

Principal's Newsletter

Friday 4th October 2024

Dear Families,

It's been another bright and busy week at the academy despite all the rain!

On Tuesday, we held our 'Help your child succeed evening' for new year 7 families. With input from English, Maths and student wellbeing, we hope this helps to build a strong foundation between school and home.



It's flu season so our immunisation programme is up and running. A reminder that Year 10 and 11 students will have their Flu immunisation next Tuesday 8th October. The nurses will also catch up with any year 7s, 8s, and 9s who were absent /unable to attend this week.

Student Leadership

On Thursday a group of year 7 students attended a student leadership workshop. This training will enable the students to be Sports Prefects / Sports Leaders and offer interform and lunchtime activities. During the session they looked at what makes a successful leader and the STEP process for organising activities; they participated in communication activities and led a series of activities. Further training is planned on Monday for year 7 and 8 students and once this has been completed a rota will be set up for these students to take charge and run activity sessions.

Year 10 Drama

The Year 10 drama students have been busy exploring an exciting new genre in their studies—Verbatim Theatre. This week they had a unique opportunity to participate in an online workshop led by the renowned theatre company, The Paper Birds. This hands-on workshop offered our budding actors an in-depth look at the creative process behind producing devised theatre, focusing on the fascinating practice of using real-life stories to create powerful performances.



Admissions Policy Consultation

I have included a letter at the end of this newsletter related to a consultation regarding our admissions policy. Although it's a minor change, we still need to go through the appropriate stages of consultation.

Use of Social Media

I wanted to raise again the importance of being responsible when using social media in large public forums, as some comments recently posted have been reported to us as being very personal to some members of staff. This is of course very hurtful and unfair to the members of staff and can have a very damaging impact on so many levels. At Flegg, we always encourage open and honest communication between home and school and urge anyone with queries or concerns to contact us directly, as that is the best way for us to be able to support you or your child and rectify any challenges. We are very proud of our school and our staff work hard every day to provide our young people with a great experience. Thank you in advance to the vast majority of families who communicate directly with us. Let's work together to build a positive and safe school based around our values of kindness, aspiration and respect.

A reminder that we hold a Principal's Surgery every Wednesday 2pm-4pm

This is an opportunity to meet and speak to the Principal about :

- Any concerns regarding your child
- How a trust runs and what it means to be part of OAT
- Extra curricular opportunities
- How to join the Flegg Parent Forum
- Ready to Learn & Inclusion Base
- Policies
- The curriculum
- Ofsted
- Anything else

