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**Newsletter**

13th April 2026

Welcome back following the Easter break. We're looking forward to a busy half term with Y10 mocks and Y11 GCSEs taking place.  
Best wishes,  
Natalie



# Upcoming events & Notices

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	PSHE focus
		Year 7 Guess the Professional	Year 10 Catering Mock Exam all day		
			Year 7 Parents Evening	Year 9 Duxford Trip	

## Notices

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

We are looking for exam invigilators at DMA. If you are interested in applying please email [exams@dma.tela.org.uk](mailto:exams@dma.tela.org.uk) with a short paragraph saying why you think you would be suitable for his role.

# Work of the Week

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Year 8 pupils used GarageBand to create a rap about deforestation and then performed this to the class



# Athena News

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## Exam season:

**Our year 13** students are fast approaching their final exams. This can be a stressful time. Please do encourage your son / daughter to contact their tutor or the Athena team if they are worried.

The most effective revision happens in focused sessions in a planned timetable with breaks and some rest. Athena staff are happy to advise on how this can be planned.

**Our year 12** students also have an exam season approaching. This is an excellent time to prepare revision materials which will support them next year too. Please encourage them to ask if they need further ideas on how to do this.

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# Athena News

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Please do remember the Oxbridge Tea being held in Athena.

**April 15th – 3.15pm - 4.00pm.**

Thank you to those who have already signed up.

Year 11 and year 12 students who are interested to know more about the Oxbridge application process are very welcome to come along, to hear top tips and advice about how to apply and what to think about in preparation.

I will also outline how Athena will support applications.

Please email [mmiddleton@tela.org.uk](mailto:mmiddleton@tela.org.uk) - so that I know how much cake to buy!

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# Celebrating success

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## Year 7

The summer term has arrived. The sun is shining and spirits are high. Welcome back everyone!

Year 7 have a careers workshop this week which will be attended by many local employers.

## Year 8

**Welcome back to the summer term of Year 8!**

**Your new Heads of Year, Miss Cook and Mrs Harris, are looking forward to getting to know you all and recognising your many achievements at DMA.**

**Keep coming to school every day and working hard so that you will be well prepared for Year 9.**

## Year 9

We are officially in the Summer term, welcome back! I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable Easter break and are feeling refreshed and ready for the weeks ahead. It has been lovely to see the sun shining, and we are looking forward to seeing continued positivity, focus, and excellent attitudes from all students this term.

This week, some of our Year 9 students involved in the Blue Skies programme will be taking part in a school trip, an exciting opportunity, and we wish them a fantastic experience.

## Year 10

Welcome back to the start of the summer term! This is a key moment for Year 10 as we approach mock exams.

Students have made a strong start, and now is the time to stay focused, keep up the effort, and prepare well.

We're looking forward to seeing them rise to the challenge and make the most of this important term.

## Year 11

Welcome back everyone. Your last term at DMA. Attendance is so important throughout the school years, but especially now and picking up tips and revising with teachers is important. Additionally, there will be lots of revision sessions happening in the run up and throughout the exam period. More details to follow over the coming week on this. However, if there is anything in particular required please ask the class teacher, alternatively email myself or Mr Willims, who has returned to support Year 11 students as Assistant Head of Year

# Sports News

## Year 9 Football – Friendly vs KES

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The Year 9 Football team had a tough result in their match against KES. We just couldn't put away our chances, but the effort and fight were there until the final whistle. We take the positives, keep building, and come back stronger.

# Sports News

## Year 7 Football – Friendly vs KES

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The Year 7 boys finished their campaign with a really positive performance against KES. We took the lead twice, initially coming from a goal down. Showing great fight and determination. The final score 3-3. DMA star performances came from Leighton L and George B in defence. Our man of the man was Adrian G showing his quality with all three goals.

# Sports News

## Year 7 Netball – Friendly vs KES

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A fantastic comeback from the Year 7's from being 8-2 down at half time to bringing the game back to a 12-12 draw! Amazing play from all girls playing, with two stand out performances from Holly W and Faye H, both of which got player of the match at the end. Some amazing resilience and teamwork showed to carry on playing, especially with the weather making the conditions even harder.

# Sports News

Year 9 Football – County Cup Quarter Final Match

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The Year 9 Girls Football team delivered a strong performance to beat City of Norwich School in their County Cup fixture. It was a well-contested match, with the team showing great teamwork, determination and effort throughout.

A well-deserved win sees the girls progress into the County Cup semi-finals – a fantastic achievement. Well done to everyone involved!

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# Sports News

# Sports Leadership

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This week, a number of our Year 9 and 10 Sports Leaders have supported both a Primary Netball tournament and a Primary Football tournament. They represented the school brilliantly, showing excellent leadership, enthusiasm and maturity throughout.

Their organisation, encouragement of the younger pupils and willingness to help ensured both events ran smoothly. They were exemplary ambassadors for the school and should be very proud of their contribution.

Well done to all involved! 🙌

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# Sports News

## Year 7 Netball – District Tournament

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The team showed great progress throughout, growing in confidence and finding their rhythm with each game. There was some excellent shooting from Maisie W, superb interceptions from Harper T and Izzy B, and incredible work rate from Faye H, covering so much ground across the court.

A brilliant team performance all round – well done to the girls for securing 3rd place overall!

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## Year 10 Netball – District Tournament

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A brilliant effort put in by the whole team, with very difficult weather conditions to contend with. 1 win, 1 draw and 3 losses. POTT Kaylee C for her brilliant shooting!

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Norwich FC Kicks Sessions – Year 7 & 8

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We are excited to offer our **Year 7 and Year 8** students the opportunity to take part in the Norwich FC Kicks sessions, delivered by an official Norwich FC coach. This opportunity is open to **both boys and girls** and provides a fantastic chance to develop football skills, build confidence, and enjoy being active in a fun and supportive environment. The sessions will take place every Monday, starting again on **Monday 20th April**. If your child would like to take part, please **sign up via Edulink**.



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