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PROUDLY
SHARING
OUR
NEWS

BACK
TO
SCHOOL 

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



EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL'S POST

Welcome back and hello to all our new students and their families. I say welcome ... the start of term seems a very distant memory. This is in part due to the fact that there is lots that happens every day in the academy. One of the things that we are keen for our students to have, is that all-round educational experience. We know how important their academic studies are, but we are also conscious that we want our young people to have a range of wider experiences. We are really fortunate in the academy that we have lots of staff who are happy to give their time to provide these opportunities and my advice to all our students is to get involved. Be it the arts, sports, languages or literature (to name just a few), there are lots of opportunities for our students to enrich their education beyond their lessons in the classroom. It is great to see so early in their academic year, many students already involved in these things, and we hope to see more students taking part as the year goes on.

It has been a busy start to the academic year, but it has been great to see our students engaging with their learning and making the most of the opportunities that they have at the academy!

Mark Woodhouse

HEAD'S HEADLINES

A warm welcome back to all of our returning students and parents, and a huge "hello" to those of you joining the TNHA family. The start of term has been busy with lots going on in the academy. We are so proud of the achievements of last year's students and wish them well for the future. Our new Year 7 students have made a fantastic start. They have shown great enthusiasm for school with excellent attendance (over 96%) and outstanding behaviour. Well done!

As we start back to school, it is important that our students continue with the good habits they were developing last year. As an academy, we are asking our students to reflect on the importance of good attendance. Good attendance makes all the difference to pupil progress. We know that it can be difficult to motivate young people, especially early in the morning, but we are grateful for the support from our parents and carers in getting their child to school each day. As the cold weather sets in, coughs and colds can become an issue. We would ask that, wherever possible, you send your child into school. We know that on days they feel 'under the weather' they may need some extra support from staff. If your child is feeling a little poorly, let us know and we will keep 'an eye on them' during the day. We are all excited for the new term and are looking forward to what the year will bring. Thank you for all your support - I look forward to working with you this academic year!

Emily Thomason

CHAIR'S CORNER

When we change our routines at the start of a new academic year, we soon slot into them very quickly! This term has been no exception as I take on a new position as Executive Chair of Governors for two academies being The Nicholas Hamond Academy and Icen Academy. I felt humbled and privileged at being asked and will endeavour to carry out my duties diligently.

As Governors we take our role very seriously and we continue to ask questions and challenge as well as be the 'eyes and ears' in our communities and support the processes and procedures of both the academies. Most importantly we are here to make sure that every child receives an enriched and balanced education so that they achieve their full potential and to enjoy the experience so it remains a memorable time in their lives. Enjoy the new term ahead, be kind, and do the best you possibly can.

Helen Warrick-Evans

LOTS TO DO AT LUNCH!



We are delighted to report that we have many clubs running at a lunchtime which include Craft & Chess Clubs where students can enjoy a quiet hobby, Horrible Histories where students leave feeling truly 'horrible', Art and Drama Clubs where creativity flows, PE Clubs allowing the 'sporty' to flourish, Duolingo Club & The Language Café where languages are celebrated & Rock Club where students can learn more about the naturally occurring elements of our earth and their properties.

Students are encouraged to look out for the posters for details and join in the fun!



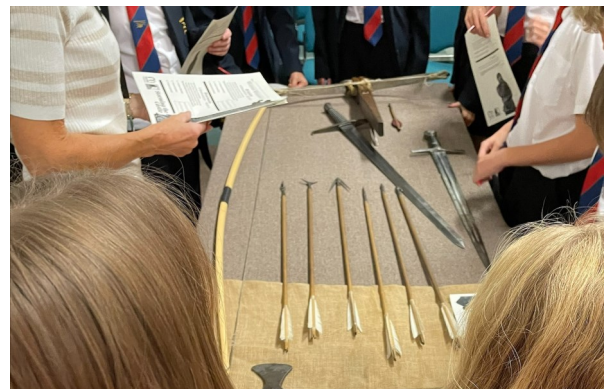
MEDIEVAL MATHS

Our Year 7 students visited Norwich Castle for an exciting maths adventure starting with a meeting with the Master of Arms, a defender of the Castle.



They measured and assessed weapons used to attack and defend a castle, calculated the height of the Castle Keep, used their maths skills to investigate the water supply and played strategic games for a siege of the castle.

Real 'medieval maths fun!'



A HOME FOR A HEDGEHOG



Ms Ball, as many will know, has many 'strings to her bow' and indeed hidden talents and interests. She has been looking out for our very treasured guests many of whom visit us in our gardens and are a common and welcome sight.

For some months she has been feeding the hedgehogs who visit her, even buying a rather grand iglo feeding station after catching a 'wiley fox' eating all the food one night. However, during a very hot week in July when the mercury hit over 30 degrees, coughing and wheezing was heard in the flower beds. On closer inspection, a smallish hedgehog was found on their back, clearly in a bad way.

At the time Ms Ball admits to being a complete novice but knew enough to know that a hedgehog out in broad daylight, wheezing and making no attempt to move, was not a good sign. Taking to 'Google' she soon found Ryston Rachel's Hedgehog Hotel, a registered charity in Downham Market. Rachel organised for the hog, soon to be sexed and named Victoria, to be picked up within 30 minutes and whisked away to help. To cut a long tale short, Ms Ball is now registered with the charity as a 'safe home for hedgehogs' and has taken in three to live with the ones who already visit her garden regularly.

How can we help?

Don't always expect your visitors to live in your garden, they can travel several kilometres a night.

But please do:

- Put out a shallow bowl of water,
- A dish of cat biscuits, not fish flavoured
- A dish of wet cat food, jelly, again not fish.

The most important thing is to have a hole in your fence on either side, so that the hogs can travel in the safer back gardens, rather than down pavements and across roads. At this time of year, the male hogs are preparing to hibernate. Yes, the males go to bed a month before the females!

Also please check that you haven't locked a hog in any sheds, garages or green houses that may have been open in the summer.

If you cannot stretch to buying a hog hibernating house, please leave some hay or leaves nearby so that they can make a nest inside.





Details have been sent home to parents and carers regarding the Scholastic Book Fair being held at the academy giving students the opportunity to purchase books and items of stationery at lunch and after school

*"The more that you read,
the more things you will know.
The more that you learn,
the more places you'll go".*

Dr. Seuss

Let's think about Christmas!!!!

Come along and audition for the TNHA Music Showcase 2023.

We cannot wait to see what you can do!

★ TNHA MUSIC ★

★ SHOWCASE ★

Open Auditions (all Year groups)
every lunchtime next week
(2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th October)

No need to book – just come along and show
Miss Brown what you can do

★ Wednesday 6th December 2023 – Tickets available soon!

Department for Work & Pensions

iceni partnership

Swaffham Skills & Careers Fair

Wednesday 11th October
11am - 2pm
Swaffham Assembly Rooms

FREE ENTRY

Are you unemployed, looking to change career or find new job opportunities in the local area? If so, this is the event for you!

Iceni Partnership and the Department for Work & Pensions invite you to their skills & careers fair for anyone wanting to find their ideal job.

We will have a number of local employers for you to speak to, many of whom may be able to offer 'hidden' job opportunities.

There will also be careers advice workshops, which will cover everything you need to know in order to make the best first impression with a prospective employer, from interview tips to brushing up your CV and more

Don't miss out on the chance to get your career on the right track!
Call Iceni on 01760 722800 to book a time slot to visit

We encourage parents and carers to attend the Swaffham Skills & Careers Fair where there will be valuable information for all.

Our students in Years 10 & 11 will visit during the school day as part of their Careers Information and Guidance.