



## WELCOME

To this first edition of School Matters 2017-2018. This publication will be emailed to all parents and carers every two weeks to help keep you informed of developments and future key dates. Please continue to visit our school website which is updated regularly and where you will find a lot more detail and a full school calendar.

A very warm welcome back to you all and welcome to those who are new to the school, following what I hope was an enjoyable and restful break. We are extremely proud of the results the pupils achieved this year and are looking forward to even greater successes in the future

All the students arrived back at school looking extremely smart in their uniforms. A big thank you to parents and carers for ensuring our traditions continued. As I said to our students in assembly last week APHS has a strong tradition of having high expectations and supporting each other – this is something which we must maintain.

We have a few staff changes this term which I am very pleased to tell you about. Please welcome Mrs Wynne to the school to teach Religious Studies and our new GCSE Psychology course. (Mrs Johnson will now teach Geography).

Mrs Fray joins us to teach History alongside Mrs Thornton and Mrs Parker has joined us as a Teaching Assistant.

Mrs Moffat is teaching Design and Technology and Mr Barret joins us as a Music Teacher.

Over the summer there has been a huge amount of work completed including the upgrade of Computers, room alteration, decoration and due to the success of our 88Keys project we have now purchased a new piano. We will be holding a celebratory event this term and will inform you of the details nearer the time.

Our website (and attached to this newsletter) are the contact emails of specific staff in the "Contact us" tab should you wish to get in touch with any queries or concerns. If you are not sure who to talk to please use the office email address which is checked daily.

As you know the pupils who make the most progress are those where parents / carers and school communicate effectively with each other so please get in touch. All parents also have access to our Learning Gateway where you can see live behaviour, attendance and progress information. Details of usernames and passwords will be shared shortly.

Finally, in order to increase ease the efficiency of communication please make sure we have your current email address and other details if you have moved, change phone number or had a change in family circumstances.

Mr A Ogle  
Headteacher

## IMPROVING ATTENDANCE

Attending school is vital if a child is going to make expected progress. The table below demonstrates how even a 95% attendance rate is not good enough. The average attendance for children in secondary school in England is 95.1%.

It is the parents / carers legal responsibility to ensure their child / children attend school. Poor attendance is reported to Norfolk County Council who have the power to fine parents for a child's poor attendance.

Please make sure your child / children attend school every day.

### EVERY DAY COUNTS

Attendance %	Over a fortnight	Over the school year	Over 5 years	
95%	½ a day	1 ½ weeks	half a term	175 lessons
90%	1 day	4 weeks	½ a school year	450 lessons
85%	1 ½ days	6 weeks	¾ of a school year	675 lessons



80%	2 days	7 ½ weeks	1 school year	975 lessons
75%	2 ½ days	10 weeks	1 school year plus ½ term	1,150 lessons

## SPANISH

Yr.10 Booster sessions will start on 18<sup>th</sup> September and will run weekly from 3:10 – 4:00. All are welcome.

Yr.11 Revision sessions will start on the 20<sup>th</sup> September and will run weekly from 3.10 – 4.00. All are encouraged to attend.

## ONLINE SAFETY

We have been made aware that during the summer holidays a very small number of children have taken and sent to other children inappropriate images of themselves. As such we have informed their parents and the police. I would therefore like to remind all parents, carers and pupils that taking or sending explicit photographs (sexting) is illegal and also places children in a very vulnerable position. Pupils are taught about how to stay safe during our Citizenship days but it is important that all parents and carers are also aware. Additional advice is available on the following websites.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>  
<https://www.childline.org.uk/>

We have a very positive relationship with our local police and I would advise anyone who is concerned to inform Mrs Sperry or myself so they can provide support or advice.

On a similar note I have reminded all pupils in assembly that mobile phones should not be seen or heard on the school site. If we hear it or see it we will keep it and ask parents / carers to collect them.

Mr Ogle

## PE DEPARTMENT

The PE department would like to continue to encourage the labelling of all items of PE kit enabling us to return any misplaced items to appropriate student swiftly.

## AUSTRIA SKI TRIP 2018

At this moment in time there are still spaces available on the Ski Trip to Sportwelt Amade, Austria on Saturday 31st March to Saturday 7th April 2018. Please speak to Mr Wilding regarding any interest in the trip.

