

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

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Dear Parent(s) / Carer(s),

I hope that you had a pleasant half term break, and that your child(ren) have been able to get plenty of rest and recuperation for the half term ahead. It has been a busy week! In addition to students settling quickly back in to their learning, two important events have also taken place.

Year 6 students from our primary feeders have visited Hobart to take part in forensic science days, participating in a variety of practical and investigative sessions as part of a 'whodunit'. It was lovely to see the students confidently participating in the labs that they will be using regularly from September. A big thank you to the Science team for their efforts, the Year 9 student leaders and Mr de Best for leading on the organisation.

February is LGBT History Month, and today week a second cube of truth has taken place organised by our Campaigns & Equalities Society. The signs held up on cards by those participating featured anonymous statements from staff and students, and these were intended to provoke thinking and discussion regarding equality for those in the LGBT community. Thank you to the students involved and Ms Nethersell who once again have provided the platform for important learning and the spread of an inclusive ethos.

**Events and trips for the week ahead:**

<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Notes</b>
28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Year 9 options deadline	Please ensure the online forms are submitted (use the paper form in your booklet if there are IT issues)
2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	GCSE PE Practical Exam	Very best of luck to all those involved
4 <sup>th</sup> March 4pm – 7pm	Year 7 Parent(s) / Carer(s) Evening	Please book in appointments through our online system (call the school if you require assistance)
5 <sup>th</sup> March During school day	Norfolk Skills Roadshow (Year 10)	Opportunity to learn about different career paths through local employees and careers advisors

# Head's Newsletter

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You may have already read my previous emails regarding Coronavirus (COVID-19) in which I shared advice and guidance from Public Health England (PHE). We will continue to follow the advice of PHE, the Department for Education and the Local Authority. My aim will always be to share any updates or important information with you. The health and well-being of all those in our school community will always be considered of utmost importance. The latest information and guidance can be accessed via these links:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/866771/Coronavirus\\_advice\\_for\\_education\\_settings\\_poster.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/866771/Coronavirus_advice_for_education_settings_poster.pdf)

The second of these links is for an information poster that we are displaying around the school. Observing the well-known rules regarding personal hygiene is very important at this time. Students should wash their hands regularly and follow the “Catch it, Bin It, Kill It” advice if they cough or sneeze.

A reminder that we are non-aerosol school. The use of aerosols can trigger severe asthma attacks for some of our students and staff. Please support us by discussing this with your child and checking that they are not bringing these items to school, which will be confiscated if they are seen by staff.

The 17<sup>th</sup> March will feature the first ever clothes swap held at Hobart High School led by our Campaigns and Equalities Group. A poster for the clothes swap features on the next page of this newsletter, and there are two key focal points to the event. Firstly, funds raised will be donated to the Norfolk LGBT Project, an organisation that supports young LGBT people across Norfolk. The second focus is environmental. For example, sources suggest the global fashion industry produces over 1 billion tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> per year, and this together with other important information is being shared through tutor time in the near future.

Best wishes and have great weekend.

Ross Li-Rocchi

Head of School

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# CLOTHES SWAP

TUESDAY 17TH MARCH

IN THE HALL

EVERYTHING £1

DONATE CLOTHES TO GET 1 FREE  
ITEM OF CLOTHING

