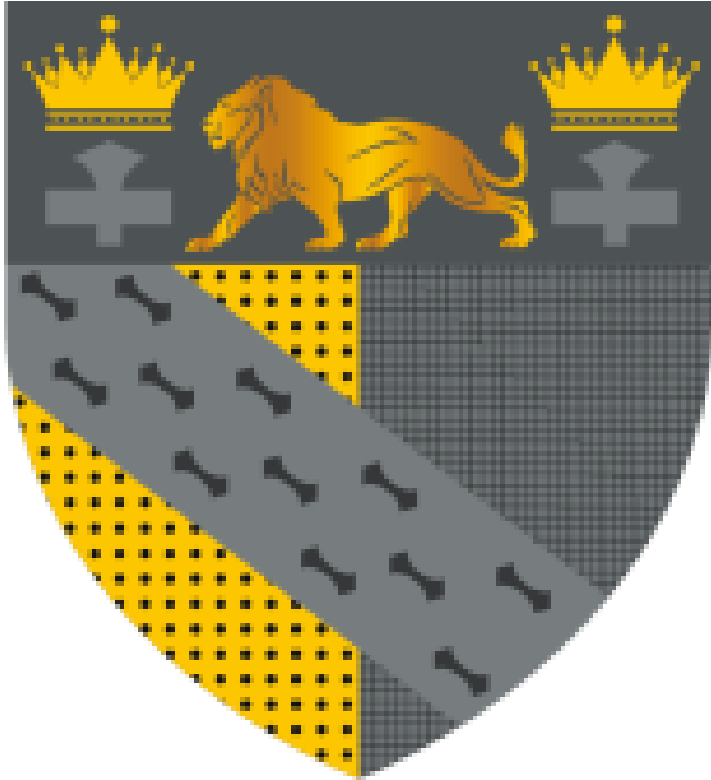




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Newsletter

20 October 2025

As we come to the end of the half term it's wonderful to be able to reflect on student success. As well as this week's "work of the week" I hope you enjoy seeing the completed display from this half term.

Best wishes for the coming week,
Natalie



Upcoming events & Notices

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Monday		Tuesday	Wednesday		Thursday	Friday	PSHE focus
Extended Year 11	Assembly	Extended Assembly Year 10	Extended Year 9	Assembly Year 9	Half term break	Half term break	How can my voice be used to make positive change?
			Careers guidance meetings – Meeting room 1 - SPS				

Notices

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

Please be mindful of our neighbours when picking up/dropping off students, particularly directly outside the school. For school events please use the school car park and ensure you follow guidance given in entering your registration at Reception.

Work of the Week

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Eyjafjallajökull eruption

Location- D6

Equipment - Laptop, TV screen, Work sheets, white board, white board pen (x2 colors)

Aim- To state what happened at the Eyjafjallajökull [eruption](#)

Objectives:

- To understand the course of the eruption

Introduction:

First, I will check current understanding of knowledge on the Eyjafjallajökull eruption by using the big white board and getting them to do a mind map. This will stay there until the end of the lesson so they can add to it for a consolidation [task](#)

Development:

First, we will start with the general geographics of the location to understand the potential impacts of an eruption.

Then we will do onto explaining the plate tectonics underneath the Iceland and how it's got extremely thin crusts which is why Iceland is so prone to having volcanic eruptions.

Then we will move onto the effects of the eruption by explaining the effects like earthquakes (3.1 magnitude) and extreme flooding

Finally we will move on to the impact of the Eyjafjallajökull eruption where we will explain impacts whilst also explaining the amount of money lost.

Consolidation:

I will be getting the class to go back up to the white board and write down what they have now learnt and compare it to what they already knew. This will be done in a different color pen if available.

Timings

- Intro 3 minutes
- Development 9 minutes
- Consolidation 3 minutes

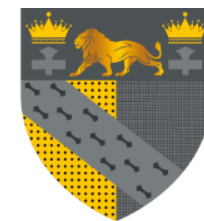
All depending on the prior knowledge of the students in the class and how quickly they can take notes.

