



**DISS HIGH SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER – MAY 2022**

Exams are now well underway, and we continue to send our very best wishes to all our Year 13 and Year 11 students.

Duke of Edinburgh Award Trips

Year 9 and 10 pupils have been successfully practising for their bronze expeditions.



Some 30 pupils recently spent the weekend camping out at Hinderclay Village Hall and undertaking a variety of outdoor activities, ably supported by 8 staff volunteers. The next assessment takes place in June at St James South Elmham Village Hall. Fingers crossed the sun shines for them. Thanks go to Dr Busby and all the staff volunteers who give up their weekends to support these events.

Visit to Aviva as part of Future Frontiers

Future Frontiers works with schools and businesses across the UK to provide a programme of coaching and access to professional role models to young people aged 14-16. Mrs Adams took a group of Year 10 students to experience talking to people at Aviva and help raise their aspirations and thoughts about future careers.

A 5 Star dining experience!

Our Hospitality and Catering students recently went on an enviable trip to Norwich City College. The purpose was to find out what ‘a la carte’ is really all about. Students enjoyed a five-star two course meal in the restaurant. It certainly provided inspiration for presentation in students’ own practical exams.

School Allotment Club

Each week a range of students across the year groups have continued to support the school allotment. It was a pleasure to present these youngsters with their Allotment Ambassador Shield Badges. We are also grateful to Bernard and Bethan from Diss Allotment Association who regularly help us, as well as Mrs Glaister.



Everyone's Invited

The Everyone's Invited movement has raised further awareness of incidents of sexual abuse and harassment involving students both in schools and universities nationwide. It has brought to the fore harrowing testimonies from students and worrying national statistics in relation to sexual abuse and harassment involving students. We recognise that we have a vital responsibility in tackling sexual violence and harassment and instilling good values in our students and their respect for one another. Like so much of education, our work must complement that undertaken by parents and carers so that young people receive a consistent message and people can go about their lives free from harassment and abuse. We ask that anyone who has experienced such behaviour, or who is suffering because of it, to report it to an appropriate adult in the school so they can be supported, and steps can be taken to address the issue.

Goodbye Mr Brinkley!

We are all sad to say goodbye to Mr Brinkley at the end of this half term. He joined the school in September 2014 and quickly demonstrated his many skills as an Assistant Headteacher and then a Deputy Headteacher. He has supported pupils, parents, and staff in equal measure with thoughtful compassion and insight. Mr Brinkley has not always worked in education, so it is not a complete surprise that he is changing his career to become a freight train driver. Despite the remorseless teasing from colleagues (with every train pun they could think of), we all wish him the very best in the future. We will miss him. We have had to replace him with no less than two Assistant Headteachers who will join us in September.



Dates for the diary:

Year 7 Parents' Evening – 8th June
Year 10 Careers Day – 24th June
Sports Day – 7th July
Year 11 Prom – 7th July
Year 10 Careers Day – 18th July * revised date
Summer Term Ends – 22nd July
Autumn Term Begins – 6th September

May we wish you a very pleasant and relaxing half term break.

Kindest regards
Dr J Hunt
Headteacher