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Value for this half term: Perseverance

Theme for this week (20 November - 24 November 2023): God's persevering love

Life Skills theme for the week: We are optimistic

## Life in All its Fullness:

Last week there were two rather lovely - and out of the ordinary events.

Firstly, on Tuesday evening, we celebrated the **Class of 2023, Year 11 Celebration Evening**. It was fantastic to see the students and talk to them about their GCSE successes and the courses they have embarked upon this Autumn term.

## **Our Vision**

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.



We certainly enjoyed hearing positive comments about the very many students who were receiving awards for attitude, character, progress and attainment. Particular thanks to Mrs R-B and the Year 11 tutors who coordinated the evening.

This final year of Key Stage 4 education flies by; it only seems like a few weeks ago that the Class of 2023 were sitting their Autumn mock examinations. Our Class of 2024, the current Year 11 students, have approached their mock exams in a really mature way; this bodes well for the year ahead - and we already imagine handing them their GCSE certificates and various well-deserved awards in November 2024!



The second lovely event was Friday's 'Children in Need' fundraiser. There were some very creative, spotty, Pudsey-inspired outfits and a great variety of activities, including competitions and a bake sale.

Very well done to Mr Miller, the Senior Student Leaders, Student Ambassadors and

School Council who contributed to make the day such a success. We will provide an update on funds raised in next week's newsletter. Thank you again to everyone who supported this most worthwhile of events.

#### **Parent / Carer information:**



## Guide to WhatsApp:

As one of the most popular messaging apps used by all age ranges and around 2.7 billion monthly users, WhatsApp has been adding new features over the last year or so which some parents/carers may not be aware of. 'Internet Matters' have put together a really good 'how-to' guide for parents/carers which can be accessed HERE.

Here is a reminder about the drop-in sessions to find more information about a variety of 'child exploitation' topics, Norwich, at County Hall, on Tuesday 21 November.

Here is a link for the <u>Norfolk Children Safeguarding Partnership</u>, where additional resources can be found.

Also, below is a reminder of information for families who are struggling with the cost of living:

Help with Living Costs - Winter 2023/24

Help with Living Costs - Winter 2023/24 Norfolk Assistance Scheme
can help you get support and financial assistance for food, energy,
water, and other household essentials including white goods.



## **Reading Evening for Year 7s:**

Families are cordially invited to hear from our Curriculum Lead for English, Miss Hambling, who will explain the importance of reading for pleasure (and study); some strategies to support reading at home and answer your questions.

# Key dates for the next few weeks:

Tues 21 November: rescheduled Year 7 Reading Evening - 17:00-18:00 (Library)

Tues 21 November: Friends of Harleston Sancroft Academy meeting - 19:15

Thurs 23 November: Academic Enrichment Day for some KS3 students (Norwich School)

Thurs 23 & Fri 24 November: Year 11 Mock interviews (14:00-15:20)

Mon 27 November: start of Year 10 exams Mon 4 December: Year 11 Results Event (13:55)

Every Saturday: Year 11 Maths Revision sessions with Mr Sherington



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

## Prayer for optimism:

Heavenly Father, when we have faith in You and Your care for us, we can dare to look at a glass and see it half full rather than half empty. There continue to be so many things about people, places, and problems that we cannot control, but we have hope for today and the future because of Your persevering love. Amen.