

# 13th September 2024

#### **Principal's Update**

Welcome back to the new school year, it has been fantastic to welcome students and staff back over the last two school weeks, and the atmosphere around the school and in lessons has been excellent.

Thank you to those parents and carers that have attended the information evenings so far this year. The presentations from these will be emailed out seperately to you over the coming days. Information evenings for Year 10 and 11 will take place on October 2nd and will focus on transition to KS4 and GCSE study (Y10) and preparation for winter assessments and final GCSE examinations (Year 11).

We were over the moon with the achievements of Year 11 this summer, who celebrated their results with us and their families in August. The year group's attainment was exceptional and a testament to their hard work alongside the support of staff and families. We also had exam success for a current student, and we were really proud of the achievements of Mirabelle Lynch, currently in Year 11, who achieved an A\* in her Welsh language GCSE examination.

Our school photographers, Van Cols will be in on Monday 16th of September to take individual shots of our students in year 7,8, 9&10. They will return on Monday 14th October to take individual shots of year 11 and a class of 2025 photograph.

There is also the opportunity for parents/carers to request siblings shots on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September. To request one of these slots please contact the main office.

Have a lovely weekend

#### Post 16 information for Year 11 and open days

Year 11 students will soon be starting to make their applications for college and sixth forms. Applications will begin to open on 1st October.

Ahead of this, colleges and sixth forms hold their annual open days, and we encourage students to attend those of interest before they begin to make their choices.

Please follow the link below to find all the dates and booking information: College and 6th Form open days 2024

Year 11 students will be off timetable during the afternoon of 19<sup>th</sup> September and will hear presentations from various colleges and 6<sup>th</sup> form providers and information about how to apply for apprenticeships.

During PSHE lessons, students will also familiarise themselves with <u>www.helpyouchoose.org</u>, the website Broadland students use to make their college applications and access helpful information to support them in making their choices.

We strongly encourage students to make several applications to give them the best possible chances of securing the course they really want, and to avoid disappointment, we advise that all applications are made before Christmas.



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#### **Sports Report**

A huge well done to Max Buckingham in Year 11. Max got into the Midland Tigers Touch U17s team and played in the Junior Touch Nationals held in Nottingham this summer.

Sports clubs have started, and parents can sign students up via Edulink. The list of clubs available at the moment are below, and we will let you know via the bulletin of any additions. Tuesday's basketball club is run by the excellent coaches from Norfolk Hoopstars who run a variety of teams in local and national basketball leagues.

Day	Club	Lead teacher
Monday	Boys football	Mr Shreeve & Mr Wright
Monday	Running club	Mr Storey
Monday	Basketball All girls 7&8 boys	Mr Tregale
Monday	Netball	Mrs Keel Honnetore
Tuesday	Basketball (all years)	Norfolk Hoopstars
Wednesday	Pickleball 9-11	Mr S Howard
Wednesday	Girls Football (starts on 18th)	Miss King
Thursday	Volleyball 7-9	Mrs Keel & Miss Storey



We were pleased to find out this week that we were announced the winners of the OAT in Bloom competition for best wild meadow. Thank you to Mr Prochera for his hard work on this!

Congratulations also to Eliza Hindley and Jocasta Goodson who won individual prizes for best wild meadow and best garden design.





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#### **Maths**

# An inspiring experience at the Axiom Maths Summer School at the University of Cambridge

Over the summer, Eliza H. and Maisie T.J., both from year 8, attended the Axiom Maths Summer School at the University of Cambridge. Across three days, they delved into fascinating mathematical concepts. They attended lectures from university lecturers and fellows on various applications of maths. Additionally, they participated in a session with Capital One, learning how businesses use mathematical concepts to make decisions. The pupils also met University of Cambridge students who shared insights into university life. Most importantly, they forged new friendships with fellow mathematicians from schools across the country. Both girls represented our school very well and had a great time.

At this exceptional venue, the pupils experienced student life firsthand—sleeping in student accommodation, dining in the hall, and attending lectures and seminars on the college site. All these experiences showed the pupils the exciting paths that maths can open up for their future.

