

# Principals Newsletter

Season 2 Episode 5

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October


Another fast-paced week draws to a close, filled with sporting success, partnership presentations, progression visits and study skills for our Year 11. Each year we look at different ways to support our students as they head towards their GCSEs. Last year Mr Li-Rocchi introduced targeted drop-down days focusing explicitly on study skills in preparation for the exams in the summer. We continued that this week, with nearly 30 students from Year 11 spending four hours on Wednesday exploring a variety of techniques to help them prepare for their examinations in June 2018.

We think that the most successful students start preparing early, and that's why we don't wait until a few weeks before. In fact, we are also planning to begin offering our Year 10s similar opportunities, and in time our younger year groups. The parents of these Year 11 students have been invited to an evening event next week so that they can support them at home. We really believe that kind of shared knowledge can make a massive difference to outcomes, so we look forward to seeing lots of you then, and at our future events.

All this preparation is intended to ensure students end up being able to follow their chosen pathway at the end of Year 11. Post-16 providers are currently all running Open Days and Evenings, and we encourage our Year 11s to get to as many as possible so that they can make informed choices. We run some of these visits during the school day, and the first of these was to East Norfolk Sixth Form on Thursday. It was a great day, and a fantastic opportunity for students to explore the facilities, courses and structure of the college.

The PE department has been at it again, with some fantastic performances, particularly in netball and football. Although our netball team didn't get through to the national rounds of their competition, they performed fantastically against other teams a year older than them. Great preparation for next year's competition. Two of our football teams scored 11 goals between them on Thursday evening, with no goals conceded, further cementing their reputation as the footballing school to beat in the region.

Finally, we had a fantastic day of events on Wednesday when we welcomed Ormiston Academies Trust into the school to meet with students, staff, governors and families. Many thanks to all the families who attended the evening event. There were some excellent questions and a chance for those present to explore why we think this is the right decision for Flegg High moving forwards. There is plenty of information on the school website if you couldn't make the event but would like to find out more. We are really excited about the opportunities this partnership will create, and can't wait to get more involved in the work of the trust both regionally and further afield.



Dr Fox

Principal

