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



PRINCIPAL'S POST

January feels like it has gone by in a flash and as you would expect there has been lots going on this month in the academy.

There have been visits out of the academy, visitors into the academy and lots of activities for students to engage with which many of them have made the most of. The month ended with the latest in our curriculum days. These curriculum days form a really important part of the wider curriculum that students need access to. Especially with so much changing in our world, these days provide a really important insight into the wider world and they give our students experiences that enrich their day-to-day curriculum. We are always grateful for all the additional guests that we have on these days who can bring their expert knowledge and understanding to help our students and make these days extra special. It is also an opportunity in many cases for our students to demonstrate how great they are, and we are lucky in that our visitors always talk positively about their experiences with our students.

So, with the first month of the year now behind us, we can look forward to much more that will happen over the coming months in the academy. I have no doubt there will be further challenges, not least for our Year 11 students who are embarking on those last few weeks of their formal education but if our students can continue to approach their time in a positive way, they will no doubt maximise all the opportunities that they have.

Mark Woodhouse

CHAIR'S CORNER

January has nearly finished and it seems that time has flown by like my rather quick turbulent flight back from Spain, which was a rather bumpy start to the New Year! A New Year for us all to try our best to get through some very challenging times at home and abroad.

Challenge and pace was something I was asked to think about on many courses when I was training teachers and students. Trying to instil the learning skills and subject knowledge they had acquired to reach their own potential for higher standards and expectations from themselves in order to be at their very best.

As our Year 11 students embark upon the build up to their GCSE exams, for them it has been even more challenging coping with missing school throughout Year 9 and some of Year 10 due to the pandemic. So, it with this in mind and for everything that TNHA is striving for in challenging times, doing your very best and staying positive will get you through.

“Education breeds confidence. Confidence breeds hope. Hope breeds peace”. (Confucius)

Helen Warrick-Evans

FACULTY FOCUS

News from our Physical Education Faculty

As part of our whole school 'promoting physical activity strategy', we have regular sporting competitions which we run during the academy day. These enable a wider range of students to access them. These include the ATT Sports Afternoons which take place once per fortnight against nearby ATT school Icen Academy. The other regular competition we organise in house is our inter-form competitions whereby tutor groups take part in sport events against each other.

KS3 ATT Sports Afternoons

Before Christmas our fixtures against Icen were in dodgeball. Over 55% of KS3 took part in these events with many students representing the academy in sport for the first time. Over the 6 competitions we came away with 4 wins! During this half term students have been competing in Basketball.

Autumn HT2	Boys			Girls		
	Sport	Group	Venue	Sport	Group	Venue
3rd Nov	Dodgeball	Y9 - Boys Winners	TNHA	Dodgeball	Y9 - Girls Winners	TNHA
Week 2						
17th Nov	Dodgeball	Y8 - Boys 2nd	TNHA	Dodgeball	Y8 - Girls 2nd	TNHA
Week 4						
1st Dec	Dodgeball	Y7 - Boys Winners	TNHA	Dodgeball	Y7 - Girls Winners	TNHA
Week 6						

Inter-Form Competitions

Pictured is the recent basketball competition. Congratulations to the winning tutor groups:

Year 7 – Joint Boys Winners - 7MLL/7DMS;

Girls winners 7ERE

Year 8 – Boys Winners 8KAL;

Girls winners 8DKI

Year 9 – Boys Winners 9PSE;

Girls winners 9CSM



West Norfolk Competitions

Beyond our in-house sport competitions, we have been competing against 8 other local schools within West Norfolk. The current sports are Basketball, Badminton and Cross Country. Results to date:-

Cross Country – 2nd overall, 11 students qualified for Counties.

KS4 Badminton – 3rd place

Y11 Girls Basketball – 3rd and 4th place (2 teams)

Y9 Girls Basketball – West Norfolk Champions.

Y11 Boys Basketball – 4th place

Y9 Boys Basketball – 3rd place

Trips

On Saturday 14th Jan we took over 30 students to watch a live England Netball game against Jamaica. What an experience!!



Primary school events

Our local cluster schools have been visiting TNHA to take part in a wide range of sports, events so far this year including; Tag Rugby, Football Festival, Cross Country (above), Dodgeball and Infant Agility festival.



Year 7 Dance Festival (February)

Year 7 Hockey Festival (March)

Year 8 Problem Solving Trip – Holt Country Park (March)

**Coming
Soon**

MUSEUM ASSOCIATES WORKSHOP

Students have been working alongside artist Ian Brownlie to create an intervention into the gallery at Swaffham Museum. Over the next 12 weeks the group, (who have signed up for the Young Museum Associates Programme), will be creating work around the theme of conflict.

They will 'disrupt' the gallery in Swaffham Museum and create an exhibition to spark younger people's interest. During the first workshop, our students created Zines (a self-published work) filling their own Zine with collaged imagery relating to Swaffham and the town's history.



LAYING DOWN THEIR 'TRACK'

On Monday 23rd January, TNHA students represented the academy at a prestigious event in London. Following collaboration with 'Never Such Innocence' founded by Lady Lucy French OBE, a charitable organisation that promotes the voices of young people on the subject of conflict, students were invited to share their work with a group of esteemed guests at the Houses of Parliament.



