



Increasing Popularity

It is very pleasing that we seem to be becoming very popular with parents looking for secondary places next year. Our Open Evening last week was the busiest it has ever been and it was a struggle to get everyone into the hall at the start of the evening. Some of the tour groups were also larger than we would like and so a few parents had a slightly less personalised experience than we would like. Since then we have been showing parents round almost daily, and they have all said how impressed they are with the school. In fact, parents say that they find the school more impressive during the normal day than during an evening where we put on our best show. We are happy to do both and pleased that it results in parents wanting to send their children here. We have had two other 'firsts' this year concerning admissions. One was that we had the first appeals for places in Year 7 from families that were unsuccessful in the normal application process, and the other is that a lot of parents completed applications before Open Evening, and even more on the night itself. There is every likelihood that we will be over-subscribed in Year 7 again next September. Long may it continue!

Two for the price of one

We didn't issue a newsletter on Friday because it was Focus Day, so this edition covers last week and this. There are some key dates to mention and note:

- **Beverley's Red Day:** this Friday (see below)
- **Half term holiday:** next week, Mon – Fri
- **Year 7 Tutor Meetings:** Tuesday 30 October
- **All Saints Day:** Thurs 1 November, 8.45am Mass

Sean Hayes

Congratulations!

Austeja Klimovaite in Year 10 was entered for a poetry competition in July this year and we are pleased to announce that out of thousands of entries, her poem was selected for publication in a poetry anthology called The Poetry Games - Echoes of the Future. Well done Austeja, we are very proud of you! *Mrs Winlock*



'A year of reading ... a lifetime of memories.'

Beverley Red Day

This Friday is Beverley Red Day, mufti tickets are available from the office during break and lunchtime for £1. Tickets will cost £2 on the day at the gate.

Year 7 Parents

On 30 October we will be having our first Year 7 parent tutor evening. This will enable parents to come into school to observe our Academic mentoring programme. A link has been sent out to you to book appointments between 4.30pm and 5.20pm. If you have not been able to use the link to set up your appointment, please put some available times into your child's planner so that we can allocate an appointment via the planner. All appointments will take place in the form room that your child will take you to on the evening. We really hope that you can make it to this evening and we are able to share with you how your child has started at school. If you are unable to make the appointment, then we will still conduct our Academic mentoring with your child in a slot during the day within the two weeks following the report.

French Day Trip To The Opal Coast

Last July, a group of 60 students went to France for the day. First we visited a quiet market town near Boulogne. "My favourite part of the French trip was going down to the beach and taking pictures with my friend," Xyzany said. Negin added: "We went to a small market that was close to a big beach. Everyone split up and went to play by the sea, eat or buy souvenirs from the market." We then made our way to a boulangerie. Students were given the opportunity to watch the boulanger, Bruno, work. He insisted on French being spoken and was a very strict teacher! However we also all got a free croissant and pain au chocolat! Our next visit is Friday 15 March 2019 and would like to remind parents/carers that full payment is due at the start of January 2019. *Miss Rodriguez*

Travel & Tourism Visit to Hunstanton

Last week the Year 10 Travel and Tourism students visited Hunstanton as part of their course. Their task was to research the appeal of Hunstanton to different groups of visitors in order to produce their own tour guides. After a brief stop at the Sandringham Estate we arrived in Old Hunstanton. Students went to the beach and then made their way to New Hunstanton, visiting the esplanade, rock pools and promenade. Students had to identify visitor attractions and places for sightseeing, as well as evaluate the facilities, transport links and accommodation opportunities. The weather was beautiful and all students enjoyed the day, particularly as it was nice enough to paddle in the rock pools.

Positive preparation, planning and production results in progress.

The theme for this week is positivity and who better to help you understand the importance of being positive than Shakespeare. As a teacher I often hear students grumble whilst studying Shakespeare, "I'll never use this again!" or "This isn't relevant to anything." However by approaching things in a positive manner we can see that Shakespeare is actually still very relevant today in encouraging us to realise that being positive and believing in ourselves can take us on our journey to progress and beyond. So year 11 in the words of Shakespeare...

