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'the best that we can be'



## PRINCIPAL'S POST

The end of March brings with it a change of the clocks and as such brighter and longer days. For most of March it has felt a little drab and grey, but this month's newsletter has served as a reminder that there is so much that has been happening in the academy despite what might be happening outside!

For me, it is the way that our students look to get involved in the range of opportunities that they have available to them, and that they are great ambassadors for our academy and represent themselves brilliantly in these situations. Our visitors to the academy always speak highly of their interactions with our students and this is something that they should be proud of.

As we head into the Easter break, I hope that you and your families get some time to enjoy, what I hope is some better weather.

I look forward to our return in April and seeing what the summer term may bring!

*Mark Woodhouse*

## CHAIR'S CORNER

At our recent Governors meeting we highlighted an important area that is at the forefront of how we are fully committed to the welfare and wellbeing of all our dedicated students and staff at TNHA.

As a governing body we are dedicated to ensure that the three basic core requirements of a governing body are met.

1. Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos, and strategic direction.
2. Holding executive leaders to account for educational performance of pupils and staff.
3. Overseeing finances making sure money is well spent.

Governors play a vital role in building relationships between school, parents, carers, students and local community as well as local authority and employers.

Do you think you have the qualities to join our team as a Parent Governor? We have a vacancy waiting for you. A letter will be sent after Easter with further details to all parents and carers.

Together we are 'one team'

We look forward to reading your applications. Have a wonderful Easter Break!

*Helen Warrick-Evans*

# FACULTY FOCUS

## CREATIVE ARTS

It has been a busy year so far, in the Creative Arts Faculty at TNHA, with exhibitions, performances, trips and much more. Our focus this year has been to develop the profile of the CARTS team across the academy, and to develop an even greater range of opportunities for students to experience both in the academy and beyond. We are all very excited for the future. New lights and sound equipment in the school hall will enable us to plan even bigger and better performances, events and exhibitions and combine all the talents across the faculty.

### CARTS AMBASSADORS:

The year started with interviews for the new posts of Creative Arts Ambassadors. There were lots of applications from students and some great ideas. In fact, we had so many applications that in the end we appointed more ambassadors than we originally planned! We currently have 14 Student Ambassadors, who feedback and advise on trips, events, curriculum & clubs.



### ART

In the Autumn term, students also created work in the Exhibition Club, for a local exhibition on the topic of Egypt as part of the town wide celebration of Howard Carter.

More recently our students have had the opportunity recently to work with the Artist, Ian Brownlie, developing work on the theme of 'Locks' as part of a series of opportunities to work with visiting artists.

We have also been involved in a really exciting project, run by The Sainsbury Centre in Norwich, which we had the opportunity to visit recently, to 'take over' the gallery in Swaffham museum. Their work will be put on display (starting with a private viewing on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March).



Year 11 students have recently been working hard finalising project work that we look forward to displaying in the Autumn.

This will, no doubt, provide inspirational to the next generation of upcoming artists at TNHA.



**collective**  
@ swaffham heritage museum collection  
Thursday 30th March 2023  
5:00 - 6:30pm

Young people from Swaffham have come together to respond to their local history and current challenges that face us all. The group have worked over 10 weeks to respond to objects in the collection and produce artworks and interventions in the gallery. The group have identified the most important aspects of the project as:

- 'Listening' - to each other, the past and the present.
- 'Accepting' our own histories, as well as demonstrating our right and rights of others to contribute to the narrative.
- 'Collaborating' to generate ideas and make the project happen.

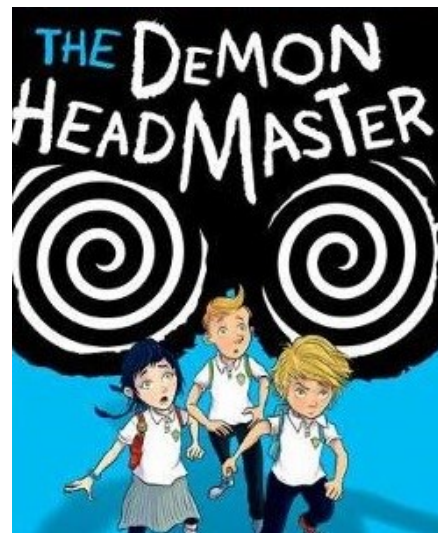
SAINSBURY CENTRE  
ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND  
LOTTERY FUNDED

## DRAMA

This has been a busy year for drama at TNHA. We started the year with the KS3 drama club students working towards their Christmas Showcase. This was an opportunity for our students to show their creativity, with scenes along the theme of 'A Night at the Movies!'

