

## Open Academy Newsletter – 9 May 2025

### Principal's Introduction

Dear parents, carers and students.

It has been a wonderfully busy and productive week here at school, filled with academic focus, sporting achievement and meaningful commemoration.

Firstly, our thoughts are very much with our Year 11 and Year 13 students as they begin their external examinations. We know how much work they've put in and we are proud of the dedication they continue to show. A reminder that revision sessions are running regularly and resources are available via Microsoft TEAMS; we strongly encourage all students to take full advantage of the support available. Subject teachers have also uploaded a wealth of revision materials to TEAMS to help students stay on track during this important time.

Beyond the exam rooms, it has been a week of celebration and pride. Over 80 of our students represented the school in the City Sports event on Thursday. Their enthusiasm, sportsmanship, and team spirit were outstanding. A huge well done to everyone involved—you represented the Academy brilliantly.

We also marked VE Day in the Academy, taking time to reflect on the importance of peace and resilience. Thank you to staff for leading this important commemoration in lessons yesterday and to students for asking such thoughtful questions as part of this historic event.

As we move further into the summer term, a quick reminder that full school uniform remains the expectation for all students. This includes wearing blazers at all times unless otherwise directed by a member of staff. We appreciate your continued support in maintaining our high standards.

Finally, with lovely weather forecast over the weekend, I hope you all get a chance to enjoy some well-earned rest and time outdoors.

Best wishes

Miss Wenlock  
Vice Principal

### 1. Message from the Trust

There is an update attached to this newsletter regarding the academy's 6<sup>th</sup> Form provision.

Peter Whear (DNEAT Academies Group Executive Principal)

### 2. Year 8

Another short week in the academy, I hope everyone had a lovely long bank holiday weekend. We had a great day yesterday at City Sports and watching so many do so well in their events. A special mention to Demarco for winning his 110m and 200m races as well as the year 8A relay with Alex, Matthew and Charlie, Bianca for winning the high jump, Amalie winning the shot put and all the others that contributed so many points for Open Academy. We hope to find out our overall standings by next week.

The attendance in Year 8 has slightly dropped since we have returned from Easter. Attendance is vitally important to all students' progress in school. If your child is slightly unwell, but able to come in, I urge that they do so. Please get in touch and we can monitor them and if unable to stay in the academy we will send

home. We never expect someone to come in if very unwell but, on many occasions, when they have had breakfast and been in the academy for an hour or so we often see them feeling better.

We are still pushing equipment this week with checks in tutor, please check in with your child to see what they need.

Good luck to Amalie T for her Norwich Pretty Muddy run tomorrow for Cancer Research UK, a great cause and we all wish you all the best.

Congratulations to Respect for winning the tutor challenge and Challenge for the best attendance

Teacher praise:

- Alfie W and Brogan M for understanding and completing the methods and skills used for starter questions and explaining to the class during teamwork time how to answer the questions from the board.
- Phoebe S in music and Brogan M for tutor.
- Jomiloju and Tegan P for perseverance in Spanish and Sabrina for improved effort
- Shout out to Alfie W and Ky V for their efforts and attitude in English.

Mr Lambert (Head of Year 8)

Mrs Hindry (Assistant Head of Year 8)

### 3. Year 9

Another week down and the sun is returning, so please ensure your child has water in a bottle from Monday. Attendance remains relatively good at over 90%, so thank you for your support with this.

I am constantly receiving positive reports from teachers about the year group and how well they are doing in class. On that note we are going to hold our 5<sup>th</sup> rewards assembly in the last week before half term so I am hoping we can give out many more certificates for consistent effort across all the subjects.

The pastoral team have been running several trips this year to encourage participation in higher education and raise literacy levels in the year group. Last week 11 students visited the UEA as part of their outreach programme and had a taste of university life. Next week we have a group of Year 9s visiting Cambridge University as part of the NEACO programme "Raise your Words". They will be hearing guest speakers and visiting historic buildings, which we look forward to hearing about. Letters have gone home if your child has been invited on this trip, so please can you return consent slips.

Please can I encourage you to download the Arbor app as it will enable you have regular feedback and keep track of your child's progress in school.

Top achievers this week:

Connor B, Aaliyah A, Alfie L, Callum E, Iris B

Teacher praise:

- Callum E, Thomas V, Lily A and Ella S for hard work in music - Mr Corfield
- Shout out to Hanna, Talula and Ruby for all their engagement in English – Mrs Clayton
- Connor B for outstanding work, remembering how to change and use percentages and fractions. Kaydee H, Alexis W and Callum B for excellent listening skills during intervention time in maths, well done– Mrs Marsham

- Thomas W for consistent effort in German – Mrs McEvoy
- On Tuesday, Year 9 boys took part in a cage cricket fixture at Sprowston High School. They represented the school brilliantly – Mr Lambert



Mr Walters (Head of Year 9)  
Mr Hawkins (Assistant Head of Year 9)

#### 4. Year 10

Students of the week:

Jasmin C, Brandon S, Leah S, Rusne B

Students with highest achievement points this week:

AJ, Jayce, Rusne, Alex C, Alfie E, Samuel HJ, Olivier K, Zak L, Oliver N, Kieran S, Eliza S, Luke S, Brandon S, Hayden T, Ayo T, Mariia T and Riley W.

Students with the highest achievement points this term:

AJ, Rusne, Oliver N, Eliza S, Luke S, Brandon S, Alfie S, Ayo T, Leah S and Nikita.