"It is not in the stars to hold our destiny but in ourselves" so "To thine own self be true". Make sure you are prepared as "Better three hours too soon than a minute too late". Remember to look after yourself as "We are such stuff as dreams are made on: and our little life is rounded with a sleep". Consider your options as to what you want to achieve this year, so year 11 "To be or not to be, that is the question." Academic tutoring is being held this week for year 11 so maybe take this time to reflect with your tutors on how you can approach your studies in a positive way.

"We know what we are, but not what we may be"

Miss Meagher

Foundation Course Talk From Oxford

On Thursday 20 September, our year group (year 13s) were fortunate to have a presentation made to us by a professor from Oxford University. This included a guide on how to apply for such a prestigious institution like Oxford. The professor gave us an insight as to how we can apply and what to expect if we are given a chance to be interviewed for the foundation course. She, also, discussed student life and gave a brief overview of the areas surrounding the university. After the talk, many of my peers were considering applying for the university and we all highly recommend younger years to research further or come talk to us about the foundation course.

Yasoda Thapa – Year 13

Combined Cadet Force (CCF) News

Over this last year, many cadets have worked incredibly hard and tried to prove to themselves that they were willing to put the effort in. This has been recognised by the Combined Cadet Force and they have promoted six cadets to the rank of Lance Corporal. These cadets are: Negin Haydari, Bismillah Alam, Joanna Rodrigues, Kaiden Perera, Arijius Sorocinskij and Austeja Klimovaite. We are incredibly proud of them and the effort they have put in. We also look forward to seeing who will be promoted to join them in the coming months. One of the newly promoted cadets has written about their time in the contingent: Cadets has been a challenge to us all, from those who joined right in the beginning and to those who joined throughout the year. From the very first day until now, it has been a challenge to step from our comfort zone and to our physical strength but we always leave the day with well-deserved confidence. We all get to go on new adventures together and leave with new friendships. Although going to camp for the very first time can be scary, you'll leave and wish to spend just one more day with the people you met. Not only has cadets made us a family, it has also helped us to gain skills and to end up in situations you'd never thought you would. As a cadet myself, I've gained many skills that will help me in the future and it has showed me, just how far hard work can get you.

Austeja Klimovaite – Year 10

Extra Curricular Activities 2018-19

Monday Lunchtime

Student Chaplaincy Meeting - Chapel
ICT Club - 113
Girls Benchball
Mario Kart - 201
GCSE Italian - 209
Key Stage 3 STEM Club - 305
Key Stage 3 Spanish Club - 205

Monday After School

Netball and Football
Independent Music Practice

Tuesday Lunchtime

ICT Club - 113
Key Stage 3 EAL Homework Club - 209
Basketball - Sports Hall
Year 7 Drama Club: 1.25pm (Week 2 only) - 501
Year 11 Question Time - 301
Years 7 & 8 Doodle Club
Key Stage 3 French Club - 206
Music Theory Club - 102

Tuesday After School

Sixth Form PE Enrichment

Wednesday Lunchtime

ICT Club - 113
Key Stage 3 EAL Homework Club - 209
Years 7 & 8 Boys Computer Club
Futsal
Creative writing
Music Vocal Skills - 102

Wednesday After School

Key Stage 4 EAL Homework Club - 209
Basketball - Sports Hall
CCF - 3.15 - 4.15 - 304
Years 10,11 & 6th Form IT: Period 5 - 105
Independent Music Practice - 102

Thursday Lunchtime

ICT Club - 113
Key Stage 3 EAL Homework Club - 209
Girls Football
Boxercise
Years 7 & 8 Girls Computing Club - 105
SJF Band Practice - 102

Thursday After School

Badminton/Table Tennis Club - Sports Hall
Years 10,11 & 6th Form IT - Period 5 - 105
Invitation only GCSE & A Level Art - Period 5
Independent Music Practice - 102

Friday Lunchtime

ICT Club - 113
EAL Film Club - 209

Friday After School

Key Stage 4 EAL Homework Club - 209

Don't forget Homework Club is on every day from 1.10pm to 1.50pm and 3.15pm to 4pm in the Study Centre

Living Sport Sports Awards 2018

Congratulations to Crisaldo Da Costa who has received a nomination for the Young Community Volunteer in the Year Living Sport Sports Awards 2018 and we really hope you make the shortlist of nominees.



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