

Dear parents/carers,

The last few weeks of the academic year are always incredibly busy and rewarding as we reflect and celebrate all the achievements throughout the year. This week we have had our Sports Award evening to start off the celebrations, and we have the Arts Award evening and our Headteacher's Commendation award events to look forward to. We've had our Sports Week last week and a number of music events this week, but also have our triathlon and 'Annie' production still to come. And all on top of lessons that are still very much focused on learning and ensuring our students' achieve their best in order to open doors to their futures.

Achievements & successes

We held our **Year 13 Graduation ceremony** this afternoon, which gave us the perfect opportunity to celebrate their seven years at NAC and all that they have achieved during their time with us. It was lovely to see so many parents/carers at the event; and to hear students speak so fondly of their time with us. They have all worked incredibly hard, and we look forward to seeing them on results day on the 15th August where hopefully they get the results they deserve and can move on to their chosen university place, apprenticeship or gap year. They have been an absolute credit to the college and we will miss them but hope that they will form part of our alumni and keep in touch with all their news and accomplishments. We hope they have a lovely evening tonight at their prom.



We have started our third assessment cycle of the year this week for Year 10 with students sitting their mocks in the core subjects of English, Maths and Science in our official exam spaces which will have given them an invaluable experience in preparation for the real exam season next year. We would like to congratulate the Year 10s for their excellent behaviour and attitude to learning: they have all exemplified our values of hard work, perseverance and courage. There are still some mocks to go next week so thank you for supporting your child/ren in their last few days of revision and preparation.

Last week the Music department took their top level band 'The Collective,' featuring seven students from years 10-13, to compete in the **Devon Secondary School Battle of the Bands** tournament. They were one of eight performances at the event, which happened alongside a further three events of similar nature across the county. Two bands were selected from each event to go through to the final. The level of musicianship from all schools was exemplary, and our students matched the expectation with ease. The judges commented on the energy of our students; the skill of their performance; and noted our vocalists as 'incredibly well rehearsed and impressive'. Whilst we were not successful in reaching the final, the students should be really proud of their accomplishments, and ready to compete again next year.

This week, our **Year 9 GCSE Music class represented the college at the Newton Abbot Transition Project**. The project featured students from local primary and secondary schools to promote Music in the local area and encourage the Arts as a key factor in getting primary schools excited about secondary education. Our students were professional, reliable and performed brilliantly for the primary schools. We are looking forward to hosting the event and further promoting our creative arts in the future.

Sports Award evening

We held our annual Sports Award evening on Monday night at the Riviera International Centre in Torquay and what an absolutely amazing evening it was - as I am sure all those parents who attended will agree. The sheer volume of talent being recognised on the evening was phenomenal, as were the number of achievements our different sporting teams have secured during the year, demonstrating how brilliant NAC is at sport and is very definitely the school to beat! The number of students we have representing the school and competing at a regional and national level is so impressive. Every single person awarded on the evening deserves a huge well done and congratulations, especially IK, HE and SL who walked away with big prizes. The atmosphere and spirit of the evening reflected this; as staff, students, parents and carers cheered and applauded our students as they took to the stage, truly epitomising what it means to persevere, aspire and achieve. It goes without saying that none of this would be possible without the PE department - their commitment to fixtures and after school clubs; their organisation to make the night happen; their relationships with our students to draw out the best from them - they are, as one parent said "an amazing team who really do encourage and nurture the students."





Sporting fixtures

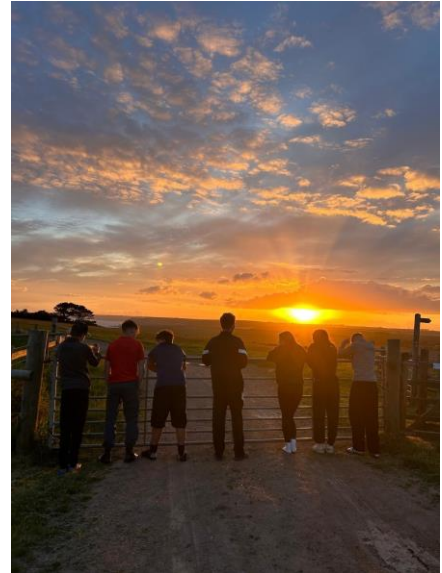
As well as the Sports Awards evening on Monday night it has been a busy week in PE. Our Year 8 rounders team came 2nd in South Devon championships only just losing in the final. Our Year 8 and Year 9 6-a-side football teams competed in an invitational tournament at ISCA School, Exeter and our year 8s walked away as plate winners! Year 9s were outstanding all day winning their group and then going out by one goal in the quarter finals of the cup.

Our year 8 cricket team had a hardball cricket fixture away at Blundells and were very competitive against one of the best cricketing private schools in the county. On Wednesday we welcomed St Joseph's Primary School to our field for their sports day. The school and parents watching couldn't be more complimentary of our students and how kind and respectful they were. Finally today we have 16 year 9 sports leaders going to Highweek Primary school to help run their sports day.



Enrichment Opportunities

Thank you to the kind parent who emailed in to say that we forgot to mention the Silver Duke of Edinburgh expedition that happened last week! Monday 17th saw our Silver teams head out on a practice expedition that saw them enjoy some glorious sunshine and an amazing sunset as they took to the coast path for a fair few miles before setting up camp.

