



NEWSLETTER

Regular news updates from All Saints School, Lessingham

KEY DIARY DATES

September:

28th: Individual and Sibling photographs

October:

10th-14th: Year 11 mock week

w/c 10th: Juniors trip Time and Tide Museum

w/c: 17th: Year 9 trip to Happisburgh beach

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Numbers to contact for help

Ms Dangerfield: 07879 875925

Miss Paffett: 07733 417296

Norfolk children's support line:

Text 07480 635060 or call 0344 800 8029

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

WELCOME BACK! What a fantastic start to the new academic year!

Well done to everyone for getting back into school life so positively - it's been a joy to see all of our young people back together again and a lovely welcome to our new students and families that have joined us this year.

Our fortnightly newsletter offers our families regular updates, reminders and photographs celebrating what has been happening in school each week. We hope you enjoy looking through it - there are always some helpful pieces of information for you all and we aim to be as 'paper-free' as possible when it comes to sending letters and information home to you. Please do let us know if you would like a printed copy.

We do our very best to support students and families the best we can so do get in contact if we can do anything to help. If we don't know, we can't help.

Queen Elizabeth II

Regardless of any belief, view, nationality or culture, grief and loss are universal.

I'm sure many of you may be feeling deeply sorry and sad that a family have lost a mother and grandmother and some of you may feel the shock that someone, who has been a constant figure in our lives, is no longer with us.



Whatever your view may be, as a school, we respect and acknowledge this historical event and are here to ensure that our children realise its importance in history. Today we took a little bit of time to mark this occasion, celebrate her life and achievements and had a 1-minute silence. Throughout the week we have been answering any questions that the children might have. As you are aware Monday is a National Bank Holiday and the school will be shut.

Staff changes

Goodbye and thank you ...

Ellie Feakin, Piper Armstrong and Nick Dyball

Welcome ...

Molly Urry – Art and Music teacher

Matt Langley – Caretaker

Rupert Atkinson – cleaner

Reminders

- * Please ensure students are wearing the correct school uniform every day. ALL uniform must be named (initials are fine).
<https://www.allsaintslessingham.co.uk/parents/uniform/>
- * Please send a named water bottle to school every day
- * As the weather is beginning to change, please ensure your child brings a coat to school
- * Please let the office know before 8.30am if your child is not coming into school.

Attendance

Hopefully you have all now received the letters we sent last week regarding attendance. I have had a couple of queries over this and therefore wanted to explain that the government has introduced new school attendance guidance for all schools (see link below to access the full document) in which it states:

The government expects: schools and local authorities to:

- ◆ promote good attendance and reduce absence, including persistent absence
- ◆ ensure every pupil has access to full-time education to which they are entitled
- ◆ act early to address patterns of absence
- ◆ parents to perform their legal duty by ensuring their children of compulsory school age who are registered at school attend regularly
- ◆ all pupils to be punctual to their lessons

All Saints School will continue to support our young people and families with achieving good attendance and where appropriate, we will put measures in place to help with this. However, if our young people and families do not engage in these supportive measures and are unable to provide medical evidence for prolonged or frequent absences, we may have to pursue legal action.

We fully appreciate the difficulties some families experience around achieving good attendance and will always seek to support rather than take punitive measures. If you are having issues with getting your child to attend school, for any reason, in the first instance please contact the school so we can help resolve any difficulties quickly and avoid behaviours becoming habitual and embedded.

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1076127/School_attendance_guidance_May-2022_.pdf

Reading Rewards – Reading for Pleasure

This academic year at All Saints School, we are promoting ‘**Reading for Pleasure**’ across the whole school. Reading for Pleasure is reading **what you want to read** based on your own interests and preferences, it’s reading without having to worry about being graded or judged and includes being read to whatever your age.

Any opportunity to read is a good one! Reading allows us to follow our passion. When we read what we like, we read more and more often. The more we read the easier it becomes and the more we enjoy it. Benefits of reading include increased literacy skills, improved results/grades and research shows it has a positive impact on mental health.

To support the ‘Reading for Pleasure’ initiative we are implementing a new reward system. This is a credit system working towards Bronze, Silver, Gold Awards and Certificates. Credits will be given after the student has finished reading/sharing a book and completed a small task, the amount of credits will vary on the type and length of book. At the end of each term students who have achieved the highest level of credits for each year group will be invited on a reward trip to Waterstones to help choose books for the library. In addition to this, students who have read and had their planner signed four times a week by an adult (at school or at home) will have their names placed in a ‘Lotto’ and the chance to be chosen at random to join a reward trip.

