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Newsletter

27th April 2026

Some fantastic successes to celebrate this week! Well done to our Y10 football team, an excellent result. Congratulations to Evie B in being awarded the Ryston Drama Award for her performance in the school production.
Best wishes,
Natalie



Upcoming events & Notices

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	PSHE focus
Y10 & Y12 Mock Exams	Y10 & Y12 Mock Exams	Y10 & Y12 Mock Exams	Y10 & Y12 Mock Exams	Y10 & Y12 Mock Exams	How can we manage stress effectively to maintain our mental health?
Ski Information Evening 5.30 to 6.30pm		Y11 Official French/Spanish Speaking Exams	Y11 Official French/Spanish Speaking Exams	KS4 Colour Run 2.30pm	
			Y9 Drama Trip		

Notices

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

Student News

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Well done Bella for all your hard work with Norfolk Young Farmers. Bella won first place as handler, champion handler and Young Farmer Handler of the year. Amazing achievements!



Art Auction - don't miss out!

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DMA is sending more than 25 signed, editioned prints and original paintings by professional artists to auction. The pieces were originally part of a generous donation, and while many are displayed around the Academy, a few have been selected to be auctioned. All the works are presented in quality bespoke frames.

The Art Department plans to use the money raised to buy two new sewing machines for Art students to use in lessons.

The pictures will be sold in batches, a few per auction. You can view all the items for sale prior to auction at www.barryhawkins.co.uk, or in person at the Barry L Hawkins Auction Room in Downham Market.

The auction sales are on Wednesdays, every alternate week, and our lots will be included in sales during April and May.

Please do take a look and place a bid if you find something you love!



Sports News

YR 10 FOOTBALL TEAM INTO COUNTY CUP FINAL

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Yr 10 BOYS FOOTBALL SEMI FINAL SUCCESS

Our year 10 boys have made it into the County Cup final after edging Thorpe St Andrew 2-0 in a close encounter. Two goals from Charli D either side of half time making the difference.

A tremendous achievement. The first DMA team in the final for many a years.

Mr Matthews

Botanical Gardens

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On Thursday 16th April 34 students from Year 8 and 4 from Year 13, along with Mr Yare, Mr Rogers and Miss Cookson, went on a trip to Cambridge Botanic Gardens.

The purpose of the trip was to learn about plant adaptations and careers in botany. Pupils learned about the role of Botanic Expeditions and completed a plant quest to find out how different plants are adapted ranging from a giant redwood tree to a Venus fly trap.

The year 8s worked extremely hard and were enthusiastic throughout, learning lots in the process. Several staff members commented they're one of the best school groups they've ever had - well done!



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Reminder:

For students in year 12 who might like to visit the Oxford Open day in July, we have secured free accommodation at Wadham College Oxford on the evening of 30th July so that we can take full advantage of all the events of the Open day on July 1st.

If you would like to join the group going, please email Mrs Middleton [mmiddleton@tela.org.uk]

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Making good use of Hub lessons

Athena students have one of their subject lessons in the Hub doing semi-independent study.

Please encourage your Athenian to make the best use of their lessons in the Athena Hub by:

- **Promptly collecting / finding the work set**
- **Settling to the task**
- **Working with focus**
- **Keeping a note of things to ask a teacher in subject lessons**



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Congratulations to Evie Bohanan who has been awarded the Ryston Drama Award for 2026 – a prestigious award in recognition of her talents in Performing Arts and in particular, for her role as Belle in our recent school production “Beauty and the Beast”.

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Athena students studying A level Biology and Chemistry took part in this year's Olympiad, a national competition with over 15000 students participating in each Olympiad this year.

