

# Head's Newsletter

**20 January 2023**

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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you and your family are well. The half term is whizzing by and the week has featured lots of media coverage regarding the teacher strikes, with the first due to take place on 1 February. Separate communication will be sent to parents/carers regarding our approach to this challenging situation next week – please keep a look out for the forthcoming email(s). We will always endeavour to stay open to as many year groups as possible whilst ensuring the school is safe.

## **Year 10 Sports Leaders Support Dodgeball Event**

Our Year 10 sports leaders have featured in several newsletters this year due to their excellent support of cluster sports events, the latest being dodgeball. Our students once again achieved fantastic feedback for their support of others – something that I never tire of hearing! Well done to all the Year 10 youngsters involved!



## **Student Voice**

Meetings have taken place between the senior student leadership group and student voice representatives from all year groups in recent weeks. The key themes emerging for the different agenda items were further explored in a meeting between the leadership group, Mrs Wilkinson and myself yesterday. It came as no surprise that the group put forward the various points in such an intelligent and mature fashion, representing the views of others in a very clear manner. My 'to do list' has grown – and that reflects the carefully considered feedback from the youngsters. Topics for discussion included fundraising ideas and who we should raise funds for, facilities and how they can be improved and the way movement around the school is organised. Thank you to all the students who took part.



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## A colorful and detailed illustration centered around the theme of geography. The word "GEOGRAPHY" is prominently displayed in large, bold, black capital letters across the middle. Surrounding the text are numerous hand-drawn style icons and symbols related to earth science and exploration. These include a topographic map in the upper left, a globe showing continents and oceans at the top center, a compass rose on the bottom left, a sailboat on the water below the text, a magnifying glass over a small map fragment, a mountain range at the bottom center, a winding river or path on the right, a sun with rays, a crescent moon, a starburst, a paper airplane, a lightning bolt, a location pin, a tree, an open book, a pencil, and various other geographical features like hills and clouds. The overall composition is lively and educational.

# Design & Technology

Megan Brooks Year 10 – Produced an excellent practical this week - she made a homemade puff pastry which, was then used to make a very creative vegetable plait.

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## **Matilda – Coming Soon!**



Tickets for Matilda are now available to purchase via Wisepay. The tickets will be released to your child once payment has been received.

The rehearsals have sounded and looked brilliant, and you can catch the performances on the following dates in February: Wednesday 8, Thursday 9 and Friday 10.

Doors open at 7.00pm and the production begins at 7.30pm. Refreshments will be available to

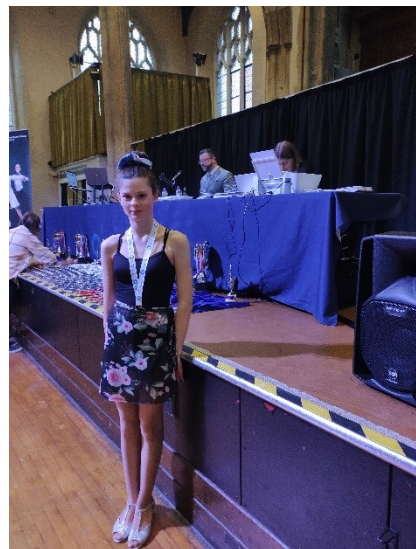
purchase before the performance. Ticket prices are £7.50 for Adults with Concessions/Children priced at £5.50.

## **Ballroom Competition Success – Poppy Athow (Year 8)**

Congratulations to Poppy Athow who recently competed in a Ballroom/Latin dance competition held at St Andrews Hall Norwich - the first time it has been in Norwich for 15 years! It was run by the Imperial Society of Teachers of Dance (ISTD) and dance schools from across the UK entered, including Southampton, London and Blackpool.

It was Poppy's first competition, but she overcame her nerves fantastically well to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> place! Her entry for the Ballroom section was the Waltz and in the Latin section she performed the Cha Cha Cha.

There was over twenty five couples in both sections, including older students making her performance all the more impressive. Well done on your success Poppy – a superb achievement!



## **Head's Breakfast**

The latest 'Head's Breakfast' round took place this week, which rewarded students in all year groups who show excellent conduct and effort within their school lives. I really enjoyed chatting to the students, and hope my tea and hot chocolate making skills were up to scratch!



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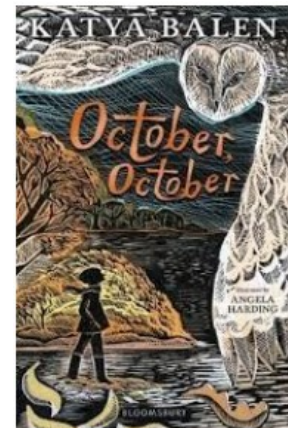
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## Year 9 Options Evening – Change of Date/Time

An important change of arrangements for Year 9 options evening. This now takes place on Tuesday 21 February. The time of the event has also changed and will be from 6.00pm - 7.30pm. Year 9 families should have received a letter – **please find the time to complete the options trial survey** to help us look at how the options blocks work.

## Year 7 to 'Drop Everything and Read'

Drop Everything and Read (D.E.A.R) is being launched with Year 7 and will focus on reading in form time. The main aim is to further develop the culture of reading for pleasure at Hobart. Students and their form tutor will all be reading the book 'October October' which was voted for by the year group before Christmas. We have purchased enough copies of the book for each student. I look forward to hearing about how they are enjoying the book!



## Cross Country Success

A team of 29 Hobart students took part in the district cross-country races at Wymondham College on Tuesday. There were some excellent performances from all involved, and I am pleased to report that 9 students qualified for the Norfolk schools competition next week. Well done to all involved and good luck to those running next week!



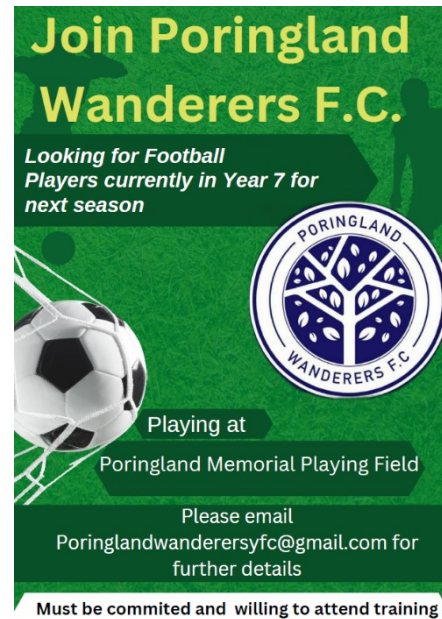
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## **Poringland Wanderers – Player Recruitment**

One of the local football teams in the community is currently looking to recruit new players. Please see the flyer for more details.



Kind regards and have a good weekend.

**Ross Li-Rocchi**  
Head of School