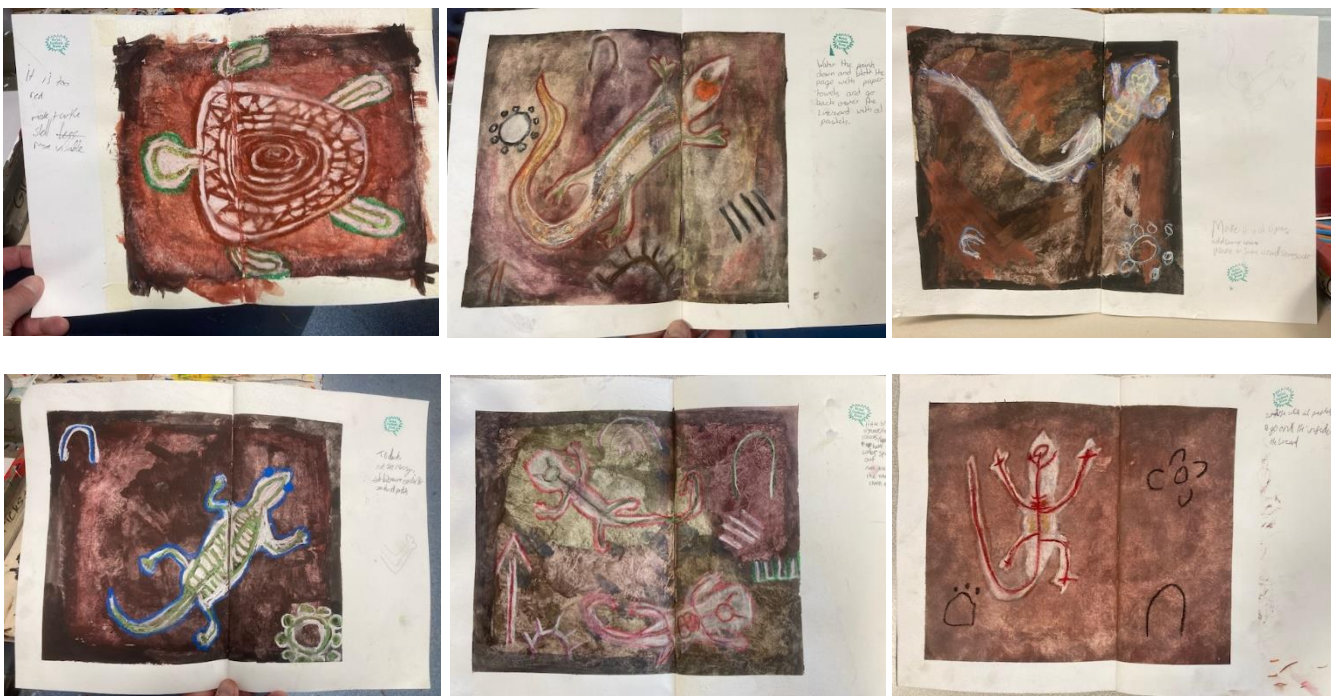
To book an appointment email principalsoffice@fleggoa.co.uk or call 01493 749207

(other days and times can be arranged)



Student's Work

This week, Year 7 have been looking at Australian Aboriginal art. In particular the way Aborigines make x-ray images looking at the bones, muscles, and organs of the animals. Students have been using an oil/water resist technique where they draw with oil pastels, paint over with watercolour paint and then apply white chalk when dry. It's a very effective technique as you can see from these examples! Well done Year 7s!!



Sporting Round Up

The year 8s had their turn at the emerging school's rugby tournament this time held at Wymondham RFU. In our pool we had Wymondham High, Dereham Neatherd, Stallham High and Heatherset. The boys played fantastically in all games winning three out of the four matches. Scoring multiple tries in all games. Being their first tournament, the group played well and did themselves and the school proud. All boys involved, showed huge amounts of self control, resilience and motivation to improve throughout the day. I was impressed with their attitude and focus throughout. I am looking forward to many more tournaments and fixtures soon.



Support for Flegg Families



Flegg's Second-hand Uniform Shop

If you would like to access our shop
call 01493 740349 or email
office@fleggoa.co.uk

All items of uniform and PE kit can be purchased as well as shoes, trainers and coats. Prices range from 50p-£4 (Cash Only)

Uniform donations needed and can be dropped off in the main reception Mon-Fri 8am-4pm, thank you in advance for your support



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Feeding people in
The Flegg Villages



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Attendance Corner

Last week's 100% attendance winners are

Paige McGarrity 7CUT
Rory Flack 8ABR
Isabella Wolmer 9MHI
Chloe Mack 10JGR
Jack Moore 11LWO



Dates for your diary

Tuesday 22nd October Year 11 group photo
Thursday 24th October Last day of term
Monday 4th November First day of term
Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th November Christmas Market
Wednesday 4th December Year 8 HPV vaccination
Friday 13th December Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 20th December Last day of term



