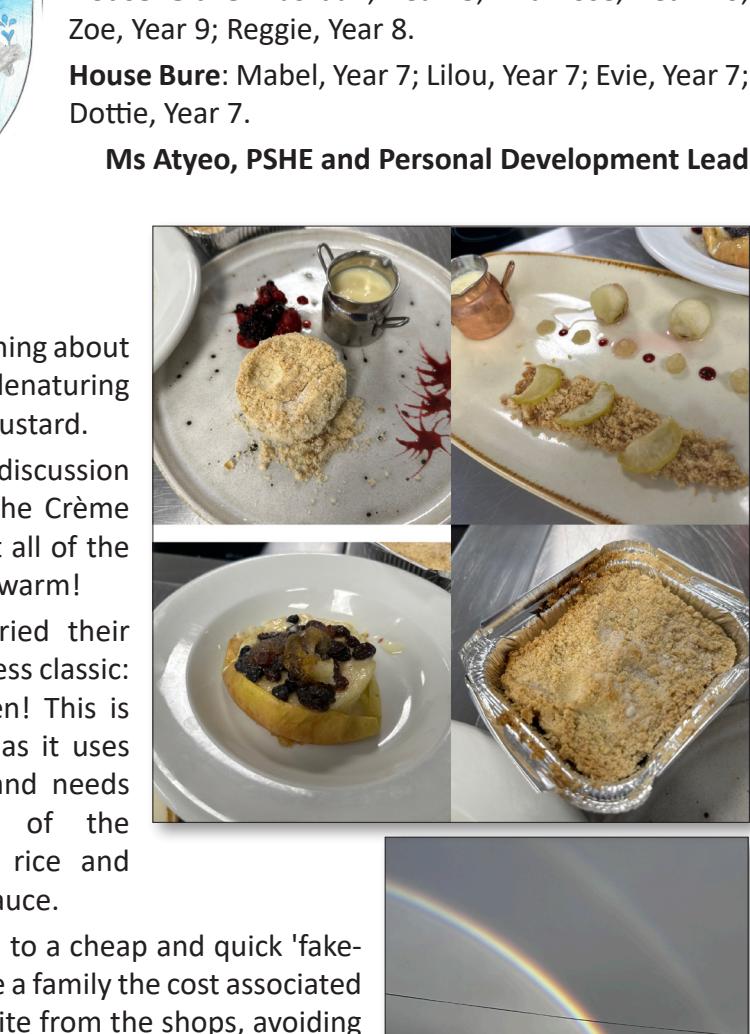


Review

Tutor Time Update

The tutor time programme has some new additions this year - a house activity and a wellbeing session every week. In recent house activity sessions, students have been designing a logo which the school can use to inspire the identity of each house.

Students were asked to think of positive characteristics for students and staff to demonstrate, and to include them in their design, along with something to represent their house, such as an animal.



A big well done to the following students who have won house points for their designs!

House Wensum: Kacey, Year 8; Elliot, Year 7; Lorelei, Year 7; Ferne, Year 7.

House Mare: Jessica, Year 10; Freya, Year 8; Emmy, Year 8; Summer, Year 7.

House Glaven: Jordan, Year 8; Ella-Rose, Year 10; Zoe, Year 9; Reggie, Year 8.

House Bure: Mabel, Year 7; Lilou, Year 7; Evie, Year 7; Dottie, Year 7.

Ms Atyeo, PSHE and Personal Development Lead

Food News

Our new Year 10 GCSE pupils had a fruitful lesson learning about enzymes browning, seasonality, shortening agents, denaturing and coagulation, also known as Apple Crumble and Custard.

We also looked at alternative plating ideas and discussion on how restaurants charge for their menu items. The Crème Anglaise had 100% success rate and we noticed that all of the crumble was taken away for consumption whilst still warm!



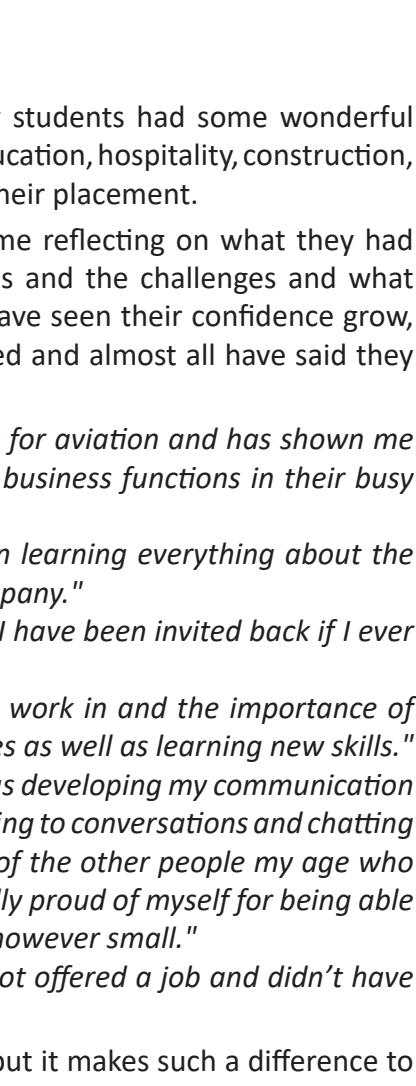
Our Year 9 foodies tried their hands at another timeless classic: sweet and sour chicken! This is quite a technical dish as it uses high risk ingredients and needs careful management of the starches in both the rice and cornflour used in the sauce.

