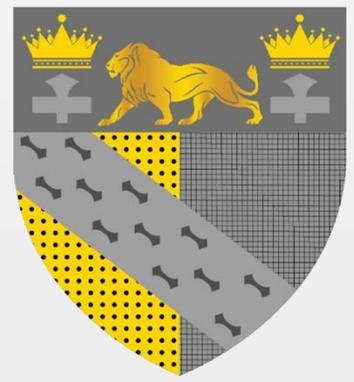


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Wednesday 21 July 2021

I'm pretty sure that parents and carers have grown to dread emails from the school over the last week or so as we succumbed to an outbreak of Covid-19. This is not the end to the year that we had hoped for where for so many months, our school has not only *coped* under the shadow of the pandemic but has *thrived*. The last few days have shown what tremendous community spirit we have and we are very grateful for all of the support from parents and carers.

This final newsletter of this academic year highlights some of the great things that have taken place over the last couple of weeks and gives a flavour of what might possible in the new academic year.

We already have plans for a new rewards policy to recognise more frequently the fantastic achievements of our students; both local and national trips for all students across a range of subject areas; an extensive and diverse range of extracurricular clubs supported by free transport home; new subjects being taught at KS3 and KS4; a new programme of personal development for all students and more intensive advice around careers and next steps in education and innovations in teaching and learning.

Thank you again for all your support over the last year – during a year that has been challenging, exhausting yet highly rewarding.

Have a great summer

Mark Eastwood



An exciting development for Athena Sixth Form College from September 2022 is the offer of a "Football & Education Programme" in association with Norwich City Football Club. We are in advanced talks to bring this fantastic programme to Downham Market and hope that lots of our current Year 10 students and beyond will choose to stay and take part. More details will be shared in the new year but for now you can see what the programme entails by looking at one of their existing offers [here](#)

There has been lots happening across our family of schools, the Eastern Alliance that you can read about in the [Trust summer newsletter](#)

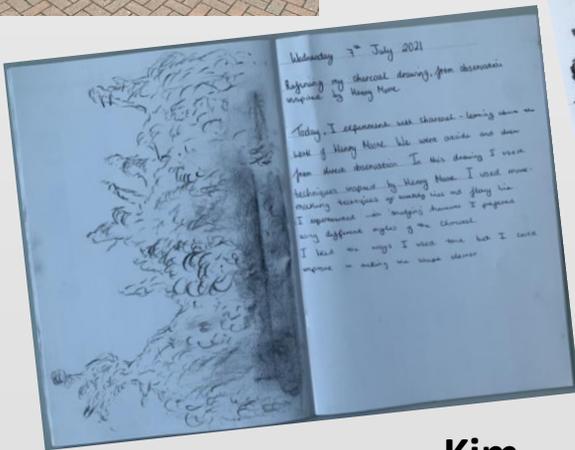


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Amazing Art



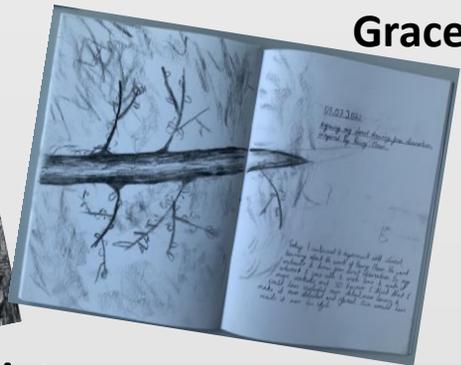
Year 8s continued learning about Henry Moore's artwork, experimenting with charcoal and to create an expressive drawing, "en plein air," in his style.



Kim



Harriet



Grace

Aiden



Students in Year 7 experimented by using everyday art materials in ways we might not expect – here they used an eraser to create a 'ghost drawing' by lifting the graphite background away.

Harvey



Rafe



Leon



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Athena's Year 12 UCAS Day (lead by Miss Evans- Ali), was a real success and proved fruitful and productive for our Year 12 students as they begin to think about life after Athena. Presentations and talks in the hall and workshops in the Study Centre created a real buzz of a working atmosphere. Exciting universities, exciting cities and exciting experiences were the flavour of the day, alongside hot-chocolate, coffees and cake! We are looking forward to the next UCAS event.



EDUCATION EDUCATION EDUCATION

DMA's first outdoor production was a "real smash hit"! Students, parents/carers and staff absolutely loved the 90's show, accompanied by some fantastic music. Set at the Athena Sixth Form College, over one hundred students took part in *Education, Education, Education* as either a principal character, a chorus member or as part of the band. Students have committed to weeks of after school rehearsal, line learning and practising; it's been inspiring to work with such talented and confident young adults. Despite worrying about the weather, a few wet days forcing us to take our rehearsals indoors, the students rose to the occasion magnificently.

It was wonderful to see everyone having such a great time, actors, singers, musicians and audience alike enjoyed the sunshine and arts for the evening.

Miss Chapman & Miss Harris



NHS Junior Health Academy

Year 10 Health and Social students have had the opportunity to be involved in the NHS Junior Health Academy. They have had a nice week learning about different job roles such as social care; midwifery; paediatrics and radiology to name only a few.

Students really enjoyed the opportunity and feedback was very positive...