The **Biology Olympiad** challenges and stimulates students with an interest in biology to expand and extend their talents. Congratulations go to the following Biology students:

Xin Xue - Participation

Caitlin Hallet – Commended

Ellen Buckley - Highly Commended

Christina Fletcher – Highly Commended

Annabelle Greening – Bronze

Christian Baxter – Silver

The **Chemistry Olympiad** is designed to challenge and inspire. It is a unique opportunity for students to push themselves further and excel in the chemistry field. Athena Students participated for the first time this year, congratulations go to:

Ashden Knott – Bronze

Xin Xue - Bronze

Isaac Cassidy – Bronze

Vitor Da Silva – Bronze

Celebrating success

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Year 7

What stars you are!

I can see that your uniform is on point, that you are embracing life at DMA and enjoying the sunshine on the field.

Well done everyone

Year 8

What a superb start to the Summer Term!

Well done to those of you who attended the trip to the Cambridge Botanical Gardens. Your behaviour and attitude to learning were outstanding.

Meanwhile, many Year 8 students have enjoyed spending time on the school field and their behaviour has also been exemplary.

Keep up the great work, Year 8!

Year 9

Another successful week—well done everyone.

Last week we spoke about attendance in assembly, and I'm looking forward to seeing your attendance continue to improve.

In the house point competition, GP is currently leading with 233 points, followed by OS with 184 and SC-B close behind with 183. It's a very tight competition—keep it up!

Year 10

Well done for the effort you've been putting into your mock exams so far. This is a demanding period, and the way many of you have approached it has been really positive to see.

Stay focused, keep up your revision, and make sure you're looking after yourselves with proper rest and routine. This final stretch matters, so keep pushing and give it your best right to the end.

Year 11

Exciting news - the Colour Run is all booked and ready to go. Year 11 students please collect a sheet and try to get as many sponsors as you can. All proceeds to The Prom.

Local Community Info

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Sepura Technical Apprenticeship Opportunity

There is an exciting technical apprenticeship opportunity that we have been made aware of with Sepura.

If you are interested, please copy and paste the link below for further information and to apply:

<https://clientapps.jobadder.com/76722/sepura/679475/technical-apprentice>

DMA Uniform 2026-27

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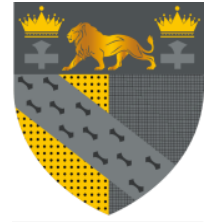


In September 2026 we will be extending our uniform offer to include a navy DMA sweatshirt as an alternative to the DMA jumper/blazer as well as a white DMA polo shirt as an alternative to a plain white shirt. These items will go live in June through our supplier - Total Clothing.

All other uniform options remain the same and students can continue to wear their current DMA blazer or jumper.

Revision Café Dates

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Week Commencing	Tuesday 4.30 -5.30pm	Wednesday 4.30 -5.30pm	Venue
13 th April		English Literature - Context (GMN)	ATHENA
20 th April		History Paper 1 (JWS)	ATHENA
27 th April	MFL (BLZ/BWE)	Biology (JBD)	ATHENA
4 th May	Tues – Lit 1 (LOE/GMN)	Geography (MRS)	ATHENA
11 th May	Maths 1 and 2 (WMN)	Chemistry (KNN)	ATHENA
18 th May	English Lit 2	English Language 1	ATHENA
27 th May	HALF TERM	HALF TERM	ATHENA
1 st June	History 2 & 3 (OLY/BKY)	English Language 2	ATHENA
8 th June	Maths 3 (WMN)	Physics (AWD)	ATHENA

Colour Run May 1st from 2.30 pm

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**BOOK THE DATE:
FRIDAY 1st May
from 1.30pm**

**Year 11 -
Sponsor forms
to go out
Wednesday 22nd
April**

Sports News – Sports Leaders

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Our Year 10 and 11 Sports Leaders recently had the opportunity to support a primary school football event at Hillcrest, and once again they represented the school superbly. Throughout the tournament, students took on key roles including refereeing matches and keeping score, ensuring the event ran smoothly and efficiently.

Their enthusiasm, confidence, and sense of responsibility were evident throughout the day, and they were fantastic role models for the younger pupils. It was great to see them applying their leadership skills in a real setting and contributing so positively to the success of the event. Well done to all involved!

