



School Matters

Results 2018

As you are aware GCSEs changed significantly this year. They were made harder with more content and were largely assessed 100% through exams. It is incredibly pleasing to share with you that (from provisional data) the overall progress these students made from year 7 was again above national average. The progress students made in English was above average as was the progress they made in Maths. We are very proud of their achievements, which would not have been possible without their hard work alongside essential parent support and the commitment of our wonderful team of staff. Congratulations to all of our ex-students and thank you to all of the staff. We are aiming for even better progress next year.

Communication, Planners & Homework

Over time we have developed many different methods of keeping parents informed. Our website includes a live school calendar, details of clubs and activities, policies, revision guides, links to useful websites to aid learning and much more. Attached you will find our latest communication guide so you can email staff. We have an email service and a texting service, which we also use regularly. Our secure Gateway also provides live data regarding attendance, behaviour and assessment.

As these systems have developed, the School Planner, as a method of communication, is utilised much less frequently. Parents and carers now do not need to sign their child's planner weekly. However, the planner is an excellent resource for students to record information and homework. They must continue to have their planners in every lesson.

Last year we piloted our new Classchart system where staff record the homework online, with start and deadline dates, expected homework time and resources to support the homework. This has been very successful and with immediate effect all staff will record homework on this system. Communication is at its most effective as a two way process. Please keep us up to date with any new telephone numbers or emails and contact us with any queries or concerns before they become big issues.

On the Calendar:

Tuesday 18th September

School Photographer

Wednesday 26th September

Reading Tests—Year 7

Thursday 27th September

Open Evening 18:45 –20:30

Friday 28th September

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Please supply cakes!

Thursday 4th October

Year 11 Working Together Evening

Monday 8th October

Citizenship Day 1

Wednesday 10th October

Author visit—Andy Briggs

Wednesday 17th October

Mufti Day

House Music Competition



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Sporting Fixtures

Monday 17th September

Cluster Tag Rugby yrs 4-6

Wednesday 19th September

U13 +U15 Football vs Fakenham @ FAN

Thursday 27th September

U14 Football vs Cromer @ APHS

Wednesday 3rd October

U13 +U15 Football and U14 + U16 Netball vs Broadland @BHS

Monday 15th October

Cluster Quicksticks Hockey Yrs 4-6

Tuesday 16th October

U13 + U15 Football vs Sheringham @ SHS

Wednesday 17th October

U14 Rugby vs Fakenham@ FAN

Staff Update

I am very pleased to welcome Mr Nash to our Science Department and I am pleased to tell you that Mrs Yarham and Mrs Hagag will be teaching Catering / Food Technology. Mrs Yarham will also be teaching the year 11 Child Development.

Site Update

If you have been to school you will have noticed a great deal of the building is covered in scaffolding. We have a significant amount of work being carried out on the roof. The work will last two to three months.

Spanish Revision Classes

Spanish revision classes will take place after school on Mondays, starting from 17th September 2018, 3:05pm until 4pm in L2.

New for 2018-2019. House T-Shirt

New for 2018-2019, we are giving students the option to purchase a house t-shirt to wear at whole school house events. The tops are coloured and detail the house name next to the school badge. They can be purchased from the school reception for £7.80. We will be ordering from the end of September, if you have any queries regarding this latest optional piece of clothing please contact Mr Brett via the school reception.

Ski Trip Italy 2020

The 2020 Italy Ski Trip has proved extremely popular and following a meeting with the tour company the trip can now accommodate a maximum of 64 students! At the time of writing this numbers are currently at 46. If you are interested please collect a letter from the PE office.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

On Friday 28th September we will be holding a Macmillan Coffee morning. Any bakes or cakes will be gratefully received by Mrs Yarham in the catering room from Thursday 27th. Many Thanks



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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/

Science Revision Guides

Parents now have the opportunity to purchase from school a revision guide and workbook combined for the Science GCSE's that students will be sitting in summer 2020.

We started teaching the GCSE Science course in year 9, as there is such a large amount of content. It is good practise and beneficial if our students begin exam practise as soon as possible.

There are many revision books being published and this is our recommendation based on the samples I have seen.

If you wish to purchase, order forms are available from Mrs Kelly in S4. Return by Fri 28th Sept and pay online .

Students in receipt of Free School Meals will receive these books for free.

The Best Thing in Maths Education - Ever

By October half-term all students will have FREE ACCESS to an online version of the famous Maths Watch computer disc.

Maths Watch has helped countless thousands of students in the UK to improve their maths grades. Easy to follow instructional videos, with practice questions embedded, focus on the key areas of mathematics that students often find difficult.

Previously, students at Alderman Peel have had to purchase CDs from the school library - but with disc drives becoming less common in new computers and laptops, we felt now was the right time to switch over to the web based version.

Year 11 students will be the first to enjoy the benefits of Maths Watch online and we will roll it out to other Year groups over the coming weeks - so that all students are able to access the service by the end of October.

If you've never used Maths Watch before then you are in for a treat and we would encourage all parents to have a look at Maths Watch to see how it helps your children gain confidence and skills in mathematics.

Maths Watch - The Best thing in Maths Education - EVER!

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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.

Growing

APHS is a small secondary school but we are still growing. From September we now have over 500 students and some year groups are full. In order to keep class sizes as small as possible we have limited our maximum intake in each year group to 105 students. This means there are only approximately 20 spare places. If you know anyone thinking of moving their child to us please advise them to contact Norfolk Admissions ASAP.

In order to maximise the number of students participating in house competitions we have introduced Shannon House. Alongside Mersey, Trent and Waveney Shannon is named after the next class of lifeboat that will serve us in Wells-next-the-Sea. The new Shannon lifeboat will hopefully be in place, in its new boathouse and visitor centre in approximately two years.

Lasting memories of APHS

As adults we are all very aware that our school days provide us with lasting memories. During August an ex student, who has just celebrated his 60th birthday, wrote a wonderful letter to me about how what he achieved at APHS has helped him (and others) for all of his life. He enclosed a cheque payable to APHS with his letter and we are very grateful for his continued support.





Communication Guide for Parents and Carers

Dear parents / carers

As you are aware children who receive support from their parents and carers in meeting the schools expectations perform better in their GCSEs. Communication is essential to maintain consistency and to rectify any issues when they arise. In an attempt to make this easier please see below a list of people to contact. As I am sure you appreciate staff are very often busy teaching or meeting with pupils, parents or other agencies to provide support. For example: There are fifty lessons in our two week timetable each of which is an hour long. Teachers teach on average 43 of these periods and also have to plan these 43 lessons as well as lead tutor periods, plan and mark homework, write reports, provide intervention and additional support to pupils as required. Many staff also organise before school, break, lunchtime or after school clubs or revision sessions.

Communication is therefore difficult and it may take some time to respond. If something is urgent, for example involves a child's safety or transport from school on a particular day please phone school. On most occasions email is more efficient and less time consuming for all. If appropriate the staff listed may ask other staff to respond directly to you.

Our website also has a "contact us form" which is checked at least every morning and questions or information directed to the appropriate member of staff.

We have also just launched our Twitter page @Alderman High. This is also available on the front page of our website.

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General enquiries or information			office@aldermanpeel.norfolk.sch.uk
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Mr B Tawana	Assistant Principal	Pupil Premium, LAC, Transition Careers advice and guidance	btawana8nrg@nsix.org.uk
Mr M Hardman	Vice Principal	Curriculum, Assessment Reports	mhardman7hr5@nsix.org.uk
Mr A Ogle	Principal	Child Development Formal complaints	principal@aldermanpeel.norfolk.sch.uk