"creative" "Enjoyed spending time with different people" "A very active and engaging week"

"A change from the normal" "It's been fun & interesting" "Nice to use our imagination and be creative"





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To celebrate this year's Euros, as a student executive, we decided to organize a 5-a-side Euros tournament. Luckily, we managed to get 4 fantastic teams on board: England (captained by Tilly Sands), Scotland (captained by Max Pike), Hungary (captained by Eliza Lewis-Bragg) and North Macedonia (captained by Jensen Kavaney). After the group stage, Scotland and North Macedonia were the top two teams, and so went to the final. In the 3rd place playoff, England thrashed Hungary 9-0. In the final, it was a tense game and went to penalties, which was eventually won by Scotland's Sam Castley. Thank you to all the teams that participated and hopefully in the future more will join!!

Thank you, Ellie Ruskin and Grace Spencer



SPORTS

Friday 2nd July played host to “Sportsday 2021” here at DMA. Moving away from a traditional track and field event, pupils could participate in the new Lap Races and Relays, as well as Rounders, Football and Tug of War Teams! Levels of participation were fantastic across the Houses.

It was **Dyson** who came out victorious when all the results were in – the first time since the inception of the current House names.

TOTAL POINTS 2021				
Event	PEAKE	DUFFY	HOLMES	DYSON
Year 7	83	78	78	79
Year 8	83	72	87	64
Year 9	50	70	72	89
Year 10	68	27	30	75
TOTAL	284	247	267	307

As soon as the PE Department were given the nod, our extra-curricular programme opened up with gusto! Offering as many activities as we could staff, pupils signed up in great numbers for Trampolining, Cricket, Rounders, Tennis and Golf to name a few. The latter highlighting one a many links DMA PE have made with local leisure suppliers to provide the DMA pupils with even greater opportunity to enjoy physical activity.

West Norfolk Rowing Club opened their doors to a new squad of U12 Rowers for a Junior Learn to Row Course – of which DMA pupils filled the places! The rowers are learning about technique, safety, boats, equipment and fitness. Potential Olympic medal winners come 2028!

A special mention also to Daisy, a member of Marquette’s Baton Twirlers.

Daisy recently competed in the BBTSA National Spring Cup where she gained a National Spring Cup Sash by winning the Junior 2 Dance Twirl. She also came second in Solo and third in Two Baton. Competition has been difficult during the pandemic with no training available in halls and competitions being hosted virtually. One competition Daisy competed in whilst in her front room via zoom saw her place first in Vertical Contact, earning her first **BBTSA Golden Extravaganza Title**. This is a result of Daisy’s dedication where she practices daily and trains up to 7 hours a week. Congratulations Daisy!

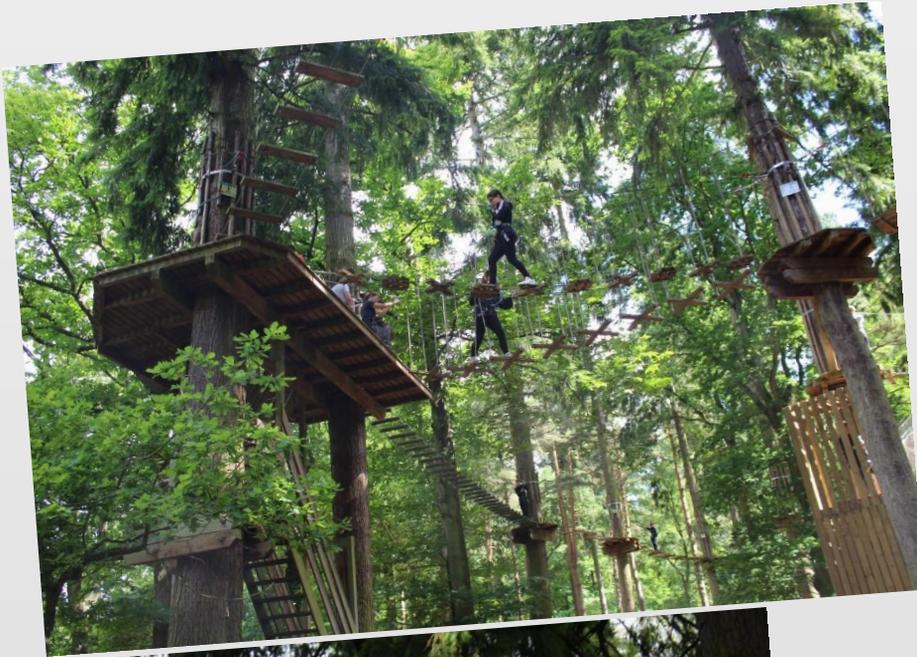
It has been a fully packed summer!

Roundup

Go Ape!

LIVE LIFE
ADVENTUROUSLY

Year 9 students have had a brilliant time swinging through the trees and competing in team games during their trip to Go Ape, High Lodge. It was brilliant to see students working together, having fun and supporting each other throughout the day with a smile on their faces.



Year 8 all went to Eaton Vale for an exciting day of outdoor pursuit activities. Activities being led by excellent instructors included : canoeing, kayaking, rafting, buggy board making, rifle shooting , axe throwing & trapeze High Wire.

“Awesome “, “ Never thought I would do that”, “ What fun”, “ Didn’t realise Mrs Norman liked to jump into the river, she’s crazy!!” were just some of the reactions to an outstanding two days for Year 8



eaton vale
scout and guide activity centre





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Short Breaks

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In an emergency 999



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Hunstanton

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Norfolk Family Mediation

01603 620588

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