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Year 11 Exams

Good luck to all of our Year 11's who started the public examination season on Monday 13th May. A full copy of the exam time table can be found at the end of this news letter.

Please ensure that students have given you a copy of the letter outlining lesson arrangements during the exam period. A copy will also be available on the school website.

Technology Department

Year 11 Exam Resources.

A final reminder to year 11 students to attend normal lessons leading up to the Graphics and Product Design exams and to make full use of the online revision folder on Google Drive (accessed via their school email) which has all the information and lots of resources to help them prepare for the exams. In particular, they need to research the contexts for the design section of the exam which are as follows:

Graphics (June 19th) : Fantasy Paper Toy Characters.

Product Design (June 22nd): Food carriers for leisure activities.

Extra curricula D&T sessions will now be every Tuesday lunchtime 12:15—12:45pm and Monday and Thursday after school between 3:15—4:14pm. All are welcome to attend.

On the Calendar

Monday 13th May

Start of GCSE Exams

Monday 13th May

Kwik Cricket years 4-6

27th—31st May

Half Term Holidays

Tuesday 4th June

Athletics years 7-10

Wednesday 5th June

Quadkids years 3-4 & 5-6

Monday 17th June

Cluster Aquathlon years 3-6

Monday 17th June

Start of Year 10 Exams



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On the Calendar cont.

Wednesday 26th June

End of GCSE Exams

Thursday 27th June

Sports Day Field Events

Friday 28th June

Sports Day

Friday 28th June

Year 11 School Prom
@ Fakenham Race Course

Monday 1st —Friday 5th July

Year 10 Work Experience Week

Tuesday 2nd July

Year 9 Parents Evening

Wednesday 3rd—Friday 5th July

Year 6 Transition Days

Thursday 4th July

Year 6 Transition Evening

English Department

English have been busy preparing the current Year 11s for their GCSEs with a range of intervention strategies including a collapsed timetable for three weeks prior to Easter. All pupils appeared to respond well to moving around the teachers in the department, focussing on their weaker areas.

In March we took 80 Year 11s to see Romeo and Juliet at the Theatre Royal Norwich; this was a successful trip which received a mixed review – a true Marmite effect! Some loved it whilst others hated the director's interpretation. We feel this is a really healthy response as it resulted them questioning the play, the director's ideas, asking whether this was how Shakespeare intended the play to be portrayed – all areas that a strong exam response requires: engagement with play.



Years 7-10: All of these year groups recently carried out their second reading and spelling assessments. We do these twice a year every year to see what the reading age is of a pupil. Mr Leverton usually has these results ready by May half term.



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Monday 8th– Friday 12th July

FLY Festival @ UEA

Monday 8th July

Science Fair Reward Trip @

National Space Centre.

Wednesday 10th July

Celebration of Academic Awards @
Holkham.

Friday 12th July

Mufti Day.

Wednesday 17th–Thursday 18th July

Netball World Cup Trip.

Friday 19th July

Rewards Assembly

Tuesday 23rd– Wednesday 24th July

Activity Days

Thursday 25th July

Start of Summer Holidays

UEA Fly Festival 2019

Every year our school are heavily involved with this annual event. The Festival for Literature for Youth is hosted by the University of East Anglia and they arrange an amazing week of activities aimed for all, including writing workshops led by guest authors **Sally Nicholls** and **Catherine Johnson**. Their books include *Ways to Live Forever*, *Season of Secrets*, *All Fall Down* and *An Island of Our Own* and *Things a Bright Girl Can Do*, which is set within the suffragette movement. Talks by **Greg Jenner** (researcher for Horrible Histories), poetry workshops with **Poetry Joe (Coelho)** and many more activities. We look forward to sharing photos of our time up in Norwich at this amazing festival!

UEA Fly Playwright 2019

We have a group of students who are working with students from UEA who are studying for their Masters Degree in Creative Writing. Our students have to write a play with them – their play will then be presented by semi-professional actors at the Maddermarket Theatre in Norwich. This is a brilliant experience that those involved in last year's workshops really enjoyed. We look forward to coming to see your production! Students involved: E Glegg, J Bush, J Allen, K Morahan, L Watson, C Peacock, E Thompson, T Drewry, H Besant, M Fulton, M Saunders C Howard, H Howes, A Watkins and W Light.

LRC Silent Reading Challenge

The LRC ran the first ever 'Silent reading challenge' which was a great success with 34 year 7s, 8s and 9s participating. The students who read the most words throughout the challenge were H Millar, S McNeil and J Brouwer who were awarded with a book of their choice. Many thanks are due to Mrs Hagag for co-ordination of running this brilliant event.

Contacting you.....

Please keep us up to date with current mobile numbers, home phone numbers, email addresses and home addresses for the purposes of sharing information and reaching you promptly in case of an emergency. Forms are available from Mrs Hart or Mrs Gibson in the reception office.

Contacting US.....

To keep you up to date with current contact details there is a list of useful numbers for members of staff available on the website.

Punctuality

Students are reminded that registration starts at 8:40am. If you arrive after this, you are late. Sanctions are in place for students who are repeatedly late.

