



Sixth Form Autumn Term 1 Newsletter



Explorer Form News

It's been a pleasure to welcome back students and get to know new starters these last two weeks. It's always exciting to start a new year and I am confident the fantastic bunch of young people in Explorer form are going to have a great year together. So far we have been getting to know each other, started up our weekly Current Affairs picture quiz and discovered a love for Uno and Dobble. It's important to me that the students practice and enhance their social skills during form time and activities will focus on this alongside individual EHCP targets. We have our Annual Review meetings coming up before Christmas and it will be great to meet as many of you as possible face to face. I will be touching base with you all over the coming weeks but in the meantime any questions or concerns please do contact me through the school office. Thanks. Helen

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28th September
5th October
12th October
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Independent Living Skills Carousel – Thursday Mornings.

Group Work Experience:

This half term **Explorer** will be starting their work experience with Muddy Boots and Strands Charity Shop. As the weather turns please ensure students have warm clothing and waterproof coats. Tasks students undertake at Muddy boots include clearing footpaths, creating new habitats and Students will be working alongside the public volunteers and using hand tools. Students will also get an opportunity to go to the Strands Charity Shop – where they will complete tasks such as sorting stock, pricing items and using the till.

TITAN:

This half term **Endeavour** class will be visiting local towns of Cromer and Sheringham to learn and practice pedestrian road safety. There will usually be the opportunity for students to buy a drink or snack in a café or shop. Students can bring in up to £5 for this. This is optional.

Life Skills:

This half term our sessions will be a mixture of both practical independent living skills, and completing coursework for a qualification. We will be cooking budget meals, which will include planning, pricing, and preparing. We will also consider hygiene and practice keeping a clean kitchen. We will be completing classroom activities on planning to a budget and understanding kitchen hygiene. We hope that every student will come away with useful, practical skills that they can apply in the future.



HOW ARE YOU?

If you are struggling to cope. Feeling overwhelmed or are worried about yourself or a friend, there are plenty of services that can help you...

Children & Young people's Health Service

Provides a confidential mental health information service mind.org.uk

Confidential support for those who have reached crisis point
Thecalmzone.net

24/7 Free Confidential

ONLINE ON THE PHONE ANYTIME
0800 1111

Call us free 24/7 on 116 123
samaritans.org

Essential support for under 25s
Call – 0808 8084994

Free, safe and anonymous online counselling and support.
Kooth.com



Endless advice for parents & carers on how to make the internet a great and safe place for children and young people!

Your Sidestrand Hall School DSLs:	Ms Taylor Mr Kelly Ms Chadfield Ms Barley Ms Letts Mr Hamilton	Ms Loftus Ms Thurston RESIDENTIAL: Mr White Mr Yockney
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Please ensure your sixth former ...

- is wearing the appropriate clothes for the lessons they have that day.
- doesn't bring sweets and gum to Sixth Form.
- has their planner every day and letters returned promptly.

Thank you for your support



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Pioneer Form News

It has been a pleasure to welcome the new Pioneer group this term! We have a wonderful mixture of students returning to sixth form, as well as newcomers, and it has been great to see how well the group is forming. Pioneer will be the first place that the students come to in the morning, as well as the classroom they come to at the end of the day. As such, we hope that we can build a friendly, safe, respectful and fun place for all Pioneer students. It is a class of many different personalities, interests and needs, and treating each other with kindness and respect will be key to building this. We have made a good start with this, and it's nice to see social bonds already growing within the group. Many thanks for your support in this. In time we will also be reading every day, and taking part in activities that will build on our social and communication skills. Many thanks to the students for their efforts so far, I am excited for the year ahead!

Thanks. Simon



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Endeavour Form News

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