## COMPUTING

### All year groups

Lunch time club will be open in CS1 on Tue, Wed, Thurs and Friday. Weather station club (year 8) Tue and Friday.

Weather Station club aims to complete the construction and software for the weather station this term. Watch this space for exciting news about the next project!

### Year 11 GCSE students

If you need support for any of your GCSE ICT/CS work please come to lunchtime club or you can arrange after school sessions.

To help prepare Year 11 Computer Science for their controlled assessment, we will be focusing this half-term on programming skills in lessons. Can parents please ensure all students have Python 3 installed on their home machines, so that they are able to complete all programming homework. Please speak to Mr Corby if there are any problems.

## REWARDS TRIP

Congratulations to Frances Allen, Elisa Andrade, Danielle Bishop, Rafe Bowen, Hannah Broadhurst, Paige Broadhurst, Arran Coe, Leah Connolly, Carolina Dos Santos Gomes, Molly Gale, Edward Golding, Katie Grove, Zeb Guppy, Alex Hagag, Amy Harmer, Eve Harmer, Ellie Hastings, Flo Hawkins, William Hemsley, Lucy Jaggard, Ellie Johnson, Ella Lee, Ruby McCallum, Bethany Norman, Thomas Norman, Emily Pruden, Archie Rayner, Jordan Rumbles, Susie Sands, Chloe Simmons, Alekesandra Simsone, Amy Smerdon-Brown, Grace Steele, Evie Stilgoe, Madeleine Street, Anabelle Strouglar, Henry Townshend, Christopher Wayland, Abbie Williamson who all achieved an average AtL grade of 1.6 or above, and had an attendance record of 96% or above and no more than 1 negative across the whole year. These Students will be joining members of staff on the Reward Trip to Eaton Vale Activity Centre on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2017.



### CONTACTING YOU.....

Please keep us up to date with current mobile numbers, home phone numbers, email addresses and home addresses for the purposes of sharing information and reaching you promptly in case of an emergency. Forms are available from Mrs Hart or Mrs Boyd-Stevenson in the reception office.

### CONTACTING US.....

To keep you up to date with current contact details there is a list of useful numbers for members of staff available on the website.

### A PEEK AT THE WEEK

#### Monday 18th September 2017

##### A week

08:40 – 09:00 Whole School Assembly  
 09:00 – 11:15 Yr.11 English Literature Mock GCSE  
 12:50 – 14:50 Cluster TAG Rugby  
 15:15 – 16:00 New Staff Induction

17:30 – 19:00 Governors Meeting

#### Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2017

09:00 – 15:00 Geography Field Trip  
 13:00 – 15:00 Art Trip to Houghton Hall  
 15:15 – 17:00 Staff Inset  
 19:00 – 21:00 Slimming World

#### Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2017

13:00 – 17:30 Yr.10 Drama Group Theatre Royal Norwich

##### B Week

#### Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2017

08:40 – 09:00 Whole School Assembly  
 15:30 – 16:30 Staff Meeting (TUPE)

#### Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2017

09:00 – 15:00 External Safeguarding Audit  
 08:40 – 09:00 Yrs 7 to 10 Mersey House Assembly

19:00 – 21:00 Slimming World

#### Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2017

08:40 – 9:00 Yrs 7 to 10 Trent House Assembly  
 09:00 – 15:00 Sponsored Walk

#### Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2017

08:40 – 9:00 Yrs 7 to 10 Waveney House Assembly

#### Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2017

08:40 – 9:00 Yrs 11 Assembly  
 09:00 – 15:00 Student Reward Trip

### PUNCTUALITY

Students are reminded that registration starts at 8:40am. If you arrive after this, you are late.

Sanctions are in place for students who are repeatedly late.

### SAM LEARNING

Please encourage students to regularly use SAM learning for revision and revisiting classwork. Homework is also set using SAM learning on a regular basis for students to complete. Reminders of Student login details can be found by contacting Mr M Pinzone at:

[netman@aldermanpeel.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:netman@aldermanpeel.norfolk.sch.uk)

### 88 KEYS PIANO PROJECT

Is a fun filled campaign to raising £10,000 to replace the pianos in our school. Sponsorship forms are available from our students.

