

Principal's Newsletter

Friday 9th May 2024

This week we have seen the GCSE exam timetable really get going. Today was the first whole cohort exam; Biology. Well done to our year 11 students as they navigate such an important time in their school lives.

The PE department have been out and about with some of our school teams and hosting local primary schools for netball and football tournaments. It's great to see so many young people actively engaged in sport. A detailed round-up of the results are below.

Year 10 End of Year Exams

The build-up for year 10 towards their important end of year exams has started. Year 10 parents will receive a letter from Miss Stolworthy outlining the support students will receive and give details about exam revision sessions. The data from these end of year exams helps us to identify emerging gaps in student's knowledge and plan for the first term in year 11. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Car Park

We have stationed members of our site staff in the car park in the mornings as we have continued concerns for the safety of students during drop off times. We are also keen to ensure that students arrive promptly for an 8.30am start and should be on site well in advance of this time. We have not changed any of our guidelines or expectations and for now, have made the decision **not** to ban cars from dropping off or picking up from our site. Thank you to all parents who respect these requests.

Martham Scarecrow Festival

The Flegg Event Team spent their bank holiday weekend running a stall at the Martham Scarecrow Festival. Our fundraising games were very well supported by the community, and we raised £594 towards our defibrillator fund, which will be purchased and fixed to the front of the school gate so that it is accessible by the whole community 24/7 (fundraising will continue to help raise the £1,500 needed).

As well as the fundraising games The Event Team hosted a variety of free craft activities which saw three generations making pompoms!

Here is the Event Team's entry into the pompom competition:





Maths Masterclass

A big well done to Sienna, Lauren and Lola who have completed the Year 9 maths master classes offered by Ormiston Academies Trust.

These sessions were run by maths leads from across the region and were designed to stretch the brightest mathematicians within the year group across a range of schools.

The upcoming end-of-year Masterclass Celebration events take place, in-person at the Ri in London and online. Students who have attended or supported Masterclasses this academic year are all invited, along with their families or a guest.

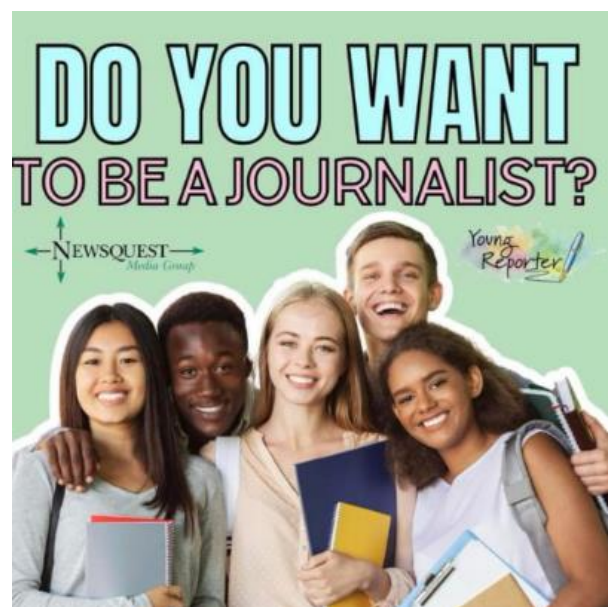


Aspiring

Calling all budding journalists! Do you want to write for a real live online newspaper?

The Young Reporter Scheme – in partnership with Newsquest is a schools programme for students aged 14-18. Since 2008, the scheme has given thousands of students huge advantages through this unique opportunity. Registrations are now open ahead of September's new intake. For more information and how to register, head to the Young Reporter website www.youngreporter.co.uk

This could be the start of your career as a journalist!



Sporting round up

English Schools' Athletics Cup Competition Report – Mrs Cropley

On Tuesday 7th May a group of year 9 & 10 girls represented the school at the English Schools' Team Cup Competition.



Squad: Maizie Boylan, Amy Fielding, Scarlett Colby, Isla Gowing, Faye Nottage, Evie Savage, Tia Gray, Chloe Green, Neve McKay, Edith Gowing, Maya Ellis, Bryony Fance, Starr Nichols, Elysia Swallow.

For this competition points are scored on the performance and not position and the better your performance the more points are awarded.

