



Sixth Form Spring Term 1 Newsletter

Sixth Form News

A New Year and for some of our students in Upper phase, their last year at Sidestrand. This term is important for establishing routines to ensure that students all achieve the very best that they can. There will be practice assessments for core subjects and the continuation of completion of challenges for all ASDAN qualifications. As the year progresses attendance remains a high priority if students are going to complete tasks that contribute towards their qualifications.

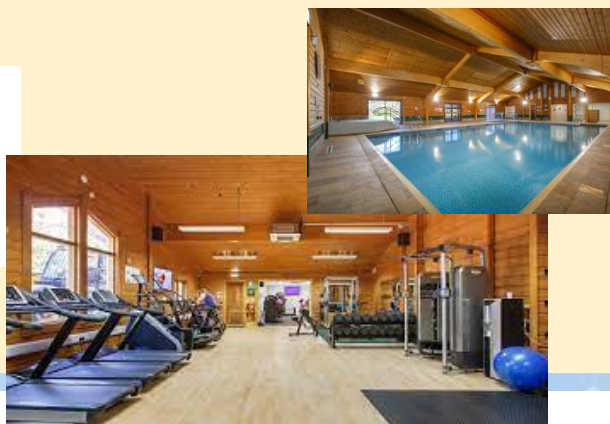
Spring term is a busy time for careers and transition. Students thinking of applying to college are encouraged to apply as soon as possible as places on popular courses get filled quickly. Apprenticeship week in February will see students in years 11 – 14 participate in apprenticeship activities with a visitor from the Skills for Life Program. Most students in upper phase will have the opportunity to visit colleges during this and the summer term, to help in making choices for their next steps. Students will be invited to visit the Festival of Knowledge at the Showground in March, year groups to be decided.

With our changeable winter weather all students will need to remember to bring warmer clothes for working outside and be prepared for any wet weather. We like to get outside and off site whenever we get the opportunity. It is useful for students to keep extra PE clothes in their lockers and spare shoes if they are planning to do anything where they may need to change.

Sport and Leisure Option - students will be going to Trimmingham Sports and Leisure Centre to use the gym and swimming pool.

Planned Trips for this Term:

- **Sports Option Gym and Swim**
- **Titan Pedestrian Training**
- **Muddy Boots**



Upcoming Dates:

Number Day - 2nd February

Safer Internet Day - 7th February

World Book Day (Upper Phase) - 5th March



SAVE the DATE

Safer Internet Day

2024 | Tuesday
6 February

www.saferinternetday.org



Independent Living Skills Carousel – Thursday Mornings.

Group Work Experience:

This half term **Endeavour** 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 **Pioneer** class will be visiting local towns of Cromer and Sheringham to learn and practice pedestrian road safety. This term we will visit the About with Friends café each week. This gives the students the opportunity to order and pay for themselves independently. They also enjoy the chance to socialise. Students can bring in up to £5 for this. This is optional and can be cash or card. Please contact staff if you have any questions.



Life Skills:

This half term **Explorer** will be working in school, 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.

Useful Links:

In RSHE will we be looking at Financial Awareness and choices.

Here are two websites that you can explore with your young people to support this.

<https://barclayslifeskills.com/>

<https://www.moneyhelper.org.uk/en/family-and-care/talk-money/how-to-talk-to-your-children-about-money>