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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the new half term. The weather has turned colder, and warmer clothing will need to be worn. Please label clothing as we have a huge amount of un-named lost property in Student Services.
This half term continues where we left off with lots of hard work, excellent opportunities for students to ensure they enjoy being in school with their friends and teachers. We will continue to support good attendance and hopefully all students can maintain or improve their attendance this half term by being here on time every day.
This newsletter will adopt a more bullet pointed approach where possible as per the survey request. As always, your feedback and comments are welcome as are good news stories about your child's success outside of school.
We look forward to seeing many of you at Progress evenings and other parent/carer events this half term.

Yours sincerely
Ms Jo Philpott

Progress Evenings

Mr N Williams

Year 8

- Thursday 19th November in the Sports Hall from 2pm to 7pm.
- Bookings are now open on Arbor.
- Students are encouraged to accompany their parents/carers.

Year 11

- Thursday 10th December in the Sports Hall from 4:30pm to 7:30pm.
- More information on making appointments will follow closer to the date.

Mock Exams

Ms M Cook

- Yr10 conducted themselves superbly in their Core Assessments in the Sports Hall on Tuesday
- Yr11 have got off to an incredibly strong start with their Mock Exams this week.
- All students have been punctual and prepared, demonstrating maturity and resilience to the exams and our expectations of them.
- Well done to all students on their efforts in these exams so far - please keep it up: we are very proud of you!
- Yr11 Mocks continue next week with the timetable as follows:

WEEK B					
Mon 9th Nov	Option C French & Spanish Reading & Writing	End of exam - TBC	to be used for revision only (no new content to be taught)	12.20-12.50	Mathematics – Calculator
Tues 10th Nov	Combined Science & Physics	End of exam - TBC	to be used for revision only (no new content to be taught)	12.20-12.50	English Language Paper 2 1hr45
Wed 11th Nov	Mathematics - Calculator Paper 3		to be used for revision only (no new content to be taught)	12.20-12.50	Further Maths Catch-up papers
Thur 12th Nov	French C Listening P1 extra time students P2 Catch-up papers	End of exam	Spanish C Listening P3	12.20-12.50	Spanish A Listening P5
Fri 13th Nov	German A Listening Higher P1 Foundation P2				

News reports from events at CNS

Yr11 DofE Silver Practice Expedition: October 2026

Mr Lee says

'The CNS DofE programme at CNS continues to grow and thrive with the largest Yr 11 Silver DofE cohort that we have had so far at CNS. Thirty-nine students, six expedition groups and eight members of staff ventured to Suffolk for three days and three nights. The expedition section is not just camping and walking, rather students learn teamwork, leadership, resilience, and independence as they work together within their groups. The students were a credit to themselves and to the school. We look forward to their Silver Assessed Expedition in July 2027.'

English, Film Studies, and French trip to Paris

Mr Dunn says

'Just before half term, 42 of our A Level students spent three nights in the wonderful city of Paris. Highlights included the steps of the Montmartre, shopping in the Latin Quarter, the Musée D'Orsay, and a beautiful night-time boat trip along the River Seine, from which we saw the Eiffel Tower sparkling. Students returned home tired, inspired, and even more chic than they were before they left Norwich'

Halloween Disco

Miss E Cook says

'What an amazing evening! Our Halloween Disco had its biggest turnout yet, and the students had an absolutely fantastic time. The costumes were incredible, with everything from a six-foot ghostly pumpkin to an illuminated Eye of Sauron – we were blown away by the creativity and effort that had gone into them! A huge thank you to the CNSA for providing the tuck shop and helping to make the evening such a success. A fantastic evening and a great end to the half term!'

Theatre Trip

Miss Beale says

'60 students went to see A Christmas Carol Goes Wrong at the Theatre Royal, including our two Y10 GCSE Drama classes and future GCSE Drama Y9 students. As we were leaving, one of the theatre ushers stopped us and said "Your large group of young people have been exemplary and a credit to your school. It's so lovely to see young people in the theatre." Their audience etiquette was perfect, and we all had a lovely evening.'

PSHE Assemblies

Mr Buisst says

'This week we welcomed SMASHED (https://www.smashedproject.org/) for a performance of their Alcohol Awareness show in support of our PSHE programme. The performance was interactive and the performers were delighted with how our Y8 engaged with the performance. Y8 will be learning about the health and social impacts of alcohol abuse, as well as how to keep themselves and their peers safe around alcohol.

