

**26 June 2026**

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## **MESSAGE FROM..... MR READ, VICE PRINCIPAL**

It was exciting to be able to confirm the outcomes of the Options process with parents/carers and students in Year 9 this past week. It was another successful year of planning and we were delighted to be able to meet around 95% of students' first choices!

One of the biggest contributors to being a successful learner is motivation and ambition. I have been really impressed by Year 9, and the conversations I have had with so many of them over the last couple of months. It is clear they have high hopes for the future and care about achieving their potential in order to set themselves up for the next steps in their education and careers.

### **What now...?**

Firstly, it is really important that students complete their Year 9 studies with the same focus and commitment as they have shown throughout Year 7 to now. All of the skills and knowledge that they are gaining, sets the foundation for their GCSE courses.

As they think forward to next year, it is important to get off to a great start in Year 10 on their new courses. Here are some things that your child could do to prepare:

1. Ask your teacher what exam board your new course is with and have a look through the specification to see what you will be learning and doing.
2. Build your general knowledge around your courses by finding podcasts and audiobooks linked to the topics.
3. Start learning the key vocabulary for your subjects. Class teachers can help you with this.

You don't need to be an expert, but these types of independent tasks can really give you a headstart in Year 10.

### **THEME & WORD OF THE WEEK** for week commencing 22 June 2026

**THEME - "Should we talk more about the risks of gambling?"**

**WORD - Appropriate**

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

- **9 July** – Y7 Parents' Evening, 4.00pm – 7.00pm
- **10 July** – Y11 Prom Wensum Valley Golf Club, 7.00pm – 11.00pm

## GENERAL NEWS STORIES

### Royal Norfolk Show: School Garden Competition

We are incredibly proud of our EAL students who have helped create and care for our beautiful wheelbarrow garden entry for this year's School Garden Competition at the Royal Norfolk Show.

Inspired by Donna Ashworth's poem Yellow, our garden celebrates kindness, friendship, belonging and the people who bring sunshine into our lives. From planting and watering to designing and maintaining the display, our students have worked together with enthusiasm and creativity to bring this special project to life. Well done to everyone involved - we're so proud of what you have achieved

Our EAL Garden exhibit won **SILVER** at the Royal Norfolk Show on Wednesday! It was judged by official RHS judges who questioned the students on their work and we are extremely proud of them.

### HHS Brickmakers Gig - Last Saturday saw another fantastic gig at The Brickmakers for the HHS Music Department!

A huge thank you to Mr Dobson and Mrs Leuw Gardner for their organisation and participation in making the event such a success. It was wonderful to see so many talented students performing and sharing their love of music with the community.

We would also like to give a special mention to our Year 11 and Year 13 musicians who performed with us for the final time before leaving HHS. Thank you for your dedication, talent, and the contribution you have made to the Music Department over the years. We wish you every success and happiness in your next chapter.

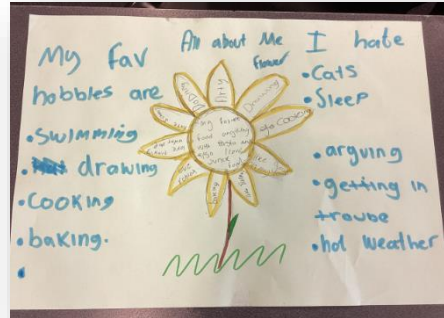
Go to our [news story](#) our [Facebook page](#) to see more photos.



## GENERAL NEWS STORIES

**HoopStars** - Free basketball sessions for young carers and for students who work with a mental health professional. The sessions start on Sunday, 18 April and will run every Sunday 1.30pm-2.30pm at City Academy, Norwich. The sign up form is here <https://www.norfolkhoopstars.com/wellbeing-sessions-form>. (See attachments for poster).

**Young Carers** - this week our Young Carers met to make posters about themselves, this included their likes, dislikes and hobbies. It was great to get to chat and share with each other and learn more about everyone's likes and dislikes. As it was so hot, they also got to have an ice pole to cool down! Excellent work Young Carers!



**PTA Lottery Results** - The lottery results for June are [here](#).

## ATTACHMENTS

- Community Sports Foundation – Wellbeing Even
- PE Fixtures and Events

## ICE POLES WITH THE VICE PRINCIPAL

This week due to the hot temperatures we swapped hot chocolates for Ice poles! Miss McLellan met with two fantastic students, to read more go to our [news story](#).



## NEWS FROM OUR SIXTH FORM

The Sixth Form Team and students have had a very busy, successful and enjoyable week!

### Sixth Form Induction Day

On Monday we welcomed our new applicants to Sixth Form, giving them an insight into what Sixth Form feels like and preparing students for September. It was a great day, very busy! and lovely to meet our new year group! We look forward to seeing you all on GCSE results/Enrolment morning on Thursday, 20 August.





## NEWS FROM OUR SIXTH FORM

### Y10 Future Focus Day

Hellesdon Sixth Form organised a day for Y10 to start thinking about future next steps, Post 16. As well as a session with Emily from UEA, they were also involved in a team building exercise in groups to produce an item to prevent an egg breaking when dropped from a height- The Egg Drop Challenge. All the students who took part were fully engaged in the day and we look forward to working with them in the future. Thank you Y10, you were eggcellent!!! and a big thank you to our Sixth Form ambassadors who kindly helped throughout the day.



### Y12 visited The Royal Norfolk Show

Some of our Y12 students attended The Royal Norfolk Show, visiting the Discovery Zone, speaking to local providers, companies and organisations gaining information for future apprenticeships and/or employment.



### A-Level History trip to London

On Thursday, our Y12 historians braved the heat to visit Westminster Abbey and the National Portrait Gallery. They had special access to Henry VII's tomb and learnt all about the importance of religion and propaganda during the Tudor period. A huge thank you to all of our historians and Mrs Kelleway for a fabulous day.



Please go to our webpage to see all latest stories and photos [Hellesdon Sixth Form Webpage](#).

### 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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