

Newsletter – July 2026



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Welcome to our latest newsletter

Dear Parents, Students and Staff

As we reach the end of another successful academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on and celebrate the many achievements, experiences and milestones that have made this year so memorable.

Our students have once again demonstrated exceptional commitment, resilience and ambition across all aspects of school life. From academic successes in the classroom to outstanding contributions in sport, the arts and the wider community, there is much of which we can all be proud.

This term has been particularly busy and rewarding. Our recent sponsored walk was a tremendous success, bringing together students and staff in support of important fundraising while demonstrating our strong sense of community spirit. Sports Day showcased not only athletic talent and determination but also teamwork, encouragement and house pride. We were also delighted to celebrate the accomplishments of so many students at our Awards Day, recognising excellence, effort and personal growth throughout the year.

Curriculum Enhancement Week provided students with a wide range of pathway activities, enabling them to broaden their experiences, develop new skills and explore future opportunities beyond the classroom. These enriching experiences are an important part of our commitment to preparing young people for successful futures.

I would also like to congratulate our Year 10 students on completing their work experience placements. The positive feedback received from employers has highlighted the professionalism, maturity and enthusiasm shown by our students, and we are grateful to all the organisations that supported this valuable opportunity.

A special mention must go to our Year 11 students who have approached the GCSE examination season with determination and perseverance. We are incredibly proud of the commitment they have shown throughout their examinations and wish them every success as they await their results. We enjoyed celebrating with Year 11 students at Prom, an important milestone that marks the end of one chapter and the beginning of exciting new opportunities. We wish them every happiness and success in the future.

As the year draws to a close, we have also been delighted to welcome prospective students and families during our transition days. These events provide an important opportunity for students joining us in September to experience school life, meet staff and begin building the confidence and excitement that comes with starting a new chapter. We are very much looking forward to officially welcoming them into our school community in September and supporting them as they begin their journey with us.

None of these achievements would be possible without the dedication, care and professionalism of our staff. Every day, our teachers, support staff, site team and administrative colleagues go above and beyond to provide the very best education and opportunities for our students. I would like to express my sincere thanks to every member of staff for their hard work, commitment and unwavering support throughout the year.

Finally, I would like to thank our parents and carers for their continued partnership and support. Together, we create the strong community that enables our young people to thrive.

I wish all students, staff and families a safe, restful and enjoyable summer break. Whether you are spending time with family and friends, travelling, or simply taking the opportunity to relax and recharge, I hope the summer provides a well-deserved chance to reflect on a successful year.

We look forward to welcoming all our returning students, as well as those joining us for the first time, in September for another exciting year of learning, achievement and opportunity.

Warm regards
Helen Watts
Executive Principal

Canopy Appeal

We're still fundraising to install a new canopy in one of our outdoor spaces for our students. Every contribution, large or small is very welcome.

Donations to the 'Canopy Campaign' can be made via the following link

[Canopy Campaign - Donate Here](#)

We also have a clothes donation/Rag Bag bin for the Canopy Campaign fundraising, which is located near the bicycle shelters. Please drop items and always close the front panel. Thank You!



Prom 2026

Our Year 11 students rounded off their time at Acle Academy in style at this year's prom.

It was a fantastic evening, with everyone making a real effort and looking amazing. Students enjoyed a chance to celebrate together with good food, music and plenty of dancing after completing their GCSE exams.

Thank you to all the staff who helped organise the evening and to everyone who made it such a memorable occasion. We would also like to thank parents and carers for their support over the past five years.

We wish all of our Year 11 students the very best for the future and look forward to seeing them again on Results Day.

Best wishes, Class of 2026!

Please find a link below to photographs taken on the evening.

<https://www.wensumtrust.org.uk/acleacademy/news-and-events/acle-academy-news/prom-2026>

Learner of the Month

Our latest Learner of the Month news can be found via the below link

<https://www.wensumtrust.org.uk/acleacademy/about-us/our-gallery/learner-of-the-month-may-2026>





Bookings open now!

Bookings for the Summer Big Norfolk Holiday Fun programme are now open.

Activities will run between 20th July – 2nd September 2026, and bookings will be taken on the Eequ activity finder.

Children aged 5-16 (or 4 if in Reception) receiving benefits-related free school meals can enjoy free activities including a free, nutritious lunch.

The scheme is run in partnership with Norfolk County Council and is funded by the UK Government.

