



Moments Matter, Attendance Counts

There is mounting evidence that shows that being in school has a significant positive impact on students' examination performance and future prospects. We are promoting not just attendance and engagement in lessons but in the whole school package. Our programme of House Activities, Extracurricular opportunities and social engagement builds important soft skills which show through in interviews and in other ways that our students meet with the wider world. We are encouraging students to make every moment matter.



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To promote a more positive attendance pattern, some families will be invited to meet with their child's BEST to discuss their attendance as part of an Attendance Review.

The meetings will take place using SchoolCloud, the platform we use for Parents' Evenings. The aim of the meeting is to identify ways that we can support the students and promote better attendance and engagement so that they do not miss out.

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If you missed the Year 11 Working Together Evening last night, please click [here](#) to view the information that was presented.

It has been great to see so many parents and carers at the Working Together Evenings which have taken place so far over this academic year, with the most recent being for Year 11. At these evenings, we have shown parents and carers how students benefit from the use of their Chromebooks, using them to access methodmaths.com for GCSE exam paper questions in Years 10 and 11 as well as accessing mymaths.co.uk and mathspad.com in lower school years. Thank you again to all parents/carers that have responded and contributed the £30 Chromebook maintenance payment. This contribution enables us to maintain the scheme for now and into the future. If you have any queries regarding this payment, please email office-tsa@yare-edu.org.uk



Safeguarding Focus

With World Religions Day on Sunday 21 January 2024 and Holocaust Memorial Day on Saturday 27 January 2024, we have reminded our students that we promote a culture of tolerance and respect for people of faith at School. Religious belief is one of the Protected Characteristics identified by the Government as requiring specific attention from society to stamp out prejudice and discrimination.



A person's faith can be seen through things that they do, or a dress code that they adopt, or a specific diet that they follow. Sometimes these activities single people out for attention and occasionally they are bullied or victimised.

At Thorpe St Andrew School and Sixth Form, we take a robust view of these behaviours. Any bullying behaviour is dealt with when it is brought to our attention - if there is evidence that the target was bullied for their faith, we will address that through an education programme managed by BEST.

We want to encourage an atmosphere of tolerance and respect, where different faiths can meet and discuss their similarities and differences. No-one should be made to feel uncomfortable for their religious beliefs.

Procedures for Emergency School Closure

In the event of the school needing to close for any reason, including severe weather, parents/carers will be informed by text message on the morning of the closure and learning will continue remotely via student's Google Classrooms. Please read the schools Contingency Plan [here](#).

If you have changed any contact details, please email office-tsa@yare-edu.org.uk with your updated information. Thank you.



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Join the Student Newsletter

We are looking for the following roles:

- **Editor:** Give directions: Manage the project.
- **Sports journalist:** watch and report on school sports events.
- **Opinion writer:** Communicate student feeling or experiences about the school and student issues.
- **Entertainment writer:** Write about current trends or events.
- **Interviewer:** Interview other students or staff
- **Photographer:** Capture the school and its events.

Perfect for students interested in student voice or a career in journalism. Run by an ex BBC journalist. Everyone welcome.

Contact Mrs Dunn or your English teacher for more details.

Monday 22nd January - LRC - 15:15.



Please click [here](#) for more information regarding the Big Sister Project which Riverside Gym in Norwich is taking part in.

Big Sister project

A space to discover your journey to getting active

Why not start the New Year with a new skill or hobby?!? Please click [here](#) to find what amazing Clubs TSAS have to offer!



Thursday 18 January 2024 - UEA NEACO Outreach, Uni Insight Day, Year 12 Parent Consultation Evening
Tuesday 23 January 2024 - Norfolk Schools Cross Country Championships, Year 12 Visit to the UEA Campus

Wednesday 24 January 2024 - Critical Screening - Alone in Berlin

Thursday 25 January 2024 - Year 10 RPE Deep Thinking Morning for Holocaust Memorial Day, Year 8 Parent Consultation Evening, please click [here](#) to book appointments

Friday 26 January 2024 - Year 10 RPE Deep Thinking Day

Check out our [website](#) for future dates.

Term Dates for 2024/2025 are [HERE](#).