NORFOLK SCHOOLS ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION
NEWSLETTER AUTUMN/WINTER 2026

AGE GROUP CHANGES 2027 - CROSS COUNTRY AND ATHLETICS

Just to confirm that from the 2027 cross country and athletics seasons the age groupings will be different from what they have been in the past. These age group changes have been in place for club athletics since last year but this will be the first time they will have been used in school competitions.
The new age groupings are below.
Years 7 and 8
Years 9 and 10
Years 11 and 12
Year 13
These age groupings will be used at the cross country championships in January and should therefore be the age groupings used in area championships that will be taking place in the lead up to the County Schools cross country championships.
These age groupings will also be the ones used in the 2027 Norfolk Schools Athletics Championships. There is an attachment to this email which explains how we believe the new age groupings may be a positive thing for organising area championships leading into the Norfolk Schools Championships.
If you have any questions about the new age groupings for schools athletics and cross country then please get in touch.

NORFOLK SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS 2027

Many thanks to Wymondham College for once again offering to host the Norfolk Schools cross country championships in 2027. The event will take place on Tuesday January 19th. It is hoped that
athletes will have the opportunity to compete at an area championships before running at the County Schools event. Please take note that the new age groupings will be used for the races taking place at the championships
More details on the Norfolk Schools cross country will be sent out to schools in the next few weeks including the time of the first race.

AFFILIATIONS FOR THE 2027 SEASON

Please find attached the 2027 Norfolk Schools AA affiliation request letter This affiliation will cover participation at the Norfolk Schools Cross Country Championships and the Norfolk Schools Athletics Championships in 2027. The affiliation also covers pupils from schools participating for Norfolk Schools AA in the Anglian Schools Cross Country Championships and English Schools Cross Country Championships as well as the Anglian Schools and English Schools Athletics Championships in 2027. The fees for 2027 are £60 for schools with less than 1000 pupils and £65 for schools with more than 1000 pupils. It is becoming increasingly costly to stage the County Schools cross country and Track and Field championships. The affiliation fee that schools pay to the Norfolk Schools AA is incredibly important in allowing the successful

staging of the cross country and athletics championships each year.
Any questions regarding the affiliation fee then please contact Brendon Byrne (Norfolk Schools AA Treasurer) on brendon@brendonbyrne.co.uk

NORFOLK SCHOOLS AA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Norfolk Schools AA Annual General Meeting will take place on Tuesday December 1st at Thorpe St. Andrew School starting at 4.30pm. Please find attached an invitation to the meeting.

DATES AND VENUES 2026

1. Norfolk Schools Cross Country Championships - Tuesday January 19th - Wymondham College

2. Anglian Schools Cross Country Championships - Saturday February 6th - Abington Park, Northampton organised by Northamptonshire Schools AA.

3. English Schools Cross Country Championships - Saturday March 13th - Temple Newsam, Leeds.

4. Norfolk Schools Athletics Championships 2026 - Saturday 12th June - UEA Sportspark.

5. Anglian Schools Athletics Championships 2026 - Saturday June 19th - Venue to be confirmed - Hosted by Cambridgeshire Schools AA

6. English Schools Athletics Championships 2026 - Friday 9th and Saturday 10th July - Alexander Stadium, Birmingham

COUNTY SCHOOLS ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

With the date of the Norfolk Schools Athletics Championships being Saturday June 12th it would be good if the Area or District Athletics championships were held prior to the County event in the weeks beginning May 10th or May 17th. This would then allow the winners of their events at the Area Championships to be entered into the County Schools championships. If anyone organising these Area events would like information on running shortened after school area events then please contact myself by email at Thorpe St. Andrew School or please contact Chris Bewick (Norfolk Schools AA Chair) Chris's email address is bewickcssm@aol.com. New shorter after school area championships have been organised for the past 2 years and have been successful. This has been done in an attempt to encourage more school athletes (non club athletes) to compete at our championships in the summer. Please take a look at the attachment explaining about the age group changes that are taking place in 2027 and how we feel these may be positive in allowing schools to organise an after school athletics area event.

Please let me know if you have any questions about anything mentioned in the above newsletter. Please contact me with any questions on sbowman@tsa-edu.uk.

Best Wishes,
Simon Bowman - Norfolk Schools AA Secretary.