Children who receive benefits-related Free School Meals are eligible for free places. Paid places are also available for children who are not eligible.

Book now through the following link-

<https://eequ.org/bignorfolkholidayfun>



Young Carers in Schools Award

We are delighted to have achieved the Young Carers in Schools Award, recognising our commitment to identifying and supporting young carers within our school community.

This award reflects the importance we place on ensuring that young carers are recognised, understood and supported so that they can thrive both in and out of the classroom.

A special thank you goes to Mrs Pointer, whose dedication and hard work were instrumental in helping us achieve this award. Her commitment to supporting our young carers has made a real difference, and we are incredibly grateful for everything she has done.



LEARN TO FLOAT

If you get in trouble in the water, don't panic – follow these steps:



1 Keep calm. Don't swim hard. Hold onto anything that floats.



2 Lean back to keep your mouth and nose out of the water.



3 Push your belly up and stretch out your arms and legs into a star shape.



4 Gently move your hands and feet to help you float.



5 Do this until you feel more relaxed.



6 When you're calm, raise your arm and shout for help. Swim to safety if you can.

The RNLI is the charity that saves lives at sea.
RNLI is a registered charity in England and Wales (204838), Scotland (SC03740),
and Northern Ireland (0900325). For further information, visit www.rnli.org.

Lifeboats



Attendance Matters – Finishing the Year Strong and Looking Ahead

As we reach the end of another successful school year, we would like to thank all of our students, families and carers for their continued support. It has been a year of learning, achievement and personal growth, and regular attendance has played a vital role in helping our young people succeed.

Every school day counts. Good attendance is about much more than meeting expectations—it gives students the best opportunity to build knowledge, develop friendships, participate fully in school life and achieve their potential. Missing even a small number of days can mean missing important learning that is difficult to catch up on.

We are especially proud of the many students who have demonstrated excellent attendance and commitment throughout the year. Their dedication reflects resilience, responsibility and a positive attitude towards learning.

As we look ahead to September, we encourage all families to make attendance a priority from the very first day of term. Starting the new academic year with strong routines helps students settle quickly, feel confident and make the most of every learning opportunity. Simple steps such as maintaining regular sleep patterns during the final weeks of the summer holiday, preparing school equipment in advance and planning appointments outside of school hours where possible can make a real difference.

Our attendance expectations remain high because we know the positive impact that regular attendance has on academic progress, wellbeing and future opportunities. We ask families to continue working in partnership with us by ensuring students attend school every day unless they are genuinely too unwell to do so.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September, ready to embrace new challenges, celebrate new successes and make the coming year our best yet. Together, we can ensure that every student has the opportunity to thrive by being present, prepared and ready to learn.

Have a safe, restful and enjoyable summer break, and thank you for helping us make attendance everyone's priority.

Mr R McCombe
Assistant Principal for Behaviour & Attendance

Curriculum Enhancement Week – some reviews

Shadows of Justice Pathway

This pathway was designed to support the history curriculum and provide the opportunity for students to expand their understanding of the past, beyond the units of study covered in school. Students spent the three days exploring crime, punishment and justice through time through visits to Norwich Castle and the Tower of London and the completion of a short project focused on the crimes of Jack the Ripper.

Day 1: Norwich Castle

Students explored Norwich Castle through participation in a number of workshops and tours. This crime and punishment focused day included a tour of the castle where students learned about the evolution of the site from medieval royal palace, to gaol, prison and finally, museum. Secondly, students were invited to discover the dungeons, learn about punishments that were used when the castle functioned as a gaol and prison and get a feel for what it would have been like to be an inmate. Moreover, students were given the opportunity to explore the Georgian courtroom on site and re-enact the famous trial of James Blomfield-Rush for double-murder. It was a wonderful day and an excellent way for students to learn about this important theme through the lens of local history.

Day 2: Tower of London

After an early start, we had a smooth journey down to the capital and spent the day exploring the Tower of London. Students headed straight to see the Crown Jewels and learned about their significance and how they've changed over time. Following this, students were split into smaller groups and embarked on three different tours to discover the secrets, different purposes and history of the Tower of London. These focused on how different English monarchs have used the Tower, its time as a palace, prison and even menagerie! Highlights included exploring the White Tower, Tower Green and Traitors' Gate. Students also had the opportunity to extend their learning on key events included in the curriculum and linked to the Tower of London, for example, the Peasants' Revolt (1381), the mystery of the Princes in the Tower and Elizabeth I's imprisonment on suspicion of plotting against her half-sister, Mary I. Despite incredibly hot weather, students demonstrated curiosity and enthusiasm throughout!