In November 2021, 'Never Such Innocence' visited the academy to conduct song writing workshops with several English classes on the theme of remembrance. On the day of the sessions students had the opportunity to work with a recording artist Otto; the result of which was the creation of a song!

Fast forward a year and students were thrilled to be asked to perform their song at the event at Westminster. The day began with a visit to the famous Hackney Road Studios in Bethnal Green to record the song with a sound engineer. Students were able to experience the process of professional recording and very much enjoyed singing together in the booth before previewing their work with the engineer.

A quick hop on the tube saw the group at their next stop, the Houses of Parliament.

After walking through the great Westminster Hall to see the commemoration plaque where the late HM Queen Elizabeth had lain in State, students were shown to one of the select committee rooms to meet with the other performers and guests. In attendance at the event were Lady Lucy French, Rachel de Souza (Children's Commissioner for England), several MPs and high-ranking representatives from the Ministry of Defence.

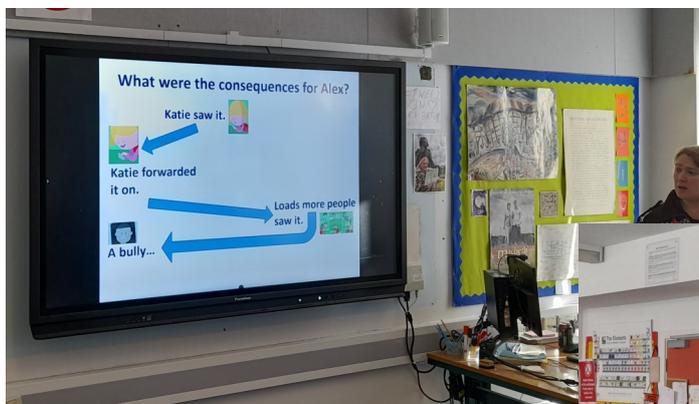
TNHA students had the honour of closing the event with their fabulous song and despite a few nerves, did themselves and the academy extremely proud. We would like to once again congratulate the students who performed and all who took part in the original workshops last year, you have really helped to put the achievements of TNHA on the map!

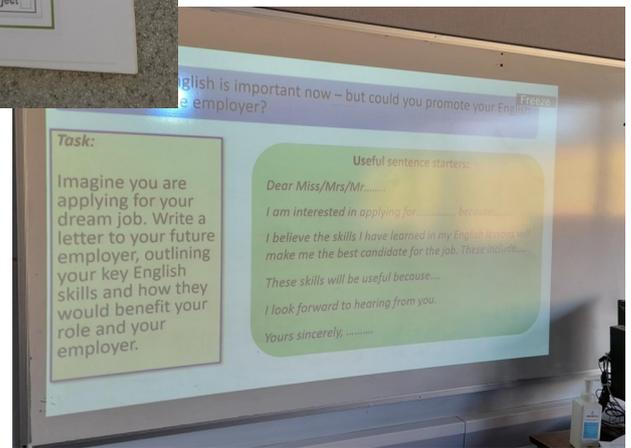
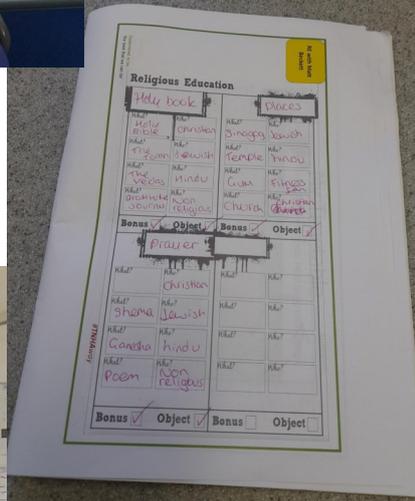
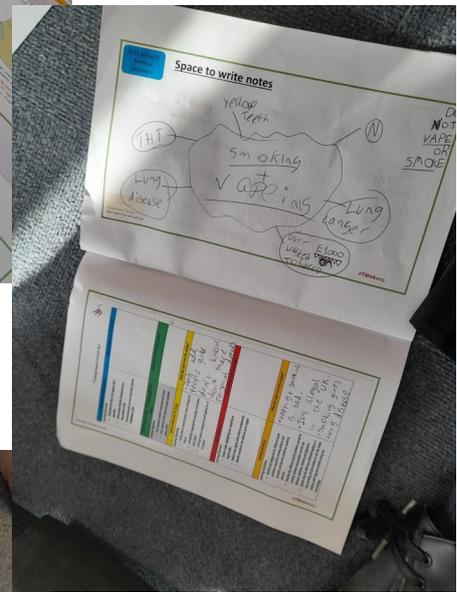
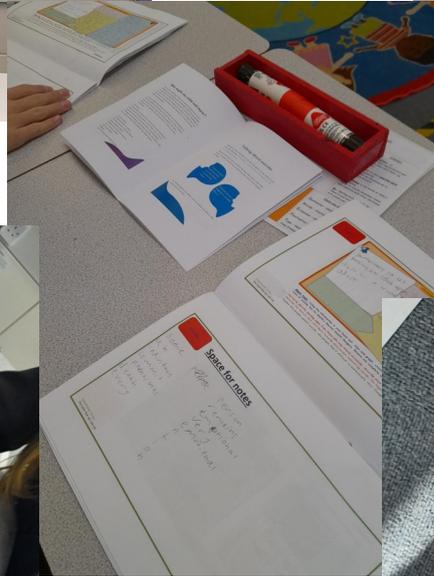
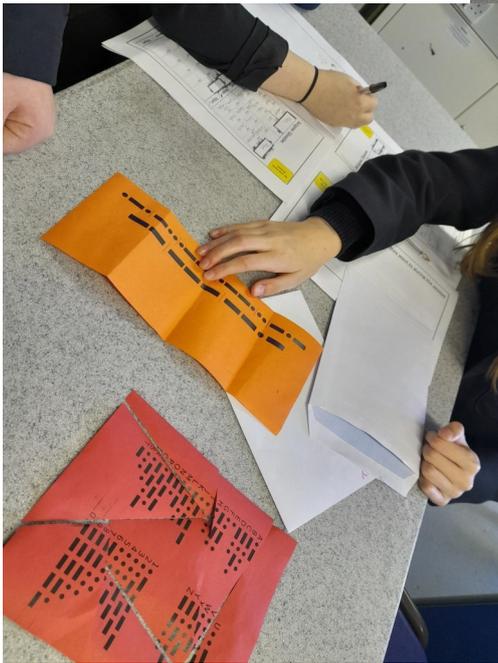
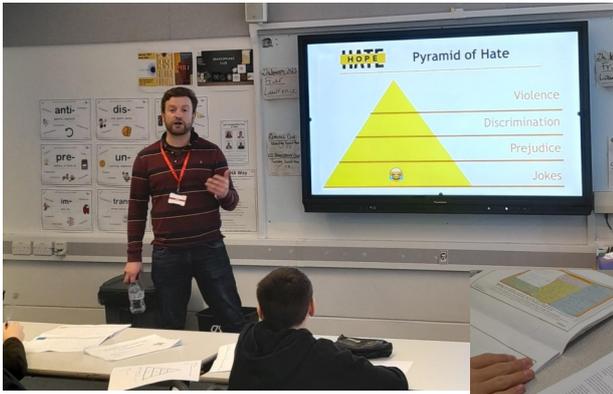


