

Friday 8 March 2024

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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope all is well and that you have had a good week.

## Democracy in Action! – Norfolk Youth Parliament Elections at Hobart

**Your voice makes a difference! Over the past two weeks Year 10 Student Leaders and Student Voice have taken the lead in organising the YAB student Consultation during form time, Make your Mark and have supported the running of the Youth Parliament Elections here at Hobart.**



YAB Stands for Youth Advisory Board, and these are unique to Norfolk. Each YAB is made up of young people who want to make a change in their local area. This week students at Hobart have been given the opportunity to shape decision making and have contributed to a consultation on what services and activities they would like to see in their local area.

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Students have also been given the opportunity to vote as part of the UK Youth Parliament Elections which provides opportunities for 11-18 year olds to use their elected voice to bring about social change through meaningful representation and campaigning. Members of Youth Parliament are elected every 2 years from across the UK. Once elected, members meet with MPs and local councillors, organise events, run campaigns, make speeches, hold debates, and ensure the views of young people in their local area are listened to by decision makers. Voting here at Hobart happened on Wednesday lunchtime and it was great to see students from Year 7 to Year 11 using their vote.

As part of the election process students were also asked to 'make your mark' - the largest consultation in Europe of 11-18 year olds. There were 10 issues presented on the ballot paper and students were asked to select the one that they cared about most. The top 3 will become the Youth Parliament's campaign themes for their 2 year term. Thank you to Year 10 Student Leaders for organising such a great event!

Jo Wilkinson

## Subject Stars of the Week



**Matthew McRobie and Jack Betney (Year 10)** – for always having a fantastic attitude to learning in lessons and putting in 100% effort in what they do.

## Athletics Success - Olivia Barber (Year 7)



Last weekend Olivia travelled to Lee Valley in London to take part in the Eastern Region Athletics Championships. In one of her events, the under-13 60 metre hurdles, Olivia won a gold medal, making her the Eastern region champion. Olivia ran the race in a time of 10.14 seconds which means she is joint second in this event for her age group in the whole country! Huge congratulations to Olivia; we look forward to hearing about your success in future competitions.

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## Basketball Success

Huge congratulations go to Kelis Bartley who has been a regular member of the Norfolk Iceni U16 National league Basketball team for being selected last weekend to play for Norfolk Iceni Women's First Team in the fixture against the University of East Anglia. Norfolk Iceni won the game 28-75. Kelis scored 8 points and numerous offensive and defensive rebounds. Well Done Kelis! Norfolk Iceni Basketball Club is an All Girls Club from age 4 to Ladies both recreational and competitive! Through the club Kelis is also working towards her coaching and officiating qualifications



## Ecology Science Workshop

This week our Science club students had the opportunity to take part in an Ecology workshop led by Dr Simon Allen. Dr Allen is a Chartered Environmental Scientist with over 18 years' of experience in environmental and ecological impact assessments. During the workshop the students had a fantastic discussion about some of the protected species in our local area and some of the ways scientists identify them. The students then designed their own surveys for how they would look for some of these protected species.



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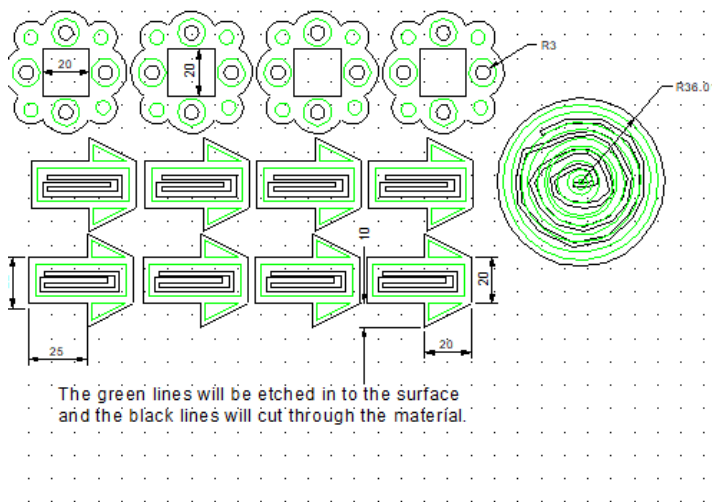
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## Easter Big Norfolk Holiday Fun Bookings Now Open



The Big Norfolk Holiday Fun programme will be open for bookings via the [Every Move activity finder](#). Easter activities are available from 2 to 12 April and are free to those eligible. More details can be found through the link [here](#).

## Design Technology Plant Pot Stands - Year 9 By Ashley and Maxim



Year 9 students Ashley Allen and Maxim Dougherty have been hard at work making designs for a plant pot holder. To do this they had to use halving joints to make sure there was more surface area to ensure it was stronger and more stable to use. The drawing designs on the legs they were going to use could be engravings with rasps and files or actually shaping the legs to their wanted design.

Next, on 2d design, they created different decorative pieces to enhance the uniqueness of their plant pots, and to cover up the halving joints. The plant pot holder was made more stable by designing feet and a platform for the plant pot to rest on.

CAD/CAM (computer aided design/computer aided manufacture) features in most of the design projects, and in this work we have laser cut three parts to enhance the design. Side cover plates to add extra strength to the leg joint, feet to help with any discrepancy in measurements and a central support cover to allow the concrete pot to sit securely in the cradle. These are shown in the CAD drawing above.



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## Netball Latest

Well done to our Year 8 netball team who took part in a tournament on Thursday evening at Dereham Neatherd School. The team played in seven matches giving them the chance to work on tactical tournament play. Some brilliant netball was on show, including great defensive effort, super shooting and fantastic team work! A mixture of results across the board and players of the match (POM) chosen by the opposition teams:

POM v Langley - Katie Stevens

POM v Neatherd - Katie Stevens

POM v Wayland - Katie Stevens

POM v Wymondham College - Katie Bell

POM v Wymondham High - Tallulah Godfrey

POM v Thetford - Katie Bell

POM v Northgate - Ella Clarke



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## Year 10 – Careers and Skills Event

Many of our Year 10 students were able to participate in a trip to the Norfolk Showground on Thursday to explore a wide range of post 16 careers and courses. Student conduct was excellent and lots of positive feedback was received.



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## Subject Stars of the Week



**Fin Backhouse (Year 10)** - Fin works consistently hard in all PE lessons, both practical and theory. He shows great commitment to extra-curricular clubs and activities and has been a fantastic sports leader at primary school events.

**Surya Arlow** - Surya is also working consistently hard in both the practical and theory elements of the GCSE course. Surya has recently supported in the Year 11 GCSE practical examination, she has stepped into various drills and practical scenarios and has done this with confidence and enthusiasm.

Well done both, keep up the great work!

Have a lovely weekend!

**Ross Li-Rocchi**  
Head of School