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'the best that we can be'



PRINCIPAL'S POST

It feels like the year is flying past, and with April now behind us, I hope that the end of spring and the start of summer brings some much-needed better and brighter weather as the past couple of months feel they have been compounded with a general greyness. It also feels like across the country, and world to a certain extent, the first few months of 2023 have been dominated by a general discontent and uneasiness about lots of things. Whilst in the academy we cannot easily control this, it does impact what we do and experience. It influences some of the experiences our students might have, especially when linked to their futures.

There are references in our newsletter to opportunities that some of our students have had this month to think about their futures and whilst these experiences are vital as we have seen recently there is lots that is unknown about the world our students will grow up into. As a result what we continue to try to do is give them both the experiences but also the skills so that they can be successful in whatever they choose to do with their future lives.

It is perhaps a positive reflection on our young people that despite the challenges that they face they continue to move forward and show positively what they are capable of doing!

Mark Woodhouse

CHAIR'S CORNER

Summer Term has started as we all start warming up at long last with a 'spring in our step!'

It seems to have been the longest winter of discontent in many ways! Reminding me of Steinbeck's novel 'The Winter of Discontent!' He used Shakespeare's opening quote from Richard 111 as his title for the book. It has many themes that are so similar to what we are experiencing in the news at the moment and some of the characters are so familiar that we can relate very well too, it is all rather surreal! It's worth a read if you are looking for something other than Netflix. I think I've binge watched far too many series and films this winter so reading is now the top of my summer list.

Sometimes it's important to remember to give ourselves time and space to enjoy our own hobbies and activities to escape and take our minds off the pace and stresses we put ourselves under. So, summer reading will be the top of my list. What will be your choice for one positive challenge or change this term?

Enjoy the term ahead!

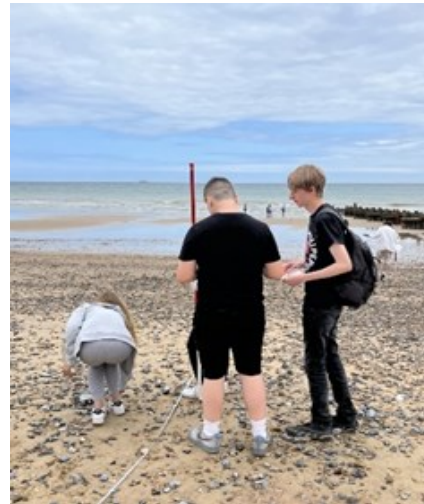
Helen Warrick-Evans

FACULTY FOCUS

There are many exciting things happening in the Humanities Faculty this term.

Our senior students are revising for their exams and working really hard to achieve these. We are incredibly proud of the dedication that they have put into achieving their potential. Students have been given plenty of revision material and there is a week-by-week plan in place.

Year 10 students are coming into their final piece of Geography fieldwork. We will be heading to Overstrand to take some measurements of the beach and to assess how management in this area impacts processes. This is always a favourite day of the students and below are some photos from last year's fieldtrip. We hope the weather will be kind and we don't get sand in our sandwiches due to inclement weather!



Endangered Animals

Our younger cohort have been working on endangered and extinct animals around the world. We have spent an exciting few week's investigating the Dodo, the Rhino, and the Orangutan. They are currently creating their own presentations to share in class.



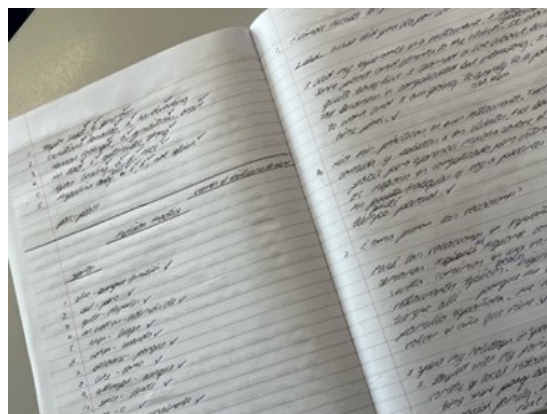
MFL:

The Language Café has been a huge success again this term and we have seen many students attending each week. The Language Team have been overwhelmed by the amount of students wanting to share their time with others and often presenting sessions themselves.

We continue to make our way around the world with topics which have been interesting, informative and full of very tasty samples of food from the countries in focus!



All students in MFL have been working hard on their speaking assessments and exams. The start of our Year 11 Speaking Exams have begun and we are so proud of everyone's achievements. Their hard work and effort shown has been fantastic.



In Year 7 students have been working hard on 'DIRT' (Dedicated Improvement & Reflection Time).

They have been reflecting on ways to improve their work done in recent speaking assessments.

THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

We are proud to offer participation in The Duke of Edinburgh Award which allows students to improve their self esteem and build confidence. It also offers the opportunity to gain essential skills and attributes required for their future such as resilience, problem-solving, team work, communication and drive.

Groups of students have been preparing for both the forthcoming Bronze and Silver expeditions after school practicing their skills (amongst them erecting tents).



THE WORLD OF WORK

It is the time of year when our Year 10 students go out in the community for a week on work experience which is vital in helping them to understand the world of work. This is aimed at affirming punctuality, acting responsibly, doing routine tasks, and following instructions.



There is also the chance to practise knowledge and skills learnt in the classroom in a work setting, developing and learning new skills and using initiative to deal with varying situations they may encounter.

