

08/10/21

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



Numbers of Covid19 cases at the school have dropped, which is reassuring for the entire community. I am however, aware of other local schools that are suffering, and the rates at NDHS may rise again. Therefore we continue to avoid any complacency and practise the fundamentals of good hygiene, alongside other habits that increase safety at the school. As it stands, we continue to strongly recommend that students and staff wear a face covering in busy crowded areas.

The sponsored walk is a big event in the school's calendar. The charities, chosen by the Head and Deputy Head students have a big focus on equality, which we know is something that NDHS students are very focussed on. This is the first time that we are using WisePay for the event. We really hope that students will work hard to support these charities. They need our help more than ever. We will present our donations before Christmas.

The Department for Education and Ofqual are currently consulting on how to conduct assessment for GCSE and A level students should the examinations be cancelled. We sincerely hope that students do get the opportunity to sit their examinations with sensible mitigation. We are however, replying to the consultation in full, and we are glad that this consultation is being completed sooner rather than later.

Black History month is underway, all assemblies will be thematically linked to BHM. Form time activities and prayer will also be aligned to BHM. The racial equality group at Notre Dame is catalysing change within the school, including signing up to some excellent Racial Justice, Equality and Diversity training for staff, that is being run by the Diocese of Westminster. This will have a long term impact on our curriculum and racial equality at the school.

Best Wishes,

Tom Pinnington

"Faith without deeds is dead"

- James Ch2

Sponsored Walk Update

We are delighted to launch our Sponsored Walk Appeal. This event brings us together as a community and teaches us how to put our values into action.

This week each House have announced their 2 charities. Please look out for a letter including a permission slip that needs to be returned if you are willing for your child to be dismissed early on Friday 22nd October. There is also a sponsor form that needs to be return after the half term holiday. This will enable us to claim an additional 25% as gift aid.

This year we have set up WisePay, so that all donations can be made electronically. The House with the highest percentage of students that have donated will win the Charity Cup.



JERUSALEM

DISABILITY AND DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS

To enhance achievement of disabled children in education around the world
To reduce poverty among disabled people

ENGLISH +

To provide free English lessons to help refugees and asylum seekers integrate into our community.

SANTIAGO

CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION FOR RACIAL JUSTICE

To support people from diverse backgrounds in the struggle for a more just and cohesive society.

WELCOME WHEELS

To provide local refugees and asylum seekers a free bicycle, helmet, lights and lock..

ROME

GIRLS' EDUCATION IN MALAWI

To support young women in accessing Secondary Education.
To provide a hostel for them to sleep and study

EAST ANGLIA'S CHILDREN'S HOSPICE

To support children with a life-threatening illness and their families.

WALSINGHAM

ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY

To offer support to all people newly diagnosed with dementia by 2022.

BIG C CANCER CHARITY

To build a new Cancer Support Centre in Norwich.

6th Form Attend Climate Debate with Clive Lewis MP

Our A Level Politics Students attended a debate hosted by CAFOD at the Cathedral of St John the Baptist. They provided challenging questions on whether our political system is effectively addressing environmental issues.

Clive Lewis said that young people are right to be concerned about the impact of climate change which he called 'the biggest issue we face today'. Mr Lewis pointed out that the UK has failed to fully meet any of its agreements made at COP21 in Paris in 2015.

At a local level, Mr Lewis raised concerns about the proposed Norwich Western Link Road which will cut through Wensum Valley's ancient woodland. 'How can we criticise the Brazilian Government for chopping down the Amazon rainforest when we are building on our own sites of uniquely high biodiversity?'

For Mr Lewis, the solution to the climate crisis requires democracy on a global scale with millions of people around the world speaking out. He finished with the challenge for us all to 'be the change you want to see in the world'.



NDHS 6th FORM ENVIRONMENT GROUP



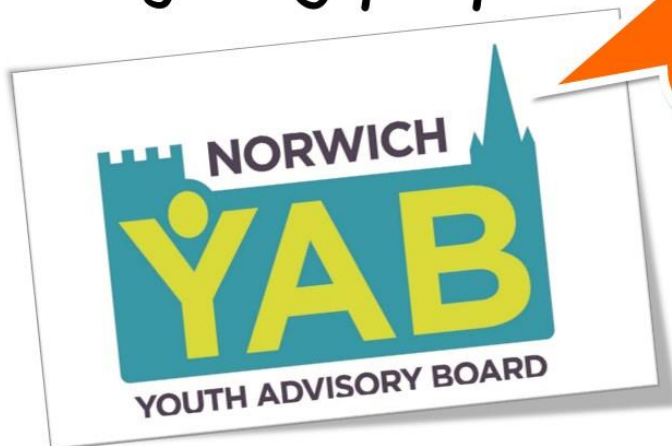
Interested in learning new ways to be more sustainable?

Want to participate in climate related activities within the school and our local community?

Join us on **Friday Lunchtimes** in room 10, St John's building,

Any questions, email Erica or Annabel 15ermiller@ndhs.org.uk
15anmullet@ndhs.org.uk

Young people making changes for young people



Contact Mr Savage for info.

Are you interested in being a voice for young people in our community?

“ Speak out about:

- Climate Crisis
- Racism
- Discrimination
- Mental Health
- Homelessness

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