An amazing Geography
Lesson planned by A Level
students

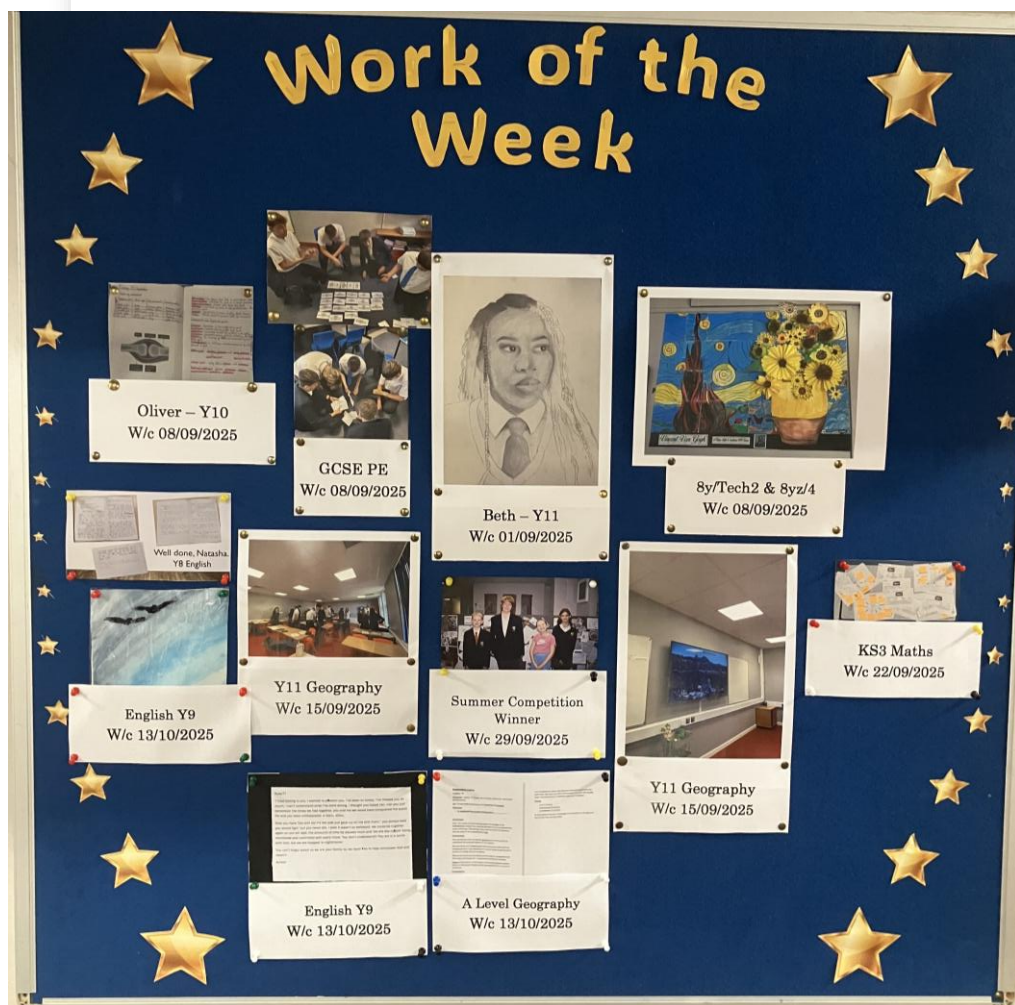


Celebrating the half term

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Amazing work
by students
from year 7-13



Sports News

Yr 9 Girls Football County Cup v Springwood

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YR 9 COUNTY CUP VICTORY!

7-0 win for the girls- All the girls played brilliant and were solid both in attack and defence. Goals from Taylor D-Nx 3, OG x2 (Tia R assist for both), Taliyah and Evie D and a couple of assists from Ruby C. POM Tia for excellent non stop work down the wing.