CURRICULUM DAY AT TNHA

In our second curriculum day of the year students were taken off their usual timetables to enjoy various sessions based around PSHE and Careers topics, appropriate to the Year group they are in. Curriculum Days run to compliment the tutor time and LOOL lessons students experience and prepare them for life in modern Britain. At TNHA we believe it is crucial to deliver a broad and balanced curriculum that enables our students to develop in many diverse aspects of life and to build confidence and resilience. This will in turn allow them to be prepared for their adult lives and to engage with society.

We welcomed many visitors delivering sessions to include:- first aid, careers, dangers of smoking and vaping, internet safety, puberty, STEM, radicalisation, gambling addition, good spending habits, interview skills, similarities and differences in religions, dangers of drugs, healthy relationships, road safety, mental health and exam stress.





QUICK NOTES & REMINDERS

Medication:

A medical form (available from Main Reception or Pastoral Offices) must be completed by parents and carers if a student requires any medication during the school day which will be kept in our central medical cabinet. They must not carry any medication with them but go to their pastoral office or student reception who will arrange for a member of staff to administer this as necessary.



Student absence:

Should your child be absent from school please telephone or email our Attendance Officer as soon as possible on the day.

Email: tnh-attendance@attrust.org.uk

Tel: 01760 726169

ABSENCE



Charlie & The Chocolate Factory

Students wishing to go on the trip to see this musical at the Theatre Royal in Norwich should hand in consent forms to Mr. Hatfield by 10th February for a place in the draw for tickets.



Late Bus

Students wishing to stay for any after school clubs or intervention sessions may use our late bus to travel home on a Monday, Wednesday & Thursday each week.

Students will need to sign up for the bus on the day they wish to travel (before the end of lunch) at our Student Reception.

The bus serves the villages of Home Hale, Necton, Sporle, Marham Village, Upper Marham, Narborough, Pentney & Castle Acre.

There is no charge for this service which leaves the academy at 4.30pm promptly.



Year 11 Revision Evening
2nd February
5pm to 7pm

We invite Year 11 students and their parents/carers to our Revision Session, where we will be focusing our attention on providing the students with the tools to 'revise smart'!

Session will include:-

Mind Maps

Flash Cards

Reading for Purpose

Active Recall



Half Term Holiday

The academy is closed to students on **Friday 10th February** as this is our staff training day.

Half term week follows from **Monday 13th to Friday 17th February.**

Students should return on **Monday 20th February** to **Week A** of the timetable.



AND FINALLY.....

With Valentine's Day just around the corner take a look up at our library window facing the street to see our celebration!