Day 3: Jack the Ripper 'History Mystery'

For the final day of the pathway, we were in school investigating the mystery of the Whitechapel Murders and the still unknown identity of Jack the Ripper. Students learned about the challenging living and working conditions in 1888 Whitechapel, those which made it the ideal location for these crimes to be committed. They discovered the identities and fates of the Ripper's 'canonical five' victims and analysed evidence, such as eyewitness testimonies and letters to get a clearer idea about the kind of person responsible for these crimes. Furthermore, students analysed key evidence that has been used to accuse certain suspects and reached informed judgements about who they believed the most likely suspect was.

Students were engaged, curious and enthusiastic throughout the entirety of the pathway and represented the school impeccably. We had a great time taking them out and hope they enjoyed it as much as we did!

Link to gallery of photographs - <https://www.wensumtrust.org.uk/acleacademy/about-us/our-gallery/curriculum-enhancement-week-shadows-of-justice>

Strasbourg Trip

Our recent trip to Strasbourg with 40 students was a fantastic success from start to finish. Throughout the visit, everyone showed excellent behaviour, enthusiasm and a real willingness to make the most of every opportunity. It was brilliant to see so many students enjoying new experiences while learning about French and German culture.



One of the highlights of the trip was visiting the famous gingerbread factory, where we discovered how traditional Alsatian gingerbread is made. We also visited a chocolate factory, where students learned about the chocolate-making process and, of course, enjoyed tasting some delicious treats!



Another unforgettable part of the trip was spending the day at Europa-Park. From thrilling rollercoasters to family attractions, there was something for everyone, and the students had an amazing time exploring the different themed areas. There were plenty of smiles, laughter and unforgettable memories made throughout the day.



Overall, the trip was great fun. It was a wonderful opportunity for students to develop their language skills, experience a different culture and create lasting memories with their friends. We are incredibly proud of all 40 students for representing the school so well, and we hope they will remember this trip for many years to come. Link to gallery - <https://www.wensumtrust.org.uk/acleacademy/about-us/our-gallery/strasbourg-trip>

Kingswood – PGL Overstand Hall

Our Year 7 students had an amazing time on their residential visit to Kingswood, taking part in a wide range of exciting outdoor activities and challenges.

Throughout the trip, students stepped out of their comfort zones, worked together as teams and showed great determination as they tackled new experiences. It was fantastic to see so many students encouraging one another, building confidence and making lasting memories.

Here is a link to a few more photos from a brilliant few days away!

<https://www.wensumtrust.org.uk/acleacademy/about-us/our-gallery/year-7-kingswood-residential>

Escape Rooms

Students on the Escape Rooms pathway enjoyed three days of teamwork, problem-solving and fun during Curriculum Enhancement Week.

The week began with a trip to Escape Game Norwich, followed by a round of crazy golf at Putt Putt Noodle. Back at school, students put their thinking skills to the test with challenges from the Happy Puzzle Company before finishing the week with a rotation of Dungeons & Dragons and mystery-solving activities.

Throughout the week, students developed their communication, resilience and teamwork skills while tackling a range of engaging challenges. Please follow the link below to a gallery of photographs.

<https://www.wensumtrust.org.uk/acleacademy/about-us/our-gallery/curriculum-enhancement-week-escape-rooms>

Wet & Wild

Students on the Wet and Wild pathway enjoyed three days of outdoor adventure, taking part in a range of exciting water sports activities.

Over the course of the week, students rotated between paddleboarding at Wolterton Hall, water sports at Whitlingham Adventure and sailing with Hunter's Yard on the Norfolk Broads. Each activity gave students the opportunity to develop new skills, build confidence and enjoy the outdoors in a fun and supportive environment.

Throughout the pathway, students embraced every challenge with enthusiasm, demonstrating resilience, teamwork and determination while creating plenty of lasting memories.

It was a fantastic week of adventure and a brilliant opportunity for students to experience a variety of activities on and around the water. Please follow the link to a gallery of photographs -

<https://www.wensumtrust.org.uk/acleacademy/about-us/our-gallery/curriculum-enhancement-week-wet-and-wild>

Out of this World

Students on the Out of This World pathway enjoyed three action-packed days during Curriculum Enhancement Week.

