

- Next week is week beginning 08/07/2019 (Week A)

- Sports Day on Monday
- Y7 Camp
- Y10 Work Experience

Newsletter

Next Week

Monday, 8 July - Sports Day
All week - Y10 work experience

Trips & Visits

Tuesday to Friday - Yr 7 Camp to Hautbois, Coltishall

Clubs & Sport

Sports day is on Monday 8th July. Students to come in their Academy PE kit. Please bring plenty of water, sun cream and sun hat for protection as several of the activities are outside. Lunch and break will be available, but will be slightly different timings.

All activities will take place within the school day and all students are expected to have signed up for at least one activity. The sign up process has been taking place during tutor times. Any questions please contact the PE department.

PE department extra-curricular clubs (summer term):

	Lunch Time	After School
Monday	Book the Sports Hall	Athletics Club
Tuesday	Rounders Club	
Wednesday	Badminton Club	
Thursday	Girls Handball Club	Badminton Club
Friday	Dance Club Book the Sports Hall	Y10 BTEC catch-up

Water Coolers

We have installed new water coolers around the Academy. We are encouraging students to bring their own bottle which can be filled up during the day.

News

A team of our sixth formers is taking part in the WeCreateNorwich Exhibition on the 14 & 15 July 2019 at The Forum, Norwich.

The students have been working with seven other secondary schools as part of the CreateNorwich project (www.wecreatenorwich.co.uk) to develop extraordinary ideas for the future of their city.

The WeCreateNorwich Exhibition will be an interactive opportunity to explore fields as diverse as where our food will come from, through how we will travel, do our shopping and live alongside one another.

The students are presenting their ideas using everything from VR, to models, film and the products and services they have designed.

The project would like parents, governors and friends to attend the free end-of-exhibition celebratory event at 5pm on the 15 July. Please RSVP here

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wecreatenorwich-end-of-exhibition-celebration-tickets-61933207892>

Year 11 Prom

The evening started early as students started to arrive at around 6.30 pm. By 7.30 pm all students were present and looking fabulous, then made their way into the marquee for the start of the Prom. Students and staff danced all evening to superb music, some previously chosen by the students before the event. Songs such as the Macarena, Cha Cha Slide, Saturday Night, Hokey Cokey and the Conga to finish the evening. The students were all very well behaved and they all had a fantastic night.

Good luck to all students in their chosen future.

Thought for the Week

Perseverance, don't give up.

At many times in our lives we can go through hard and tough experiences. Experiences that will come along and try to knock us down, drain our confidence and rob us of our joy and peace. An area where this is true is when we get opposition for trying to do good or to do the right thing. Doing the right thing will put us at odds with people and will create battles that maybe we don't have the strength to deal with or fight. Jesus said these words, "So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up".

In closing I just want to encourage you to keep going through all that life throws at you, don't give up, your victory and blessing is just around the corner. I pray for peace, strength and joy to be in you for the weeks and months that lay ahead. God bless you.

Mr Pimlott - Chaplain

Uniform

After last week's note on uniform I just want to clarify, **we have made no changes to our uniform policy**. Summer uniform has highlighted however that some students had drifted from meeting the policy that has always been in place.

For clarity, we are challenging uniform now to raise awareness of what the policy states. **It is very clear on all possible issues like skirt length, trouser type etc.**, so we are keen to ensure that we get it right for the new term ahead and will be insisting on correct uniform as we go in to the new academic year.

I am delighted that the vast majority are now getting the uniform **right so I would like to thank you for your efforts in supporting the academy on this**. Where there are still issues, staff have been instructed to call and discuss the situation with individual parents.

Message from the Principal

Continuing with my articles to highlight how things are changing and improving here at the Academy, as promised, this week I would like to share a little around how we are developing a continuous professional development CPD programme for staff.

The Academy has used the Teacher Effectiveness Enhancement Programme (TEEP) for a number of years to support staff to continually develop their skills and it is a great program using triads of teachers to trial new methods, observe and support each other.

Using the same methods, we wanted to focus on areas that our staff team felt are important in our academy so, in a training session, we identified what we called Great Open Teaching – all the aspects of what we do that promote good lessons. All our suggestions fit well in to the following categories:

- Relationships
- Creative / growth mind-set
- Challenge
- Communication
- Progress
- Questioning
- Literacy

So we then asked staff to self-assess then pick a couple of areas they wanted to improve on and used the TEEP methods to trial out new strategies and approaches in those areas, with support of colleagues and their faculty.

As we completed our new 'Faculty Reviews' (more on those next week) we also identified whether staff might need to focus on any particular area next and we recorded who showed particular strengths in any of those areas, this way we are able to connect those with one set of skills with those who wish to work on that particular area.

We have started the programme this year alongside faculty review so we have some initial understanding of how useful it is. For instance as well as supporting individual teachers, overall it has led to our renewed focus on homework across the board as an Academy. We are therefore now looking forward to having a full year from September to really test out how it brings on our lessons.

A final thought this week

Huge thanks for all the positive feedback and suggestions I am getting as regards the newsletter, do keep it coming – please excuse my odd typing error as we get our production systems in place!

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