



**27/01/26**

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

Last week, NDHS staff and students warmly welcomed Bishop Peter to the school. The Mass was an opportunity to celebrate the leadership roles that our young people are involved with, including those involved in chaplaincy, our excellent prefects, and those that have, or are about to be confirmed into the Catholic Church. Bishop Peter spoke with enthusiasm regarding the significance of education and voicing an informed opinion, even when courage is required to do so. After the Mass, Bishop Peter praised the students for their reverence and respect. It was a genuinely lovely occasion, and we thank him for his time.

The Y11 Mock envelope moment is always a significant occasion, and it was a pleasure to talk to the students regarding their successes and the next steps that will support them in reaching their goals and aspirations. Please do begin to look at the [Year 11 Web Page](#) for ideas on revision and how to support your young person.

It has also been a real pleasure to talk to Y9 regarding their preferences. Thank you to all families who came to the talks and are supporting these first big decisions.

Tom Pinnington - Headteacher



## Bucket Collection for St Martin's Trust

I decided to take part in the collection bucket for St Martin's charity because Christmas is a time when many people in need look for hope and the chance to enjoy the season like everyone else.

Even though I don't personally celebrate Christmas, I understand how important it is for people to feel loved, cared for, and not alone at that time of year.

The values and spirit of Christmas kindness, generosity, and compassion are things I strongly believe in which is why supporting and taking part in the donation for St Martin's felt meaningful to me to support the community.

**Farah Y12**



NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL

# CREATIVE WRITERS CLUB

JOIN A FREE FLOW, MOTIVATING WEEKLY SESSION TO CONNECT WITH OTHER WRITERS. SHARE IDEAS, BOOST CREATIVITY AND DEVELOP NARRATIVE SKILLS. WORK ON YOUR OWN WRITING OR TAKE PART IN SCHOOL COMPETITIONS! SUITABLE FOR ALL LEVELS.

**THURSDAYS  
AFTERSCHOOL**  
FROM 15:40 - 16:30

**WHAT YOU'LL LEARN:**

- ESSENTIAL WRITING TECHNIQUES
- WRITING EXERCISES AND PROMPTS
- EXPANDING VOCABULARY
- EDITING AND REVISING

**STARTS THURS 22<sup>ND</sup> JAN**

FOR MORE INFO SPEAK TO MISS COOPER /MISS FIELDING

A hand holding a pen, writing on the text 'CLUB' in the Creative Writers Club poster. The hand is positioned on the right side of the poster, with the pen tip touching the letter 'B'. The background of the poster is light green with pink cloud-like shapes in the corners.

## Year 13 Philosophy Trip to Cambridge University

Mr Newton and Mr Tanner took the Philosophy and Ethics students to Cambridge University to participate in lectures and debate on arguments for the existence of God, Medical Ethics, Religious Experience and Feminist views on Theology.

The students engaged brilliantly, hearing from eminent Philosophers and Scholars. It was a really enriching experience of University life.

## 'What I wish my parents or carers knew...': A guide for parents and carers on managing children's digital lives

Parenting today can feel overwhelming — especially when childhood looks so different from what we grew up with. There's no manual, and it can be hard to keep up with the fast-changing digital world your child moves through every day.

This guide by the Children's Commissioner aims to make those conversations easier and help you support your child with confidence. It's purpose is simple:

- Demystify common online challenges
- Help you start and sustain open conversations with your child
- Support you in setting regular, realistic boundaries

To view the guide online and to download additional resources [CLICK HERE](#).

'Call out for anyone who would like to offer their skills to the schools

## PTFA

Our annual AGM is set to take place on February the 11th at 7pm-8pm.

We meet in the school staff room however you can also join via zoom if more convenient.

Please see the teams link below. If you are interested in getting involved with the PTFA

or have skills to share, we would love to hear from you. It is our mission to raise as much money as possible to best respond to any requests for additional funds from our staff and students.