The adventure began with a visit to Pleasurewood Hills, where students enjoyed a variety of rides and attractions. They then spent a day at Africa Alive, learning more about wildlife and conservation while seeing animals from around the world. The pathway finished with a trip to Go Ape, where students challenged themselves on the high ropes course, showing determination, teamwork and plenty of courage.

It was a fantastic three days, filled with fun, new experiences and lasting memories, please follow the link below to a gallery of photographs- <https://www.wensumtrust.org.uk/acleacademy/about-us/our-gallery/curriculum-enhancement-week-out-of-this-world>

GB Challenge

Students on the GB Challenge pathway enjoyed three days of creative, practical and hands-on activities led by our Creative Industries faculty.

Working in small groups, students rotated through a variety of challenges, including a *Bake Off* where they made cupcakes and bread, creating block bots inspired by their favourite celebrities and characters, producing music in *Build a Beat*, making felt keyrings and taking part in *DIY SOS*. As part of the DIY challenge, students helped build a fence to allow windows in the Maths Faculty to be opened fully, improving ventilation for classrooms.

The pathway encouraged students to develop creativity, teamwork and practical skills while making a positive contribution to the school community.

Please follow the link below to a gallery of photographs.

<https://www.wensumtrust.org.uk/acleacademy/about-us/our-gallery/curriculum-enhancement-week-gb-challenge>

Land and Sea Pathway

It was a busy few days for the students on this pathway who experienced all the local area has to offer in terms of nature.

On Wednesday we took the train to Great Yarmouth where we firstly walked to the Waterways for some creative writing/art inspiration. Students took time to admire the Venetian bridges, boats and a lovely pond complete with Monet style lilies and fish and made sketches/notes to take back to school.

We then walked along the beach, stopping at the pier for photos and ice creams/doughnuts in the sunshine before continuing. Lunch was eaten on the beach where we were ambushed by the local seagulls after some food! The students loved their impromptu game of volleyball and engaged in some traditional seaside activities which included paddling in the sea!

After taking the train back to school, the students made sketches of their favourite scenes ready for use on Thursday or painted stones in seaside themes.

On day two we explored the woodland areas of Acle, starting with a walk through the fields to Upton where we enjoyed spotting and trying to identify the different crops in the fields and collected leaves/flowers for our art work later.

After break we walked around the back of the school through the Jubilee forest area to stop at the sundial where a beautiful back view of the school can be seen. Students made sketches here and took some beautiful photos before heading back for lunch.

In the afternoon we used our sketches and things we had collected to make Aboriginal style drawings and hanging decorations out of sticks, as well as writing brochure pages advertising Great Yarmouth and Acle.

On Friday morning we walked to the river at Acle Bridge where we stopped for a well-deserved drink/snack at Acle Bridge Inn before making some sketches of the river/scenes. We were well looked after by Phil and his lovely staff who allowed us to look through their box of photos/memories of Acle Bridge through the years.

In the afternoon we had a quiz based on the theme of nature and then made board games which we then played!

It was a busy, tiring few days but the students thoroughly enjoyed being at one with nature and took some fantastic photos which will serve as reminders of their visits.

Please follow the link below to a gallery of photographs.

<https://www.wensumtrust.org.uk/acleacademy/about-us/our-gallery/curriculum-enhancement-week-land-and-sea>

Royal Norfolk Show

Last month, our Year 8 students enjoyed a fantastic day at the Royal Norfolk Show, exploring agriculture, science, technology and the countryside through a wide range of interactive exhibits and activities. It was a great opportunity to learn beyond the classroom while enjoying everything the show had to offer.



Student SPOTLIGHT

STUDENT Spotlight

Congratulations to Karis who has achieved a fantastic achievement by winning the 100m sprint at the UTA. Karis has been a member of the team for a long time and has been working hard to improve her performance. Karis has been a member of the team for a long time and has been working hard to improve her performance. Karis has been a member of the team for a long time and has been working hard to improve her performance.



KARIS WATLING

Acle Academy
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STUDENT Spotlight

Congratulations to Zak who has achieved a fantastic achievement by winning the 100m sprint at the UTA. Zak has been a member of the team for a long time and has been working hard to improve his performance. Zak has been a member of the team for a long time and has been working hard to improve his performance. Zak has been a member of the team for a long time and has been working hard to improve his performance.



