



# #TNHA WAY



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OUR  
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Determined to be...  
'the best that we can be'



# PRINCIPAL'S POST

Time continues to move on and it has been a busy month in the academy. There has been lots of focus on our Year 11 students and their preparations for their exams this summer with their mock exams and they have been outstanding in how they have approached these.

There have been many visitors to the academy especially during the Curriculum Day as well as the visit of the High Sheriff and The Mayor of Swaffham. The High Sheriff and The Mayor were particularly interested in talking with our students about their experiences over the last two years and what their hopes for the future are. The students involved in this meeting were brilliant in the way they listened to the High Sheriff and engaged in answering his questions. The growing confidence in their own opinions and understanding of the world showed an impressive awareness and maturity. Something that beyond their academic studies is delightful to see developing in so many of our students and something they should be proud of.

Mark Woodhouse

# CHAIR'S CORNER

The Spring Term meeting of the Local Governing Board took place on MS Teams on 16 March, the main items being a report on the Post Ofsted Action Plan by the Principal and a briefing by the Vice Principal on the use of performance data across the academy. Governors asked a range of questions, with the presentations being well received and appreciated by all. Prior to the meeting, the governor reports from visits that had taken place since the Autumn Term had been circulated and these were discussed; the reports were on safeguarding, SEND, well-being, Year 6 and transition, and CARTS.

The ATT Head of Governance, Sam Elms, attended the meeting and outlined her role at the Trust to governors. Dan Christopher has resigned as a governor and so there is a vacancy on the LGB for a Community Governor. This will be advertised in due course. A formal note of thanks was given to Daniel for his support.

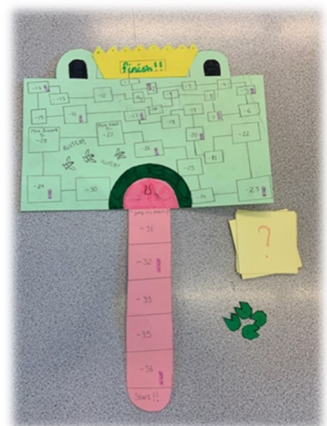
Phil Anderson

# MATHS MASTERY

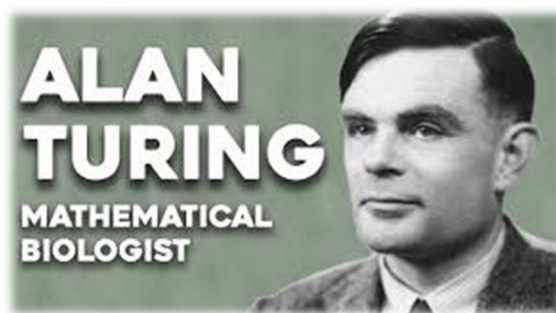
In the Maths department we always try to ensure that our curriculum is broad and memorable. We want students to be as passionate about the subject as we are.



Last month Miss Cullum's group looked at the works of artist M.C Escher who incorporated tessellation into his artwork. This month, Miss James' group have taken what they have learned about negative numbers and designing board games resulting in some fantastic and very original ideas.



We are very keen that students know the history of our subject and next half term will study and research famous mathematicians who have made an exceptional contribution to the world of mathematics overcoming diversity. The subjects of our studies will be Katherine Johnson, John Nash, Alan Turing and Srinivasa Ramanujan.



Alan Turing (23 June 1912 to 7 June 1954)

## CURRICULUM DAY AT TNHA

During the month of March, we undertook our third curriculum day where our students take part in a timetable of bespoke sessions as part of our broad and balanced curriculum enabling students to develop in many aspects of life and building confidence and resilience.

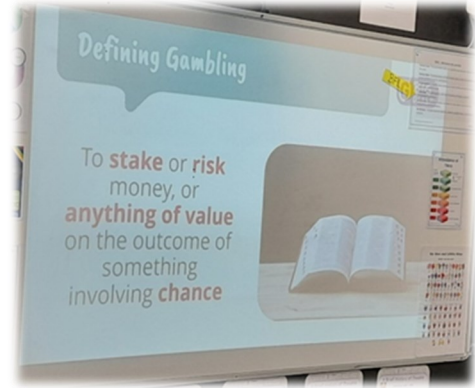
Year 7 students were busy in the Maths Escape Room and looked at the relevance of the subject and transferrable skills to future careers, undertook a First Aid Session with a trained practitioner delivering lifesaving skills and discussed what constitutes a healthy relationship.

The STEM team from RAF Marham delivered an interactive session to Year 8 exploring careers in the science, technology, engineering and maths industries, students also took part in a session on the importance of self-esteem and the short and long term effects of Class A drugs.

NEACO delivered a session to our Year 9 students on preparing for Key Stage 4 along with the important exam years ahead & Norfolk Police discussed how grooming can happen and how students can protect themselves or obtain help.



