

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2020

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Dear Parent(s) / Carer(s),

Climate change awareness has been a key part of the week with The Black Out Day led by our Campaigns and Equalities Group. Prior to the event, lunchtime workshops were held for students to design and make posters / boards with a climate change theme, with the objective that they would be used when students gathered to present their messages and feelings. The day itself started with students gathering in reception to greet those arriving with their key messages. Much of the school cut down significantly on the lighting it would normally use. This simple step gave a clear message of the small actions we can all take to help change things for the better. At lunchtime, students gathered in the hall, where passionate speeches were delivered and chants were led to further raise awareness. It was a privilege to observe students striving to make a positive difference to the world we live in.



Something that I find special about the students at Hobart is their willingness to take a lead on initiatives they feel passionate about. Saffron Elliot (year 11) contacted me to explore the ways in which she proposed to raise funds for a charity called Four Paws UK (<https://www.four-paws.org.uk/>) who take actions linked to animal welfare. She and her team are raising money through a cake sale and a raffle. If you have any unwanted items at home that could contribute to the array of prizes, we would welcome your donations, which can be dropped off at reception. Toiletries, chocolate, books and other items would be most welcome!

It has been a week of sporting successes. Congratulations to the year 9 boys football team and their coach Mr Ball who this week won the Norfolk Schools Tournament following a penalty shoot-out. The year 7 and 8 teams also performed very well, with both securing 6<sup>th</sup> place finishes and bating schools drawing from far larger numbers of pupils. William Browne (year 9) ran brilliantly in the Norfolk cross-country championship to finish in 7<sup>th</sup> place, and has qualified for the Anglian championship.

# Head's Newsletter

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Rehearsals for Oliver have intensified in recent weeks, and have moved to the hall as the stage starts to take shape. I had the pleasure of spending time in the hall listening to and watching some of the songs / scenes. It is already sounding terrific and set to be an excellent production – it will run from February 11<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to Mrs Horn, Mr Hester, Mrs Wareham and all others involved for their time and effort.

Those of us on gate duty at the front of the school have noticed a recent increase in parents / carers using the visitor car park to pick up or drop off children. A reminder that this area should not be used for this purpose unless there are specific circumstances such as restricted mobility. This expectation is in place to keep our students safe as they leave and arrive. Please can we also ask those waiting for their children to avoid smoking to help us set a good example and promote good health.

Parent / Carer voice takes place on Wednesday next week. We always welcome this means of receiving feedback from those who can attend. The agenda is set to be issued at the start of next week.

## Events and trips for the week ahead:

Date & Time	Event	Notes
Tues 28 <sup>th</sup> Jan From 6.30pm	Year 11 Examination & Revision Evening	Lots of information to ensure all area aware of key details in preparation for GCSEs in the summer.
Weds 29 <sup>th</sup> From 7pm	Parent / Carer Voice	All welcome – held in the classroom of the future.
Thu 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb 6.30-8.30pm	Year 9 Options Evening	A chance to hear about the options process and find out more about the subjects on offer.

Best wishes and have a good weekend.

Ross Li-Rocchi

Head of School