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

This is my final newsletter of the academic year, and I wanted to start it by **thanking you as parents, carers and families**. As staff, this year has been the most challenging year of our careers, and we have gone through every emotion, from great joy to real sadness, particularly at the loss of members of the community. The support we as staff have felt from you as the parent and carer population has been excellent, and your messages of good will throughout the year have been timely and much needed. Families within the community have played their part in making this year a success by acknowledging the challenges and accepting the compromises and sacrifices we have all had to make – so thank you all!

As previously stated, September will look different to the current situation. All students will be able to enjoy the entire site, learning Science in the labs; doing practical technology in the workshops and enjoying the full curriculum offer.

The school will continue to operate under a risk assessment that is regularly reviewed, and will hold in reserve enhanced safety measures should they be required. The following will be in place from September:

- One way systems in specific buildings to reduce overcrowding in corridors
- We will retain the use of sanitising upon entry to classrooms
- Enhanced cleaning throughout the day, especially of touch points
- Ventilation in all classrooms and corridors
- Twice weekly home LFTs, for consenting families, until the end of September, when the government will review their use.

In addition, all consenting students will receive two on-site Lateral Flow tests upon their return. In order for the school to complete the tests effectively, we will operate a staggered return as per the Department for Education guidelines. We will work as quickly and efficiently as possible to ensure that all students are back in education by Wednesday 8th September. As you will appreciate completing these tests is a large logistical undertaking.

The return dates are as follows – Please read carefully:

Year Group	Return Date and Time	Additional detail
7	Monday 6 th September	Students arrive on the lower playground prior to 8.40am
8	Wednesday 8 th September	Students arrive on the lower playground prior to 8.40am
9	Wednesday 8 th September	Students arrive on Lady Julian Green between 1.00 and 1.20pm
10	Tuesday 7 th September	Students arrive on Lady Julian Green between 1.00 and 1.20pm
11	Tuesday 7 th September	Students arrive on the lower playground prior to 8.40am
12	Monday 6 th September	Students arrive at 9.00 am on the lower playground – Further communication to follow. 1 st Lateral Flow Test on Thursday 2 nd September – separate invite to follow
13	Tuesday 7 th September	Students arrive between 11.10 and 12.10 for their second lateral flow test, and begin their normal timetable in the afternoon. Further communication to follow. 1 st Lateral Flow Test on Friday 3 rd September – separate invite to follow

The end of the school day

Whilst the mezzanine structure is being completed, for health and safety reasons, we will continue to operate a slightly staggered finish to the school day. **Year 7 will finish at 3.20pm, Year 8 will finish at 3.25pm and all other year groups will finish at 3.30pm.** Students will no longer be expected to enter and leave from a specific gate. Once the Mezzanine is completed and the building compound removed, we will likely return to a normal finish time for all students.

Sports Day

It has been a real pleasure to end this year with a proper, in person, whole school event. The weather held up, and the participation levels from our young people were excellent. It was genuinely moving to see so many students taking part in different events and earning points for their House Team. To view a video of the day, [click here](#).

The individual awards were as follows...

Year 7 – Kobi Monteiro and Belle Hoy
Year 8 – Charlie Black and Aude-Marie Kouame
Year 9 – Grace Bushell and Ben Benoy
Year 10 – Esme Abbott and Connor Gowing

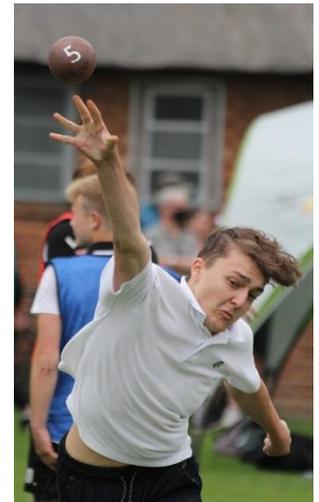


The Kirwan Shield – Awarded for sustained dedication and attainment in athletics – Edward Nwaka

Overall House totals:

1st – Rome – 1072
2nd – Jerusalem – 1010
3rd – Santiago – 962
4th - Walsingham – 904

Rome's first ever win in sports day!



Let's Figurine It Out

All our Year 8 students have created their own clay figure as part of Norwich 2040's Figurines Project. Each character holds a flag expressing how the maker was feeling at that moment. It was a wonderful way to being allowed back into our Art rooms in over a year. If you come into Norwich you'll find figurines popping up all over the city. Ours are in pride of place in the Castle!



Virtual Exhibition of A level and GCSE Art Coursework

As we're not able to have our annual end of year Art Exhibition in person, we've gone virtual! Check out an amazing 3D tour of all our Y13 and Y11 artworks by [clicking here](#).



Music Performances

Our music students are so keen to perform, that they have created an youtube playlist concert.

Sit back and enjoy a wide variety of pieces to get you in the mood for the Summer Holidays!

[Click here](#) to watch the performances.



SUMMER PERFORMANCES

And finally...

We will finish the year with a final liturgy from Fr Sean, and we take the opportunity to say goodbye to several staff members, including Mr Love, Mrs Beckford, Miss Cooke and Miss Gardner. We wish them all the very best in their future endeavours.

All staff this year have given their all. They are tired, and it is time for them to rest. It is an honour to work with such a wonderful group of professionals – I thank them all.

Over the school holidays I sincerely hope all families get some time to rest, recharge and where necessary reconnect with loved ones.

“Nothing causes trees to be more strongly rooted than great winds”

Saint Julie Billiart, founder of the Notre Dame Order

Best Wishes,

Tom Pinnington – Head of School