

HEADMASTER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

WEEK 2, 17TH JANUARY, 2025



Dear Parents

Our first full week of term in the new calendar year draws to a close and it is fair to say that the pupils are well and truly back into the swing of things. This week has seen all the wider elements of school life start up again after the festive break. It was particularly pleasing to see the sporting calendar spring to life with the Norfolk Schools Cross Country Championships and Swimming Gala away at Culford being highlights of this week. A particular mention must go to Daniel and Alex in Year 7 who ran so well that they qualified to represent Norfolk in the Anglian Schools Cross Country Championships. We also saw hockey fixtures get underway with some fantastic results for our Colts and I look forward to seeing our netball fixtures commence next week.

Our co-curricular programme has also bounced back with a bang with excellent levels of participation and a number of new exciting enrichment opportunities. Today will see our first co-curricular sessions with our exciting new partnership with Central School of Dance and Performing Arts, which will provide opportunities for pupils from Year 1 upwards to further their love of dance, both on a Friday after school and through the option of sessions on Saturday mornings at Town Close. I look forward to seeing dance at Town Close grow over time and hope that this will become just one of many considerable strengths that complement the creative aspects of an education at Town Close. One of my real highlights of the week was joining the Pre Prep staff to discuss the exciting new co-curricular options that will be available to Pre Prep children after the half term break; more details will come in due course.

We welcomed Mr. Eliel, a Reception parent, to speak with Reception about 'sound' as a STEM activity linking to their topic theme of the Frozen North; the children listened to sounds that different polar animals make and tried creating their own sounds. As ever, we greatly appreciate parent visitors who can offer such fascinating insights and enrich our curriculum and we would always welcome any parents to let us know if there is something that they think they would be able to share with our pupils. We also welcomed recent alumni back today to reminisce on their time at Town Close and it served as a reminder to say that we will be hosting an Alumni event for leavers from 1932-1960 on 21st May; if you know of anyone who might be interested in this then please do put them in touch with Amy Jones on ajones@townclose.com.

Finally, it is a busy time of year for many of our most Senior pupils as they take part in assessments and interviews for their Senior Schools of choice. As part of ensuring that our pupils are well-prepared, I have the opportunity to do some interview practice with each pupil who is going through these entrance processes. It has been a genuinely fantastic insight into just how much each of these remarkable young people have grown during, and as a result of, their time at Town Close. I am in awe of how confidently they are able to articulate their achievements and ambitions as well as give frank assessments of where they still have room to grow. It has been a pleasure speaking with each of them individually and it has left me certain that they all have very bright futures ahead of them. Well done and good luck to them all in the weeks ahead.

I hope that everyone has a wonderful weekend.

