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PRINCIPAL'S POST

I cannot believe I am writing this almost at the end of the first half term of the academic year. When I look back to September the eight weeks in front of us seemed a long way off. Now reflecting on that time, its hard to understand how quickly that has gone. That will be in part, due to how busy days in the academy are. I often say, that I am lucky to work with a group of staff who provide lots of opportunities for our young people and it has been great to see lots of our students get involved and make the most of the opportunities at the start of the academic year.

Lots of these opportunities present themselves in lessons and it has been a really strong start to the year in how our students have approached their lessons and learning. Equally there are lots of opportunities beyond the classroom and again it has been great to see so many of our students getting involved in the extracurricular opportunities available to them. Some of this has been based around creative arts, also around sport where there have already been some successes, but there have also been other clubs and chances for students to get involved. It was also great to see so many of our students helping out at our recent Open Evening for the Year 5 and 6 students, and it was brilliant to see them being fantastic role models for potential new students. It was lovely to have lots of positive feedback from visitors that evening about how engaging and helpful they all were, and we are lucky that we see this every day in the academy.

This first half term has been a really positive one in lots of ways in the academy and it is our students that have made it so! The challenge will now be to build on this great start, and we look forward to seeing what our students can achieve as the year progresses.

Mark Woodhouse

CHAIR'S CORNER

As the nights draw in even more, the end of the first half term is upon us, and as ever, I am not sure where almost 8 weeks has gone. The new school year started with TNHA seeing steady progress with GCSE results from the summer exams. A reward for all those students who worked hard, and for the staff at the academy recognition that things are continuing in the right direction. Yes, there remains work to be done, but with a solid foundation to now build upon, everyone in the school has high hopes that the current Year 11 students will continue the upward track in outcomes. The new Year 7's have settled in well, and I am sure they will all be looking forward to the Half Term break, after their first term at 'big school!'

For the current Year 11's their choices after exams are approaching at pace, and with the mock exams on the horizon, this can be a tough time for them all, but I know the academy is working hard to be able to support them through this time.

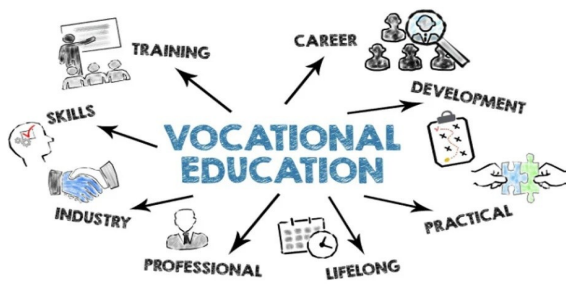
Attendance remains key to outcomes, and I know the academy continues to work hard to ensure all students are in school at all times, albeit the recent run of colds and bugs has not been helping!

The academy continues to offer students the chance to undertake their Bronze DofE award. I am a huge advocate of this, and the experiences and shared journey the children go on when taking part in this, so a big well done and thank you to Rachel Wells for leading on this again this year.

As a Governing Body we are always looking for parent feedback on any issue in school, so please feel free to drop me an email directly, or via the academy and the governance team, all of the relevant e mail details are on the school website. I hope you all have a nice half term break, and before we know it Christmas will be here!

Simon Conner

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION



Our 'Faculty Focus' for autumn is the Vocational Faculty which comprises of Business Studies, Health & Social Care, Child Development, Travel & Tourism, Design Technology, Computer Science and Food Technology.

Studying these subjects allow students to gain practical skills and knowledge and to explore career paths leading to a range of university subjects such as engineering, law and nursing or to apprenticeships and higher education courses.

Community is the Key

In Business, Year 11 students have been completing their business plans for their Enterprise Coursework. This year ideas have to be based around art and design, sport and exercise, and animal and horticulture. Some students have used the opportunity to show their 'green' credentials, with ideas such as recycling football shirts & boots whereas other have gone for a more social enterprise approach supporting the community with gardening and dog walking. Students will soon move onto the presentations, pitching their idea. Good luck Year 11!



Business Studies

Great Communication in Health & Social Care

Meanwhile, in Health & Social Care students have been showcasing their communication skills in both one-to-one and group scenarios. It was a change from having to write long pieces of work and once the nerves were steadied, students did a wonderful job, showing they are extremely capable individuals. Just as importantly we are nearly there with the coursework! This is something they should be very proud of as they can all congratulate themselves for having worked so hard.



 The first assignment for Year 10s is to interview an individual of a certain age and find out how they have developed in their physical, intellectual, emotional and social development, as well as how factors have impacted this. The students are approaching this with high levels of maturity and we are proud of them.

Child Development

Both Year 10s and Year 11s are working on the same unit of work – how a child develops. The Year 11s are further ahead and have been to observe a child who is 2-3 years of age and noted their development for their age. They have also planned a play activity with the child and evaluated this. As with the Health and Social Care the coursework has almost been completed. Year 10s are preparing for the observation and getting their notes ready to help them observe the development.