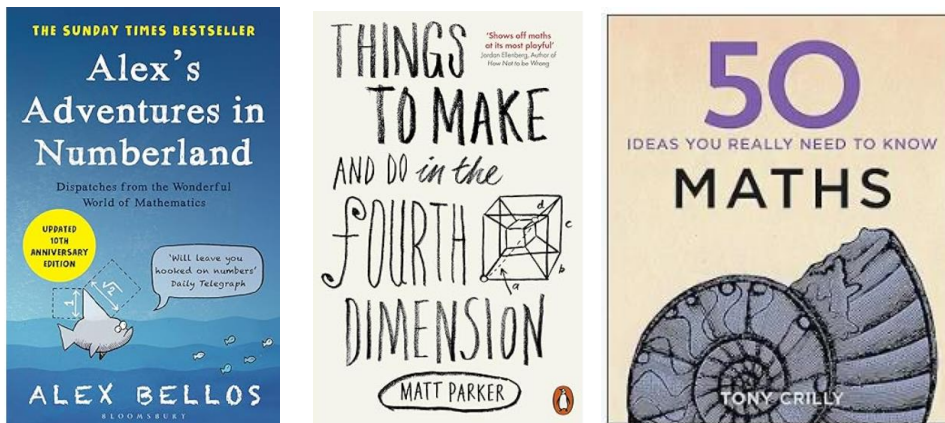


Mrs Pollard has been sending regular reports from Normandy and it certainly sounds like the Year 9 and 10 trip has been going very well, with students experiencing a local market where they practised speaking French in order to purchase a picnic; attending the British First World War Cemetery; exploring the underground caves in Naours; visiting the cathedral in Amiens; plus a trip to the zoo, aquarium and a few supermarket sweeps! A huge thank you to Mrs Pollard for organising such a diverse, fun and educational trip.

Students and staff got the chance to try a selection of healthy treats this week with a pop up tasting zone in the green tree restaurant giving students the chance to sample healthy breakfast options including: overnight oats and blueberries, a seed and honey based flapjack topped with berries and a kale and banana smoothie that proved a smash hit with the students! The 'better for you' healthy options are now being served in the college Green Tree Restaurant every morning. There is also free porridge available for all students every day!



We are excited to announce the start of a new club: Additional Maths for year 10 gifted Mathematicians! Running on a Monday after school it will give students the opportunity to explore some higher-level Mathematics, including logarithms and polynomial division and to look at some of the more bizarre and beautiful aspects of Maths. The long term aim of the club is that in a years' time students have the chance to sit the "Additional Maths" qualification alongside their GCSEs, which is a very helpful stepping stone to A-level Mathematics or future studies that are heavily Maths based. The Maths department are also pleased to announce that a similar club will be starting for our current year 9 students as they move into year 10. If your son/daughter enjoys Maths then here is some suggested Summer reading for them:



We had the privilege of welcoming some of our new Year 6 cohort to Newton Abbot College this week. It was a pleasure to meet them and show them around the school site. We enjoyed reading with them, getting to know the college library, visiting the restaurant and even undertaking some chair yoga. Our Year 9 and 12 student helpers, along with our Year 10 Sports Captains, were incredible throughout the day. The Year 6 pupils left with huge smiles on their faces and we look forward to seeing them again for our full transition day.

Dates for your diary & reminders

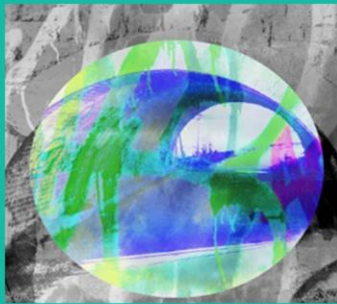
Next week is our assessment week for Years 7 to 9. Thank you for supporting our young people with revision for this week. They have all demonstrated great resilience as they have started their final preparation for their assessments and we are sure they will finish the week with a real sense of achievement.

- Year 11 prom- 5th July
- Duke of Edinburgh Presentation evening - 8th July
- Arts Awards Evening - 9th July
- Our college production of 'Annie - 11th & 12th July
- Activities week - 15th-19th July
- Early finish on the last day of term - 1.30pm on Friday 19th July

Newton Abbot College
Art Department
would like to invite you to
the GCSE & A-level
Fine Art and Photography
Exhibition 2024



Tuesday 2nd July
4-7pm
in the Art Block



Heads up for September - being equipped to achieve your best

We know that having the right equipment for college is an essential part of being ready to learn and being able to perform to the best of your ability. We know that for some students, buying stationery ready for a new academic year is something they look forward to. We also know though that for some buying the right equipment is a challenge. We don't want any student in our college community to be on the back foot in September because they don't have the right equipment. We are therefore offering to provide students with a fully equipped (two pens, purple pen, pencil, rubber, ruler, whiteboard pen, highlighter) pencil case if they would like one. It will be a clear pencil case so it meets exam regulations. If this is your son/daughter, please complete this short form here by the 30th June 2024: <https://forms.gle/HyE23fzf3oQXi9fg9>. Students will then be able to buy items from the ClassCharts shop throughout the year to replace any items that run out or are lost.

Have a lovely weekend.

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