In January, auditions were held for this year's school play, 'The Demon Headmaster'. A cast of nearly 30 students have since been rehearsing very hard, and we are all looking forward to an amazing run of performances at Westacre Theatre in June. Tickets will be on sale after Easter.

Year 11 drama students have staged devised performances in November and have just completed their scripted extract performances. The invited KS3 students gave glowing reviews and can't wait to be on the stage themselves in a few years' time.



## MUSIC

This year has seen music continue to grow in popularity at TNHA, and it is no coincidence that the standard of student work is growing ever higher.

Individual instrumental lessons have been very popular this year and break and lunchtime bookings of practice rooms are at a premium.

Christmas saw our first Music Showcase since Covid. Students from all year groups performed to a packed and delighted audience. This was a great start to a year of fantastic live performances and events. In 2023 Music students have had their first use of music tech using the new i-pads. We are particularly excited to see the growth of this aspect of music within the curriculum.



### UPCOMING EVENTS IN CARTS:

- 29<sup>th</sup> March – Music Hub 'Live Music Assembly'
- 20<sup>th</sup> April – 'Charlie & the Chocolate Factory' theatre trip
- 24<sup>th</sup> April – ART GCSE EXAM
- 15<sup>th</sup> May – DRAMA GCSE EXAM
- 18<sup>th</sup> May – Year 10 Music visit to primary schools
- 25<sup>th</sup> May – 'TEACHERS' Workshop with professional cast member *Michael Ayiotis*
- 30<sup>th</sup> May – PARIS TRIP
- 8<sup>th</sup> June – Year 10 Music visit to primary school
- 14<sup>th</sup> June – MUSIC EXAM
- 22<sup>nd</sup> June – Year 10 Music visit to primary school
- 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> June – School Play 'The Demon Headmaster' at Westacre Theatre
- 29<sup>th</sup> June – Year 10 Music performance at the Norfolk Showground
- 6<sup>th</sup> July – 'SpongeBob' theatre trip
- 11<sup>th</sup> July – ATT National Music Gala Performance

# WHAT'S ON?

## Creative Arts Clubs

*CARTS Ambassadors Meeting*

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Drama Room

### ART – Ms Morgan (Room 25)

<i>Exhibition Club</i>	Mon & Fri Lunchtime
<i>Open House</i>	Mon & Fri Lunchtime
<i>KS4 Intervention</i>	Monday 3.15-4.30pm Tues / Wed / Thurs / Fri Lunchtime

### MUSIC – Miss Brown

<i>Open House</i>	Mon & Tues Lunchtime
<i>Practice Room Bookings</i>	Mon, Tues & Fri Lunchtime <i>Booking sheet released every Friday break</i>
<i>Music Technology Club</i>	Weds Lunchtime
<i>KS4 Music</i>	Weds 3.15pm-4.40pm & Thurs Lunchtime
<i>Instrumental Lessons</i>	Tues, Weds & Thurs
<i>Karaoke Club</i>	Fri Lunchtime

### DRAMA – Mr Hatfield

<i>KS3 School Play Rehearsals</i>	Wednesday 3.15pm - 5.30pm Main Hall
<i>Open House</i>	Breaktime
<i>KS4 Drama</i>	Students book as required
<i>KS3 Student Drama Club</i>	Friday Lunchtime

# OUT AND ABOUT

In the space of a few weeks, the Year 7 Jon Egging Trust group have experienced more exciting outings. The first of which was to visit to Inside Out, who aim to provide a safe and structured environment to explore learn and take risks building confidence mental strength by teamwork.



Students were given opportunities such as learning how to start a camp fire by friction, gathering, dry grass and wood. They enjoyed cooking toasted sandwiches and marshmallows as well as team building games.

What a wonderful day!



Another was a visit to Swaffham Museum. Here students had the opportunity to explore the museum.

They were then designated an area of the museum and had to construct a visitor tour guide.

This helped them to consider how best to communicate with people and make it a fun and interesting experience for visitors.



We are always delighted to have the chance to visit RAF Marham and this visit was no exception.

On this occasion, students were treated to a look at all the equipment carried on a plane for survival if having to eject. We also spent time investigating plane engines and learning the components and how they work.



# WELCOMING GUESTS

As often as possible we try to invite guest speakers into our assemblies.

Year 10 had a visitor from Access Creative College to discuss with them the variety of courses they offer post-16. Access Creative College offer exciting courses across gaming, 'esports', music, media and computing.

Students were introduced to a variety of courses available and at the different levels.