Lots of new books have arrived in the library since our return after the summer. These have been specifically chosen to encourage the students to use the library and support the school curriculum.

Mrs Fuller – Literacy Assistant



Student Planner:

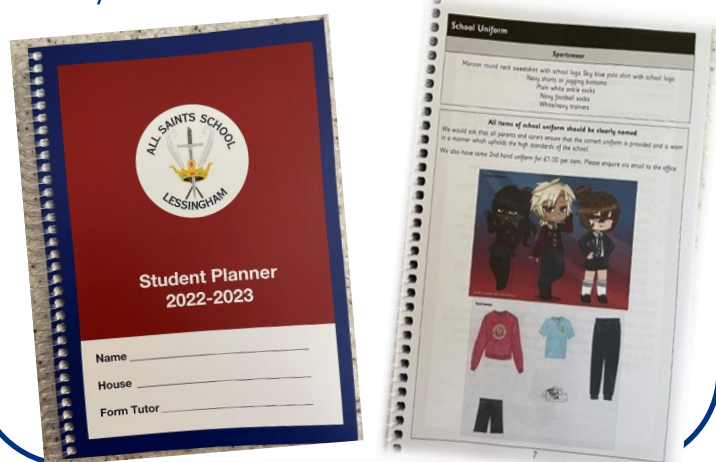
We are delighted to receive our new 2022-2023 planners.

Our students have helped to design them and on page 7 is original art work by Paige and Violet

Please take time to read through these at home and to keep an eye out for homework, communication and house points.

Pages 14-15 show the personal goals which will be discussed and filled in over the coming weeks. We are also having a push on reading for pleasure this year and there will be lots of rewards for the people who engage with this - please do record reading in planners.

Thank you !



Careers Support

We welcome our careers adviser Ellen back into school today, Ellen will be with us every 2-3 weeks, supporting years 9-11.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Ellen de Winnaar and I am a Level 6 qualified Careers Guidance Adviser.

I have many years' experience in supporting students with planning their next steps, be it college, sixth form or apprenticeships and have worked with a number of specialist schools and other providers in supporting young people with additional needs.

Some Year 11 students have already seen me to discuss their Post-16 plans and I have offered follow-up appointments with them, should they require support with the application process. I

if you would like to discuss your son or daughter's next steps after All Saints School, do contact me at ewinnaar@beacon-east.co.uk copying in Miss King kking@allsaintslessingham.co.uk

Ellen de Winnaar, Careers Adviser

Year 9—College

Year 9 have been very appreciative of the opportunity to go and learn more about catering at Great Yarmouth college on a Tuesday. They have adapted to the new environment and baked some wonderful shortbread this week. Please remember to bring a container to transport what they have cooked home. We will get a menu of what will be coming home as soon as we have one. Well done year 9 we are sure your families will look forward to you bringing home dinner and treats on Tuesdays this year.

Year 10 and 11 students who chose catering have stepped up to the level 2 qualification and will be building upon their culinary expertise this year. Mrs Senior will be continuing to support small groups with cooking skills in our kitchen at All Saints.



Lower Juniors

During our Golden Time, Archie created a Batmobile out of Hedgeblocks.



Danny is pleased to see that the seed he had planted is growing tall and strong. We have learned that plants need air, warmth and water to grow.



Measuring in Maths – Ashton's jump was the longest.



Statistics in Maths – Phoebe created tally chart, bar graph and a pictogram based on the colours



Teamwork makes the dreamwork. Archie and Terrel are building a greenhouse to plant their seeds in.

Thomas for his amazing achievement in a squash tournament at Broadland Sports Club in which he came 1st and won a trophy, he is extremely proud of himself and so he should be.



Well done to.....



Ms Jones and Mrs Berryman who went for a swim on the last day of the summer holidays and ended the day rescuing 3 young men who got into difficulty in the sea.

Well done ladies for a brave and selfless act.

Ms Dangerfield

Boyd who entered the Stalham & District horticultural society Autumn show and walked away with 4 x 1st.



