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Newsletter

11th May 2026

An exciting week ahead with Y11 & 13 continuing their exams and our Y10 boys football team heading to the Nest for the final match. Good luck team!

Best wishes,
Natalie



Upcoming events & Notices

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	PSHE focus
GCSE English Literature exam	GCSE Religious Studies & Biology exams	GCSE Geography & Computer Science exams	GCSE Maths exam	GCSE History exam	How can we build resilience through healthy habits for long-term well-being?
GCE Economics exam	GCE Geography exam	GCE English Literature exam	GCE Criminology, Further Maths & Camb Tech Sport exams	GCE Psychology & Camb Tech Health & Social Care exams	

Notices

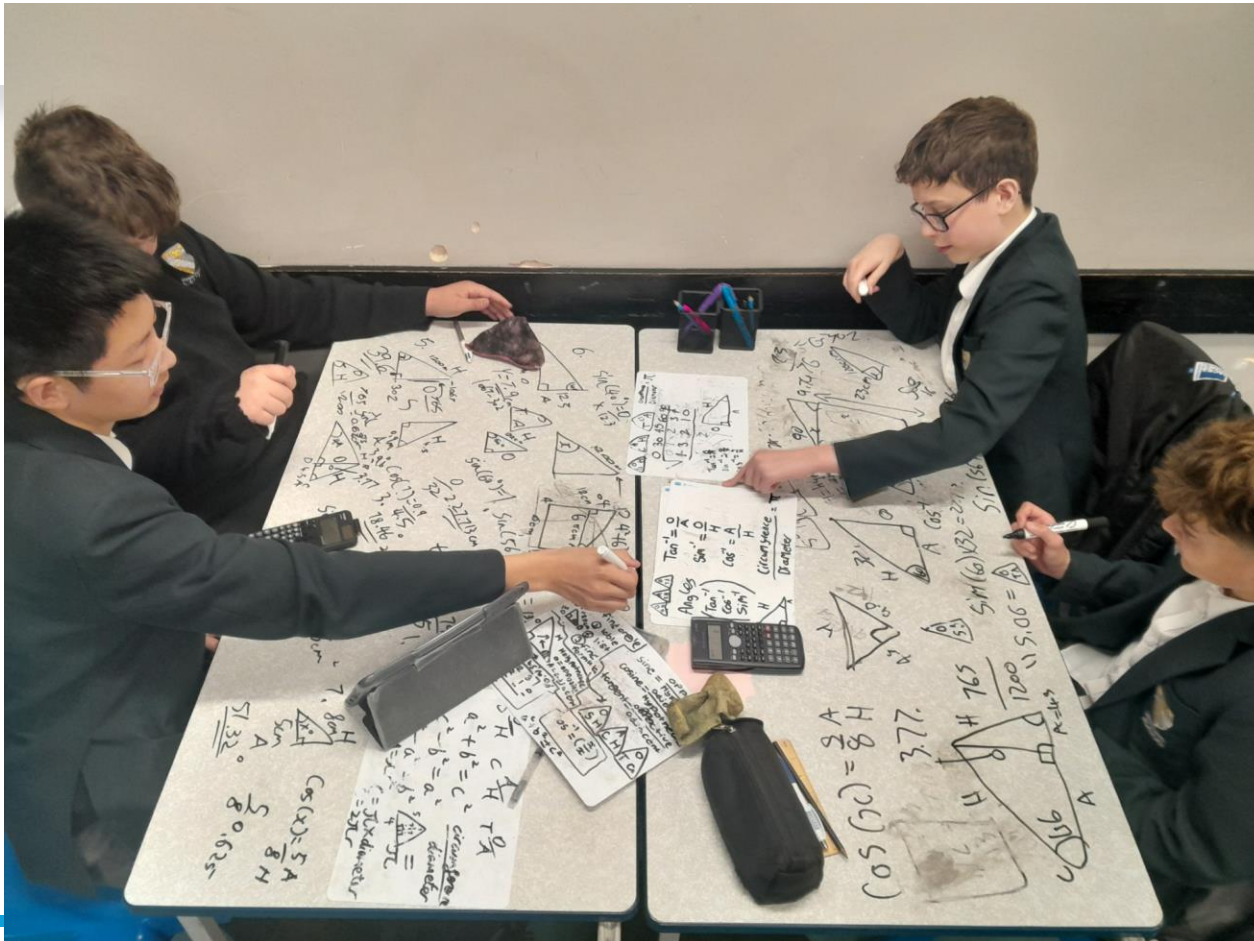
Don't forget DMA is a **nut free school**; please ensure packed lunches don't contain any items containing nuts.

