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DOWNHAM MARKET
ACADEMY

Friday 14 May 2021

As students in Year 11 and 13 finalise their portfolios of evidence that will be used to determine their overall grades this year, we have been so impressed by their dedication and enthusiasm to give their best. We don't underestimate the disruption Covid-19 has had on their learning over the last two years and we are pleased to be able to provide them with the grades they deserve.

End of year exams are coming up for Year 10 students (starting Monday June 14) – more details will be shared with parents & carers next week on how you can support thorough and productive revision at home in the coming weeks to ensure your child is successful. We will also begin more focused support for students in making appropriate choices for the next stage of their education at the end of Year 11.

We were pleased to share details of the gradual relaxation of Covid-19 restrictions with the community earlier this week. Whilst we whole-heartedly support the national effort in reducing transmission of the virus, we are very keen to return to normality in a safe way so that learning and social experiences can be maximised.

On that, all students in Year 8 will have the exciting opportunity to join us on a day out to either Eaton Vale activity centre and Years 9 & 10 on a day to the Go Ape centre at High Lodge in Thetford. We hope that everyone will come along for a day of fun and adventure at the end of what will have been another very challenging year for our young people. We want to reward them for their continued good nature and hard work this year.

The canteen goes from strength to strength with lots of new dishes being prepared and students being able to give their feedback on what they like. We have brightened the main serving area with a bold new colour scheme and very soon large menu boards will be put up so students can see what is on offer each day.

With warmer weather arriving, it is lovely to see students able to enjoy our large outside spaces more with games of football, rounders and basketball as well as chatting with friends. We will very soon begin the first phase of landscaping the "playground" area so that it provides more comfort and quiet places to eat and socialise with friends.

Finally, we bid Mr Hewett a fond farewell last week as he joins a school in Norwich as their Deputy Headteacher. Our other Mr Hewitt has been appointed as our new Deputy Headteacher and will continue our drive for excellence in teaching and learning.

Have a good weekend

Mark Eastwood (Senior Deputy Headteacher)

Downham Market Academy's Pledge for Safe Communities

Our staff and students united in a special event to make personal pledges to promote safety in our school and local community.

DMA and Athena College held a three-week PSHE focus on what makes a safe community, understanding anti-social behaviour and taking personal responsibility as well as learning how to take care of our own personal safety and well-being. Every student in our school, as well as teaching staff, made a special personalised pledge towards creating a safe environment in and out of school.

Representatives from each tutor group attended a ceremony on Wednesday morning to hang their group's pledges onto our front fence – a symbol that we as a school are united in wanting to provide a safe environment for all.

A big thank you for all the heartfelt pledges - each one reflects our supportive and kind individuals who make up our amazing community.

Mrs Lonsdale

Head of PSHE, SRE & Careers



Art

Students in Year 7 investigated why colour is important, using Brusho water-soluble inks.



Year 8s experimented with watercolour paints, and explored the work of Georgia O'Keeffe.

Students in Year 9 examined digital artists such as Yukai Du and Alexis Franklin and used them as points of inspiration to create their own exceptional digital outcomes. Digital drawings were made using the Sketchbook app on iPads.





EATON VALE
scout & guide activity centre

Year 8
21 June or 12 July



Two activities
(one water & one land)

Have a great time with
friends

Parents have consent
forms & details via email

Needs to be completed by
next Friday

Just £7 each



Year 9 & 10
6,7,8 or 9 July

Treetop adventure

Ground-based team games

Personal downtime

Have a great time with friends

Parents have consent forms &
details via email

Needs to be completed by next
Friday

Just £32 each