Maddie who recently competed for her team in the surf life saving regional championship against teams all the way from Sheringham to Brighton. She was competing up an age group in the over 16s category where she managed to win 5 medals - 3 x 2nds and 2 x



Sixth Form & College Open Events 2022

East Coast College Great Yarmouth	Saturday 1 st October Thursday 3 rd November	10am – 12pm 5 – 7pm
East Coast College Lowestoft	Saturday 8 th October Wednesday 2 nd November	10am – 12pm 5 – 7pm
East Norfolk Sixth Form Gorleston	Saturday 24 th September Thursday 6 th October	9am – 1pm 4 – 7pm
Easton College	Friday 14 th October Saturday 15 th October	5 – 7:30pm 10am – 1pm
Jane Austen College Norwich	Tuesday 18 th October	5pm onwards
Mildenhall College Academy Sixth Form	Date/Time TBC	
Notre Dame High School Norwich	Thursday 10 th November	6 – 8:30pm
Paston College North Walsham	Thursday 29 th September Saturday 5 th November	4:30 – 7pm 10am – 1pm
Sir Isaac Newton Sixth Form Norwich	Wednesday 12 th October	5:30pm onwards
Springwood Sixth Form King's Lynn	Thursday 13 th October	5:30pm onwards
Thomas Paine Sixth Form Thetford	Thursday 13 th October	6pm – 8pm
University Technical College (UTCN) Norwich	Thursday 20 th October	4:30pm onwards
West Suffolk College Bury St Edmunds	Saturday 15 th October Thursday 10 th November	9:30am – 12:30pm 5:30pm – 7:30pm
Wymondham High Academy Sixth Form	Date/Time TBC	
Wymondham College	Saturday 8 th October	9 – 11am

****Check if you need to book a place online****

Work Experience

We also look forward to welcoming back Michelle and Charlene, Employer Engagement Officers from the Work Experience Team at Norfolk County Council. Their profiles, along with some information for parents/carers are attached.

Both Michelle and Charlene will be working with all year 11 students, their families and Miss King to find a suitable venue for work experience.

Please do get in touch if you have already started to explore places of work with your child. Work experience for year 11 will be W/C 03/07/23 (this can start a week earlier if needed to support 2wk block).

Michelle's One Page Profile

A bit about me

I live in east Norfolk, not far from the seaside, with my family and 2 guinea pigs, Rocky and Leo.

My house is an old school, so it's over 150 years old!



My work journey

When I was younger I worked in restaurants, a shop, and on holiday parks in France during the summers. I also worked for a holiday company which meant I got paid to travel to lots of lovely places!

I stayed at home for a while when my children were little, then I worked at a college doing a few different jobs. One of these was arranging all the fun visits for the students, which kept me very busy!

I've worked in this job for over a year and a half, and I love meeting students and listening to what they want to do when they finish school and helping them find the right work experience.

Favourite subjects at school

I really enjoyed languages, and studied Spanish, French and German.

I also enjoyed science, English and business studies.

Things I enjoy doing

Roller skating



Fancy dress parties



Walks along the beach



Spending time on the Norfolk broads



What makes me happy



Sunny days



Eating a meal I haven't cooked!



Cosy evenings in with the fire on, watching a film with my family

Charlene's One Page Profile

A bit about me

I live with my husband in a quiet little village near Norwich Airport.



I love to spend time having fun with my little great-nephews & niece and really enjoy taking my mum's gorgeous dog, Grover for walks on the beach!



My work journey



Most of my working life has been in office work. Starting as an office junior (in 1989!) I did various admin jobs during the 1990s and also used to train people in ICT skills.

In 2005, I went to work for a training provider to help young apprentices find work experience in engineering, which I really enjoyed.

I have been in my current role almost 5 years, and love helping young people find the right work experience which I hope may even help them on the way to finding their dream job one day!

What makes me happy?

Gardening (I love getting my hands mucky!)



Music

Visiting our beautiful beaches and rivers

Chilli – and chocolate!



Things I enjoy doing

Going to see bands play live



Playing the piano and singing loudly (but quite badly!)



Reading (I like lots of different types of books - thrillers, travel books, history, humour and autobiographies)



What is important to me?



My family and friends, and spending as much time as I can with them

People being kind to each other, to animals and all living things (even spiders – yeuch!)

Laughing often and trying to make the most of every day!



WEX Norfolk

Work Experience for students with SEND

Information for Parents

2022-23



What is work experience?