Work of the Week

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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!



Paint Run 2026

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Last Friday saw our Year 11 cohort, and paying Year 10's, taking in part in the **first ever paint run** at Downham Market Academy.

After the paint canons started the race, students completed one lap of the school, which saw the powdered paint littered around for students to enjoy, the conclusions are pictured here.

Our magnificent student body and local community has **raised well over £2000** at current, all going towards the Year 11 Prom. Great work everyone!

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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]

Athena Notices: Yr 13 exam support



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Date	Briefing: 8.15 – 8.45	Exam		Briefing 12.15 – 12.45	Exam	Booster
Monday 11 th May	MRN	Economics Paper 1 2 hours			n/e	Geography [Physical] MRS
Tuesday 12 th May	MRS	Geography [Physical] 2 hrs 30			n/e	English Drama and Poetry GMN
Wednesday 13 th May	GMN	English Literature <u>Drama and Poetry</u> 2 hrs 30			n/e	
Thursday 14 th May		n/e		CDN PFN	Criminology Unit 2 1 hour 30 Further Maths Core Pure 1 1 hour 30 Cambs Tech Sport unit 3 1 hour [1.30]	
Friday 15 th May	MMN	Psychology Paper 1 2 hours		Lesson	Cambs Tech H and S Unit 3 1 hour 30 [1pm]	

**Parents of year 13
please encourage
your son / daughter
to attend the
boosters and
briefings for exam
support**

**All to happen in Hub
or H rooms**

Thank you

Book Club



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- **When?** – Each Thursday 15:10-16:00
 - **Where?** – In the school Library
 - **What?** – Book Club will run each week and is a chance to come and engage with peers and staff on your favourite books, magazines and articles. You can do independent reading, read in small groups or have support from our staff members in the room.
 - Anyone is welcome and there's no need to sign up – we look forward to seeing as many keen readers as possible!
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Celebrating success

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Year 7

Late week was a short one with lots of warm weather!

Uniform in Year 7 is generally spot on, but as the warmer weather approaches please have your blazer or jumper with you at school everyday so that you are in the correct school uniform.

Jewellery, straight skirts and nails are not part of our uniform.

Year 8

Year 8 had a lot of fun during Wednesday's Enterprise Challenge. Students thoroughly enjoyed making and selling their ducks, although sadly the profits involved were not real!

Year 9

We had a lovely four-day week, with everyone in a happy and positive mood.

As the weather warms up, please remember that all students must continue to wear the full correct uniform, including skirts and jumpers or blazers. Jewellery and excessively long nails are not permitted.

Year 10

A huge congratulations to Year 10 boys' team for reaching the Norfolk County Cup Final for the first time since 2005. This is a fantastic achievement and a real credit to the hard work, commitment, and talent of everyone involved. Well done!

Year 11

Exams are now well underway and students are working hard. The Revision Café's have been well attended as have period & sessions. The Colour Run was a great success and we have raised over £2000 towards the Prom. Next event will be the Big Bike Prize Draw. Keep an eye out for emails to win a new bike!

Year 10 Work Experience

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May 18th – 22nd

Year 10 students will be out of college gaining **experience of the world of work**.

The vast majority will be in face-to-face placements in local businesses and companies for that week.

Those who have not managed to secure a placement will use SpringPod – an online work experience platform. This will be accessed through a Team called “SpringPod Work Experience” which will go live just before 18th May. All the instructions on what to do will be posted in the team. [Parents of students for whom this is relevant should have received a letter.]

All students should expect to be contacted by a member of staff from Downham Market Academy, to check how the work experience is going.

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