

Head's Newsletter

16 June 2023

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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope all is well with you and your families.

Duke of Edinburgh Practise Expedition – Year 10 Group B – Yet More Success!



The second of our two Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award practise expeditions was completed last weekend, with the students showing fantastic determination and positive attitudes to complete their walks within the hot conditions. They had impressive enthusiasm on Friday evening despite the energy-sapping day, and enthusiastically participated in the evening game of rounders. Everyone was up in good time to make the most of the slightly cooler conditions on Saturday morning. Well done to all involved!

Thank you to all the staff involved for their time and effort and parents/carers for their support. Bring on the North Norfolk expeditions!

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Plant Pot Projects in DT – Student Write Up!

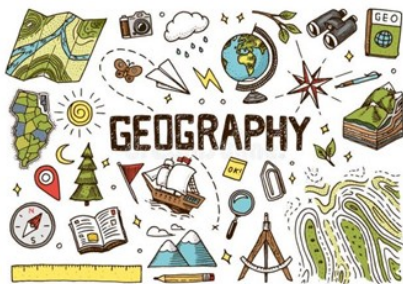
We designed and made our plant pots and plant potholders by making a halving joint with Jelutong wood and then cut four pieces of wood to construct a frame like object. We next carved our chosen design into the wood; we then glued the halving joint with PVA glue to the frame. For the next step, we used masking tape to keep it together then left it to dry overnight. We then used a laser cutter to cut out our cover plates made out of MDF before we were able to stain, oil finish or paint it in whichever colour we wished. Once we had finished painting our plant pots and plant pot frameworks, we put our plants into the small concrete pot we had previously made, then planted our seed within soil and watered it. Once the cover plates were on to mask the joints to make our product aesthetically pleasing, we added the feet made out of MDF and glued them onto the bottom of our wooden legs. Once that was finished, our plant potholder project was complete. By, Rupert, Erin, Teegan and Noah (Year 9)



Year 10 HPV Vaccinations

HPV vaccinations take place on Tuesday 20 June for Year 10 - please look out for details sent out separately to this newsletter.

Subject Stars of the Week



Isaac Boothby (Year 10) - For persistently working hard and sharing his thoughtful contributions in class. Well done for achieving exceeding grades on all assessments this year!

Jack Baldry (Year 9) - For continuously working hard in lessons by sharing his well-developed and explained ideas. Jack has been going above and beyond over the last term by regularly creating flash cards for key terms independently, which will be incredibly useful for the start of GCSE! Well done!



Finlay Taylor (Year 10) - for working hard to organise and prepare for his NEA2 mock practical and his fantastic cooking during the assessment. Well done!

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Hobart Community Festival Thursday 29 June

As featured in the newsletter last week, we are holding our Community Festival on Thursday 29 June. There will be a range of events for students to get involved in. If you are able to donate a raffle prize, no matter how big or small, please get in contact with Mrs Nethersell-Webb: LNethersell@hobart.org.uk

We will also be collecting a donation for the Chet Valley Community Larder and will be asking form groups to coordinate collections. Any tinned food, packets or dried goods will be greatly appreciated. We will also be holding a cake sale so any students or families able to donate or bake cakes please see Mrs Nethersell-Webb for a recipe card. Thank you for any donations or support.



Safety Message – Swimming in the River Chet

There have been reports in the community that some youngsters are 'wild swimming' in the River Chet. This is a tidal river and puts those participating at a huge risk – please speak to your children about the dangers of swimming in rivers and ask them not to do it. Please see the links below regarding advice on water safety:

<https://www.rlss.org.uk/pages/category/water-safety-information>

<https://www.broads-authority.gov.uk/boating/navigating-the-broads/outdoor-swimming#:~:text=When%20the%20weather%20is%20warm,part%20of%20an%20organised%20event>

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Return of Rounders Fixtures!

It was great to hear of the return of rounders fixtures this week, with both our Year 7 and 8 teams involved. A win for Year 7 and a close game for Year 8! Well done to everybody involved and thank you to the staff who have supported the matches taking place.



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Hobart Represented in This Girl Can Event

On Wednesday this week, fifteen Year 9 girls took part in a This Girl Can event at Long Stratton Sports Centre. Students have the opportunity to take part in a variety of activities including boxfit, bootcamp, Zumba and yoga.



Anti-bullying Ambassadors Student Training

We had a wonderful afternoon on Thursday working with twenty-four students across Year 7 to 10 participating in our first Hobart Anti Bullying Ambassador training afternoon. We looked at the Anti Bullying Alliance definition of bullying, types of bullying, identifying bullying behaviours, why some young people do not always tell others if they are being bullied, the group dynamic of bullying and support networks. It was wonderful to hear such mature, caring and insightful discussions from our students and some of their ideas on how we can develop our whole school anti bullying culture and peer support network. If any students would like to become part of our anti bullying group and participate in further training or activities that we have planned, then please just come to our Wednesday morning anti bullying sessions or drop Mrs Wilkinson or Miss Whitaker an email.

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South Norfolk Schools Partnership Area Athletics

Forty-seven students from Years 7-10 took part in the South Norfolk Schools Partnership athletics. Students performed brilliantly all round in hot conditions, finishing an overall fourth out of seven schools, with only one point between 3rd and 4th place. The Year 9 and Year 10 boys finished 2nd in their competition. Well done to all involved!



Best wishes and have a lovely weekend.

Ross Li-Rocchi
Head of School