Mrs Power (Head of Year 10)  
Mrs Edwards (Assistant Head of Year 10)

#### 5. Year 11

Three days until the first "big one", it really is the final countdown and this weekend you need to reflect on, and be proud of all the work you have done building up to this - working hard in class, attending hubs etc. You are well prepared and Monday is your chance to show the examiner just who you are and what you can do. Remember what I said to you in assembly today - you have the power to take control of your destiny - nerves show you care - use them as fire to propel yourself to give it your best! Remember...

The way we **THINK**  
Affects the way we **FEEL**  
And this influences how we **BEHAVE**

If you think positively about Monday you will feel good about it, you will behave with a confidence that will allow you to achieve your best.

**Coming up next week...** English literature, RS, computer science, biology, geography, maths, German, history and GCSE business.

Please see me or Mrs. Lamb in GO5 if you have any issues - we are here to support you. Enjoy your weekends and keep up with that revision.

## Attendance

Being in school and learning is so important for your present and future success – if your attendance drops below 89% you risk doing serious harm to your education and prospects – being in school and in lessons is crucial for your future success! Do you know what your current attendance is? If not, ask and if it is low work with us to help improve it.

**Rewards** – These are awarded by members of staff for 5 different reasons; active listening, engaging fully with the learning, giving great feedback by answering questions, being respectful to all, being present and ready for learning, working as a team. For the last 5 days the total amount of learnt points achieved is **a brilliant 10805**. This is fantastic and represents how well you are doing and is a great show of positive learning!

## Teacher praise:

- Please can I praise Grace for showing initiative and asking for notes and any work that she missed - Mr Corfield
- Shout out to Kiera, Riley, Ayo and Alex for all their hard work in English - Mrs Clayton
- Tyler for great effort in hub - Mrs McEvoy
- Shout out to Naz, Rio, Sardar, Bubacarr and Shevaun. Excellent work with key words in maths to enable them to understand and explore questions - Mrs Marsham
- Well done David, Tyler and Luke for doing very well in their revision hub - Mrs Blackburn

## Important Notices/Reminder

- **Truancies** – there are too many students missing too many lessons at the most critical time of your learning. With this in mind, the truancy rules are now (over the week)...

Truancy 1 Email/Text home	Truancy 2 (IE and call home)	Truancy 3 (Truancy EIE)

Please remember if you are struggling then you **MUST** come to the Year Office or S58! We can help!

- **Uniform** – Being smart and presentable is an important part of being ready to learn and is a requirement of the exams! Detentions will be issued to those not following uniform rules! Please make sure you come to school in the correct uniform – please check the website if you need guidance of what is required.
- **Exam Support** - From Monday there will be a short revision hub before your exam - another excellent opportunity to help you be ready for when you go in. Any questions please ask Mr. Fisher or anyone in the Year office. These pre exam hubs start at 8.20 on Monday with English - room allocations below...

## Exam Support...

**Monday 12th May**  
8.20 - 8.50am

ERO- in F38  
SNA- in G13  
SCY- in G14  
Mrs. Chester in G20  
JCL- in G32

### Remember...

Each morning a notice will be put up on the year group door (G05), so students and staff can check where they are.

Year 11 & 13 Summer Series Exam Timetable 2025

Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> May
9am English Literature Paper 1 Tutor: SNA SCD	9am All Day Yr 13 Art Religious Studies Christianity Tutor: ATH	9am All Day Yr 13 Art Geography The Physical Environment Tutor: KMU	9am All Day Yr 13 Art Mathematics Paper 1 Tutor: JKE, RPH (Foundation & Higher)	9am History Tutor: BCR 9am Psychology Adv Paper Unit 22 Inv Bus in Sports & Leisure
1pm Computer Science 1pm AS Psychology Paper 1 Health & Social Care Unit Human Lifespan Dev Science Hub	1pm Biology Paper 1 Combined Sc Biology Paper 1 (Foundation & Higher)	1pm Unit 1 Sport Anatomy & Physiology German Hub	1pm German Writing	1pm GCSE Business 1pm Health & Social Care – Unit 2 Working in Health & Social Care

If you wish to know about your child academically, please contact the year team or your child's teachers, and we would be happy to discuss your child's progress! It is only with your help that each student will make the most of their time at Open. Thank you so much for your support, it really makes a difference, and we are so grateful for it.

Mr Dilley (Head of Year 11)  
Mrs Lamb (Assistant Head of Year 11)

## 6. Chaplain's Updated

### Soul Church

Soul Church is open every Wednesday between 3.30pm and 6pm for midweek hangout time. There will be games and other activities taking place.





## Thought for the Week



### Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the Lord with all your heart;  
do not depend on your own understanding.  
Seek his will in all you do,  
and he will show you which path to take.

You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

God bless.

Mark



## Free Family Fun Day

**Why you'll love it?  
Everything is free!**

Hot dogs    Crafts    Art  
Music    Tombola    Sports  
Inclusive activities    Emergency vehicles

And loads and loads more!

Support, advice and info will  
also be available

Wednesday 28th May 10am - 2pm  
Open Academy  
Salhouse Road, Norwich NR7 9DL

**JUST TURN UP ON THE DAY  
AND HAVE FUN!**

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## Open Academy

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NR7 9DL

# Makers Fayre

2nd March    7th Sept  
6th April    5th Oct  
18th May    2nd Nov  
30th Nov

**11am - 2pm**

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