### SIMS PARENT GATEWAY

Please remember to keep up to date with Student Progress, Behaviour and Attendance information for your child via the SIMS Learning Gateway. This can be accessed via the 'Parent' section of the

APHS website. If you need help logging in, please contact Mrs P Grove at

[datamanager@aldermanpeel.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:datamanager@aldermanpeel.norfolk.sch.uk)

### PARENT DISCUSSION AND SUPPORT GROUP

We meet once a term with a senior member of staff and a governor to discuss what we love about the school; to give ideas for improvement; to hear about new developments at APHS and in UK education in general; and to find out how they will affect our children's future. Details of our next meeting will be available on the website. Please contact Sally Rumbles on 01328 258316 or [pandsrumbles@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:pandsrumbles@tiscali.co.uk) for further information. We hope to see you there!

### SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding and child protection are the most important part of everyone's role at Alderman Peel High School. Regardless of whether you are a teacher, parent or visitor we ask that you pass on any concerns to our Designated Safeguarding Lead, Ms E Sperry.

If you are unable to contact Ms Sperry then please contact: Mr Hardman, Mrs Hardman, Mr Tawana or Mr Ogle.



## Communication Guide for Parents and Carers

Dear parents / carers

As you are aware children who receive support from their parents and carers in meeting the schools expectations perform better in their GCSEs. Communication is essential to maintain consistency and to rectify any issues when they arise. In an attempt to make this easier please see below a list of people to contact. As I am sure you appreciate staff are very often busy teaching or meeting with pupils, parents or other agencies to provide support. For example: There are fifty lessons in our two week timetable each of which is an hour long. Teachers teach on average 43 of these periods and also have to plan these 43 lessons as well as lead tutor periods, plan lessons and complete all marking. Many staff also organise before school, break, lunchtime or after school clubs or revision sessions.

Communication is therefore difficult and it may take some time to respond. If something is urgent, for example involves a child's safety or transport from school on a particular day please phone school. On most occasions email is more efficient and less time consuming for all. If appropriate the staff listed may ask other staff to respond directly to you.

Our website also has a "contact us form" which is checked at least every morning and questions or information directed to the appropriate member of staff.

Name	Role	Areas of responsibility	email
Mr W Boyce	Head of Maths	Maths	wboyce9nrc@nsix.org.uk
Mrs S Murkin	Head of English	English Language English Literature	smurkin4crt@nsix.org.uk
Mrs S Kelly	Head of Science	Science Child Development	skelly6nrr@nsix.org.uk
Mr R Corby	Head, Computer Science and Business Studies	Computer Science ICT Business Studies	Rcorby46rg@nsix.org.uk
Mrs C Beech	Acting Head of The Arts	Drama Music	cbeech3nrm@nsix.org.uk
Mrs S Campling	Acting Head of Technology	Art, Catering Graphics, Resistant Materials	scampling2arp@nsix.org.uk
Mr J Wilding	Head of PE	Physical Education GCSE Physical Education	jwilding7rrn@nsix.org.uk
Mrs F La Grange	Head of MfL and Humanities	French, Spanish Geography, History, RS	flagrangec3nr9@nsix.org.uk
Mrs Norman	Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator	Provision for children with Special Educational Needs	knorman5yrt@nsix.org.uk
Mrs Platten	Exams Officer	Examination queries	aplatten9nru@nsix.org.uk
Ms Sperry	Pastoral Manager	Behaviour and Well Being concerns	eserry77rv@nsix.org.uk
Mrs S Page	Business Manager	Financial queries	spage6nrm@nsix.org.uk
Mrs K Hardman	Assistant Headteacher	Teaching and Learning Teacher Induction and training	khardman9bru@nsix.org.uk
Mr B Tawana	Assistant Headteacher	Pupil Premium, LAC, Transition Careers advice and guidance	btawana8nrg@nsix.org.uk
Mr M Hardman	Associate Headteacher	Curriculum, Assessment Reports	mhardman7hr5@nsix.org.uk
Mr A Ogle	Headteacher	Formal complaints	Via Berni Bracken (PA) bbracken5uru@nsix.org.uk

