



# NORTON NEWS

Norton College Newsletter Issue 3

## A message from our leader...

I can't believe how quickly this academic year is rushing by. I hope all the students enjoy their Easter break and come back refreshed and motivated for the summer term; especially those students preparing for their GCSE examinations.

Hopefully, with the improved weather students will have a greater opportunity to engage in outdoor learning opportunities at the Aztec centre at Upton Warren, which will be really exciting.

We are also looking forward in the summer term to begin a new round of our Duke of Edinburgh activities, which will include developing new skills, community volunteering and an outdoor expedition. Hopefully in time we will be able to celebrate another group of students achieving their bronze or silver DofE Awards.

I need to congratulate our students and staff for the work taking place at our college allotment in the village of Norton. Our students can feel exceptionally proud of their achievements, in regard to how the physical environment of the allotment is being improved with new planting beds, a new pergola and composting areas.

Can I importantly take this opportunity to thank all the parents who nominated Norton College Worcester for the Worcestershire 2023 Education Awards. We were surprised and excited to discover that we are Finalists in the Independent Schools category.

As soon as we discover the result of the finals, we will share the news with parents and students. We would not be in this happy situation without the hard work from our staff, the collaboration with our parents, and the engagement from our students. It is wonderful that Mr Hardicker's vision, when he set up Norton College with the focus of a school adapting to the needs of the students is being recognised in such a way.

**Rod Goold**  
**Head of School**

## Term Dates

Monday 3rd — Friday 14th April

Easter Holiday

### Summer Term

Monday 17th April

Inset Day

Tuesday 18th April

First day of Summer Term

Monday 1st May

Bank Holiday

Monday 8th May

Bank Holiday (Coronation)

Monday 29th May — Friday 2nd June

Summer Half Term Holiday

Friday 21st July

Last day of Summer Term





Humanities  
is here!

We are please to announce the development of our new **Humanities Department**.

Humanities consists of three subjects -

Geography, History and Religious Education.

We are now offering qualifications from Entry Level through to GCSE in each subject area.

All courses will take two years to complete.

Unlike GCSEs, Entry Level has no exams and work is graded according to work completed in lessons. There is a lot of scope on how the work can be presented, as long as the appropriate amount of time has been spent on each aspect being taught.

Students need to accomplish 8 – 12 credits to achieve an Award, 13 – 35 to achieve a Certificate and 36 plus for a Diploma. 1 credit is equal to 10 hours of work.

We have instigated a termly rotation system for the Entry Level course, starting with RE after Easter, with the focus on places of worship and Religious Festivals and Celebrations.

To start off the new academic year in September we are planning to study History; A British Society & Non-British Society from the past.

Alongside this we are planning some educational visits to a variety of different religious venues within the county.

We have got off to a wonderful start this term with our geography topics, looking at the recent earthquake in Turkey and tectonic plates.



# Norton College Allotment

This term we have been concentrating on the new pergola.

Paul bought timber and with the help of Art-Richard and students (JP, Astle, Keiva, Dusty, Harvey and Alfie), designed, painted and constructed the pergola at college.



It was then transported to the allotment and assembled on site.

They have also planted a grapevine at the base to grow up it.



## World Book Day 2nd March 2023

All students had the opportunity to take part in activities to win a prize, celebrating World Book Day 2023.

This included quizzes about different books and authors and designing a new book cover.

We were really impressed with the number of students that participated, and the winners were Florence & Tom for the quiz and Mya for the book cover design.

Congratulations to the winners!

Mya's winning book cover design



It was Children's Mental Health Week 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> February.

Norton Worcester fully engaged with many fun and insightful activities, that helped to raise the awareness of mental health, both good and bad.

This year's theme was about connections and seeing how they affect our mental health and that of the people around us.

Students took part in Channel 4's Taskmaster's and Norton College got a personalised video message from one of the stars of the show, Alex Horne.

Place 2 Be set some challenges to create a rainbow, a new sport, and puzzles.

A lot of students took part in these activities. There were many excellent conversations about how connections can help with mental health and how these connections with friends, family, and school staff can help a young person to feel able to speak about any issues that they are dealing with and start to get support.

Once again the students and staff at Norton Worcester have worked towards breaking down the stigma around mental health.