Mrs Bennett


Attachments

Community Events

National Online Safety

Admission arrangements consultation letter

Event Team Sponsors

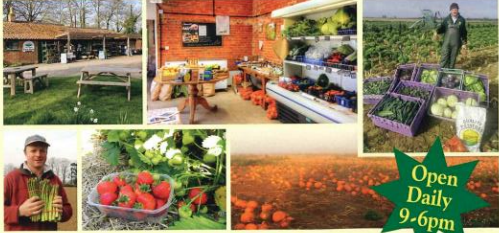


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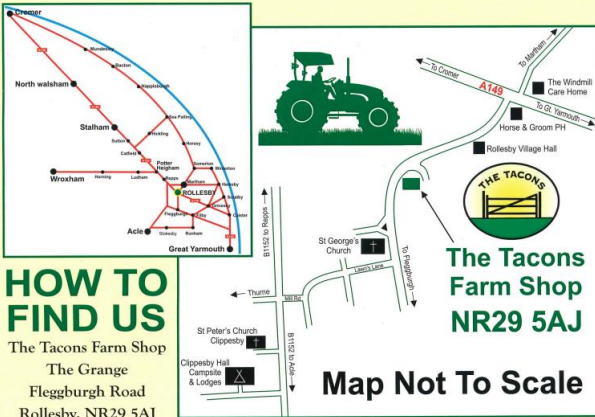
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Community Events

Hosted by
 Rollesby Community Woodland

ALL HALLOWSEST

Saturday 11-3
26TH OCTOBER
 @TACONS FARM ROLLESBY

COME ENJOY SOME HALLOWEEN FUN FOR THE
 KIDS AND ADULTS ALIKE.....

**STALLS - BBQ - DRINKS -
 SWEETS - UNICORN PONIES
 - POKÉMON CORNER**

Bring cash.
 Fancy dress encouraged

The Grange, Rollesby, NR29 5AJ



Baby Loss Awareness Week

9-15 October

Raising awareness
 one ribbon at a time

Together, we:

- Remember our babies
- Raise awareness of the support available
- Drive change to improve care and support, and save more babies' lives

Wave Of Light Service
 Sunday 13th October, 4pm
 Ormesby St. Margaret with Scratby Parish Church
 Yarmouth Road, Ormesby St. Margaret, NR29 3QB

A short service of candle lighting, music, prayer, and reflection.

ALL VERY WELCOME

For information contact Revd Jo Wood on revdjo@flegg.org.uk or call 07399 539159.



Find out more about the week and how to support babyloss-awareness.org

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Martham Academy Christmas Fayre

**SATURDAY 30TH
 NOVEMBER**


10AM-1PM

'Elfridges' department store

- Refreshments
- Tombola
- Craft stalls
- Raffle
- live pianist
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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about IN-GAME CHAT

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Video games are continuing to grow in popularity – including, of course, among children and young people – and the emergence of gaming communities has been accelerated by the inclusion of chat functionality across many different titles. While in-game chat isn't inherently a bad thing, it can create some concerns about online safety and the people that children might be interacting with.

DIFFERENT TYPES OF CHAT

There are a number of ways that gamers commonly chat with one another online. As the name would suggest, in-game chat happens within the game itself. There's also party chat: a group voice conversation that console users can have with anyone on the same platform. This tends to be more commonly used by players who already know each other. Finally, many gamers – especially on PC – will chat via a third-party app such as Discord.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

Whether it's text- or voice-based, in-game chat is frequently open to all players to use. Many games default to making it an opt-in function, but some don't: meaning a child could start seeing messages within the game from people they're playing with, regardless of whether they know those individuals or not. While most strangers won't necessarily have ill intent, there are some who may behave inappropriately when chatting to a child – intentionally or otherwise.

DANGER OF GROOMING

It's been reported that some young gamers have encountered older players online who pretend to be a lower age to manipulate children, sending gifts in exchange for chatting and sending photos. Just as on any messaging platform, it's good to advise young people to avoid speaking to strangers; emphasise that they shouldn't accept gifts from anyone online that they don't know.

BULLYING AND ABUSE

While some in-game chat can turn toxic because of how a match plays out, others turn that way because of people who engage in trolling – in essence, behaving in an offensive and abusive way simply to cause pain or get a rise out of whoever they're talking to. These 'trolls' often lean on racial slurs, anti-LGBT sentiment and other hateful rhetoric; they normally feel most confident preying on younger, more impressionable gamers.