Miss War

Sports News

Yr 11 Netball team at District Tournament

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Yr 11 Netball District Qualifier

YR 11 PLACE 3RD IN DISTRICT TOURNAMENT

The girls claimed victory against St Clements (7-1), Hamond (5-2), and Marshland (4-3), showcasing great skill and coordination on court. They narrowly missed out on wins in some tightly contested matches, with close losses to KES (6-7), Litcham (3-5), and Springwood (0-5). win for the girls- All the girls played brilliant and were solid both in attack and defence.

Miss Offler

Sports News

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Yr 9 Netball District Tournament

YR 9 PLACE JOINT 3RD IN DISTRICT TOURNAMENT

Year 9 girls played well in their district tournament this evening coming away with a joint 3rd place after 1 win, 1 draw and 2 losses. All the girls showed great resilience in all their games and there was some great defensive play from Anya, Harriet and Lily.

Miss Webber

Sports News

Yr 7 Football County Cup v Aylesham

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YR 7 NARROWLY EXIT COUNTY CUP

The Year 7 boys football team narrowly exited the County Cup with a 1-0 defeat to Aylesham at home.

A tight game but good luck to AHS in the next round. The group will now enter the plate as a result of exiting the first round.

Mr Dobson

Who to contact?



General queries – email your child's form tutor via edulink

Pastoral questions and concerns that haven't been resolved by form tutor – email your child's Head of Year

Subject/lessons – email the specific lesson teacher via edulink. If it is not possible for the teacher to resolve your question please forward your email to the Head of Department for the subject. A list of Heads of Department can be accessed here dma.tela.org.uk/about/staff-list

Safeguarding concerns – please email our safeguarding team worried@dma.tela.org.uk or reach out directly to Mr Swatman

In addition, please do reach out to Dr Paine directly if you would like to discuss anything further. Meetings can be arranged via her PA, please email kcoupland@dma.tela.org.uk

Pupil Premium

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As an Academy we are keen to support all of our students and their families. Please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's Head of Year to discuss the help the school can offer. This could be support towards the provision of uniform items, access to support services, contributions towards school trips or resources. We can tailor the support to the individual family that needs it.

Also, please don't forget that you can check if you are eligible and apply for free school meals via Norfolk County Council using this link norfolk.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

Celebrating success

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Year 7

It's the last week of this half term already.

This half term there have been so many successes for Year 7; DMA football and rugby team matches, dance performances, students being accepted onto football elite programmes as well as the mind-blowing number of House Points earned by Year 7!

Have a wonderful half term and recharge those batteries Year 7.

Year 8

Well done Year 8! It's been a great first half term and Mr Arrowsmith and Miss Walpole have really enjoyed getting to know you all and celebrating your achievements. Wishing you all a well-deserved break!

Year 9

We are in the last few days of half term and we want to see your best work yet! Our house point competition has still George as the leader followed very closely by Saffron and Eloise. What an amazing effort this term! Have a lovely holiday!

Year 10

A big well done to Lydia W who has the most house points in year 10 so far at 59! Form 10.09 is leading the way with 287 house points.

Year 11

Year 11 have the most House Points of any year group. Wow! Well done! Student exam timetables are now available to view on Edulink, please can they familiarise themselves with the different locations/seating for each exam. These start Monday 3rd November

