

6 February 2026

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## MESSAGE FROM.....MISS MCLELLAN, VICE PRINCIPAL



As we approach the end of this busy half term, I want to extend a huge congratulations to everyone involved in our recent school show, The Wedding Singer. The sheer talent, dedication, and teamwork displayed on stage and behind the scenes was amazing. Additionally, thank you to our Year 9 students and their families for engaging so thoughtfully with our Options Evening. Choosing GCSE subjects is a significant milestone, and the focused, mature conversations held with departments across the school suggest a very bright academic future for this cohort.

Looking ahead to the next half term, the focus shifts toward crucial preparations for our Year 11 students who will begin their Pre-Public Examinations (PPEs) shortly after we return, providing a vital opportunity to practice under formal conditions and identify key areas for focus before the summer. We encourage all Year 11s to use the upcoming break to find a healthy balance between well-earned rest and structured revision. We wish all our students and staff a refreshing and safe half-term break and look forward to seeing everyone back ready for a productive second half of the spring term.

## Message from Mr Earl, Principal



As you will be aware, I will be stepping down from my role as Principal from April. I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you personally and to reflect briefly on what has been a real privilege — leading this wonderful school community.

I am immensely proud of our pupils and staff, and of all that we have achieved together. Over the coming months, my focus will remain firmly on the school and on ensuring continuity and a smooth, well-supported transition. Further information about leadership arrangements will be shared in due course.

Thank you for the trust, support, and partnership you continue to show the school. It has meant a great deal to me.

### THEME AND WORD OF THE WEEK

for week commencing 9 February

THEME – “Careers Focus”

WORD – Interpret

## GENERAL NEWS/STORIES

**IMPORTANT REMINDER** – we have recently spotted students in school with nut-based items, such as Nutella bars. To remind you **HHS is a nut and fish free school**. We have students and staff with severe allergies, and request that students do not bring in items containing nuts or fish to avoid putting our staff and students with allergies at risk.



## GENERAL NEWS/STORIES

**Annual SEND Conference** – for our SEND families there is an Annual Conference taking place on 14 March. If you would like to attend, book a place by clicking on to the [Booking form](#).

**UEA Trip** - Fifteen of our year 7 students enjoyed a fun-filled day at the University of East Anglia on Monday of this week. The event was hosted by the UEA Outreach Team and as part of the day students enjoyed a creative writing masterclass by the amazing Lewis Buxton! Students also did some indoor climbing and played Pickleball (many for the first time!). It was a great opportunity for Year 7 students to experience a bustling University Campus and in doing so, give some real thought to what sort of career they may wish to have beyond school. The students had a lovely day out and we are looking forward to the post-event rewards session in school - Mr Stevenson and Mrs Warnock



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**Annual Conference**  
**Saturday, 14th March 2026**  
**John Innes Centre, Norfolk, NR4 7UH**

**Find out about all things SEND from**

- Information Stands
- Presentations / Workshops

● The chance to chat with professionals



## HOT CHOCOLATE WITH THE PRINCIPAL

This week Mr Earl met with two fantastic students for hot chocolate (only one student pictured with Mr Earl). To read more go to our [News Story](#).

## PE UPDATE



## PE FIXTURES & EVENTS

w/c 9<sup>th</sup> February 2026

**TUESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2026**


 Y10A Boys Football: Pathway Cup Round 1 v. CNS (h) [KO: 3pm / Finish: 4.30pm]

**WEDNESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2026**

 Y7A Boys Football: County Plate QF v. Marshland (a) [Leave 1.30pm / KO: 2.45pm / Return: 5.30-6pm]

**THURSDAY 12<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2026**


 Y7B Boys Football: Community Plate QF v. CNS (a) [Leave 3pm / KO: 3.30pm / Return: 5.15pm]




## PE RESULTS


w/c 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2026

**TUESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> FEBRUARY 2026**

 Y7B Boys Football (Community Cup Round 1): Hellesdon 2-5 Open  
[Goals: H.Robotham, J.Legoinha]

**THURSDAY 5<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2026**

 Y8 Girls Football (National Cup Round 2): Thorpe 10-0 Hellesdon





## NEWS FROM OUR SIXTH FORM

### Good Luck Y13

We wish Y13 the best of luck for their PPEs starting on Monday. Just a reminder A-level students do not have taught lessons during PPEs - teachers are available for any revision support, BTEC lessons to continue as normal.

### Y11 Sixth Form Interviews

It has been a pleasure meeting the Sixth Form applicants for their Advice and Guidance Interviews over the last few weeks, lots of positive conversations about next steps and course guidance. We look forward to meeting the last handful of applicants next week.

The Sixth Form Team would like to wish all Y11s the best of luck for their core PPEs after coming up after half term.

### Goodbye and Good luck to our International Students

We recently said goodbye to our 2 International students, who joined us in September, to read more click here [News story](#)



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### Attendance Matters



We're committed to working with parents and carers to ensure your child feels happy and safe in school. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school office.

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