The schools in our competition were Thorpe St Andrew, King's School - Peterborough, Wymondham College, King's School - Ely, Norwich School, Langley and Perse School - Cambridge.

Highlights from the day

1st place Maizie in her hurdles 11.29 –30 points

1st place Amy 100m 12.25 – 33 points

Scarlett 100m 13.69 – 19 points

Relay team – Amy, Elysia, Maya & Maizie – 1st 53.05 - 27 points.

Neve shot 7.65 – 15 points.

Faye 1500m 5min 20sec 24 points

Chloe 1500m 6min 11sec 14 points

Bryony 200m 29.49 16 points

Everyone worked hard and performed at their best, we did ourselves proud.

The final standing

1. Perse 342
2. Thorpe 322
3. Wymondham 302
4. **Flegg 287**
5. Kings Peterborough 254
6. Norwich 208
- Langley & Kings Ely 202



We are now looking forward to the teatime events and the all-day district Wellesley event.

Reminder to all years – Athletics club is on Wednesdays 3 to 4pm

Also, Great Yarmouth Athletics club are looking for new members – Wellsley track on Tuesdays and Thursday evenings starting at 7pm – first session is free!

Hi 5 netball report – Mrs Cropley:

On Wednesday 8th May we welcomed year 3 & 4 Hi5 netball teams from the local schools to play in a Hi 5 netball tournament. We had teams representing Martham, Hemsby and North Denes.

Mrs Cropley was ably assisted by sports leaders in year 7, 8 & 9 who umpired, kept score, and organised the event. It was lovely to see the tournament played in a friendly manner.

Results:

1st Martham – 15 points

2nd Hemsby – 11 points

3rd North Demes A – 7 points

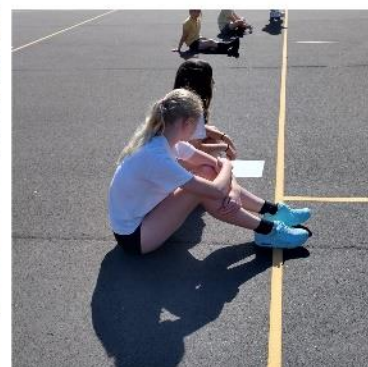
4th North Denes B – 3 points

Sports leaders –

A big thank you to the following -

Scorers & officials - Izzy Harding, Molly Medler, Yvonne Bradley, Elizabeth Bate

Umpires - Lacey McGough, Elysia Swallow, Matilda Dyble,



Football Report – Mr Hart:

The Year 11 boys travelled to Mattishall to play Thorpe St Andrew in the county cup final, and to play their last game for Flegg.

The game started very well with Archie Gore running on to a through ball and converting the chance to go 1-0 up very early on. Thorpe did not expect the quick start and found it difficult to begin with. They soon got back into the game and started to maintain the ball and keep possession. The possession kept getting stopped by Flegg but we struggled to keep hold of the ball for long periods and were trying to find the forward players too quickly. Thorpe kept putting on the pressure and eventually equalised after a scramble in the box, Craig did well to get a hand to the final effort and was so close to keeping it out. Before half time Thorpe took the lead after a good ball into the box fell to their striker to head home. Thorpe thought they were going to take the lead into half time, but Archie Gore scored his second of the day and a great ball from Harry Moss split the defence.

A tense second half followed with few chances for either side but many strong challenges to keep the pressure away from goal. The second half had a couple of controversial moments. Thorpe had their keeper sent off after Fenton was fouled by the keeper in a one-on-one situation, unfortunately the referee then decided to change his decision causing much confusion from both benches and relief for the Thorpe team. Both teams continued to battle well, and it looked like penalties were coming that was until the Thorpe striker with a few minutes to go scored a great effort from outside the box that crept in just under the cross bar. A devastating blow to be so close to penalties and so little time to try and find an equaliser. Unfortunately, there was not enough time and Thorpe ended up winning the game.

It has been a pleasure to manage the year 11 boys football team this year and I was very proud of them to make it to the final. Although the result was disappointing everyone who played for the team at some stage to get to final can hold their heads up high and I hope they all keep playing in the future.



Photo: Year 9 Boys Heading to the Plate Cup Final

After securing a comfortable win over Springwood this week the year 9 boys will play Hobart in the final in the plate final.

