



31/03/23

**Dear Parents, Carers, Students,
Staff and Friends of the School**



As we draw closer to the Easter period, I wish every family a peaceful and happy Easter. The pupils have done well to maintain their spirits through inclement weather, it is time for them to rest and refresh, brighter days are ahead. **Good luck to all of the GCSE and A level pupils who are revising over the holidays.** Make sure you plan in some time off for fun and relaxation! As ever, thank you to all of the staff at the school for their commitment to our young people this term.

Best wishes.

Tom Pinnington - Headteacher

Norfolk Music Festival & UK Piano Competition

Well done to all of our musicians that performed in the Norfolk Music Festival over the last fortnight in the solo and ensemble categories. It was wonderful to see so many NDHS students' names in the programme with a great deal of successes to report back.

Congratulations also to pianist Josh in Year 11 (pictured 2nd on the left) who got through the Norfolk round of the EPTA UK Piano Competition. He was the runner up in the national round in London last month.



Diocesan Chrism Mass

Bishop Peter and all the priests in our Diocese are celebrating this special liturgy during Holy Week to consecrate the sacred oils. Oil is the sign of God's goodness reaching out to touch us throughout our lives.

Representatives from each parish will receive their annual supply of these oils to be used in the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Anointing of the Sick, and Holy Orders.



The Chrism Mass is a beautiful celebration of unity and it strengthens ties within a diocese, uniting all parishes under the guidance of its local shepherd. A number of students from Notre Dame will be representing our community as Altar Servers, or Choristers.

Anyone else who wishes to attend the Chrism Mass is very welcome to do so. The Mass takes place at the Cathedral of St John the Baptist, Norwich on Tuesday 4th April at 11.30am.

Shrek Magically Transforms our Sports Hall!

On Monday, students were surprised to find a professional stage suddenly appear in our Sports Hall. On Tuesday afternoon, our cast were given the opportunity to perform in front of a live audience, thanks to pupils from Notre Dame Prep who greatly enjoyed our dress rehearsal.

There has been a magical buzz around the school as so many students of all ages have enjoyed performing, playing in the band, helping back stage and even controlling the lights and sound. The evening performances have been a great success thanks to the very appreciative audiences who have laughed, clapped and cheered us on.

Thanks to everyone involved in this amazing experience. We'll share more photos in our next newsletter.



MUSIC LUNCHTIME GROUPS



| Day | Group | Teacher | Room |
|-----------|----------------------|--|----------|
| MONDAY | Jazz group | Mr Hodges /Ms Curtis | 14 |
| TUESDAY | Strings group | Ms Curtis | 15 |
| WEDNESDAY | Choir Brass group | Mrs Selwood/ Mrs Ball /Ms Curtis Mr Dockray | 14 15 |
| THURSDAY | Rock groups | Mr Poynton | 14/15 |
| FRIDAY | Wind Band | Mrs Selwood / Mrs Evans /Ms Curtis | 14 |

Starting from
w/c 24th
April



Turn up at 12:30pm and bring your lunch and instruments. Rehearsals start at 12:45 until 1:15pm. We will be rehearsing towards various concerts and special events which will take place this Summer Term including our Summer Concert, Walsingham and the end of year Mass and some of our groups will be performing at the Norfolk Show.



Chess Club Start Up



Y7-11 M24

Mon. + Wed. 12:35 - 1:15

Sets available, or bring your own.

Eat lunch before or after attending.



NORFOLK FA YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME



Are you interested in starting your coaching journey?
Do you want to be the next Premier or Super League referee?
Join Norfolk FA's Youth Leadership Programme
and start your journey!



Date: Thursday 13th April 2023

Time: 9am - 3pm

Location: The FDC, Bowthorpe

Age: 14-16 yrs

Cost: FREE

Apply: Scan the QR Code

Contact: alice.parker@norfolkfa.com



VAPING AND E-CIGARETTES THE FACTS



MOST CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

DON'T VAPE OR SMOKE.

Vapes containing nicotine are age-restricted products: it is illegal to sell them to under 18s and for adults to buy them on their behalf.

**VAPES ARE
NOT HARMLESS.**

Short-term effects can include **coughing**, **headaches**, **dizziness**, and **sore throats**. Long-term effects are as yet unknown.

HARMFUL FOR THE ENVIRONMENT.

Disposable vapes and the batteries inside them are bad for the environment, with many ending up in landfills.



Those who knowingly sell to under 18s are driven by profit and don't care who they sell to.

DON'T BE DUPED!

DON'T SMOKE? DON'T START TO VAPE.

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