ZAK ARTHERTON-HOWLETT

Acle Academy
Respect, Aspiration and Determination

STUDENT Spotlight

Congratulations to Martha in Year 7, who achieved a Merit in her Grade 2 Classical Guitar examination in June. This is a fantastic achievement and reflects her hard work and dedication. Well done, Martha!



MARTHA LAMBERT

Acle Academy
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STUDENT Spotlight

Congratulations to Bailey who has achieved a fantastic achievement by winning the 100m sprint at the UTA. Bailey has been a member of the team for a long time and has been working hard to improve his performance. Bailey has been a member of the team for a long time and has been working hard to improve his performance. Bailey has been a member of the team for a long time and has been working hard to improve his performance.



BAILEY LARNDER

Acle Academy
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STUDENT Spotlight

At the end of May, we took part in the 100m sprint at the UTA. Alex has been a member of the team for a long time and has been working hard to improve his performance. Alex has been a member of the team for a long time and has been working hard to improve his performance. Alex has been a member of the team for a long time and has been working hard to improve his performance.



ALEX BARNES

Acle Academy
Respect, Aspiration and Determination

STUDENT Spotlight

Congratulations to Esme who has achieved a fantastic achievement by winning the 100m sprint at the UTA. Esme has been a member of the team for a long time and has been working hard to improve her performance. Esme has been a member of the team for a long time and has been working hard to improve her performance. Esme has been a member of the team for a long time and has been working hard to improve her performance.



ESME DAWSON

Acle Academy
Respect, Aspiration and Determination

More Faculty News



Art Department Update

It has been another busy and creative term in the Art Department, with students across all year groups producing some fantastic work.

Year 7 have been exploring the work of contemporary ceramic artist **Heather Knight**, taking inspiration from her beautiful marine-themed sculptures. Students have been developing their clay skills by creating their own sea creatures using the pinch pot technique. It has been wonderful to see their creativity and confidence grow as they experiment with form and texture.

Year 8 have had their Frida Kahlo-inspired clay skull tiles fired in the kiln and have enjoyed bringing them to life with vibrant painted decorations. They have now moved on to developing their observational drawing skills through a still life project, using chalks to explore colour, tone and texture.

Year 9 have been putting the finishing touches to their Pop Art-inspired album cover designs, carefully using Posca pens to decorate canvas tote bags. They have now begun studying the work of **Michael Craig-Martin**, exploring his colourful everyday icons. Using acetate and Posca pens, students are creating their own bold, contemporary designs inspired by his distinctive style.



Year 10 students have successfully completed their GCSE Art mock final pieces. They have worked incredibly hard throughout the project, demonstrating resilience, creativity and a growing confidence in their artistic abilities. We are very proud of the high standard of work they have produced and look forward to seeing their skills continue to develop as they move into the next stage of their course.





Food Technology Update

Our Food Technology students have been busy developing their practical cooking skills this term, producing a fantastic range of dishes while building confidence in the kitchen.

Year 7 have been learning essential food preparation techniques by making **homemade chicken goujons**. They practised safe knife skills, coating techniques, and the importance of good food hygiene.

Year 8 have enjoyed making **carrot cakes** and **pasta bake**. These recipes helped students develop baking skills, understand the importance of accurate measuring, and create balanced, nutritious meals.

Year 9 have been exploring a wider variety of cooking methods by preparing **sweet and sour chicken** and baking delicious **chocolate brownies**. They have focused on combining flavours, using the hob safely, while also developing their organisation, time management, teamwork, and confidence in the kitchen.

Year 10 students have been developing their baking expertise by making **chocolate cake** and the classic **Victoria sponge cake**. They have concentrated on precision, consistency, and decorative finishing techniques while producing some excellent results.

We are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm, creativity, and effort shown by all our students. It has been wonderful to see their confidence grow as they develop valuable life skills and produce such high-quality dishes. We hope you have enjoyed tasting some of their creations at home!





Science Faculty Update

It has been another busy and successful term in the Science Department, with students across all year groups demonstrating enthusiasm, resilience and excellent progress.

Our Year 10 students have worked exceptionally hard in preparation for their mock examinations, and we are delighted with the effort and commitment they have shown. Many students achieved strong results, providing an excellent foundation for their final GCSE year. However, the real value of these mocks lies in what comes next. We encourage all students to carefully reflect on their feedback, identify areas for improvement, and use this as motivation to work consistently throughout Year 11. With continued dedication, they will be well placed to achieve their full potential next summer.