Access Creative College then had a lunchtime stand in the main foyer to talk with any students interested in such careers in the future.

Year 7 students welcomed the Army who introduced the various types of careers available. The Army team were very impressed with our students as many approached them after the assembly to ask a variety of questions.

After this, 90 students had the opportunity to be put through their paces with some workshops.



They were tested on their ability to use teamwork, communication and leadership skills as they completed a variety of interactive tasks. Again, the students were complimented by our visitors for their enthusiastic approach and determination to succeed!

Andy Nattrass from Norfolk Police joined assemblies for Year 7s and Y8s on the importance of scooter safety, including how to keep themselves safe and the laws surrounding using them.

We will be welcoming Andy back into assemblies for Y9s and Y10s soon on the same theme.



**NORFOLK**  
CONSTABULARY  
*Our Priority is You*

# STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

We are delighted to share the achievements of two members of our staff who we feel are worthy of a special mention this month.

## LEARNING FOR LIFE

Mr. Baxter, who is the ICT Network Manager for TNHA, Iceni & Hockwold academies and ably supports us all day-to-day, has somehow found the time to undertake a Level 5 Qualification in Operational Management, via the ATT Further Education College, which was completed over 18 months alongside his normal duties.

The training course covered leadership, management, finance and communication which was then examined through a combination of an hour-long presentation of a project completed within 6 weeks and a lengthy formal Q&A session.



## OUR 'DISAPPEARING' DT TECHNICIAN

We have certainly been seeing a lot less of Mr. Jenkinson, recently.

After tipping the scales at 25 stones & 6 lbs, he has lost almost 6 stones so far since September - which is a truly amazing achievement. Along with his wife they have been nominated for Slimming World Couple of the Year!

For many of us losing just a few pounds is a struggle so we are delighted to recognise this tremendous achievement. A true story of inspiration and determination to succeed if ever there was one.

What an achievement!





# COULD YOU BE OUR NEW PARENT GOVERNOR?

We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor!

Joining our Local Governing Body as a Governor, offers the opportunity to make a real contribution to the life and work of your child's academy. All our governors are a vital part of driving improvement and excellence within our academy.

The role of governors is to ensure high standards of achievement for all children and young people on roll. Being a governor can be very rewarding and will provide you with the opportunity to work as part of a team and gain new skills.

If you feel you would be interested, please follow the guidance on how to apply details in the letter which will be sent to all parents and carers shortly.



## ATTENDANCE WEEK

After the success of Attendance Week 1 - Bronze Week, last academic term, students will have the chance to participate in Attendance Week 2 - Silver Week. This will run from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April. The week rewards students for attending and being a part of our academy. There are lots of activities available for students to participate in and attend during lunchtimes and after school including Year 11 intervention. All students need to do is turn up, take part and reap the rewards.



Activities include, an in-school cinema, Year 7 and 8 cooking activities, football, chess club, IT games, 'Just Dance', crafts, GCSE support and much more. There will also be another chocolate hamper available for the one lucky student who achieves 100% attendance all week, a Year 11 revision pack for the students who attend the most interventions that week as well as our famous treasure hunt running every day!

A week not to be missed!



# EASTER CELEBRATIONS

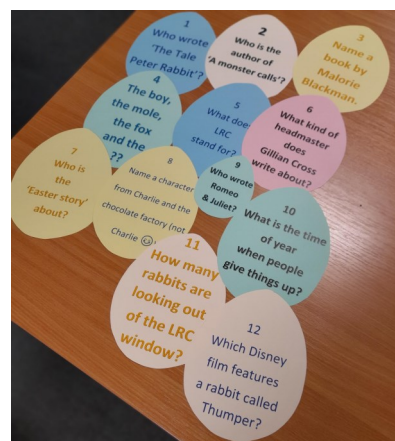
Easter is upon us and at TNHA we have enjoyed early celebrations.

## 'On the Hunt'

Our students have enjoyed the Easter Egg Hunt around the academy following clues hidden around school to reach the end where they will gain a prize with all answers correct. This has caused much excitement and 'head scratching' to solve the questions posed with 'eyes on the prize'!

## Edible Easter Treats!

Wonderful aromas have welcomed those visiting the Cookery Room with treats being made by our Year 10 students in our Easter Bake Off. We think you would agree they are good enough to adorn any Easter Table!



## Look up.....

Don't forget to look up at our window in the Learning Resources Centre, overlooking the front of the academy, suitably decorated with 'all things Easter!'



The academy is closed from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April for the Easter Holiday.  
Students return on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April to Week A of the timetable.

Happy Easter