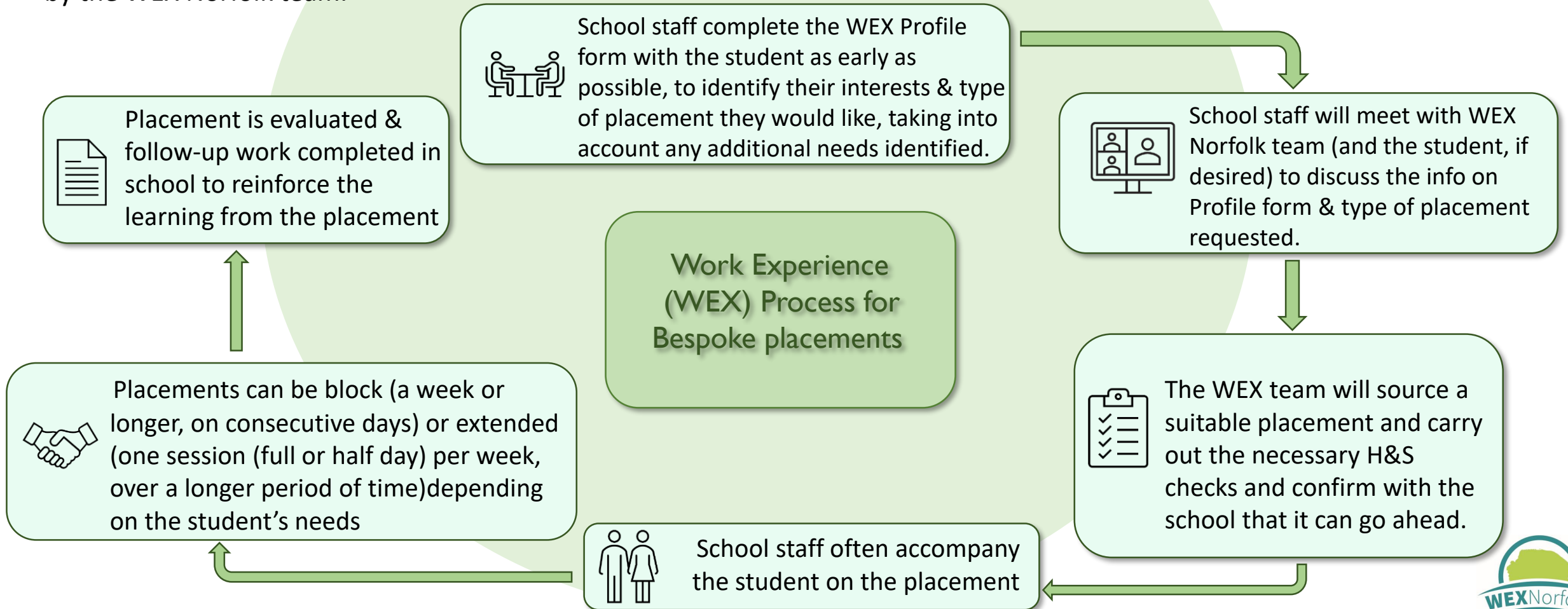
'A placement on a employer's premises in which a student carries out a particular task or duty, or a range of tasks or duties, more or less as would an employee, but with an emphasis on the learning aspects of the experience.'

Benefits of work experience

- Work experience (WEX) develops skills needed for all jobs, such as teamwork and communication (transferable skills)
- It's a chance to learn new skills
- It builds confidence in interacting with adults
- It can spark an interest in school subjects, which leads to increased motivation at school
- It provides valuable evidence to add to the student's vocational/personal profile
- Students can see how to apply what they've learnt in school to the working world, and vice versa
- 75% of SEND school students who participated in WEX in the summer term of 2022 were offered a further opportunity with their placement provider!

The WEX Norfolk Traded Service – 2 types of placements: Schools will select the type most suited to individual students

- **Bespoke:** The WEX Norfolk team source the placement to suit the student's interests and aspirations, taking into account their individual needs. A health and safety assessment is completed. This type is most often used for students with SEND.
- **Standard:** This placement is sourced by the student, with school support if needed. A health & safety assessment is completed by the WEX Norfolk team.



Further information and resources for Parents/Carers/Guardians

[Information for Parents
& Carers |
helpyouchoose.org](https://www.helpyouchoose.org)

Here you will also find also
our
Parents/Carers/Guardians
Guide to work experience,
with more information on
the benefits of work
experience and how it
works.

Visit
[Help You Choose](https://www.helpyouchoose.org)
for more information on
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