

NORTON NEWS

Norton College Newsletter Issue 1



Important Dates

Term Dates

Friday 8 th April	Last day of Spring Term
11 th -22 nd April	Easter Holidays
25 th April	Inset day
26 th April	First day of Summer Term
2 nd May	May Bank Holiday
27 th May	Last day of Term
30 th May.-.3 rd June	Summer Half Term Holiday
Monday 6 th June	First day of term
Thursday 21 st July	Last day of Summer Term

GCSE Exams

Biology	Paper 1	17 th May
	Paper 2	15 th June
Chemistry	Paper 1	27 th May
	Paper 2	20 th June
Physics	Paper 1	9 th June
	Paper 2	23 rd June
Combined Trilogy		
Biology	Paper 1	17 th May
	Paper 2	15 th June
Chemistry	Paper 1	27 th May
	Paper 2	20 th June
Physics	Paper 1	9 th June
	Paper 2	23 rd June
English Language	Paper 1	18 th May
Maths	Non-Calculator Paper	20 th May
	Calculator Papers	7 th & 13 th June
	Statistics Paper 1	14 th June
	Paper 2	24 th June

Welcome to the very first Norton College Worcester newsletter.

I can't believe that Easter is just around the corner!

Some of our students have been helping to deliver this year's batch of lambs at Acton Mill Care Farm. Such a wonderful experience for them to be part of.

We were so proud of the students who achieved their Duke of Edinburgh Award last summer and I am looking forward seeing a new group of students complete their community work and their required expedition this year.

Even with the Covid-19 pandemic in full swing last academic year our students achieved our most significant results ever, with 227 examinations being passed. The challenge this year is to see if we can match or even exceed this.

I am so pleased that work experience opportunities are beginning to be on offer again. All the students who represent Norton College Worcester, are a credit to themselves and their families.

We are developing a new PSHE Hub to enrich the delivery of this subject, in addition to welcoming a new PSHE teacher and new PSHE tutor to enhance our staff team.

Importantly too we are supporting the development of reading by currently improving our college library.

Due to the ramifications of the Covid-19 pandemic, on the possible emotional well-being of students, we have strengthened our mental health first aider team and gained 'Trauma Informed School' status for Norton College Worcester. Congratulations must go to Deborah Pribojac passing her Level 5 Trauma Informed Schools Practitioner qualification, to help coordinate this new initiative.

It is wonderful to see our students engaging in academic and vocational activities in addition to all the off-site activities and out-door learning opportunities we offer. None of this would happen without the support of our students' parents and carers. So, a big thank you must be extended to you. We strive to change the life opportunities for our students and make their learning journey with us enjoyable, effective and purposeful.

Rod Gould, Head of School

WEEKLY CHALLENGE

We put a weekly challenge in the Meet & Greet area.

This could be a Maths, English, Science, Geography, or logic puzzle. This allows students to work together or individually, towards a goal. They enjoy talking through these tasks and support each other when they get stuck on some points.

Below is a recent puzzle / conundrum that students have enjoyed.



A man walks south for 3 miles.

Then east for 4 miles.

Then north for 4 miles.

Then west for 2 miles.

Then south for 1 mile.

In which direction and how far does he need to walk to return to his starting point?



Alongside the puzzle / conundrum students can take part in additional activities based around subject trail or a competition within college. These puzzles and trails blend in well with the weekly general knowledge quiz, that students can participate in allowing small teams to compete against each other.

English

To celebrate national storytelling week, we held a storytelling competition.

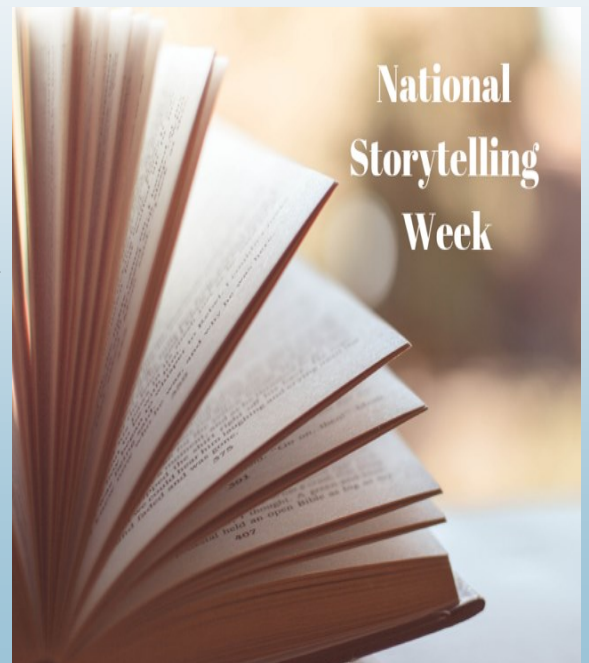
Students were asked to write a short story on a topic of their choice.