The summer school was organised by Axiom Maths, a maths charity that partners with our school and support us in running weekly Maths Circles sessions.





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How our academy will support you with achieving excellent attendance!





EduLink message sent on first day of absence, if we have not received an absence message from parent/carer.

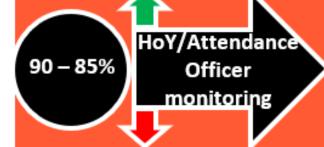


Tutor to support tutees by having informal conversation about absences. Notes from discussions to be shared with Head of Year/Attendance Officer. May issue Prevention letter Letter 1



Attendance monitored by P&PM for 2 weeks. Target sticker in planner. Phone call to parent/carer on first day of absence (by P&PM/Attendance Officer) Attendance Support Meeting +

Letter 2 sent to inform parent of meeting.



to inform parent/carer that medical evidence is required for future absences – "May Not Authorise".

Placed on Attendance Manager report for 4 weeks with targets for improvement and meeting with HOY.

85% & Principal monitoring

Possible fine — "Fixed Penalty Notice".

Letter 4 Parent/carer will be invited to a
"Fast Track Meeting" with Assistant
Principal where legal proceedings to
improve attendance are started + Letter 5



### 28th June 2024

Excellent attendance matters!



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100%	0 DAYS ABSENT	0 LESSONS MISSED
99%	1 DAY ABSENT	5 LESSONS MISSED
98%	3 DAYS ABSENT	15 LESSONS MISSED
97%	1 WEEK ABSENT	25 LESSONS MISSED
96%	1.5 WEEKS ABSENT	35 LESSONS MISSED
94%	2 WEEKS ABSENT	50 LESSONS MISSED
93%	2.5 WEEKS ABSENT	65 LESSONS MISSED
92%	3 WEEKS ABSENT	75 LESSONS MISSED
90%	3.5 WEEKS ABSENT	90 LESSONS MISSED
85%	5.5 WEEKS ABSENT	140 LESSONS MISSED

Be the best you.....
ATTEND EVERY LESSON, EVERY DAY ON TIME.

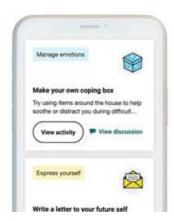


### 5<sup>th</sup> July 2024

#### Kooth







**Kooth** is a web based confidential support service available to young people. Kooth provides a safe and secure means of accessing mental health and wellbeing support designed specifically for young people.

**Kooth** offers young people the opportunity to have a text-based conversation with a qualified counsellor. Counsellors are available from 12noon to 10pm on weekdays and 6pm to 10 pm at weekends, every day of the year on a drop-in basis. Young people can access regular booked online counselling sessions as needed. Outside counselling hours' young people can message our team and get support within 24 hours.

When students register with **Kooth** they will have support available to them now and in the future. Support can be gained not only through counselling but articles, forums and discussion boards. All content is age appropriate, clinically approved and fully moderated.

To find out more visit

www.Koothplc.com (adults)

www.kooth.com (young people)

where young people can register and others can find out more about the service.

You can also view a short video about the service at: <a href="https://vimeo.com/318731977/a9f32c87de">https://vimeo.com/318731977/a9f32c87de</a>.





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#### Safer Schools App

As part of OAT we have free access to the Safer Schools App. The Safer Schools App is an award-winning safeguarding resource, developed in partnership between Ineqe Safeguarding Group and Zurich Municipal, that helps entire school communities to better protect themselves in the digital world, through delivering contemporary and contextual safeguarding information to teachers, students, parents and carers.

Parents and carers have access to information on the popular social media platforms used by their children and their friends. They are also provided with an insight on critical issues such as bullying, sexting and gaming and are given easy to follow advice on how they can make their homes and the devices they give their children safer. Parents and carers can download the app and scan the QR code to the left or enter the code for our academy - 7675.

Students have access to age appropriate information, advice and guidance on keeping themselves safe online. Students can download the app and scan the QR code to the right or enter the code for our academy - 4898. If you have any questions or concerns about safeguarding please do not hesitate to contact one of the BHOA team.

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