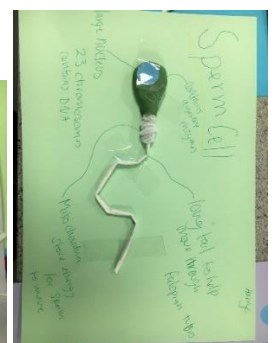
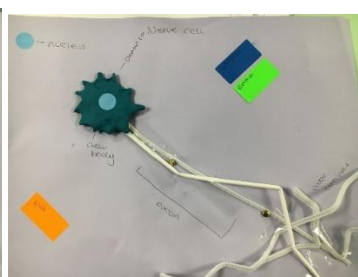
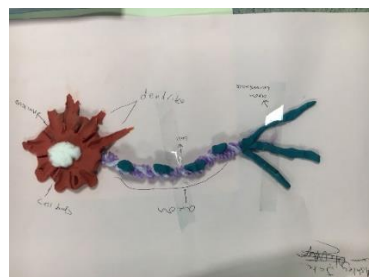
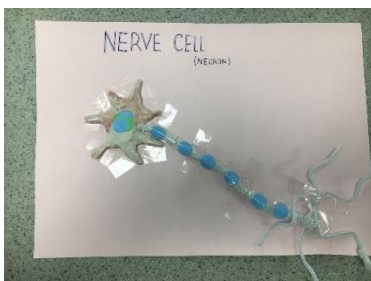
Flegg started excellently and Fletcher scored a perfect hat-trick in the first 20 minutes. The pressure in the first half was consistent all the way through and Flegg completely deserved the healthy lead. Some good link up play and composure at the back did not allow Springwood to get into any rhythm.

Flegg struggled to maintain the tempo in the second half due to the heat and this resulted in some mistakes being made and the control slipping. Springwood grew into the game and were creating more chances and fortunately for Flegg missed a couple of great opportunities. Eventually Springwood did get a goal back after a penalty was awarded. Luca did well to get his hands to the penalty but unfortunately not enough to push the ball past the post.

This did wake Flegg up though and Flegg did score two more in the second half. A strong 5-1 victory overall.

Great Work

This week year 9 students made some excellent models of specialised animal cells in Miss Cuddington's Science class.



PSHE

This half term, students will be covering the following topics:

- Yr7 - Equality then Personal Health
- Yr8 - Law & Order then Crime and Influence
- Yr9 - Media Literacy then Political Power
- Yr10 - Next Steps then Money Matters

Dates for your diary

Thursday 23rd May: Year 7 Progress Evening 3.30pm-6.30pm

Monday 27th – Friday 31st May: Half Term

Monday 3rd June: First day of term

Thursday 6th June: Parent Forum 4.30pm-5.30pm (contact principalsoffice@fleggoa.co.uk to book)

Saturday 22nd June: Summer Fayre 10am-4pm

Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd July: Year 6 Transition Days

Tuesday 2nd July: Year 6 Transition evening for families

Thursday 4th July: Year 11 Prom

Monday 8th – Friday 12th July: Enrichment Week

Friday 12th July: Sports Day

Monday 22nd July – Tuesday 3rd September: Summer Holidays

With kind regards,



Mrs Jane Bennett, Principal

Attachments

National Online Safety

Community Events

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about HELLDIVERS 2

AGE RESTRICTION
PEGI 18+

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Within weeks of release, Helldivers 2 had become one of 2024's biggest gaming success stories. The sequel to a top-down shooter from 2015 has smashed sales expectations, owing to its frantic gameplay and tongue-in-cheek humour. However, the game comes with several risks to younger players, as indicated by its 18+ rating.

PEGI 18 RATING

Due to its intense violence and the presence of in-game purchases, Helldivers 2 carries a PEGI 18 rating. While players are generally fighting fantastical enemies like giant bugs and robots, their characters can be killed in various gruesome ways, up to and including dismemberment. It's certainly worth considering whether such a game is appropriate for younger players.

IN-GAME PURCHASES

In Helldivers 2, players can use real money to buy in-game currency, with which they can unlock cosmetics and new weapons. At the time of writing, all the in-game items can be acquired without spending so much as a penny – but excited young players wanting to keep up with their friends may still feel the temptation to purchase new weapons more quickly, rather than laboriously earning the in-game currency through play.

