



STALHAM
HIGH SCHOOL



Half Term Update Autumn Term 2023

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Please find below this half terms update. I hope you find this useful. Our termly Newsletter will continue to be shared with you at the end of each term (Autumn, Spring and Summer).

Staff

This term we have been joined by a number of new staff who are already having a really positive impact. These include:

Mr Akers	Teacher of Maths
Mr Covington	Head of Science
Mrs Dale	Teacher of Art
Mr Storey	Teacher of Physical Education
Ms Dyble	Higher Level Teaching Assistant in the PAD
Ms Harris	Teaching Assistant in The PAD
Mrs Pitt	English Specialist Teaching Assistant
Mrs Wright	Careers Adviser (starting 30.10.2023)
Mrs Knights	Administrator and Receptionist (starting 30.10.2023)

Surveys

Thank you to all our parents and carers who have responded to our annual survey. The deadline for completion is Friday 20th October 2023. We have also launched our annual student survey too.

PAD Update

Our Specialist Resource Base, called 'The PAD' welcomed its first students this term. The PAD, which stands for Personal Development, Academic Success and Diversity and inclusion provides a more flexible and personalised education for students with autism is already a huge success for these students. Sadly, places in the PAD are not available to everyone, places are allocated via Local Authority SRB panel.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award

We are so pleased to launch this opportunity for students and we have had a huge amount of enthusiasm and interest from students. We have an annual plan in place so that we can gradually increase the number of students given this opportunity each year.

F24 Racing Project

The F24 build project is well under way. The Year 10 team, working in school every Thursday, have the frame of the car almost assembled, and the design and PR teams are in full swing. You can follow the progress of the build on social media. If you are local business owner and potentially interested in sponsoring the car in exchange for advertising space on the car please contact AMinns@stalhamhigh.org.uk so that we can further your enquiry.

Alongside all of the above there has once again been a wide range of activities and opportunities for students this half term including

- Our Core Information Evening for parents and carers
- Post-16 providers visits to year 11 students to share information about Sixth Forms and Colleges
- Geography Field Trips
- Year 6 Open Evening
- Inter-House competitions
- The Synergy Games sports competition between Synergy Trust Schools
- Macmillan Coffee Morning
- Our partnership with Stalham Netball Academy
- Trip to The Globe Theatre in London
- Our range of clubs including Aviation Club, Solace / LGBTQ, Dungeons and Dragons club, Theatre Group, Music Lessons, Ukelele group, Rock band and Lego Club, to name a few
- A large number of sports clubs and fixtures in Rugby, Netball and Football.

The vast majority of students have responded well to the changes we have made to school this term. We are very impressed with their ability to work with us as we continue to improve standards in and around school. The efficient education of children is heavily reliant on parental support and encouragement. We do not take for granted the support you continue to provide and for looking to work together to help your child reach best outcomes.

Have a fantastic half term. Students return on Monday 30th October 2023

Finally, thank you to you all for your continuing kindness and support. It is genuinely appreciated

Best wishes

Mr Alastair Ogle
Executive Headteacher