Our older students in Year 10 undertook sessions on the new T-levels available for them Post-16, and apprenticeships. A session on the dangers of gambling and the science behind how this becomes addictive was also well received. Students in their final year with us (Year 11) took part in a session delivered by Norfolk Police on the 'fatal 4' being the 4 driving offences most likely to result in car accidents and the ways to ensure safety. They also considered the potential dangers encountered at festivals, parties, clubbing and how to minimise these as well as considering the ways pornography can be harmful to both the viewers and those involved in the industry.



## SWAFFHAM HERITAGE PROJECT

As part of the project with Breckland Council & Historic England on the future of Swaffham a group of our students, along with two visiting poets, formulated a poem which will be developed into a commissioned piece of work using material from the workshop.

### SWAFFHAM

*Older than the turbines and the pubs,  
as old as the Buttercross which happily sits  
as the cars crawl around it, Grandmother Swaffham  
watches from her window, gently holding*

*her jewellery from the gem shop:  
she remembers when Hamond's was a boy's school  
and the Oasis Centre was a pool hall,  
where Granddad used to go and play for hours.*

*There's always been a duck pond, she says  
in a voice that sounds like a handshake  
and the Rainbows and the Guides have always trotted  
like ducklings with donations for the Food Bank on a Friday.  
There used to be a train that ran right through McDonalds.*

*But she prefers the local chip shop, where she hears  
knapped flint echo down the decades,  
the smell of wheat and carrots in the fields  
staining her hands for a hundred forever's.*

*This is a historic portal: each door to Costa  
means pressing your shoulder against the entrance  
to a Grain Store and anything you need to save a life  
or restart a car is somewhere on a market stall.*

*They're building a new house on every piece of land  
where Grandmother Swaffham liked to lie,  
the grass opening in front of her, welcoming her home.*

*Some days, Swaffham feels like a balloon  
popping, a generous gesture, a clean hand  
and the soft touch of silk. Nothing and everything  
is new here: Grandmother knows every face*

*so is still surprised when over the horizon  
another Swaffham arrives, young and energetic,  
leaping from one fence to the next:  
and the young and the old Swaffham sit together*

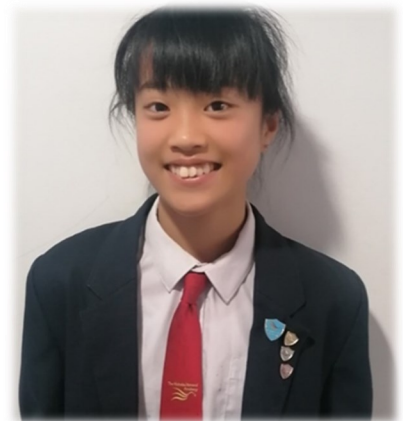
*on the edge of history, holding their breath.*

## TRULY AIMING TO BE THE BEST SHE CAN BE...

We are always proud to acknowledge the achievements of our students at TNHA and one such student worthy of praise is Yu-Xin.

She received the 'Student of the Term Award' for her year group and is the first student to earn the Gold 'PRIDE' Award.

Pride  
Resilience  
Integrity  
Determination  
Exceed



## DESIGNING A UNIVERSITY OF THE FUTURE

On the subject of success, our Year 9 students attended a day at the UEA as part of their Subject Discovery Course. Whilst there, the students were treated to a tour of the campus. This was followed by three workshops.

The first session saw them challenged to design a new university focusing on the type of materials they would use, their sustainability, effect on the environment and cost. The second session involved the design of a lecture theatre using different types of materials which then underwent different tests to ascertain how well they had done. The final session focussed on creating logos and tag lines and creating a product brand.



They then had one hour to create their final pitch and present it to the judges to 'sell' their design. Our team of students worked diligently and with excellent examples of team work, which resulted in them being voted best design beating the other schools present.

Congratulations to our TNHA Team!



## IN OTHER NEWS



Thank you to everyone who answered our call to support the Ukraine Appeal as part of our local schools appeal. We have had an amazing response and we have made a large delivery to the Waites and Stones depot.

We would still be delighted to receive any donations via Main Reception after Easter. (Please see the list of urgently needed items on the front page of our website).

We were delighted to welcome The High Sheriff of Norfolk, accompanied by the Mayor of Swaffham, recently as part of his visit to the town.

Our students were keen to show him their academy which was followed by a meeting where they had a chance to pose questions and he was able to learn more about TNHA.



Two full coach-loads of students visited the Theatre Royal in Norwich and were treated to a truly spectacular show.

They are very much looking forward to the forthcoming trip to the 'Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night' coming shortly.

Finally, we would like to wish you a very Happy Easter!

We break up for half term  
on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April returning on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April  
to Week A of the timetable.

