



HARLESTON SANCROFT
ACADEMY

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Value for this half term: **Perseverance**

Theme for this week (18 December - 20 December 2023): **Persevering when the rewards may seem small**

Life Skills theme for the week: **We have self-worth**

Life in All its Fullness:

We were delighted to see so many families at the **Year 11 Parents'/Carers' evening** last Thursday. We recognise that this is a key moment in the young lives of our Y11 students and thank parents and carers for working closely with us to help students to be prepared, and to achieve success when their final GCSE examinations begin in approximately twenty weeks from now.

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 had parents and carers in school with us last week for a variety of reasons. Family members of students in the A-Team were the guests of honour attending last Wednesday's **A-Team Christmas Lunch**. Some parents and carers were also able to attend Friday's **KS3 Rewards Breakfast**. Mental Health Student Leaders organised and ran an excellent **Wellbeing café** promoting and celebrating the work of [Young Minds](#) charity.

Furthermore, our KS3 mathematicians have again been very successful in external competitions. Last year, they won the Sir Isaac Newton Outreach space competition; this year 7MA2 repeated last year's feat and won the **KS3 Norfolk Maths competition**. They had to showcase their creativity and problem-solving skills by creating playable, dinosaur-themed maths games. Prize included books and vouchers - well done to all of the Y7 maths superstars involved.

Advent resources - third week:

We hope you have had a look at the Archbishops' Young Leaders' Advent resources which help us to think about what it was like for the shepherds, angels and kings in the Christmas story. From slide 18, [here](#), explore the response of the kings to the birth of Jesus.

Charitable giving:

Thank you for your generous donations of bags of granulated sugar for the **Sugar for Shelters** charity appeal (BEFA) supporting those who are homeless, or in crisis.

Staffing updates - firstly, some fond farewells...

At the end of this term we will be saying thank you and farewell to two members of staff who are leaving the Secondary Phase to commence new roles in January 2024.

Mrs Leeder - teacher of Science, Engineering and Head of Year 10

Mrs Leeder joined Sancroft in September 2011 as teacher of science having previously worked here as a Learning Support Assistant. Over the past twelve years she has contributed so much to this school community, working with many families (including her own two children!) inspiring colleagues and children through her infectious commitment and desire to do the very best through serving others.

We are delighted that Mrs Leeder will be taking up a position as part of the Senior Leadership Team at Avocet House as she begins the next chapter of her very successful career.

Mr Martin - teacher of PE and Geography

Mr Martin joined Sancroft as we entered Covid and began his career with us delivering lessons online. His inspiring videos and workout routines provided great enjoyment for staff and students across all year groups. Through his work as a PE teacher, Mr Martin has provided so many opportunities for children to participate in sport outside of lessons including clubs and through representing the school. In addition to this he has led the Duke of Edinburgh award over the last two years providing lasting memories for so many members of our community. We wish Mr Martin every success as he undertakes a teacher of PE position at Sewell Park Academy in Norwich.

New arrivals at Harleston Sancroft Academy - Secondary Phase:

In January, we look forward to welcoming three colleagues who will be new to Harleston Sancroft Academy, but are already very experienced teachers. Mrs Bayliss will be joining the Science team, Mr Middleton will be teaching in Nurture, and Mr Batt - who teaches PE and Maths - will be the new Head of Year 10. These staffing changes will inevitably lead to timetable changes for a number of classes, but this is nothing to be concerned about.

Key dates for the next few weeks:

Tues 19 Dec: Y7 Parents'/Carers' Evening

Weds 20 Dec: secondary phase whole-school assembly; celebration assemblies and afternoon festive activities. The school closes for the Christmas holidays.

We will be closed to children from Thurs 21 Dec - Weds 3 Jan inclusive.

Thurs 4 Jan: Students return to school

Thurs 4 Jan: Y8 Parents'/Carers' Evening

School website and X/Twitter: The [school website](#) is a useful source of information. Please also visit the Harleston Sancroft Academy [X/Twitter feed](#) for photos and updates.




If you require any help or support over the Christmas break, please see the information below:

!! If you have a safeguarding concern, please contact CADS on 0344 800 8021 (if you live in Norfolk), or Customer First on 0808 800 4005 (if you live in Suffolk).


! If you are in immediate danger call 999

 Non-emergency Police - 101

 Non-emergency health - 111 (Mental health concern? Press option 2)


 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.

 Foodbank - [Waveney Food Bank](#). Details about how and where to access food supplies

 Just One Norfolk - Our single point of access for Norfolk & Waveney Children & Young People's Health Services. This includes: the Norfolk Healthy Child Programme and Norfolk & Waveney Children's Speech and Language Therapy Service. Call 0300 300 0123


Parentline is our text service for parents and carers to get in touch about any parenting questions or concerns.
Text 07520 631590

The [Just One Norfolk](#) website has trusted help, advice and information during pregnancy, birth and throughout your parenthood journey.



 CEOP helps children stay safe online. If anybody acts inappropriately towards your child online (such as sexual chat, or being asked to do something that makes them feel uncomfortable); you can report it [here](#).

 Qwell - Free digital mental health support for adults across the UK.

Support for Young People:

 ChildLine - ChildLine is a free, private and confidential service that you can access online and on the phone. Call 0800 1111.

 ChatHealth - ChatHealth is a secure NHS approved text messaging service for 11- 19 year olds. You can chat about a mental or physical health worry. Text 07480 635424 or visit www.chathealth.nhs.uk to start a webchat.

-  Shout - 24/7 text service, free on all major mobile networks, for anyone in crisis anytime, anywhere. It's a place to go if you're struggling to cope and you need immediate help. Text 85258.
-  Kooth - free, safe and anonymous online mental health support and counselling. <https://www.kooth.com/>

Prayer for the Advent season:

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Amen.



**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all of our
students and their families.**