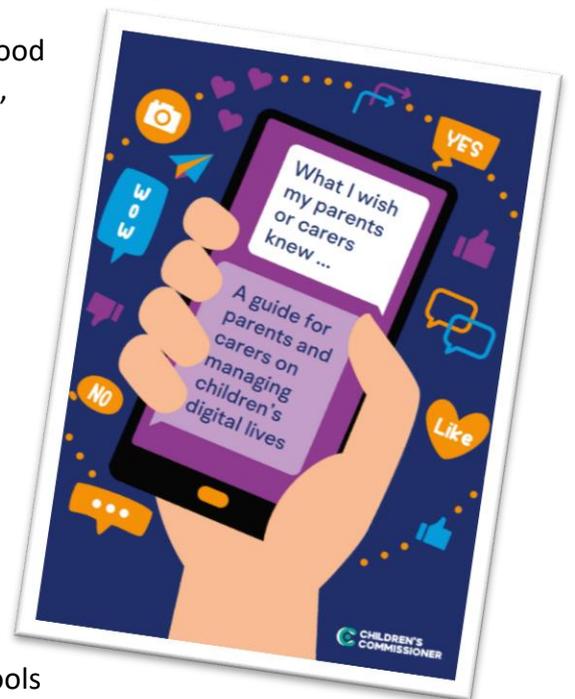
We appoint our roles at the AGM and discuss our top level plans and goals for the coming year. In particular we seek a secretary for our 200 club, which is a low key, relatively hands off position however we would welcome anyone who would like to get more involved in supporting us to support your children with enriched learning experiences and equipment. Any questions please Email us otherwise hope to see you there! [ptfandhs@gmail.com](mailto:ptfandhs@gmail.com)

### Microsoft Teams meeting

Join: <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/32091657951179?p=2YzIHu5JMrUXyVvVcA>

Meeting ID: 320 916 579 511 79

Passcode: XC995Sk3



# PTFA



## Careers Networking Year 9

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January

### Year 9 Careers Networking Event – 15th January

On Thursday 15th January, our Year 9 students took part in our **Careers Networking Event**, an exciting opportunity to explore a wide range of careers and speak directly with professionals from different industries. Students moved around the hall every five minutes, engaging in meaningful conversations with employers and exploring the variety of pathways available to them.

The event also included time to speak with our **Careers Advisor, Mrs. Whiddett**, as well as representatives from Access Creative College and Apprenticeships and Skills Specialists, ensuring every student had the chance to explore post-16 options alongside.

We were delighted to welcome the following organisations and professionals:

**UEA Engineering, Sizewell C, Howes Percival, Lark & Gowen, Access Creative, Flint, UEA, Broads Authority, Midwifery, Flagship Housing, Theatre Royal Norwich, Furthermore Marketing, RWE, Skanska, Aviva and Krow,**

The students' behaviour throughout the event was exemplary. The guest employers were highly impressed by how grown-up the students were, the diversity of their questions, and their high level of engagement. Our Year 9s did a fantastic job representing themselves, showing curiosity, professionalism, and enthusiasm qualities that left a lasting impression on our visitors.

We are very grateful to all the employers and organisations who attended and made the event such a success. Opportunities like this play a vital role in helping our students understand the world of work and feel inspired about their future pathways. **Mrs Holden and Miss Freezer**

Join online live sessions with employers from across the UK and speak directly to their representatives to achieve your dream apprenticeship. From understanding apprenticeships to learning what it's like to work in different industries and acing your application, this fair is a great opportunity to explore your options and get your questions answered by the experts. For more info and to register [CLICK HERE](#).



# Tacos

# TUESDAY



Is taking place  
on Tuesday 27th  
January



**NUA's Celebrating  
Creative Student  
Photography**



Speak to Mrs Nutt  
in Art if you are  
interested in  
entering.

This year's competition award  
categories are:

**Enter by Friday 15 May  
for your chance to win a  
Canon EOS R50 camera!**

- 11-15
- 16-19
  
- **People** - portraiture, fashion & editorial
- **Places** - Culture, nature, architecture or landscape
- **Things** - still life, food, product, lifestyle or fine art

Entrants can submit up to **three photographs**.

Shortlisted  
students will have  
their work shown at  
NUA's 'Beyond the  
Frame' exhibition  
on 8 May



**NORWICH  
UNIVERSITY  
OF THE ARTS**



Life-Changing Pilgrimage Holidays

hcpt



# BAKE SALE!

A bake sale to help fund Wiktorija's pilgrimage with the HCPT charity



Sunday 25th January

The Narthex, SJB Cathedral



**Cakes, cupcakes  
and more!**

"I signed up for the trip because I love volunteering and this pilgrimage is a perfect opportunity for me. I can't wait to care for and help children have an amazing holiday in Lourdes!"

-Wiktorija,  
Young Leader at SJB





# Creative Spot

Creative Spot  
Creative Spot  
Creative Spot

📍 185 DRAYTON RD, NORWICH NR32PG  
🕒 4:30 - 6:30PM ➔ THURSDAYS

spark your  
↑ creativity

make  
friends,  
chill out

arts, crafts,  
+more! →



ages  
➔ 11-19



📷 📘  
@mapyoungpeople