The Year 10s have worked really hard on this and are confident and ready to tackle this first task. Both Year Groups deserve high praise indeed.

Travel & Tourism



Year 11 Travel and Tourism students are currently completing their Component 2 controlled assessment. The skills that the students learn in the Customer Service unit will be vital in their future careers, whatever sector they are employed in.

The Year 10 students are researching and investigating destinations in the UK ranging from the 4 nation's capital cities; to historic venues such as Bath and York; to our unique coastal areas and our breath-taking countryside areas. We will shortly start our first pieces of coursework.

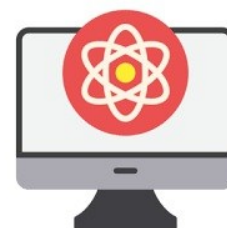
The Chairmen are in DT

In Design Technology the Year 11 GCSE groups have completed their themed chairs featuring some of their favourite characters. These are ready for the annual display in the foyer. They are of a higher quality than in previous years demonstrating excellent artwork, design and woodworking skills as well as some good imaginative ideas. The engineers in Year 10 are producing some very good quality tack hammers some of which match almost exactly the dimensions they have to work to.



Python Skills in Computer Science

Whilst in Computer Science Year 8 have become budding programmers by learning to ask for and store data, perform arithmetic then output it all using Python programming. This year, we have further developed the Python Skills for Year 9. They will build on their previous programming knowledge to be able to add logic to their programmes to make them smarter as well as repeating instructions to save on typing out so much code! Year 10 are recapping all of their previous programming skills and dialling them up to 11 then moving onto structured programming, lists and random numbers. Year 11 have just finished learning about hardware, software and other aspects of computer systems and will move onto computer networks next.



Food Technology

Year 11 students are due to start their practical exam, where they have to plan, design, make and review a 2-course meal. This is just a sample of their tempting dishes.

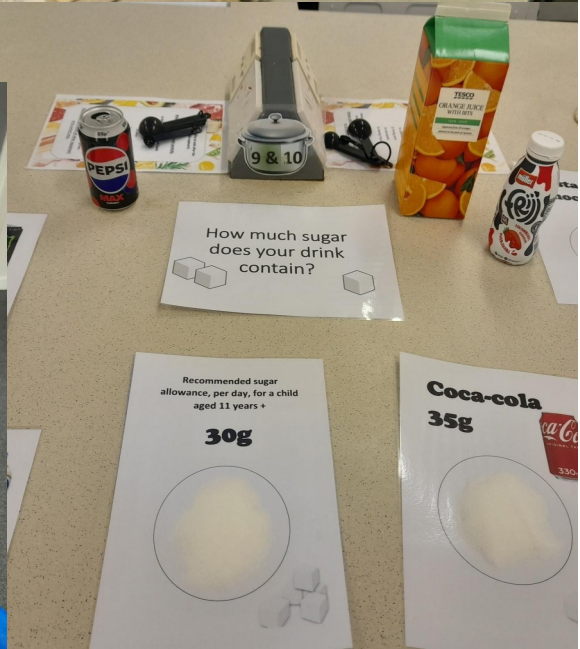
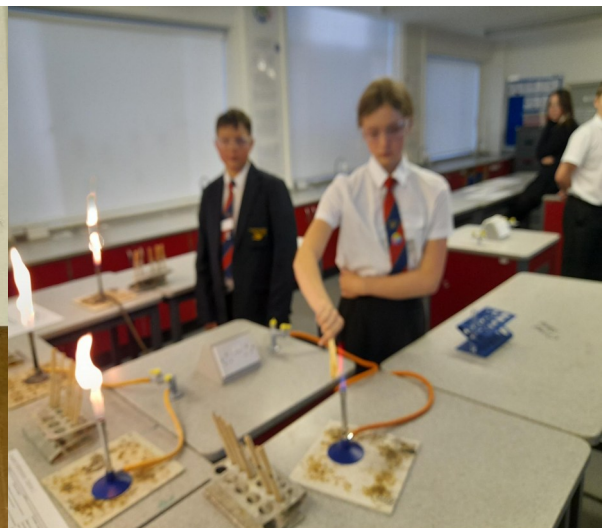


