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'the best that we can be'



PRINCIPAL'S POST

Without question June has been an incredibly busy month for the academy, but it has been brilliant to see so many opportunities for our students to get involved in things. It has also not felt like a 'return' to normal after all the COVID upheaval but a re-writing of our normal. This was perhaps best summed up, most recently, in our Physical Activity Week where the theme of the week was #sitlessmovemore. The way that all members of our academy community engaged with this was fantastic to see and it was great to also build on a really important message for young people and people in general.

June also saw the end of the Year 11 formal exams. Given everything these young people have had to contend with they have been outstanding in the way they have approached the exams this summer. They have shown a resilience and determination that has been incredibly impressive and they have demonstrated a set of skills that will give them every advantage as they go onto the next stages in their lives. Irrespective of the outcomes, the effort they have shown should be commended and we wish all our Year 11s well for whatever future endeavours that they have in mind.

What this month has also demonstrated is that no-one can achieve successes by themselves. The opportunities that students have had have come about because they are working with their teachers. This has afforded so many of our young people the chance to get involved in a range of things that have been on offer and I believe this will be the start of us forging a path to our new normal ... although maybe we won't want what we do to be 'normal'! Well done to all our students and staff for making June a really special and impressive month in the academy!

Mark Woodhouse

CHAIR'S CORNER

The return of public GCSE examinations this year after being cancelled for 2 years had the potential to create additional pressure on staff and students. However, we have witnessed a tremendous collaborative effort across the academy community to support every individual student in their quest to perform as well as they can. Careful strategic planning has involved all staff and was implemented successfully. The use of practice exams and topic tests was complemented by all subject areas offering their own supportive materials and by providing back-up sessions and extra revision sessions. What stood out to governors and really shone through was the sense of a shared responsibility and common ambition between the teachers and students. The academy paid great attention to ensure that the additional pressures on mental health and well-being were fully considered for every individual. Good luck and best wishes to all for the results in August.

Phil Anderson

STUDENT LEADERSHIP CELEBRATION

We were delighted to welcome parents and carers to our Student Leadership Ceremony. This evening was a fantastic opportunity to celebrate our brilliant students who are going to make a real difference in the life of the academy.

Their education with us is not only about the academic education they receive but also about the wider opportunities and skills they will develop for their future lives. The young people that we had the privilege of celebrating have shown

some of those skills which we will continue to help develop and they will use to not only support themselves, but also support other students and the academy in general as we continue to move forward.



Student Leadership is something that should be integral to any school and we are delighted that having gone through a rigorous and formal process for these posts that our students will be taking on these new roles. They have all displayed the skills and attributes to be outstanding leaders and we have no doubt will be outstanding role models for all the other students in the academy. Being student leaders in the academy is a great responsibility and it says a huge amount about the character of our students who have all volunteered to put themselves in the position to take on these roles.

Our new student leaders will face a range of challenges but it is how they respond to these and challenges and what actions they take which will make them stand out. I have no doubt that they will endeavour to do their absolute best and take on their responsibilities with the integrity and determination that has already highlighted them as leaders both now and in the future. Who knows...our new student leaders may be future leaders in their communities, country or even the world!!!...there is no limit to what they can achieve.

Our new student leadership team will be led by our Student Principals, George and Casper together with Deputy Principals, Freya and Millie. We are also excited this year to introduce three new teams led by our Senior Prefects; Student News Team, Student Prefects and Active Listeners.



Many congratulations to all our new student leaders .

We look forward to working with them and seeing the impact of their work across the academy during this year.

JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

At the academy we joined in the town's celebrations by dressing our library window facing the street with appropriate decorations to include 'all things British' (can you spot the corgis?).



In partnership with the Swaffham Lions we welcomed guests from the community to a traditional Afternoon Tea served by our hospitality students. It was a wonderful opportunity to share stories from those who have experienced the period from the Queen's Coronation through to her Platinum Jubilee. The guest list was provided by the Swaffham Lions and 4 minibuses left the academy to collect our visitors and take them home afterwards.



Along with the TNHA 'Right Royal Quiz' guests were treated to a game of Jubilee Bingo organised by the Lions.

Our eldest guest was Elsie who at 102 years young had some wonderful memories to share.



SIT LESS, MOVE MORE...

We all know that physical activity is good for our health whatever our age and our PE department have led a Physical Activity Week to help promote this message. This ran from 20th to 24th June and started with our two-day Sports Day, the first of which included all the throwing and jumping events and the second day involved the running events. The overall winners were Kestrels college. Several records were broken over the two days: including the Year 7 Boy's High Jump, Year 8 Boy's 100m, 200m and 4 x 100m relay & Long Jump, Year 9 Girls 300m & Boys 400m, Year 10 Girls Javelin and Boys 1500m (congratulations to all).

On the Wednesday all students and staff engaged in an academy wide 'sit less and move more campaign'. All usual lessons incorporated an activity, such as:- escape rooms in Maths, 'play in a day' & Mad Hatters tea party in English, salsa dancing, marching band and Science practical's.

The final two days saw students involved in a range of activities on and off site which included outdoor assault courses, walks at Sandringham and Whitlingham, bowling at Strikes, Dodgeball, Football, Juggling and Watersports. We were all certainly 'sitting less and moving more'.





ART IN THE FOYER

Our Year 11 students have left us with some wonderful exhibits for students to enjoy currently on show in the foyer. We are certain that this array of talent will inspire our younger students wishing to follow in their footsteps!



AND FINALLY...

This great team of ladies are running the Race for Life in memory of a highly regarded and well loved colleague at the academy on 12th July. We wish them well in their endeavours in such a worthy cause.



June also saw the end of our Year 11 examinations for our senior students and their time with us. We are proud of the way they have approached their last year at the academy in such a positive and amazing fashion and we wish them well in their future endeavours.

They will celebrate their prom in early July and we look forward to hearing all about their evening as they enjoy their formal event.



Finally, we welcomed our new intake of students from local primaries who joined us for two days ahead of their enrolment with us in September.

It was wonderful to see so many eager youngsters keen to be part of TNHA and have no doubt they will be a great addition to our academy 'family' settling in quickly with the help of everyone involved.

Notable Dates for July



1st to 31st July : Plastic Free Month (<https://plasticfreejuly.org> - for further information)

1st July : Staff Training Day (closed to students)

5th & 6th July: 'Hunting of the Snark' rehearsals & performance

7th July: Bake Sale in Foyer (Race for Life)

7th July: Meningitis vaccinations (Year 9)

14th July: Geography Field Trip (Overstrand—Year 10)

15th July: Non uniform Day (to include Fun Run) in aid of the Big C Cancer Charity (Norfolk & Waveney)

20th July: Student Awards Presentation Evening & Chicago Theatre Trip

30th July: International Day of Friendship (<https://nationaltoday.com/international-day-of-friendship/> - for further information)

End of Term Thursday 21st July 2022

We return on Monday 5th September 2022

