groups as having the highest attendance in the school. Each week I have displayed our merit machines in assembly. It is great that we have had over 100 individual names make the list and some students have been on there multiple times.

Our students have also displayed many talents outside of the classroom. Amongst other achievements we have had students represent Team GB, win national sporting competitions, get Norfolk Football Trials, the list is truly extensive. Lots of our students have engaged in extracurricular activities like DofE (The Duke of Edinburgh 's Award) and performed at The Brickmakers.

Most importantly, behind each of these achievements are talented and hardworking students. What we don't always see is the challenges they have had to overcome and the resilience they have had to exert to get there. We are so proud of the young people in Fuji House and hope you are too. Whilst we will no longer be one family, each of you have played a part in making Fuji House so great.

Get a well deserved rest and get ready to come back in September ready to grow further.

Mr Cole– Head of Fuji House



Year 7's trying out the climbing wall at Eaton Vale Activity Centre at the beginning of September.





Hello from Snowdon House,

Snowdon has had a successful end to this school year, thanks to the hard work of our students and amazing support from Miss Auffray and all of the Snowdon tutors. Attendance has improved and students have adapted to changes really well. It has been a pleasure working with our Snowdon families and we thank you for your support in helping your children achieve and succeed with us.

Here are some special shout outs to some recent Snowdon super stars!:

Year 9: Harvey B performed at the Brickmakers with other Wensum Trust students and was outstanding.

Year 9: Ayesha S has not only immersed herself fully into Hellesdon High life when she joined us, but has since supported another new student to do so.

Year 10: Rorey A has approached GCSEs and recent PPEs with an excellent level of maturity and hard work.

8DA

Winning tutor group for most positives and highest attendance for the academic year!! Congratulations to 12 students with 100% attendance for the year!

Miss Dade says "Being 8DA's form tutor for a second year has been an absolute pleasure, they are a joy to see every morning and I am so proud of them and their unwavering hard work and positive attitudes!"

7BE

7BE's greatest memory has been football and basketball, and making new friends.

7CU

I have been very proud of the successes and developments I have witnessed in 7CU. I have enjoyed many positive conversations about things they have done and new things they have tried. I have seen kindness and politeness and members of the group have been helpful and considerate; both to me and each other. I have learned about their varied experience and adventures beyond the classroom walls. I look forwards to seeing them grow and explore even more in the future—Mr Cutter.



9PO

What a brilliant year it's been for 9PO—I honestly couldn't be prouder of this group. To start with, your punctuality has been excellent—turning up on time, ready to learn and setting a strong example for others. A special shoutout goes to Billy, Charlie and Freya, who have absolutely smashed it with over 600 positives each this year and not a single negative between them—seriously impressive! We've had a few students join us from other places and it's been so lovely to see how quickly and confidently they've settled in—you have all made them feel welcome and part of the group straight away, which says a lot about the kind of people you are. There has also been a lot of resilience and growth this year. So many of you have worked hard to improve your behaviour, stay focussed and keep going even when things have been tough and it has been noticed. In fact nine of you made it the whole year without a single negative mark on ClassCharts—what a fantastic achievement! One of my favourite parts of each school day this year has been our mornings together—especially the music and relaxed chats, which have created such a warm, supportive vibe in the tutor room. Your kindness and thoughtfulness, not just toward me, but towards visiting staff really does make a difference and does not go unnoticed. So thank you 9PO for being such a lovely resilient and group, I am excited to see what next year hold for each of you and will miss you very much! - Miss Powrie

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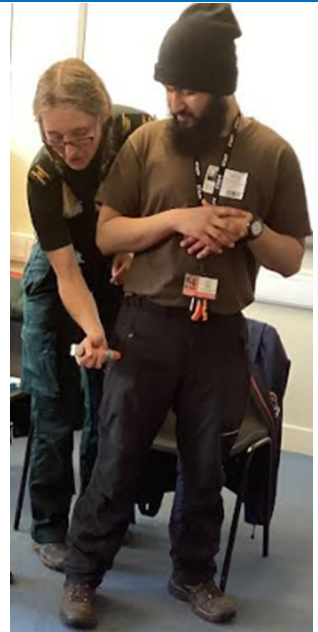
It's been an absolute blast getting to know and support 11LG over the years. From the days of Year 7 dramas to some dips in behaviour in Year 9 to the amazing people they have all become by Year 11. It's been such a wonderful journey seeing them achieve, learn and grow. I will wish them all the best and will miss them a lot. Always remembered! - Mrs Leuw-Gardner.



Young Carers



What a brilliant year we have had with our Young Carers Group. Due to the success of being awarded a grant from Broadland Youth Advisory Board, we have invited external companies to deliver sessions to our Young Carers. So far we have had Mini Monsters, X Adventure for First Aid and Bush Craft, The Garage for a drama session and we have Mini Donks booked in for the autumn term. Along side this, we have had our usual activity sessions where we have tried new foods and had an Easter Egg Hunt. For Young Carers Week we also celebrated this by attending a Multi-Sports Event at Taverham High School and having a Young Carers Stall in the hall at lunchtime. Young Carers also had a stall at our annual Wellbeing Event.



Nest Update

This term, the NEST (Nurture and Emotional Support Time) and its users, is thriving - it is a bespoke intervention for students who receive additional support to engage with and fully access what HHS has to offer - both educationally and socially.

Cycling to School

The amount of students who are now cycling safely in to school has clearly risen - partly as a result of their bike being refurbished and partly due to the amount that have been gifted via the Heads of House - over a dozen in this summer term alone. (If anyone within the HHS community, and beyond, has a bike that they feel would benefit from being refurbished then simply contact Mr Mullen who will do so free-of-charge...or...if anyone has a bike that they wish to donate, regardless of its condition, Mr Mullen will be glad to receive it - anything and everything 'bike-related' is useful).