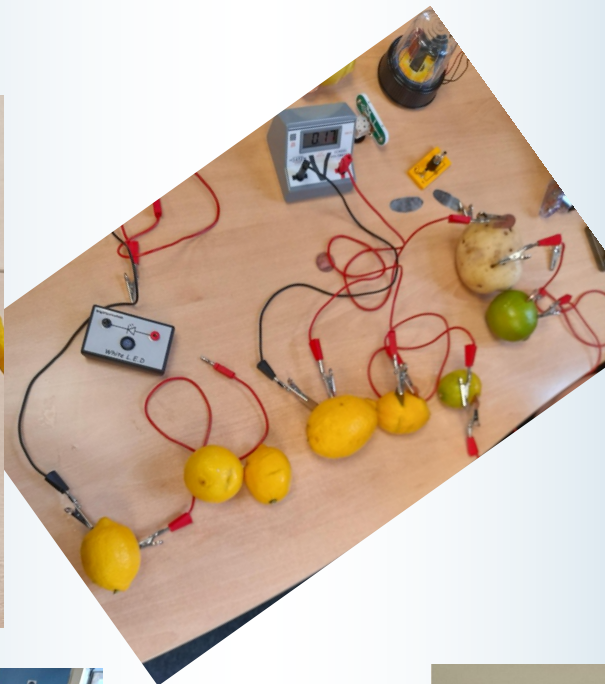


So, what did YOU do today?  
In the Upstairs Unit....

Students at Norton have participated in a range of activities.

Experimental, games and craft based activities are offered daily.

Students have created the tallest straw towers, made electricity using lemons, created huge marble runs and beaded keyrings, to list a few.



# MATHS UPDATE

The students at Norton college have been working hard on their Maths this year. Since September 2022, 19 students have taken and passed an exam in Functional Skills. This is an excellent achievement!

Congratulations goes to Tomos who achieved a Grade 4 at iGCSE Maths in January, he is now studying for a second GCSE, this time in Statistics.

Looking forward, we have 11 students entered for their iGCSE Maths exam in the summer. We hope that all of their hard work will pay off and they will all achieve the grades they deserve.

Well done to all of the students for their continuing hard work.

## PHSE Update



This half-term, Norton College Worcester had a careers week.

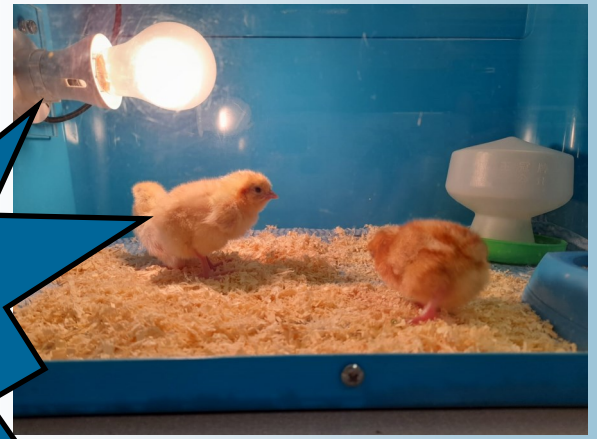
During their PSHE lesson students completed a jobs family questionnaire to help them to think about the different aspects of work and which type of industry they would suit.

During lessons, activities, trips and visits staff spoke with students about different careers that were linked to what they were doing.





## EGGSTRA SPECIAL VISITORS!



On Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March, the excitement was palpable... the eggs were delivered from Living Eggs, food and bedding to look after

excitement at Norton College were due to arrive! Ten eggs were delivered along with incubator, brooder and all eggs and chicks for a fortnight.

At first there was little movement, then some of the eggs started rocking from side to side, with cracks eventually appearing. Between Tuesday and Thursday, nine eggs hatched, and students were able to watch as the chicks unfurled themselves and dried out.



By Friday, we had nine chicks, ready to be named! Staff and students submitted name suggestions and following a democratic vote, the chicks were named Hen Solo, Honey, KFC, Maggie Hatcher, Nikocado Avocado, Nugget, Omelette, The Biggest Bird and Tom Maggs.



Week two meant the chicks were big enough to be handled. Students and staff alike enjoyed spending time with the chicks, handling them and watching them develop. This led to lots of conversations about life cycles, food production and reproduction as well as safe handling of animals. It also meant lots of poo incidents as the chicks were happy to poo whenever and wherever they liked! The students were respectful of the animals, handling them carefully and ensuring they were safe and secure at all

times, and following all instructions.

It was fascinating to watch the chicks develop over such a short space of time, from tiny soggy balls of fluff to huge confident feathery chicks spreading their wings to face the world. It was sad to say goodbye to the chicks on the final day, but we hope to get them back next year!



# WORDSEARCH COMPETITION

Can you find  
these words and  
win a prize?!

## MATHS

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MULTIPLYING  
FRACTIONS  
RATIOS  
ANGLES  
MEASURE

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 21st April 2023.

Name: .....