Student achievement

We are very proud of Dylan in Y11 for his contribution to the Norfolk Football Community, his commitment to grassroots football and the future of football for all young people in Norfolk.

Dylan's accomplishments include:

- Regional level goalkeeper for Mulbarton Wanderers U16 and U18 squads
- Volunteer coach for Heigham Park Rangers to an U8 team
- Inclusion and diversity lead for youth voice for the Norfolk FA Youth Council
- Completion of an FA youth leadership and coaching programme.

Well done Dylan for excellent achievement and community contribution!

CNSA

- The CNSA is an amazing group of parents who work hard to raise money for specific projects in school.
- All the water bottle fillers in school have been funded by the CNSA along with portable floodlights for PE and many other things.
- A large amount of money is raised at the biannual CNS Fest and 2027 is a fest year.
- The CNSA are looking for any parents who would like to be involved at either a committee level, or simply to help out at events.
- We are holding the annual AGM at school on Tuesday 24 November at 6pm - do please feel free to come along to room 96.
- CNSA Quiz and Chips night Friday 13th November 6.30pm.
- If you would more information or would like someone from the CNSA to contact you, please email a.innes@cns-school.org and Mr Innes will pass on your details.

Careers Information -careers opportunities are shared below

Ms Pentney

Morgan Sindall Construction Year 10 Work Experience Programme

This is an excellent opportunity to find out what it's really like to work in the construction industry with one of the region's leading construction companies.

During the programme, you will:

- Meet employees from a variety of roles across the business.
- Work alongside other Year 10 students from schools across the county.
- Take part in a project and complete a challenge during the week.
- Visit a live construction site and gain first-hand industry experience.

Applications close at 5pm on 31st December



Year 11 Apprenticeship Opportunity with KLM UK Engineering

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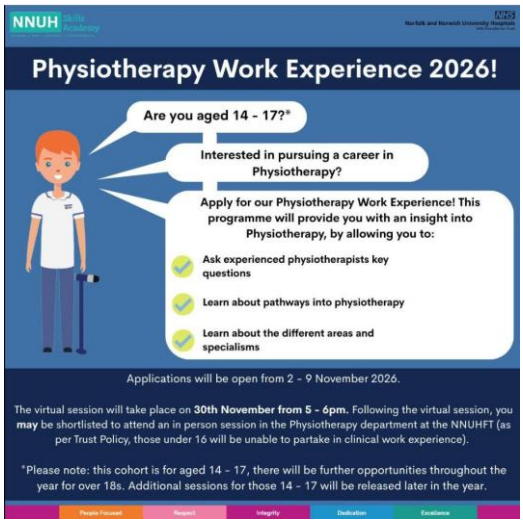
We have a very exciting opportunity for Apprentices to join us on a Level 3 Aircraft Maintenance apprenticeship. This role is based at our site at Norwich Airport.
Our apprentices will join the KLM UK Engineering team in supporting customers from around the globe and learning in the International Aviation Academy Norwich – a world-class training centre and the first of its kind – which hosts a live Boeing 737 aircraft.
You will learn the required practical and theoretical skills to become a qualified aircraft maintenance professional and gain a recognised level 3 qualification.

We are looking for individuals who have a passion for aviation and engineering; are aged 16 or over with 5 GCSEs at grade 5 or above (or equivalent) including Maths and English Language

Applications close on 5th January 2027

For more information go to
https://klmuktraining.com/course-categories/apprentice-program/

Physiotherapy Work Experience



Apply through the Skills Academy webpage: www.nnuh.nhs.uk/training-education/nnuh-skills-academy/work-experience/ or the Skills Academy social media pages

Dates for your diaries

13th November	CNSA Quiz and Chips night
19th November	Y8 Progress Evening, school closes at 1.20pm, students can stay for lunch
26th November	Ex-Y11 Awards Evening
8th December	Christmas Concert
17th December	Christmas Showcase and Panto
18th December	End of Autumn term
4th January	Staff training day school closed to students
5th January	All students return to school

Progress Evening dates for the year

19th November	Y8 Progress Evening
10th December	Y11 Progress Evening
4th February	Y10 Progress Evening
25th February	Y9 Preferences Evening and Meet the Tutors
15th April	Y12 Progress Evening
29th April	Y7 Progress Evening
8th July	Y9 Progress Evening