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Value for this half term: Hope

Theme for this week (25 - 29 September 2023): Hope - hope for the future Life Skills theme for the week: We are able to balance feelings and wisdom

Life in All its Fullness:

In our school, learning about the religion and cultures of those who do not share a Christian faith is one of the ways in which we embody the call to love one's neighbour and to actively demonstrate the desire to better understand each other and experience something of each other's religious life and culture.

Of course, some young people in our school are members of other faiths - our community is a place

of hospitality for them too. It is reflective of our broad and balanced curriculum that students are supported to reflect on the nature of their own religious identity, and it is an act of respect and courtesy that we spend time building a better



understanding of the beliefs of others. All of this prepares our students for life in modern Britain, builds community cohesion and contributes to the common good by increasing mutual respect between people who are always more alike than they are different.

Yom Kippur - what is it? BBC Bitesize provides an excellent summary: Yom Kippur means Day of Atonement; it is the most sacred and solemn day in the Jewish calendar. Yom Kippur is a day to reflect on the past year and ask God's forgiveness for any sins. Jews do not work or go to school on this day.

When is Yom Kippur? Yom Kippur is celebrated in September or October in the UK. This year, Yom Kippur begins on the evening of Sunday 24 September, and ends on the evening of Monday 25 September.

Yom Kippur is ten days after Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, which celebrates the anniversary of the creation of the world.

What is the story of Yom Kippur? When the Israelites left Egypt, they went to Mount Sinai. Moses climbed to the top of the mountain and God gave him two tablets with the Ten Commandments on them. The first commandment told people that they should not worship anyone other than God. However, when Moses went down the mountain, he found the Israelites worshipping a golden calf. Moses was so angry that he threw the sacred tablets on the floor and they shattered. The Israelites then atoned for their wrongdoing. God forgave them and gave Moses a second set of tablets.

For additional information and to support discussions at home about Yom Kippur, please read this, and/or this.

The Harleston Sancroft Academy is a community that flourishes, through God's love, to live

'Life in All its Fullness'.

(JOHN 10:10 AND JOHN 13:34).

We are a foundation of Hope: a family of Love: a school of nurture guided by Faith: promoting a unique, personalised journey towards excellence.



Schools in Norfolk will be sharing resources with families linked to racial justice, supporting learning and the celebration of Black History Month (NBHM23) in October:

Events for families can be booked using this link:

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/norfolk-black-history-month-68629022713

NBHM23 Launch Event - 'Celebrating our Sisters'

- Date: Saturday 30 September
- Time: 10:00 AM 5:00 PM
- Location: The Forum, Norwich
- Details: Join NBHM for a day of inspiring talks, performances, and discussions as we celebrate the incredible achievements of Black women.

NBHM23 Fashion Show

- Date: Saturday 15 October
- -Time: 6PM
- -Location: The Halls, St Andrews Plain, Norwich
- Details: Get ready for a dazzling display of style and culture at the NBHM fashion show.

NBHM23 Youth Participation Event - 'Change Makers'

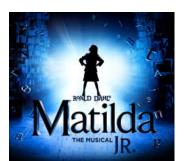
- Date: Sunday 15 OctoberTime: 1:30 PM 4:30 PMLocation: Waterloo Park
- Details: Empower the next generation to be change-makers.

NBHM23: Grand Finale Event

- Date: Saturday 28 October
- Time: 6PM -11PM
- Location: Cathedral of St John the Baptist, Norwich

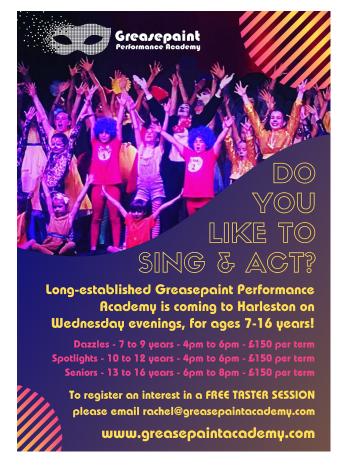
Calling all performers! Well done to everyone who has already auditioned for our next secondary-phase show, 'Matilda'.

Mr Carr, our music teacher says: rehearsals start on Monday



25 September, after school. Students will find out their roles at the first rehearsal.

We also have a new hirer offering singing and acting classes; please see the flyer on the right here.



If you would like to get involved with the 'Friends of Harleston Sancroft Academy', please come along to the Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 17 October, at 19:15.

As you can see here and on the flyer (attached), the meeting will be held in the Training Room, in the Secondary phase.



Key dates for September:

Monday 25 & Tuesday 26 September: Open Days in the Secondary Phase Monday 25 September - St Omer trip Information Evening (Studio) - 17:30 - 18:30

Tuesday 26 September - Y7 Tea & Tour with the Tutors (tutor rooms) - 16:00 - 17:00

Wednesday 27 September - School photographs

Thursday 28 September - Y11 Maths Support Information Evening (Studio) - 17:00 - 17:30

Friday 29 September - Peace Advocacy Launch (all day, in school)

School website and Twitter: The <u>school website</u> is a useful source of information. Please also visit the Harleston Sancroft Academy <u>Twitter feed</u> for photos and updates.

A prayer for the week ahead:

Sow a seed of peace in our lives, Lord, that we might bear the fruits of forgiveness, compassion and righteousness. Come sow a seed of love in our hearts, Lord, that others would reap the blessings of family, friendship and community.

May each seed of hope, peace and love grow within us into a harvest that can be feasted on by all.

Amen.