It also introduces them to a cheap and quick 'fake-away' dish that can save a family the cost associated with buying this favourite from the shops, avoiding the health implications associated with ultra-processed foods.



A handful of the pupils also attempted to plate-up their dishes with great results! And finally, despite the rainbow being seen landing on top of our food department building, Mr Baxter confirms that no pot of gold was found at the end of it. Sorry, Synergy MAT.

Mr Baxter, Teacher of Food and Nutrition



Freshers' Fair

The college freshers' fair was buzzing with energy and excitement as the college students explored everything the college community had to offer.

Extra curricular activities lined the foyer, showcasing a wide range of clubs, societies and opportunities, from sports teams and cultural groups to volunteering projects.

The atmosphere was welcoming and lively, with music and friendly conversations. It was the perfect start to college life, creating a real sense of belonging and opening the door to new friendships, experiences, and adventures.

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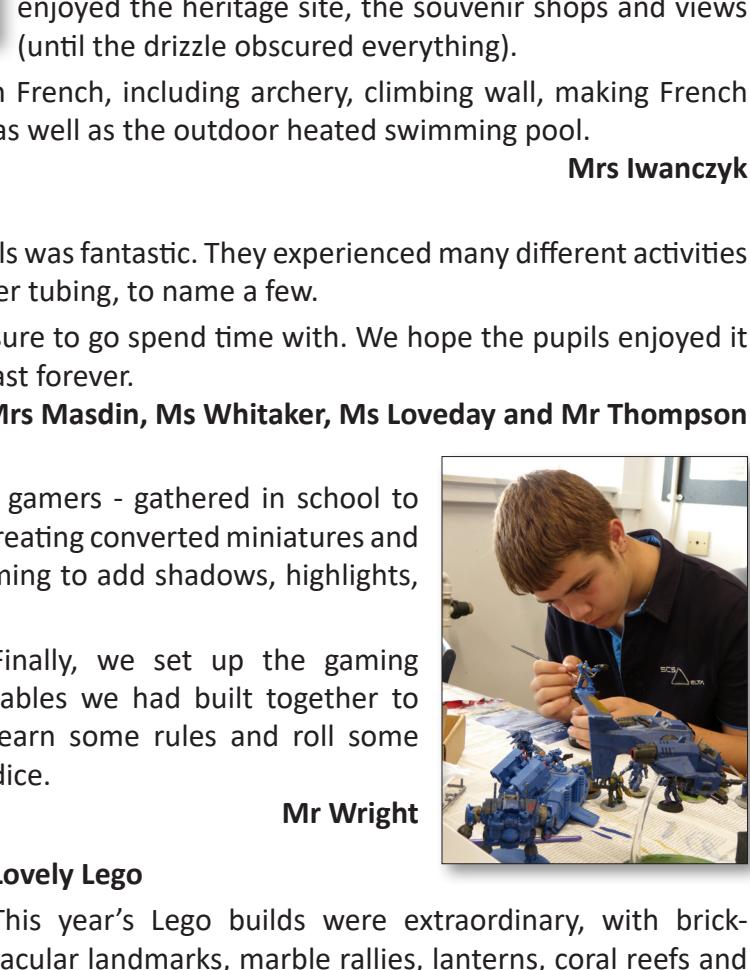
Flourish Awards

I was invited to speak, and to present the Learning Award, at the 2025 Flourish Awards. This event saw people gather to celebrate the people, projects, teams and organisations that have made outstanding contributions to help children and young people in Norfolk flourish. It is hosted by the Children and Young People's Strategic Alliance (CYPSA). I firmly believe that education should be for all, and learning means something different to every young person. For some, it's about lessons and grades. For others, it's about growing in confidence, gaining independence, or finding their place in the world.

For me, learning has never been straightforward. I have numerous access arrangements and support in place and without that support, I would be failing. It's not about ability, it's about access. But learning goes beyond the classroom. It's also about personal growth, about discovering who we are. And too often, I think the current curriculum doesn't give young people the space to grow in that way.

There are also barriers which include financial pressures, mental health challenges, and the difficulty of getting SEND support. Let's make learning something every young person can access, in the way that works for them. Because when young people are supported to learn, they don't just achieve - they flourish.

Dillon, Year 13



MP Visit Inspires A Level Politics Students

We were delighted to welcome Jerome Mayhew, our local Member of Parliament, to the college for a special talk with our A Level Politics students. Jerome delivered an engaging introductory speech about his life in politics, sharing personal insights into the day to day realities of parliamentary work and the challenges and rewards of representing the community.

Following the introduction, our students had the opportunity to take part in a lively Q&A session. They asked thoughtful, probing questions about current political issues, decision-making, and the role of an MP in shaping national policy.

The discussion not only deepened their understanding of the political process but also gave them a first-hand perspective on how politics affects our everyday lives.

The session proved hugely valuable, with students commenting on how much they gained from the experience. Many left feeling inspired about future pathways, and there is even the possibility of some students securing work experience with the MP's office in the near future.

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