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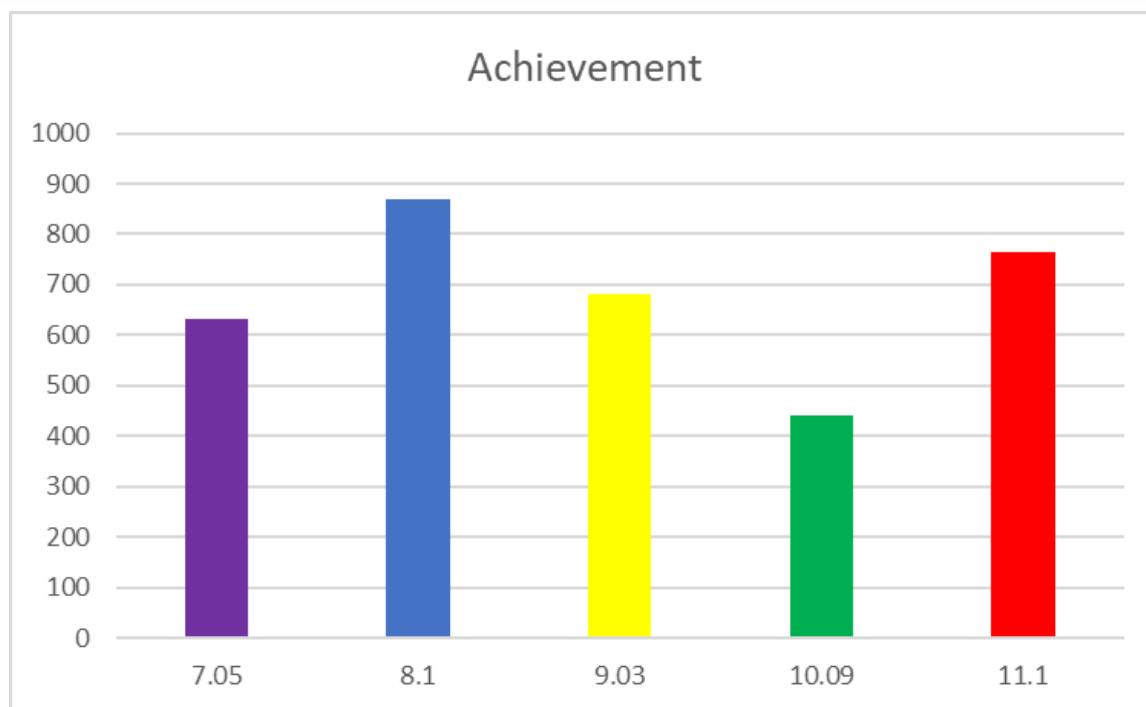
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- A congratulations to our aspiring veterinary students and Oxbridge applicants who have successfully submitted their applications this week!
- Duke of Edinburgh (Gold) has been introduced to interested students this week – a great opportunity for students to develop their resilience and teamwork!
- Athena students have arranged a Halloween bake sale to take place on **Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st** at break and lunch time. It is a cash only event.
- If you or somebody you know would like to hear more about studying at Athena, email hello@asf.tela.org.uk to arrange a chat and tour!



Achievement



WOW! What a week here at DMA, students have shown outstanding pride, progress, perseverance, passion and positivity! Pictured is each year group leader heading into the last week of term, can they keep top spot for the half term?

Well done to our current school leader Ella T who has managed to gain a massive 89 achievement points so far this half term!

Downham Market Remembrance Parade



Remembrance Parade Sign-Up
2025



- Sunday 9th November 2025
- We would like students and staff to take part in the Parade representing DMA.
- Those taking part will need to be in full school uniform.
- Those wishing to take part will need to be at the Town Hall Car Park by 2pm for the Parade to start at 2:30pm.
- If you wish to take part please complete the Microsoft form by scanning the QR code.

French and Spanish Homework Club

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- Do you struggle with your language lessons?
- Do you often forget your homework?
- Do you feel silly or unconfident speaking in Spanish or French?



Come to **N7 on a Tuesday after school from 3:15pm** and we will help!!

Whether you just want to get the homework done, or you want to get your grades up, we are here to help and we would love to see you then!

Science Club Returns



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We're excited to announce that Science Club is back after school from Tuesday 4th November for all **Year 8 and Year 9 students!**

This year, students will have the chance to work towards the Bronze **CREST Award** – a nationally recognised award from the British Science Association that celebrates creativity, teamwork and real-world problem solving.

Through around 10 hours of hands-on investigation, students will:

- Think and work like real scientists and engineers
- Explore real research challenges working alongside local businesses Nestlé and Palm Paper
- Build confidence, curiosity and STEM skills



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Places are limited – students can sign up on Edulink to secure their spot. Don't miss this chance to be part of something exciting!