We were extremely pleased with how many students entered the competition. It was a very difficult decision to pick a winner, as there were so many wonderful entries.

Congratulations to Billy who won the competition, with his Star Wars inspired story... and well done to Tom who came second place, with his story around Coronavirus and the impact it has made.

We will be holding other competitions in the future so keep an eye out!

National
Storytelling
Week



Science is exciting at Norton College Worcester!

Science
is fun!!!

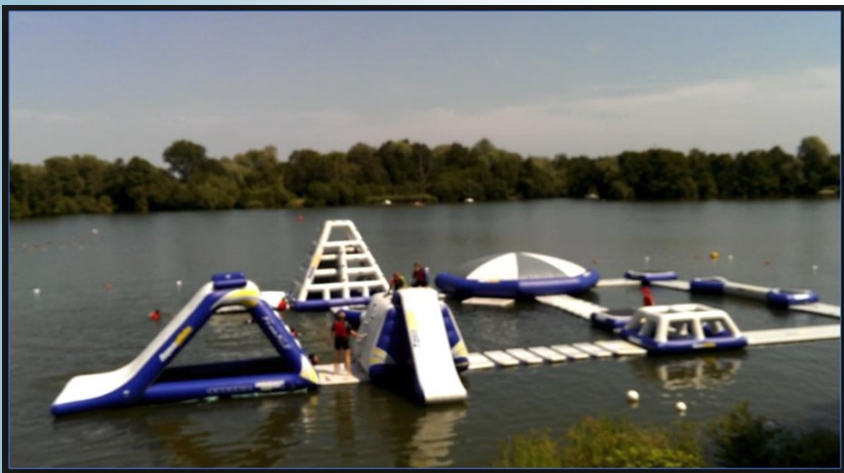
With an emphasis on practical skills at all levels, the aim is to show that Science is fun and engaging.

Younger students participate in short practical sessions where they learn basic safety and Science skills through experimentation and practice. Popular practicals include making model lungs, dissecting hearts and experimenting with electrical circuits. We aim to follow the interests of the students.

Entry Level students have the chance to show off their developing skills by demonstrating how to use more challenging scientific equipment such as microscopes, chemicals and electronics.

For GCSE we have invested in new specialised equipment ranging from alkali metals for explosive reactions and burettes and pipettes for titrations so students can experience the full range of scientific experiments. Recent practicals include burning magnesium, reacting metals with acid and making their own slides to view under the microscope.

A recent addition to the Science lab has been frogspawn from a local pond; students have enjoyed watching the frogspawn develop into tadpoles, and then eventually into frogs. These will then be released back into their natural habitat. This has led to interesting conversations about food chains, nutrition, and life cycles.



Water sports at Upton Warren

As the weather starts to improve over the summer term, our access to water based activities increases. These activities include Aquapark, kayaking, paddle boarding etc and are available to all our students. Students thrive when they access these activities.

If students would like to access this provision, we ask that you ensure they have appropriate clothing (wet suits are provided by college), hats, towels and sun cream. If there are any individual requests please contact the college office who will liaise with the water sports team.

Careers

The careers support that our students have access to is important to allow them to raise their aspirations and progress into adulthood. They can access careers information, advice and guidance from various avenues including PSHE lessons, careers curriculum, subject specific careers information in subject areas, career databases and 1:1 career support.

In line with government guidance, we have a Level 6 careers adviser who is registered with the Careers Development Institute, to ensure all our students receive impartial careers advice. If parents wish to discuss any areas of careers advice or progression, with our careers adviser, they are welcome to call college, at any time, to arrange a discussion.

At Norton College we are proud of the positive destinations that our students progress on to. We strive to ensure all students are given every opportunity to progress onto a positive destination when they are ready.

ANIMALCARE	ART	BIOLOGY
CARPENTRY	CATERING	CHEMISTRY
ENGLISH	HISTORY	FARMING
IMEDIA	MUSIC	MATHS
PAINTING	PSHE	PHYSICS
ROCKCLIMBING	SPORT	SAILING



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All correct answers will be entered into a draw to win a bar of chocolate.

To enter, please write your name below and hand in your completed sheet to the office.

The draw will take place on Friday 29th April.

Name: