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PRINCIPAL'S POST

Looking through this month's newsletter, serves as a brilliant reminder that school is often more than simply the lessons that students attend five times a day.

Our own memories of school will be a combination what we enjoyed or didn't enjoy, but most often the bit that sticks in our minds are the range of experiences. Take nothing away from the academic rigour that we would want in the classroom to allow students to access the qualifications that they need, but school is more than this as ably demonstrated by this month's newsletter. The opportunity to work with other people and experience opportunities that our young people may not have had before is crucial in giving them the rich experiences that they should have before they leave their formal education.

The students at our academy are lucky to have a number of staff who find ways to constantly give them these experiences and hopefully make the positive memories that will last with them as they head into their future lives.

Mark Woodhouse

CHAIR'S CORNER

This year seems to be flying past at great speed and ironically, I felt very privileged to receive an invitation to attend the Blue Skies Graduation of our 15 students from TNHA who over the past year have been involved in The Jon Egging Trust which first started delivering programmes in East Anglia in 2013. Since then, the East Anglia branch have run 6 Blue Skies programmes working closely with RAF Marham supporting multiple cohorts of 15 young people through their intensive three-year syllabus: Blue Skies 1: Teamwork, Blue Skies 2: Leadership and Blue Skies 3: Employability. What a privilege to be part of the celebrations of their success where they spoke publicly about their achievements and activities throughout the year. Congratulations to them all and we are so proud of everyone who played a part in their success.

The Governance Team have been very busy throughout the term delivering and attending training and support programmes for all the specific areas we are linked with and continue to be as up-to-date with all the latest policies from safeguarding to running a school trip!

It's also nearing the Year 11 prom now that the exams are being marked and assessed. However, dressing up is the top of the list! Be it upcycled, second-hand, handmade or a new outfit, it will be wonderful to enjoy the success at the end of their time at TNHA!

Helen Warrick-Evans

SEND AT TNHA

What are the 4 types of SEND?

There are 4 broad areas of Special Educational Needs, these are:

- Cognition and Learning...
- Communication and Interaction...
- Social, Emotional and Mental Health...
- Sensory and/or Physical Difficulties...



Within the SEND department at TNHA we support our students in many ways from bespoke Dyslexia toolkits in lessons to 'bagel breakfasts' together with other specialised help. We support all students and not just those with a diagnosed neurodevelopment condition.

We have 2 designated rooms and an office within the department.

'The Nest' is space where specific students can go to have some time out with their 'take a break card', as well as an area to talk to an adult around any concerns they may have. '

The Hive' is used for all interventions from reading to emotional support. Both rooms are also open at social times so that students can access a 'quite area' should they need.

Our team currently consists of Ms Cooper (Acting SENDCO – Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator) and two teaching assistants Mrs Rawson and Mrs Carline (we have also been lucky enough to recruit some excellent new staff to grow our team from September).



Please do not
hesitate to contact
Ms Cooper
via Email:
Sarah.Cooper@attrust.org.uk
If you have any SEND queries.



JON EGGING TRUST GRADUATION

A group of students in Year 7, who have been working with The Jon Egging Trust, have experienced a wonderful year completing visits out of school and various activities. These range from trips to RAF Marham and seeing top secret technology, to a visit to 'Inside Out' where they produced their own films.

They have now graduated their first year, which was focussed on team work. To mark this, a celebration ceremony was conducted in Swaffham at the Assembly Rooms. Parents, the Mayor, personnel from RAF Marham, Chair of Governors, other partners who have worked with the students, together with representatives from the academy, who were in attendance to help celebrate this event.



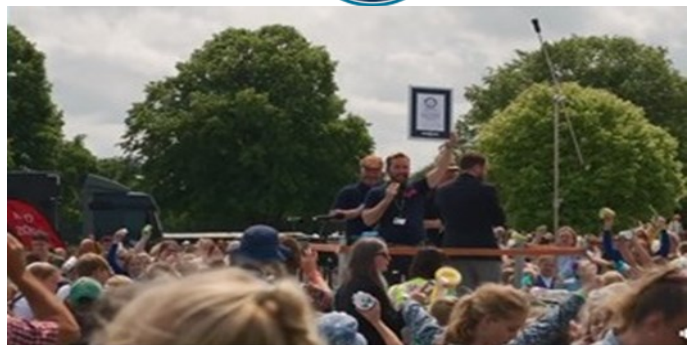
The students proudly gave presentations about their experiences. This was followed by each being presented with a certificate, but whilst doing so, they had to explain something they admired about one of their peers.

It was a really lovely event, which celebrated their endeavours. We look forward to seeing their progress when they begin Year 2 next academic year.

IT'S A WORLD RECORD!

A proud group of TNHA students were amongst 1,200 of their peers from across Norfolk who appeared at the Royal Norfolk Show as guests of the Norfolk Music Hub taking part in "Bucket Beats X."

Using buckets, milk bottles and various other recyclable instruments they smashed the original Guinness World Record becoming the new record holders for the largest percussion ensemble using recyclable instruments.



Who are the Norfolk Music Hub?

"Norfolk Music Hub is a partnership of organisations and schools which engage with Norfolk's children and young people in music making. These organisations share what they do, communicate with each other and are committed to the highest quality of music education for children and young people". Our partnership serves to create the very best opportunities for children and young people to get involved in music making".

THE LRC IS THE PLACE TO BE..

Behind the doors of our LRC (Learning Resource Centre) is a truly amazing place to be, run by our Co-ordinator Mrs Sharman, this has become a modern and exciting resource for our students.

Not only is it stacked full of new books on all sorts of interesting facts and fiction, many of which were purchased by a generous grant afforded to us by The Hamonds Educational Trust, but also various clubs and activities.

There is a small bank of computers for those who wish to catch up on their school work and revise, chess and craft clubs which are very popular and a careers corner with bespoke information for those looking at their next steps.

Recently we have celebrated Pride month with the craft club taking on this theme and information boards designed at promoting understanding and empathy.



THE DEMON HEADMISTRESS

The TNHA Drama Club held their production of *The Demon Headmistress* at Westacre Theatre over two nights. They performed to family, friends and representatives from the Hamonds Education Trust, Swaffham Lions Clubs, Governors and staff.

Having the chance to work in a professional theatre space is such a brilliant opportunity to experience the world of drama, and as always, the young actors rose to the occasion and gave an amazing performance!

Here we share some photographs of the cast and crew on their first night together with rehearsals ready for the big occasion.

"Dinah Glass moves in with Lloyd and Harvey Hunter. Soon she discovers that at her new school the Headmistress is very strange and she finds herself saying things like, "I think the Headmistress is a marvellous woman and this is the best school I've ever been to".

Something strange is going on and Dinah, with her new friends, is determined to get to the bottom of it... "



DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD



June saw a determined group of Year 9 students successfully complete the expedition section of their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award. Conditions throughout the weekend were at times unbearable with temperatures reaching above 32 degrees. The students successfully navigated their way, with a few minor detours through Thetford Forest in and around Thetford, Brandon, Mundford and Santon Downham before walking through the beautiful back drop of Lynford Hall to their finish point in Ickburgh.

The students showed great maturity and confidence when coming across an illegal rave and had to be escorted through by the Police while other groups were turned away and found themselves needing to re-route around this part of the forest. Other challenges include extinguishing a fire at the campsite, which thanks to four brave students and Mr Bacon, averted damage and disaster, members of the public and other DofE groups asking for directions and not forgetting the unforgiving mosquitoes and of course 'getting a little lost'.

All in all, the students were amazing, keeping morale high and making great memories showing pride in themselves and enjoying themselves every moment of the whole weekend.



IN OTHER NEWS

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Another Amazing Project
undertaken by our DT Students!



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TNHA Window Display
Celebrating PRIDE Month!



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TNHA Sports Days
3rd & 4th July!

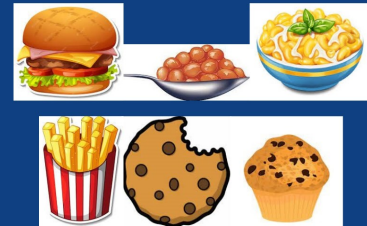


Celebrating shared success!

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A variety of US Food will be served
in the canteen to celebrate 4th July!



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Jelly Fish in LOOL lessons



Helping with attention, memory and concentraton!

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Swaffham is known for it's many ducks &
this mother chose TNHA to raise hers!



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