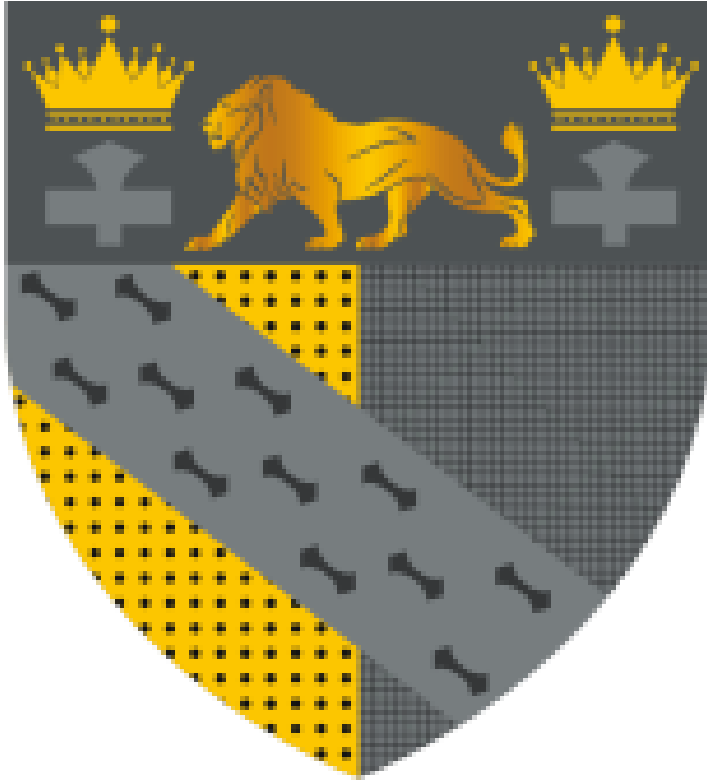




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Newsletter

13 October 2025

It's a jam-packed newsletter this week, with a raft of sports fixtures and students being recognised for their outstanding attitude to learning. Best wishes for the week ahead!
Natalie



Upcoming events & Notices

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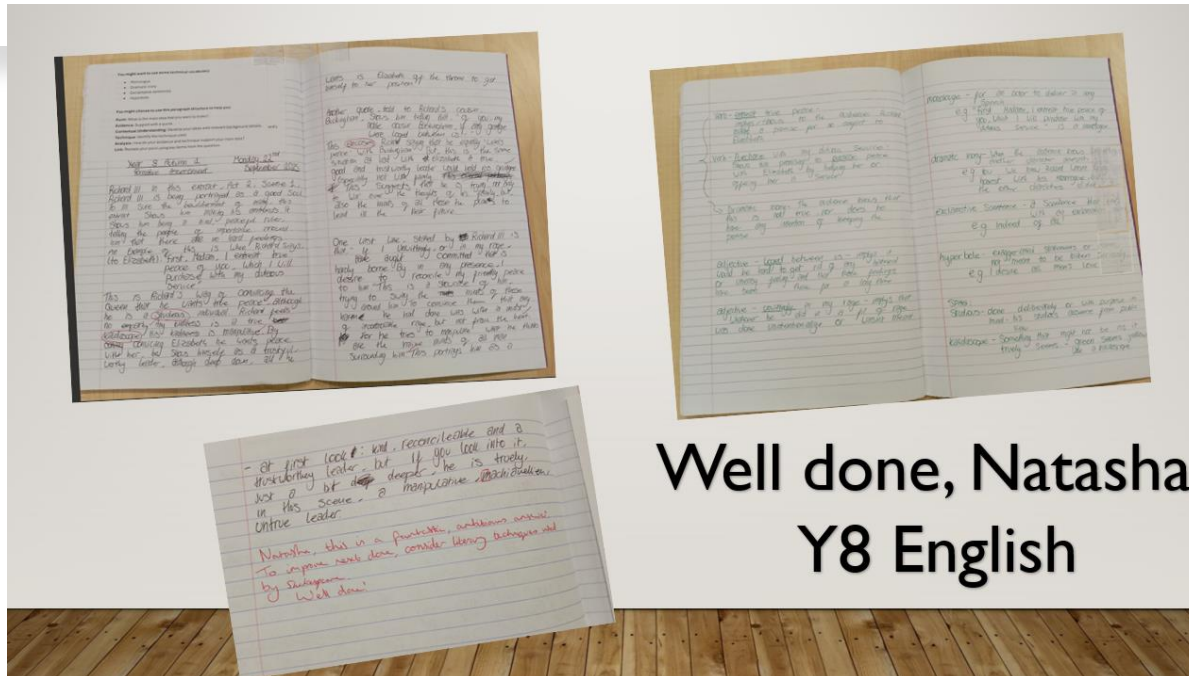
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	PSHE focus
			Extended assembly Year 8	Extended assembly Year 7	How can speaking up change what happens around me?

Notices

Don't forget DMA is a **nut free school**; please ensure packed lunches don't contain any items containing nuts.

Work of the Week

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Well done, Natasha.
Y8 English



Outstanding Attitude to Learning

Our congratulations go to the DMA and Athena students listed below who all achieved at least **80% Outstanding attitude to learning** grades this half term. They have made an exceptional start to the new academic year and have each been awarded 25 house points. Keep up the amazing work!