VOICE CHAT AND MESSAGING

Helldivers 2 is always played online with others, who often use voice chat or in-game texts to coordinate, strategise or just joke around. This does mean that children who play without their friends will be put in contact with strangers. Unfortunately, this represents a roll of the dice, as the game can't control how people treat each other online. However, you can easily report other players for abusive behaviour via the game's 'Social' tab.

FRUSTRATION TRIGGER

The thrill of barely scraping through a dangerous mission in one piece is integral to Helldivers 2's appeal. To accentuate this feeling of achievement, the game includes some very difficult levels that could prove to be too hard for some players – even those who are legitimately old enough to play. Losing streaks can be incredibly annoying, so repeatedly failing in missions could easily provoke frustration or anger in younger players.

LACK OF ACCESS

The game is available on PC and PS5, but not (as yet) on other consoles. Some people will naturally be disappointed they can't get involved and might look for similar alternatives to play on their own console – alternatives which may contain similar levels of violence and gore but lack the same balanced approach to user misconduct and in-game purchases as Helldivers 2.

Advice for Parents & Educators

GIVE IT A GO FIRST

Helldivers 2 is a third-person shooter with intentionally humorous elements, but much of its comedy is rooted in satire which may go over the heads of some players. Consider playing the game first yourself – while shooting bugs and robots feels too unrealistic to be upsetting, seeing your character get torn to pieces may be too much for young players.

SET EXPECTATIONS

At the time of writing, Helldivers 2 costs £34.99. It could turn out to be an expensive and wasteful purchase if a player gets irritated and gives up shortly after receiving the game. If a young person tends to become frustrated easily, it's worth considering whether Helldivers 2 is really the game for them.

CONSIDER ALTERNATIVES

If playing on Xbox – where Helldivers 2 isn't available – consider something like Halo: The Master Chief Collection as an alternative. One of its game modes – Firefight – replicates Helldivers' mechanics to some degree. Alternatively, younger players may be better suited to the more light-hearted Deep Rock Galactic, which sees them play as fantasy dwarves in space, involving far less gruesome violence.

KEEP AN EYE ON PAYMENTS

Many titles offer in-game purchases, but Helldivers 2's are comparatively cheap. You'll still need to monitor your payment information (or use a prepaid card on the account), in case your child buys the in-game currency in bulk; on the whole, however, the game's selling methods are far less egregious than most similar titles on the market.

MONITOR COMMUNICATION & ADJUST SETTINGS

Thanks to an in-game "Ping" system (allowing players to highlight important details without speaking), communication isn't as integral to Helldivers 2 as it is in other games. You can turn off the chat options in-game on PC, or on the PS5's own settings, and feel more secure in the knowledge that your child won't be speaking to people they don't know.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is the Editor in Chief of GGRecon, and has been working in the games media industry for five years. As well as being an avid long-time gamer, he is also a parent and therefore understands the importance of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his work has been published on sites including IGN, TechRadar and many more.



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Community Events



Martham Cricket Club



We have a thriving junior section to the club, running teams and training for U9's, U11's, U13's and U15's. Training for all junior age groups is 5.30-6.30 every Wednesday down the playing field with qualified coaches who are fully DBS checked.

We run 2 senior teams, training is every Wednesday 6.30 onwards after the juniors. Matches are played on Saturdays.

Anybody looking to get involved would be warmly welcomed, whether you are new to game or looking to get back into cricket.

We can supply equipment and the practice is free, so why not give it a go?!

Martham Cricket Club, Playing Field Lane, Rollesby Road, Martham, NR29 4SP

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FLEGG HIGH ORMISTON ACADEMY

Summer Fayre

Saturday 22nd June
10am - 4pm

ORGANISED BY THE FLEGG EVENT TEAM

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- Fundraising games ~ Pre-loved stall
- Free craft area ~ Refreshments
- Inside and outside seating area
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New Bereavement Cafés

Great Yarmouth Library
Every Tuesday 10.30am – 12pm
Starting 21 May 2024

Martham Library
Every Friday 12.30pm – 2pm
Starting 17 May 2024

A time and place to meet and have a cuppa and chat with others who are bereaved.
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