Across Years 7, 8 and 9, students have been developing their practical laboratory skills while completing their end-of-topic assessments. It has been fantastic to see increasing confidence in carrying out investigations safely, accurately recording observations, and applying scientific knowledge to explain their findings.

Curriculum Enhancement Week provided some unforgettable experiences for our Space Explorers. Students enjoyed an inspiring visit to the Science Museum and the Natural History Museum in London, exploring everything from cutting-edge technology to the history of our planet. They also visited the National Space Centre in Leicester, where they took part in an engaging planetarium session focused on astronaut education, alongside an interactive workshop entitled *Our Earth Under Threat*. Both trips were hugely worthwhile, giving students the opportunity to experience science beyond the classroom and inspiring many to continue exploring the wonders of space and our planet. The excitement continued back at school as our Space Explorers took on the challenge of designing and building their own 2-litre bottle rockets. Students demonstrated excellent teamwork, creativity and problem-solving skills as they refined their designs before putting them to the test. The launches were a fantastic success, with some impressive flights and plenty of enthusiastic competition. A special congratulations goes to **Lola and Brooke**, whose outstanding rocket—designed to resemble **Bob the Minion**—proved to be both eye-catching and exceptionally well-engineered, earning them the title of this year's winning team. Well done to everyone who took part for their fantastic effort, creativity and engineering skills! A big thank you to Mr Field and Mrs Sharman for all of their hard work in organising this.

Link to gallery of photographs - <https://www.wensumtrust.org.uk/acleacademy/about-us/our-gallery/curriculum-enhancement-week-space-explorers>

Meanwhile, our CSI Acle programme once again proved to be a highlight of the term. Students put their forensic science skills to the test as they gathered, analysed and evaluated evidence to solve the mystery of Mr Newstead's murder. With Mr Orton and Mr Butcher emerging as the prime suspects, students carefully pieced together the clues before presenting their conclusions. Congratulations to the many budding forensic scientists who successfully identified the correct culprit through their excellent investigative work! Also a big thank you to Mrs Baxter and Mrs Pritchard for all of their hard work throughout the planning and delivery of this programme.

As we reach the end of another successful academic year, we would like to thank all of our students for their hard work, enthusiasm and commitment to science. We wish everyone a well-deserved, restful and enjoyable summer break. To our Year 10 students, don't forget to complete your summer project—it will provide an excellent head start for Year 11—but be sure to take time to relax, recharge and enjoy the holidays with family and friends. We look forward to welcoming all of our students back in September for another exciting year in Science!

A Special Moment at Acle

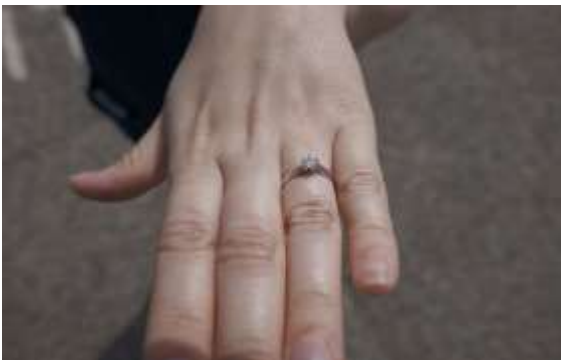
On Sunday, we were delighted to welcome former students Matt and Sally back to Acle Academy for a very special occasion.

They first met as Year 7 students at what was then known as Acle High School and have been together ever since. Wanting to mark the next chapter of their journey together, Matt was keen to return to the school to propose outside the room where they first met all those years ago.

We are thrilled to share that Sally said "yes"!

We were delighted to help make this special moment possible and to welcome them back to Acle.

Congratulations to Matt and Sally from everyone at Acle Academy. We wish them every happiness for the future.



Year 7 Team-Building Morning at the Nancy Oldfield Trust

In June, twelve Year 7 boys took part in a confidence and team-building morning at the Nancy Oldfield Trust in Neatishead.

During the visit, the students learnt how to sail small boats in pairs before completing a kayak journey through the Broads from Barton Pontoon, where the boats were based. For many of the boys, it was their first experience of both the Norfolk Broads and being out on the water.

