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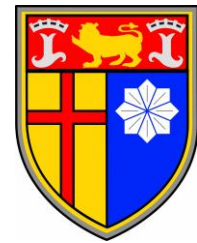
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Stalham High School Update June 2023

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

It is hard to believe we are entering the last half term of this academic year. It has been an incredibly busy one for staff and students alike and I would like to start by thanking all of our Parents and Carers for their support. I would also like to thank our Governors who give up so much time, voluntarily, to support the school. Please see below a short summary of last half term:

Students in Year 11 are in the midst of exams. It is always a difficult time as the weather turns and the temperatures rise but we all know those last few weeks and days are crucial in ensuring success. Whatever happens I know they are ready for the next stage of their education, training or employment and we all wish them every success.

Last half term was another very busy one with the additional excitement of our Ofsted inspection. The report will be emailed to all Parents and Carers when it is published.

Alongside that last half term included a huge range of activities and events including

- Trip to Bletchley Park
- Journalism Day
- STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) Flight Challenge
- Community Sports Foundation Day
- Cycling Tour of London
- Cultural Tour of London
- Arts Tour of London
- Road Safety Day
- Year 11 Maths and English preparation for GCSE exams day
- House Assemblies
- Year 7 Parents' Evening
- Year 10 Geography Field Trip to Cromer
- Inter-house "Mystery Scramble" competition
- Colour Run for Autism Awareness
- Many lunchtime and after-school clubs including Tennis, Rounders, Athletics, Cricket, Solace, Drama, Art Café, Aviation Club, and STEM to name a few
- Additional literacy and reading support
- Autism Ambassador training for students
- Peripatetic Music Lessons
- British Netball Super League Trip to London

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Alongside this, Year 11 students in particular have been working hard. We know they have appreciated the breakfast provided for them before exams and the pre-exam revision sessions. They have also been attending the wide range of revision sessions and Masterclasses at lunchtimes and after school.

As you know, our amended Behaviour Support Policy came into effect after Easter which has led to a calm and purposeful atmosphere in school. Students have adapted to the changes really well and we are really proud of what they have achieved regarding this and in the classroom.

You will also be aware that we had several new, permanent staff start with us at Easter including: Mr Rider (Music Teacher), Mr Semenczuk (D&T Teacher) Mrs Fairchild, Miss Bygrave and Mrs Yaxley (all English Teachers). A belated public welcome to you all and welcome to the team.

We also had a huge number of students take part in our colour run to raise awareness of neurodiversity. This is particularly important as we will be opening 'The Pad', our Specialist Resource Base, in September.

The Brilliant Club is something we signed up to this year, and we will continue to do so. Our Year 9 students follow a programme of study, similar to students at University with a University Tutor coming into school to mentor students. Alongside this, students have the opportunity to visit the partner University which helps them to develop their understanding of University life, finances and expectations. It is a very worthwhile programme, with excellent feedback from everyone involved.

As we look forward to this half term, we know it will be another busy one which includes our Year 6 transition days, the return of Work Experience week for all Year 10 students together with our Sports Day and Rewards Trips.

Finally, I would like to thank you all for your continued support

Yours faithfully

Mr A Ogle
Executive Headteacher



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