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DOWNHAM MARKET  
ACADEMY

Friday 23 April 2021

We've really enjoyed the warm weather this week and it has been great to see so many students enjoying lesson activities outside in languages, science and English where I enjoyed being part of a battle of words with Year 10 students who were learning about the family feud in Romeo & Juliet.

It is also great to see our students able to relax or play different sports on the field over social times now. These breaks during lessons are a great way to recharge in the short term but physical exercise and fresh air are so important for mental health and wellbeing.

In PSHE this term we are looking at safety and have asked all students and staff for feedback on how safe they feel in the school and local community. We're really pleased with feedback so far and encourage anybody who does feel unsafe, for whatever reason, to come and talk to a member of staff.

As Year 11 and 13 students complete their final assessments towards final grades, we are also busy preparing for a virtual transition event for our new Year 7s too.

The canteen has grown in popularity over the course of the week and student feedback has been really positive – next week's menu will provide more choice of fresh, home-made options. We're also looking for a name for the canteen – please do email over any ideas!

Mark Eastwood

Senior Deputy Headteacher



# Geography competition for Year 7

As a part of the Sustainability unit, our Year 7 Geographers will be taking part in Transport East's **Transport for a Greener World Competition**. As the generation who will be travelling to jobs, shops and services in the next 30 years, Transport East need their ideas to help them create a cleaner, greener and healthier region for us all.

Transport East are hosting a creative writing/arts competition for pupils to tell them what they would like for the future of travel around their homes. The theme is 'transport for a greener world' and are asking students to get creative!

Pupils will be creating a piece of poetry, a song, drawing, painting or collage to present their ideas for a cleaner and greener future for transport. The winner will be awarded with a gift voucher and their ideas will be used in Transport East's plan.

# Year 10 Empowerment Days

It is important that young people are exposed to a variety of role models, ideas and a wealth of experiences that broaden their horizons and support them in making informed life choices. Along this theme, on Thursday and Friday this week, Year 10 girls and boys had two days off timetable to build their aspirations for their future's, both academically and in their personal and social standing. The sessions delivered at Athena College included

**Norfolk Constabulary** – personality types quiz, linking this to careers and mapping out a personalised future path

**KD Academy** – a local drama company bringing the empowerment themes to life

Girls had guest speakers from Arbonne UK who, as a company, has its mission statement to “build resilience and confidence in teenagers” and then learned more about period care, contraceptives, sexual health and healthy relationships

Boys enjoyed sessions on testosterone and body image, contraceptives, sexual health and healthy relationships

The theme of the second day was preparation for their Mock Exams in June 2021. Students explored revision techniques, effective use of the iPad and creating a revision timetable for their exams this summer. We also investigated positive mental health and wellbeing; a crucial element for them to be sustainably successful. Finally, students accessed a brand-new Virtual Work Experience package where they could explore different career pathways and reflect upon their post-16 options.

The students enjoyed the two days participating in all the activities that took them safely out of their comfort zones to help them grow and develop. They had the opportunity to wear business dress and their manner and professionalism they showed would ensure that if they had been walking into an interview, they all would have got the job!



# Education, Education, Education.

Auditions for this year's school play were a rip roaring success with a hugely talented group of 62 students taking part. It was probably the most difficult evening I have ever encountered at DMA because I felt that each and every student was deserving of a role in Education, Education, Education. As such, the cast list has been posted and all students who auditioned have made it in – this is most certainly going to be a show you won't want to miss.



During the last two sessions, on a Monday at 3pm until 4:15pm in A5 or outside (weather dependant), we have been exploring a comedic play set in a London comprehensive school in 1997. Students have improvised classroom scenes in which some riveting topic is being explained whilst a gang of naughty children flick ink, make paper aeroplanes and apply make up in the background (I am sure none of these ideas have come from student life at DMA!). It's been hilarious to watch our students performing as teachers, however it does make me wonder where they get their inspiration for this either overly enthusiastic madmen or contrastingly dull sloths.

Over the next coming weeks we will begin blocking, rehearsing and polishing scenes ready for our shows on the 13th and 14th of July, which will take place at West Acre Theatre at their outdoor auditorium; details will follow regarding purchasing tickets. If your child would like to be involved but has not yet expressed an interest, please encourage them to come and find me in A5 or to speak to their Drama teacher in PC1. Unfortunately, the main roles have been cast but there will be space for newcomers in the ensemble should they wish to partake.

Miss Chapman

Head of Drama

## Teachers

Ella Webb  
Katie Griffiths  
Robert Waring  
Charlie Weldrick  
Aaron Clavey  
Evelyn Palmer  
Pheobe Langley  
George Carpenter  
Pip Wright  
Erin Jeary  
Ellie Gallagher  
Mia Fouracre  
Scarlett Cromarty

## Students

Harrison Martin  
Jac Eaglen  
Evey Cornelious  
Izzy Lanchester  
Kerry Lovell  
Abi Harrod  
Tom Brennan  
Kai Edwards  
Ben Vardy  
Florence Wright  
Basketball Team  
Lee Clifton  
Lydia Callaby  
Erin Thorpe  
Tommy Nelson  
Kacey Welland  
Lucy Hammond  
Arealla Grunburg  
Georgina Knapp  
Sophie Briffit  
Maddie Cooper  
Ellen Jenner

## Ensemble X

Emily Hooker  
Evie Beauhanan  
Grace Atwell  
Elsie Lawes  
Claris Cavell  
Elisha May  
Erin Thorpe  
Tommy Nelson  
Lucy Hammond  
Arealla Grunburg  
Maddie Cooper  
Ellen Jenner  
George Carpenter  
Roan Cromarty  
Tristan Cornelious  
Brooke Robinson  
Alex Fouracre  
Tommy Nelson  
Izzy Lanchester  
Evelyn Palmer  
Daisy Harrod  
Gracie Cole  
Sophie Ward  
Madeline Hunt  
Abby Bamber  
Alice Hornsby  
Harrison Martin

## Ensemble Y

Emily Passmore  
Eloise Reed  
Anne-Marie Oceo-Barnes  
Bethan Dobson  
Amelia Secker  
Erin Nichol  
Lee Clifton  
Lydia Callaby  
Ava Forrester  
Georgina Knapp  
Kacey Welland  
Cameron Jackson  
Sophie Briffitt  
Grace Gallagher  
Chloe Partridge  
Evey Cornelious  
Sophie Dunsmore  
Jac Eaglen  
Abi Harrod  
Pheobe Langley  
Ella Walsh  
Isabella Mitchell  
Florence Wright  
Scarlette Burton  
Kaitlyn Jones  
Chloe Hall  
Ksenya Hanslip

# Upcoming events & dates for the diary

Parents' Evenings	
Year 7	Thursday 6 May 2021
Year 8	Thursday 25 March 2021
Year 9	Thursday 26 November 2020
Year 10	Thursday 4 February 2021
Year 11	Thursday 21 January 2021

Term dates		
Term	Starts	Ends
Autumn 1	<del>7/8 September 2020</del>	<del>23 October 2020</del>
Autumn 2	2 November 2020	<del>18 December 2020</del>
Spring 1	4 January 2021	12 February 2021
Spring 2	22 February 2021	26 March 2021
Summer 1	<del>12 April 2021</del>	28 May 2021
Summer 2	7 June 2021	21 July 2021