The students embraced every challenge with enthusiasm, demonstrating excellent teamwork, resilience and determination throughout the morning. They thoroughly enjoyed the experience and gained valuable confidence through trying new activities.

Our sincere thanks go to the Nancy Oldfield Trust for welcoming our group and providing such a fantastic opportunity and facility for our students.

Please find below a link to a gallery of photographs

<https://www.wensumtrust.org.uk/acleacademy/about-us/our-gallery/year-7-team-building-morning-at-the-nancy-oldfield-trust>

Leavers Assembly

We said farewell to our Year 11 students at their Leavers' Assembly.

Thank you to everyone who helped make the event so special, including the students who performed with their bands, and Alex, who wowed us with a fantastic dance performance. We hope Year 11 enjoyed celebrating together and, of course, enjoyed the leavers' video!

A special thank you goes to Mr Sayce, who is also leaving us this year. Since joining Acle Academy in 2018, he has played a huge role in supporting and guiding our Year 11 students, and we are incredibly grateful for all he has done.

Finally, thank you to parents and carers for your continued support throughout your child's journey with us.

We wish all of our Year 11 students every success for the future. We look forward to seeing them celebrating their achievements on Results Day. (

Full gallery of pictures can be found via this link-

<https://www.wensumtrust.org.uk/acleacademy/about-us/our-gallery/leavers-assembly-2026>

Sports Day

Sports Day was a great opportunity for students to represent their houses, take part in a range of events, and enjoy some friendly competition. It was encouraging to see such positive participation, determination, and support for one another throughout the day. Thank you to all the students and staff who helped make the event run so smoothly and to Mr Marrison for organising it all.



Year 10 English A Level Taster Sessions

On Thursday 2nd July, a group of our Year 10 students visited East Norfolk Sixth Form College to take part in two English A level taster sessions.

The first session, led by Adam, provided a fascinating introduction to A Level English language, with students exploring the power of language and the ways in which it shapes our understanding of gender. The second session, led by Jen, offered a whistle-stop tour of dystopian literature, encouraging students to discuss and consider how these texts reflect aspects of the world we live in today.

The visit gave students an excellent insight into studying English beyond GCSE and the exciting opportunities it can offer.

Our thanks go to Mrs Cullen for organising the trip and for creating the fantastic display in the English corridor, highlighting the many pathways that studying English can lead to.



Hippodrome

Students were delighted to take part in a rewards trip to the Hippodrome in recognition of their consistent hard work and positive contribution to school life throughout the year. A truly memorable day and a well-deserved reward for a great year!





Performance Studies Faculty Update

It has been another exceptional year for Performance Studies and PE, with students and staff demonstrating outstanding commitment, enthusiasm and talent across a wide range of activities. From performances and sporting fixtures to clubs, competitions and whole-school events, the dedication shown throughout the year has been truly inspiring.

Our students have embraced every opportunity to represent the school with pride, determination and respect. Whether performing on stage, competing in fixtures or attending weekly clubs, they have consistently displayed teamwork, resilience and a positive attitude. Their willingness to challenge themselves, encourage others and strive for excellence has been a credit to both themselves and the school.

This year has been particularly memorable for the continued success of our boys' football teams. Across all age groups, players have produced outstanding performances, achieved excellent results and represented the school with exceptional sportsmanship. Their commitment to training and teamwork has been rewarded with one of our most successful football seasons to date.

In Performance Studies, students delivered a truly outstanding production of *Oliver!*, captivating audiences with their talent, confidence and professionalism. Every performer, musician, backstage crew member and member of the technical team played a vital role in bringing the show to life, creating a production that will be remembered for years to come.

Our musicians have also enjoyed an incredible year, performing with confidence and passion at the Brickmakers Pub and the Norfolk Show. These performances showcased the remarkable talent within our school and provided students with invaluable opportunities to perform in front of live audiences, representing the school with pride.

A particular highlight was Sports Day, where the entire school community came together in a fantastic celebration of sport and teamwork. Students gave their all in every event, demonstrating determination, resilience and outstanding sportsmanship. The energy, encouragement and house spirit throughout the day made it one of the year's most memorable occasions.

A huge thank you goes to our dedicated staff, whose enthusiasm, hard work and countless hours behind the scenes made every club, fixture, rehearsal, performance and event possible. Congratulations to every student and member of staff for making this such a successful year. We look forward to building on these achievements and creating even more unforgettable memories next year.