Medical Appointments

If your child needs to leave school early or arrive later due to a medical appointment, please ensure that evidence of the appointment is shown to our reception office. (e.g. a letter or appointment card from the doctor/hospital clinic/dentist)

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Literacy Leaders

Since the beginning of February, we have been running a form time intervention called Literacy Leaders. Within this intervention, a selection of Year 8 and 9 students have been mentoring a group of Year 7's to help them develop their literacy skills. The mentors have been leading on an activity called Reciprocal Reading, which promotes Students' comprehension and word recognition. This has been a fantastic use of form time and we have seen notable increases in the Year 7's reading confidence.

Additionally, the mentors have really impressed us in terms of their leadership, focus and patience. Overall, the intervention has not only been successful in terms of improving skills but also in creating a sense of community.

Mentors involved: Aedan Akers, Will Beamish, Nell Chapman, Noah Fox, Fred Green, Cerys Greest, Yolanda Homewood, Elinor Macewan, Hannah Millar, Cheneyjo Peacock, Grace Steele, Ella-Rose Vertigan. Many thanks to Miss Parke-Wilson for leading this group and to Mr Leverton for overseeing this project.

BBC Young Reporter

On Friday 15th March 2019, several students were involved in BBC School Report. All participants had earned their right to be there by winning the English Summer Media challenge at the end of the previous academic year. As part of the day, students accessed materials from the BBC Academy website on generating ideas, writing news articles and presenting video reports.

Using this knowledge and information, students then worked in small groups to create a short video report on a topic of their choosing. Those involved conducted themselves impeccably throughout. All showed a great willingness to get-stuck-in and hopefully took something away from this taster day as a journalist.

Students involved: F Green, C Greest, B Hunt, H Millar, H Broadhurst, M Saunders, K Cartwright, T Gleadell. A huge thank you to Mr Leverton for co-ordinating and running this brilliant day.



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School Trips

Payment schedule for the Ski Trip to Tonale, Italy in April 2020 (spaces are still available)

- Friday 29th September 2018 - £100 (1st deposit)
- Friday 30th November 2018 - £100 (2nd deposit)
- Friday 1st February 2019 - £120
- Friday 29th March 2019 - £120
- Friday 31st May 2019 - £120
- Friday 19th July 2019 £120
- Friday 27th September 2019 - £120
- Friday 29th November 2019 - £120 (final payment)

French Trip

During Activity Days, there will be a mini French trip to Boulogne. All 45 spaces have been filled. Just a reminder that the travellers will need a valid passport, as well as a EHIC card.

Science Department

In Science we have updated the list of Science Captains, these are pupils who love Science try really hard in Science and are really enthusiastic about Science.

Science Captains will get selected for helping year 6 transition days and for Science trips. Science captains are expected to enter the Science Fair. the new Captains will receive their badges in house assemblies.

Music Department

KS3 Lunchtime Concert on Wednesday 3rd July in St Nicholas Church
Featuring musicians from year 7-9, including soloists, choir, rock bands, wind band and string groups.

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Maths Department

As many parents will be aware, the Maths department likes to set on-line homework. We use two main websites, www.mymaths.co.uk and vle.mathswatch.com both of which provide instructional material as well as questions for practice.

An advantage in setting homework using these platforms is that, as well as being able to access help and hints should they need it, students also gain immediate feedback about how well they have done on their homework. There is also the opportunity for a student to go back and improve their homework score.

Much as students value this way of doing their homework, sometimes there are reasons why a student will find it difficult to complete their homework on-line. Additionally, because we want students to have access at home to as much high quality material as possible, we have decided to supplement the on-line provision with maths homework workbooks for students in Years 7 and 8.

These homework books, which students will write in, will come with an outline of the homework that is due for each half term. Students can, of course, do more than that which is specified and with answers included in the book they will, importantly, be able to receive immediate feedback. Parents will hopefully also find the homework workbooks useful, as they will provide an outline of the work that students will meet as they progress through Key Stage 3. The maths department welcomes any feedback that parents would like to give about the introduction or use of these books.

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Safeguarding

Safeguarding and child protection are the most important part of everyone's role at Alderman Peel High School.

Regardless of whether you are a teacher, parent or visitor we ask that you pass on any concerns to our Designated Safeguarding Lead, Ms E Sperry. If you are unable to contact Ms Sperry then please contact: Mr Hardman, Mrs Hardman, Mr Tawana or Mr Ogle.

From Young Shoots.....

Alderman Peel High School and Holkham Estate have forged a beneficial partnership which has been running for more than six years. Some of our year 10 and 11 students go to the walled garden on a weekly basis and undertake tasks which form part of a work based learning scheme which leads to a practical qualification from the Royal Horticultural Society. Some of the work is practical and some is classroom based. The students put together a portfolio of the tasks they have accomplished which adds to their personal record.

Some of the students can go on to bigger and better things, as one of our students, whose father is a blacksmith, wants to take up this trade but needs to do an apprenticeship first. James Spedding at Holkham Forge on the estate has offered him work experience with a view to doing an apprenticeship once he has finished his GCSEs.

The students clearly enjoy their time at Holkham and it also helps with their development both personal and academic. It boosts their confidence and has improved behaviour. They are treated as adults and are expected to do adult work. It is not just an excuse to miss double maths!

Parent Discussion and Support Group

We meet once a term with a senior member of staff and a governor to discuss what we love about the school; to give ideas for improvement; to hear about new developments at APHS and in UK education in general; and to find out how they will affect our children's future. Details of our next meeting will be available on the website. Please contact Sally Rumbles on 01328 258316 or pandsrumbles@tiscali.co.uk for further information.

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