Ruby C Year 8, Alex L Year 10, Isabelle B Year 11, Keira C-P Year 11, Talia C Year 11, Laura D Year 11, Mirella P Year 11, Sapphire R Year 11, Cherish S Year 11, Harry T Year 11, Arthur W Year 11,
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Farah A, Shay B, Isabella G, Milo P, Chris B, Summer B, Ellen B, Imogen E, Freya G, Ruby N, Archie R-S, Robin S



Sports News

District Cross Country Qualifier @ SHS

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District Cross Country 2025



Our County Cross Country
Qualifiers

CROSS COUNTRY FUN @ SPRINGWOOD

A beautiful evening at Springwood High School for the annual Cross Country.

Excellent performances from our DMA students. Our top 10 qualifiers for the Regional event where as follows;

Yr 7 Adrian

Yr 7 Freya

Yr 8 Toby

Yr 9 Oliver

Yr 9 Maddison (not pictured)

Well done all!

Sports News

District Festival @ Nicholas Hammonds

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Yr 9 Girls Football Team @ District Festival



YR 8 & 9 Girl's Football Festival

9 girls football team had a great afternoon at today's football tournament. 2 wins (1-0, 3-0) and 1 loss (0-1). Goals from Taylor DN, Evie D and Brooke V. POTT Maddie E who made some excellent and epic saves throughout.

Miss Offler

Also playing but not pictured were the Year 8 girls. Year 8 girls football team also had an amazing afternoon, with all games being a draw (0-0, 0-0, 2-2). Both goals coming from Emma G with some fantastic strikes. POTT was Emma G who not only scored both of our goals but created lots of chances for others.

Miss Laverty

Sports News

District Netball Fixture, Away v KLA

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YR 7 START CAMPAIGN WITH A W!

Amazing performance by all with a 4-2 win over KLA. Even though this was the majority of their first full game of netball they played so well. Our POTT, voted by myself and KLA, was Maizie who scored all 4.

Miss Laverty

Sports News

District Football Fixtures, Away v KLA

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YR 7 BATTLE WELL

Mixed emotions for the yr 7 boys football team. After scoring 7 goals last week with ease we could only manage to hit the bar three times this afternoon. Not a complete reflection of the game losing 4-0 to KLA.

Mr Dobson



YR 9 CONTINUE TO IMPRESS

The Year 9 football team won 6-4 thanks to a Freddie hattrick, Lucas goal and 2 own goals.

Assist by:

Harry

Tia

Joshua x2

Solid attacking performance.

Mr Alexander

Sports News

Yr 7 Rugby Team at County Festival

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YR 7 RUGBY DAZZLE IN COUNTY FESTIVAL, WINNING 3 OUT OF 4 MATCHES

The Year 7 rugby team started with a 8-4 win vs North Walsham. Some dazzling footwork from Adrian and some strong running and tackling from Tadek had a huge impact on the game.

Game two saw a tightly contested game against KLA, with the side narrowly winning 4-2.

In our third game the year 7s had a really tough battle against Lynn Grove. DMA narrowly won 4-3 tries with Tadek 2, Noelia and Adrian scoring.

In the final game the side played some great rugby, but a strong Thetford side were too good on the day winning 6-3. A resilient performance from the side with Noelis scoring a superb try.

POTT voted by the side went to Mr sidestep himself, Adrian.

Community Updates



Jayden B from Year 7 has been successful in his Goalkeeper trails for Peterborough United U12s. He also plays for Wilburton football club! Well done Jayden, keep up the hard work and we look forward to seeing further updates.



Community Updates

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Lynne Martin from FoDMA is doing Skydiving from 13,000ft this Saturday, from Beccles aerodrome in aid of East Anglian Children's Hospices. Good luck Lynne!

Lynne donates her time and organises events to fundraise vital funds which support various school events. If you would like to support Lynne, please use the link below: https://www.justgiving.com/page/lynne-martin-2?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL

FoDMA would love to welcome new friends to join the group to support DMA with all the wonderful upcoming events. The AGM is on the 11th November, and we would love for you to come along and check out the upcoming events on offer. **More details to follow in coming weeks.**

Celebrating success

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Year 7

It's nearly Panto season which can only mean one thing!

Year 7, who wants to go and see Jack and the Beanstalk at the Corn Exchange in Kings Lynn?

Watch out for details coming to your inbox very soon!

Year 8

Another great week for Year 8!

This week, our PD Tutor Nomination was Alex M. for achieving 2 grades above their previous assessment. Our PD Tutor Group of the week was 8.03!

Year 9

Our top 3 students for house points this week are: Still on the lead G.P. with 67 points followed by S C-B with 65 and in third place following close is E.F. with 49. Amazing work guys!

Year 10

Another week down with assessments starting to kick in. It has been great to see the effort from year 10 students in completing these assessments. A special shoutout to the Health and Social Care classes who Miss Gunns tells me are doing very well.

Year 11

The November exams are getting closer and students have been working on their revision timetables in form, which is excellent. Please check your emails as the link for leavers hoodies has gone out, the shop is open until 24th October

Sixth form News

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Our Year 13 Health and Social Care students have been attending Downham Dementia Cafe. This week they were up dancing with individuals and signing along to the Rock Choir. They are a credit to Athena and have planned some lovely activities to do when we go again in a couple of weeks.



This was a great experience for the students and gave them an insight to options for their future.