Brickies '26

At a music event at the Brickmakers Pub, students from Acle Academy performed alongside musicians from Hellesdon High School and Alderman Peel High School in front of a packed crowd.

Acle Academy band **Pulse**, featuring Year 8 students **Ethan C and Cooper W**, delivered an energetic set that included songs by Nirvana and other rock favourites, sending the younger members of the audience into a frenzy. The vocals were supported by Year 11 student **Millie Z-S**, whose unusually deep, dark and gritty vocal range captivated the crowd. Clearly no stranger to the stage, Millie demonstrated confidence and excellent control throughout her performance.

Singer **Nivani D-S** - Year 10 - impressed the audience with a stunning solo rendition of *Dreams* by Fleetwood Mac. Performing alone on stage took great courage, and her pure, expressive vocals dazzled the crowd and earned warm applause from the audience.



Year 5 STEM Transition

Cluedo day

A successful transition day saw year 5 enjoying a day of using STEM skills to solve the mystery of who stole Miss Scarlett's jewels. Thank you to Mrs Jacotine (Dr Orchid), Ms White (Mrs White) Mr Orton and Mr Field (colonel mustard), Ms Baxter (Miss Scarlett) and Mr Sturdy (Professor Plum). Our team of yr8/9 and 10 Maths/Science leaders did a fantastic job of hosting and looking after our visitors.



Our PGCE trainees left

Thank you to Mr Warren, Ms Payne, Ms Bradnum, Mr Freeman and Mr Everett who have all enjoyed successful teacher training with us and gone on to secure roles for next September. On behalf of Acle academy we would like to thank them for all their efforts whilst with us and thank you to our amazing mentor team.



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Year 10 Work Experience

Ant R has demonstrated a fantastic flair for art by designing and creating a stunning mural inspired by the Creative Industries subjects. Located on the wall outside the Textiles and Prep Room, the vibrant artwork celebrates creativity and showcases the wide range of artistic opportunities available within the department.

Ant has worked tirelessly throughout the week, showing great dedication, patience, and attention to detail as the mural has come to life. The finished piece is a striking addition to the school environment and will be enjoyed by students, staff, and visitors for many years to come.

We are incredibly proud of Ant's talent, commitment, and willingness to leave such a positive and lasting contribution to our school community. Well done, Ant, on an outstanding achievement!

During their Year 10 work experience placement with us, Dennis M and Rhylee G made a fantastic contribution to an exciting new project on site. They were tasked with helping to develop a dedicated staff wellbeing area located behind the workshop—an initiative aimed at creating a more relaxing and enjoyable space for staff to use during breaks.

Throughout their time with us, both students demonstrated excellent enthusiasm, teamwork, and a strong work ethic. They assisted with clearing and preparing the area, including sweeping and tidying the space to create a clean foundation for development. They also played an active role in constructing a barbecue area, laying down a gravel surface to improve both appearance and practicality, and designing and building contemporary trellis to help screen the extractor unit.



Their efforts have made a real and lasting impact on the space, transforming it into a much more welcoming and functional environment. Dennis and Rhylee should be very proud of what they have achieved during their placement. They worked incredibly hard, approached every task with a positive attitude, and produced work of a high standard throughout.

Papillion Project

Our school garden continues to flourish thanks to the hard work and dedication of students, staff and volunteers. We are delighted to be working alongside The Papillon Project, whose support has helped us develop and enhance this valuable outdoor space.

We are so proud of the progress that has been made, and we look forward to continuing this partnership and seeing the garden grow even further.



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Dates for your diary

Friday 17th July – School closes at 1pm for the summer holiday.

Tuesday 2nd & Wednesday 3rd September – Inset Days (no students in school)

Thursday 3rd September – all year groups expected in school

Thursday 1st October – Open Evening for year 6 parents and students. 5pm – 8.45pm



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If you would like to join the PTA please contact them by email

pta@acle.norfolk.sch.uk



Please remember to check ClassCharts

ClassCharts is our main form of communication to keep up to date with daily progress, updates, and messages. ClassCharts is used to communicate pride points, behaviour points and interventions. We also use this platform for parent announcements. As part of the home school agreement, we ask parents to check this regularly, at least on a weekly basis. If your child has lost their log in, please ask their form tutor or the school office who will be able to provide child and parent login details. Parents and students can view a child's timetable via ClassCharts.

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