



Half Term Update Spring term 2023

February 2023

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

As promised, please find below this half term's update. I hope you find this useful. Our termly Newsletter will be relaunched at the end of this term, just prior to the Easter break.

It has been a very busy half term and it is sometimes difficult to believe that we are now half way through this academic year. Alongside our focus on teaching and learning, this half term has also included the following:

- Staff Training with a focus on supporting students with an Autism Spectrum Condition
- Staff training with a focus on reading, in partnership with Stalham Academy
- Brilliant Club Launch Trip to Cambridge University
- Year 11 visit to East Norfolk 6th Form
- Year 9 Rugby Day at North Walsham Rugby Club
- Art and Design Trip into Norwich
- County Cross Country Races
- Girls' Football tournament
- Several sports fixtures for all year groups
- Year 11 visit to Paston Sixth Form College
- Flu and HPV vaccinations
- Year 11 Parents' Evening
- UKMT Maths Challenge
- Charities Week
- Visit from photographer, Jeremy Webb

The Brilliant Club

I am really pleased to let you know we have launched The Brilliant Club at Stalham High School. The programme, which is designed to support students into post-18 education, involves fourteen Year 9 students working with a PhD tutor on a university style project, alongside other activities. Most recently, this was a visit to Cambridge University.

Staff

I am really pleased that Ms Tarry (Assistant Headteacher and SRB Lead), Mrs Feakins and Miss Spencer have joined us recently, enabling us to provide even more support for students.

Specialist Resource Base (SRB)

Work has begun on our Specialist Resource Base which will open in September 2023. The additional provision is being funded by Norfolk County Council to create an additional 20 school places for children with Autistic Spectrum Conditions. With the specialist staff we are recruiting, our SRB students will receive additional support, enabling them to access mainstream school as much as possible, alongside specialist support.

Ski 23!

I would like to wish all of the students and staff (70 in total) who are ski-ing in Italy over the half-term break *buon viaggio!* There is lots of snow and the forecast looks great. I am sure they will have a fantastic time!

Finally, thank you to you all for your continuing kindness and support. It is genuinely appreciated

Best wishes

Mr Alastair Ogle
Executive Headteacher