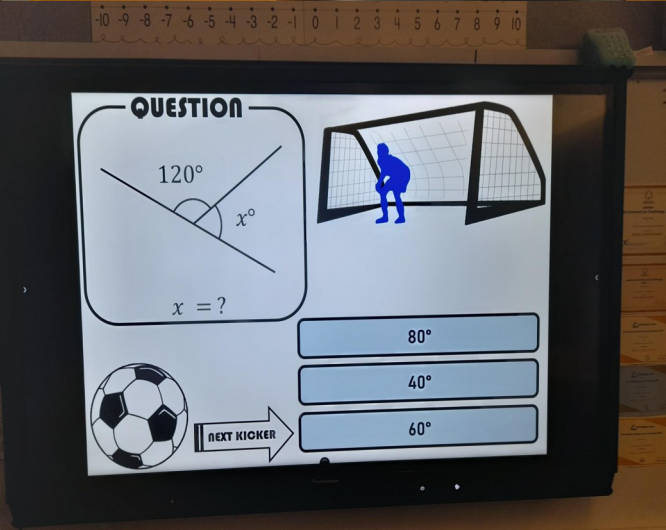
WELCOMING NEW FAMILIES

This is the time of year when families of younger children in Year 6 have to make their choice of secondary education. We opened our doors to parents, carers and students from our local primaries on our annual Open Evening affording our many guests the opportunity to tour the site, visit various classrooms, meet teaching and support staff, our student leaders and get a taste of our ethos and culture.



We also offered Open Mornings when the academy could be viewed on one of our usual working days. We were delighted to welcome so many members of our community and to play a part in the important decision of choosing the next stage of their child's education.





EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES

As is the custom each year at TNHA a long queue of students lined the corridor to sample foods from all over Europe on this special day. Staff joined in using different languages to greet students along with appropriate dress to celebrate. There certainly was no shortage of food and indeed students to try the wonderful array of various dishes available. This was a great opportunity to open minds to the language and to the culinary delights of this part of the world!



Another part of the tradition is the 'student bake off' with a European Theme. We were absolutely amazed by not just the amount of entries this year but also the expertise on show. The task of choosing the winners went to a vote by students and staff. Congratulations go to all of our entrants who delivered a stunning array of baked goods. Our winners were 1st place - Harrison with 'pizza,' 2nd place - Betsy (Year 7) with 'a celebration' & 3rd place - Briar (Year 11) with 'spaghetti and meatballs'. Pictured below are their entries along with others who certainly deserve an honourable mention.



IN OTHER NEWS...

Out on the Water

Whilst undertaking work in school our older students will also be required to take trips outside of the classroom as part of their PE course. The first trip for our intrepid Year 10 students involved taking to canoes at Whitlingham Country Park in Norwich, as part of their Outdoor Adventurous Activities Unit, where their skills on the water were assessed.

On a glorious sunny day, the students learned about the equipment required, safety precautions needed, different strokes which could be used to manoeuvre the canoe and also took part in some team building games.



Year 11 Academic Evening



This event was designed specifically to support students and their families in preparing for the upcoming mock and final GCSE examinations. The focus of the evening was on effective revision techniques across the core subjects of Mathematics, English, Science, History, and Geography. The session was practical and interactive, offering parents and carers the opportunity to sit alongside their child and try out a range of proven strategies to help them revise effectively at home. Following the main session, there was time to speak directly with teaching staff from all subject areas providing a valuable opportunity to ask questions about

specific exams, the format and expectations of each exam, key content and how best to prepare and the resources available for support.

In addition, we were pleased to welcome a number of Post-16 providers who were available on the evening to speak with students and families about their next steps after Year 11. A Careers Advisor was also on hand to offer guidance on future pathways and opportunities, as well as a Mental Health advisor from 'Cup-O-Tea' (wellness and therapy service).

It is Panto Season!

The drama club at TNHA this year started really strongly, with over 80 students attending the open sessions. It was great to see so many new faces amongst the regular attendees. We held auditions for the annual pantomime at the start of October, and the standard was really high.



We have our biggest ever cast, and as with last year, have extended the event to include as many students as possible. Our double bill will include a short version of 'Cinders' followed by the main show 'Camelot'!

Work now starts in earnest, learning lines, building scenery and gathering costumes. We will certainly all be busy in November! The performance will take place Wednesday 17th December ... Oh yes it will!

West Norfolk Schools Cross Country.



TNHA took 34 students to Kings Lynn for the area championships at the start of October. These students ranged from Year 7 to Year 11. All students completed the course and finished within the top 40 of their age group against the best runners from all of the schools within our area.

The Year 10's and Year 11's boys and girls did particularly well as a team with all of them finishing in the top 20 for boys and top 15 for girls.

The competition also acted as a trial for selection for the West Norfolk Combined team to race in the Norfolk Championships later in the year. Of our 34 students taken, 10 of them have been selected to represent the area in these forthcoming championships. An amazing ratio of selections from our academy.

Fireworks Day Menu

Our kitchen staff have produced a suitable choice of food for our students on 5th November available in the canteen to enjoy!



Fireworks Day Menu Wednesday 5th November

Loaded Potato Skins With

or

Baked Beans & Cheese

Add any cake or biscuit

Grab & GO

Jumbo Hot Dog

Cheese Burger

Toffee Apple Cake & Custard

Decorated Biscuits

Sprinkle Doughnuts

Hot Chocolate with Cream



... and finally...

***The academy is closed for Half Term
from Monday 27th to Friday 31st October
(We are also closed for Staff Training on Monday 3rd November)***

***Students in all Year Groups will return on
Tuesday 4th November 2025 to Week A of the Timetable***