POTENTIAL FOR PRIVATE CHAT

If a player would like a re-match with a stranger after meeting them in the game, they can send a friend request, or use the party chat together in the future. For the most part, this is harmless – but it might lead to messages being exchanged in private. This could then escalate to the sharing of private information, and potentially attempts to manipulate or scam younger players.

COMPETITIVE ATMOSPHERE

Certain games are very competitive, and players can sometimes get upset if they feel a teammate is underperforming, an opponent won unfairly, or they're just a bad loser. This can lead to unpleasant messages that stray away from playful 'trash talk' and wander into the territory of bullying. Some players have been known to get incredibly abusive in situations like this, and the impact of this on a young gamer's emotional wellbeing could be severe.

Advice for Parents & Educators

LOCK-DOWN IN-GAME CHAT

In-game chat can often be disabled in the game's settings. This allows children to play without risk of contact from strangers – but it will need to be done in each individual game. Text chat appears in the corner of the screen in many titles, so it's normally easy to take a quick glance and see what's being said. With voice chat, explain to children what behaviour is inappropriate, so they can spot the dangers themselves.

REPORT POTENTIAL OFFENDERS

Most games offer a robust means of reporting other players, so you can flag an account as potentially harmful. This normally leads to the account not being matched with yours in the future and, if that person's conduct breaks any of the game's rules, they may be banned from playing entirely. This is done within the game itself, so each title has a slightly different process, but these tend to be designed for simplicity.

CONSIDER OTHER CHAT OPTIONS

If a child wants to play with people they know, consider using party chat or a third-party service like Discord. This allows everyone involved to chat on a private server and even enjoy each other's company while playing different games. It's also far more secure, as anyone looking to join will need to request and be granted access – normally by whoever is hosting the chat.

COMMUNICATION IS KEY

Make sure children understand the differences between being competitive and being abusive. Talk about what constitutes unusual or inappropriate behaviour from strangers online. Be clear that if anything ever concerns or worries them, they should tell a trusted adult as soon as possible. Empower children to identify the risks of in-game chat for themselves and reassure them they won't get in trouble for seeking help if anything goes wrong.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is the Editor in Chief of GGRacon and has been working in the games media industry for five years. He's also a parent and therefore understands the importance of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his work has been published at sites including IGN, TechRadar, and plenty more.



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The National College

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RE: Consultation on admission arrangements

Dear **interested party**,

I am writing to notify you of the upcoming consultation on the academy's admissions policy. The consultation period will run from 2nd October 2024 until 13th November 2024; during this time, parents are invited to express their views and any concerns about the proposed changes to the admission arrangements at Flegg High Ormiston Academy.

In accordance with the DfE's 2021 statutory 'School Admissions Code' guidance, as a school we must consult on our admission arrangements when changes are proposed, and at least once every seven years.

To this end, the following amendments to our admission arrangements have been proposed:

- **To remove the option of travelling to the academy on the Flegg minibus as this is no longer running due to budget constraints.**

In accordance with statutory DfE guidance, the consultation will run for at least six weeks and, as an interested party at **Flegg High Ormiston Academy**, we are keen to hear your views on the proposed change therefore, we invite you to participate in the consultation if you have any concerns regarding the matter.

All responses to the consultation should be made in writing and submitted before 5pm on 13th November to: **Flegg High Ormiston Academy, Somerton Road, Martham, NR29 4QD** or principalsoffice@fleggoa.co.uk.

Please note that written responses should outline your personal details, including your name, address and relationship to the academy.

At the end of the consultation period, the governing board will meet to consider responses and submit a final policy to the Ormiston Academies Trust Board of Trustees for approval.

For further information regarding the consultation process, please refer to our proposal document, copies of which can be located on the academy website or in hard copy from the Principals Office. If you wish to further discuss this matter, or anything mentioned in this letter, please contact the Principals office on 01493 749207 or email principalsoffice@fleggoa.co.uk.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Jane Bennett

Principal