The exposure to 'the world of work' also presents the opportunity to help students develop a mature attitude and an increased motivation to study, ideas of many different career paths and to gain a better understanding of options available along with seeing how the range of subjects studied in school translate to the work environment.

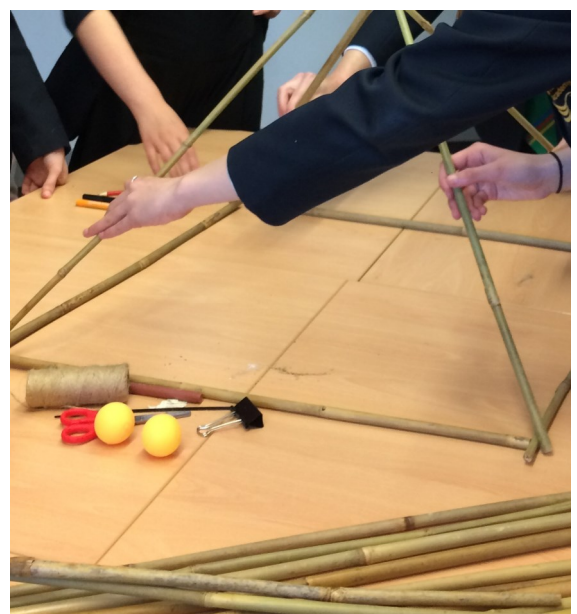
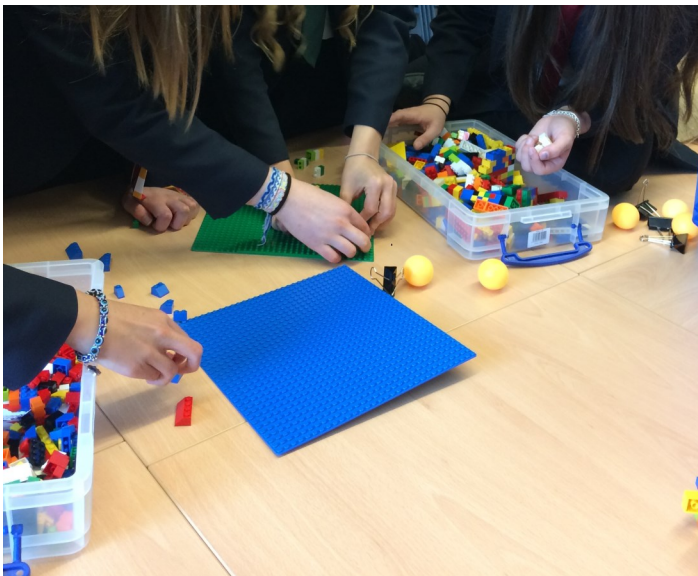
We look forward to hearing of their experiences when they return to the academy.

LINKS WITH UNIVERSITY

Our close working partnership with the University of East Anglia continues. The UEA is able to offer our students a lot of exciting opportunities that help towards future aspirations, especially geared towards considering university as an option.

The most recent visit saw our Year 9 students take part in a Subject Discovery Event (this visit being the first of 3 modules between now and May) and exploring how their core GCSE subjects of English and Maths can support their future pathways.

The challenge on this visit was to come up with an idea for a new university and our students designed 'The Norwich University of Textiles & Science' (NUTS) offering a unique blend of subjects. Their fantastic presentation was delivered to the organisers of the event together with their peers from other schools at the end of the day.



OTHER NEWS

Easter Egg Hunt

Congratulations to Taylor, Cyrus, Matthew, Roman & Oscar who were the winners of the Easter Egg Hunt! There were also prizes for all who took part.



Hockey Festival

We had the pleasure of taking all of our Year 7 students to the prestigious Lynnsport for our annual hockey festival.

Over 150 students enjoyed a variety of hockey drills to develop their skills before playing a tournament consisting of several games of hockey. The feedback from the event has been amazing. We thank our Student Leaders who ran the sessions and, as always, were an asset to the academy.



Chess Club

Our Chess Club is now up and running every Wednesday in the Learning Resource Centre and is proving very popular indeed.

We have received new tournament style chess sets from the 'Chess in Schools and Communities Charity' and these are certainly being put to good use by our budding chess champions!



Year 11 Prom

'The TNHA Class of 2023' are holding their Prom at Ash Tree Barns in Narborough and tickets are now on sale for what promises to be an exciting evening. The red carpet will be ready to welcome our students on arrival in their finest outfits and various modes of transportation.

This is always a wonderful way to end their time with us and say a 'goodbye' to their friends as they part ways to follow their individual paths towards their future careers.

An evening of dancing, good food and fun is afoot!



Art Exhibition

Lastly, you will recall that last month we mentioned that our students had been involved in a project at Swaffham Museum, run by The Sainsbury Centre in Norwich, are delighted to share just a little of the talent on show.



Collective

Young people (aged 13-18) from Swaffham have come together to respond to their local history and current challenges that face us all. Guided by artist Ian Brownlie, the group have worked together over 10 weeks to respond to objects in the collection through art works 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 our sharing our voice, ideas and opinions in a tolerant supportive environment.

'Collaborating' to generate ideas, artworks and make the project happen.

The project has been delivered in partnership between the Sainsbury Centre for Visual Arts Norwich and Swaffham Museum Heritage Collection, funded by Arts Council England.

To see more about the project and find out about the ideas behind some of the work, scan the QR code.



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