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MESSAGE FROM..... MISS MASON, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL



Adaptive Teaching at HHS

What is Adaptive Teaching?

Adaptive Teaching is an evidence-based approach designed to ensure that every student receives the right level of support and challenge to succeed in every lesson. A "one-size-fits-all" approach does not work in the classroom. Adaptive teaching is about responsiveness, making real-time adjustments during a lesson based on how students are engaging with the material.

Adaptive teaching focuses on:

Real-time adjustments: Teachers adapt their methods, resources, and activities as needs arise during the lesson.

Flexible grouping: Instead of fixed groups, students may be grouped momentarily to address a specific misunderstanding.

High expectations: We maintain high standards for all students, providing "scaffolds" (temporary support) to help them reach challenging goals rather than lowering the bar.

Key strategies teachers use to make their teaching more responsive include:

1. **Diagnostic Assessment:** Teachers use quick strategies to check for understanding throughout the lesson. This includes using mini-whiteboards, questioning and other forms of check in to see if students are ready to move on.
2. **Anticipating Barriers:** Before a lesson even begins, teachers plan for potential misconceptions or gaps in prior knowledge that might hinder learning.
3. **Active Response:** When a teacher identifies a gap in understanding or a misconception, they might:
 - Re-teach a specific concept to a small group.
 - Chunk information into smaller, more manageable steps.
 - Provide modelling or worked examples to guide students through a process.
 - Adjust the pace of the lesson.

By adopting these adaptive strategies, we are committed to ensuring that every learner at HHS feels supported and is empowered to achieve their very best.

THEME & WORD OF THE WEEK

for week commencing 18 May 2026

THEME – “Can young people lead the way to reduce knife crime?”

WORD – Structure

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

Young Carers Trip – This week our Young Carers were invited to participate in a Multi-Sport Activity Day at Taverham High School. They started off with Archery, but unfortunately due heavy rain the event had to come to an abrupt halt. It was a shame as our students were just starting to settle into the day, but hopefully we will be able to attend next year – hopefully with much better weather!



Norfolk FA Youth Council - If you are passionate about football and looking to make a real impact in the game across Norfolk? The **Norfolk FA Youth Council** is now welcoming applications from enthusiastic, self-motivated individuals who are keen to play an active role in supporting the delivery of the **Norfolk FA 2024–2028 strategy**.

This is a fantastic opportunity to:

- Have your voice heard in shaping the future of football locally.
- Gain valuable experience in leadership and decision-making.
- Work on exciting projects and initiatives within the county game.
- Collaborate with like-minded young people who share your passion.



PE UPDATE



PE FIXTURES & EVENTS

w/c 18th May 2026

TUESDAY 19th MAY 2026
 Y8/9 District Athletics @ Thorpe St Andrew School [Leave: 2.30pm / Start: 3.30pm / Return: 5.15-5.30pm]

WEDNESDAY 20th MAY 2026
 Y9/10 Mixed Cage Cricket Tournament @ Sprowston Academy [Leave: 3.15pm / Start: 3.45pm / Return: 5.15pm]
 Y10 Runders Tournament @ Thorpe [Leave: 3.15pm / Start: 3.45pm / Return: 5.30pm]

FRIDAY 22nd MAY 2026
 Sports Leaders Event: Arden Grove Sports Day [Leave: 8.50am / Start: 9am / Return: 11.30am]



ATTACHMENTS

- PTA Indoor Car Boot Poster
- Stevensons Uniform Shop Opening Times Information
- E-Scooter Safety
- Lego Church Information

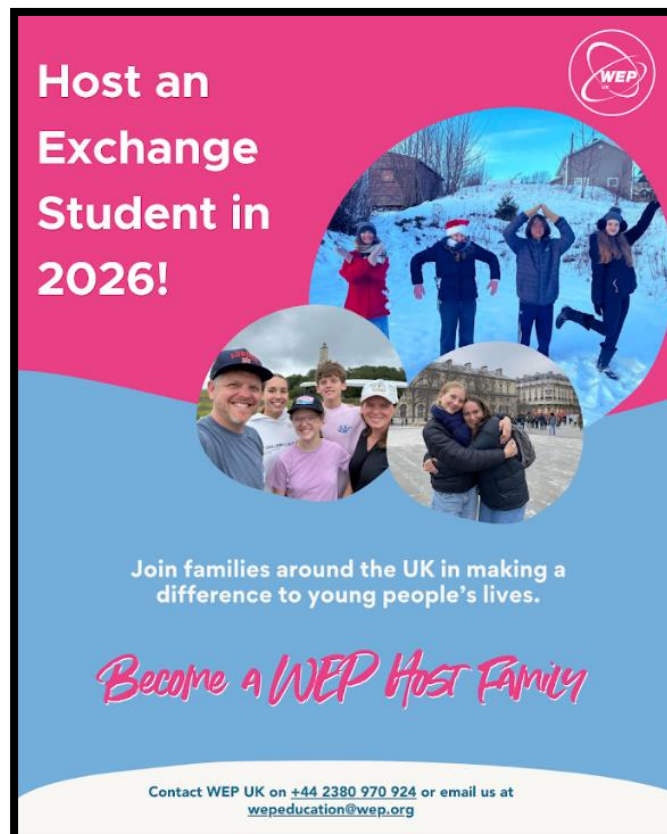


NEWS FROM OUR SIXTH FORM

International Students 2026

In September 2026, Hellesdon Sixth Form will be welcoming some international exchange students aged between 16-18 years old to spend a term at our school. We are currently looking for **welcoming host families** for these students. Hosting can be a wonderful and rewarding experience for all involved, and host families can earn up to £500 per month for students.

Please contact wepeducation@wep.org or visit our [Host Family information page](#) to find out more and sign up.



**Host an
Exchange
Student in
2026!**

Join families around the UK in making a difference to young people's lives.

Become a WEP Host Family

Contact WEP UK on +44 2380 970 924 or email us at wepeducation@wep.org

The poster features a pink and blue background with a WEP logo in the top right. It includes three circular images: a group of people in winter gear in a snowy field, a group of five people smiling, and a couple embracing. The text is in white and pink, with a handwritten-style font for the main slogan.



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The block contains an Instagram logo, the text 'Follow us on Instagram', a QR code, and the Instagram handle '@HELLEDONSIXTHFORM'.

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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