

8 May 2026

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MESSAGE FROM..... MR TAYLOR, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

As our Y13 students move into their final exam period, we want to recognise just how far they have come. It has been a significant journey over the last two years and we are proud of the determination and resilience they have shown along the way. We know this can be a challenging time for students (and parents/carers) so please do talk to the Sixth Form Team if you need support over this time

On Wednesday it was a real pleasure for all of Y13 to come together at our Celebration Conference, where we had the opportunity to recognise students' hard work with subject awards. These awards are given by Heads of Subjects based on various criteria - not just assessment/exam results, and it was fantastic to see a high number of hard working, but quiet students, pick these up! The event was a great reminder of the talent, effort, and commitment within the year group.

Finally, I would like to extend my thanks to the parents/carers of Y13 students for the continued support you provide at home—it truly makes a difference, and to all my colleagues who have helped Y13 along this journey. I look forward to seeing students at our Sixth Form Ball - once the 'small' matter of exams is behind us! We wish all of our Y13 students the very best in the weeks ahead.

Message from Mr Read – Vice Principal



With the exams starting at the end of the week, we wanted to take the opportunity to recognise just how dedicated and amazing students have been in the last few weeks both in lessons, and attending the additional interventions that their class teachers have offered.

We just wanted to remind Year 11 parents/carers of a couple of things prior to your child's first exam:

- Students must be on time to school and their exams. If in doubt, they should get the earlier bus or set off a few minutes earlier.
- If your child is too unwell to attend school, you must contact the school as early as possible, and see the doctor to obtain medical evidence. This will be required by the exam board.
- If their exam finishes at 2:30pm or later, they will be allowed to leave the site and head home. Should they wish to remain in the building, they will be able to go to the Study Space.
- Remove as much stress as possible by:
 - Bringing all equipment (highlighters, pens, calculators, etc)
 - Having correct uniform (shirt tucked in, tie, school skirt or trousers)
 - Maintaining their high levels of positive behaviour both in the classroom and around the school.
 - Continuing to attend all lessons promptly.

Today - An email has been sent to you today with information about Tute Education running Live Revision Webinars on their Youtube for core subjects, **the night before exams at 18:00**. The full list and schedule are [here](#), and we will send out email reminders the day before, as well as post the links on social media just before the time. We hope that students find these useful.

Finally, we wish them all the best in all their examinations. They are rehearsed and ready. All staff are right behind them and here to support where needed.

THEME & WORD OF THE WEEK

for week commencing 11 May 2026

THEME – “Does tests affect your mental health?”

WORD – Specific

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **15-16 June** – Y10 History Trip London
- **9 July** – Y7 Parents’ Evening, 4.00pm – 7.00pm
- **10 July** – Y11 Prom Wensum Valley Golf Club, 7.00pm – 11.00pm

GENERAL NEWS STORIES

Year 8 Enterprise Day - On Thursday, our Year 8 students took part in an exciting Enterprise Day led by the Inspirational Learning Group. Working in teams, students were challenged to design a subsidiary airline for British Airways, considering everything from aircraft design and onboard food to branding, marketing, target customers and unique selling points.

Using their Maths skills to calculate costings and budgets, students demonstrated fantastic creativity, innovation, teamwork and communication throughout the day. These are all valuable employability skills that will support them in the future workplace.



It was a truly excellent day, and we are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm and effort shown by all of our Year 8 students. Thank you for making the event such a success!

Go to our [News Story](#) to read more and see the photos.

GENERAL NEWS STORIES

Ski Trip – Students recently returned from an unforgettable ski trip to Passo Tonale, Italy. Go to our [news story](#) to see all the amazing photos, more information on the trip and some quotes from the students that attended.



SEND Reform Plan - This week some of our pupils were involved in giving their opinions on the new SEND Reform Plan. These findings have been presented as part of the SEND Reform engagement feedback. This was delivered to senior leaders from across Norfolk County Council, Health Services and schools, and will also form part of the Norfolk SEND Reform Plan which will be submitted to central government next month. It was great to see how our student's voices are contributing towards plans which will shape the future of SEND support in Norfolk.

HOT CHOCOLATE WITH THE VICE PRINCIPAL

This week Mr Read met with some fantastic students for hot chocolate. To read more go to our [News Story](#).



PE UPDATE



PE FIXTURES & EVENTS

w/c 11th May 2026

MONDAY 11th MAY 2026
 Y7/8 Commonwealth Games Competition @ UEA Sportspark [10am - 2pm]

WEDNESDAY 13th MAY 2026
 Y8/9 District Athletics @ Thorpe St Andrew School [3.30 - 5pm]

THURSDAY 14th MAY 2026
 Y7/8 Mixed Cage Cricket Tournament @ Sprowston Academy [3.45 - 5pm]

FRIDAY 15th MAY 2026
 Y7-9 WNDSSP Secondary Athletics Competition @ UEA Sportspark [10am - 2pm]
 Sports Leaders Event: Arden Grove Sports Day [9am - 11.30am]



ATTACHMENTS

- PTA Indoor Car Boot Poster
- Making Sense of SEND Information Poster



NEWS FROM OUR SIXTH FORM

Y13 Celebration Conference

This week we celebrated the coming to the end of Y13. Lots of awards were presented for all that Y13 have achieved this year

Huge congratulations to those students who achieved our higher awards.

- Study Centre Supervisor award - Alfie P
- Head of Year award - Keane B
- Director of Sixth Form award - Sophie W
- Principal award - Thomas M



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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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