



# Schools Newsletter

Royal Norfolk Agricultural Association

## Discover the Royal Norfolk Show 2017...



NEW Online  
Booking System  
Now Open!

After another successful year for education at the Royal Norfolk Show 2016, the RNAA are hard at work enhancing and developing the educational programme on offer for schools. We are dedicated to ensuring that schools gain as much as possible from their educational visit to the county show.

We are delighted to be able to offer, once again, free admission for all school children and their teachers or adult helpers\* for the Royal Norfolk Show **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June.**

The Discovery Zone will see a new themed approach with activities and displays from many different providers all linked to 'Farming Through The Ages'. These will all explore past, present and future methods of farming. We are excited to announce that for 2017 we have an area of woodland within the Discovery Zone where children will be able to engage with Forest School and bush-craft activities. This space will also offer an enclosed and safe area for children to eat their lunch away from the crowds.

After much research, we will be introducing a new Mr Mawkin's Footpath booklet. This will offer children in key stages 1-3 the opportunity to explore different educational aspects of the Show and discover many new and exciting things for themselves. Areas will include Mr Mawkin's Farm, livestock and equine, the Broads Village and many more.

*\*Teacher/Adult Helper admission must be within the allowable ratios, please check booking page online.*

To book your tickets please visit: <http://royalnorfolkshow.rnaa.org.uk/schools/tickets/>



THE ROYAL  
NORFOLK SHOW

## Competitions

2017 will see an overhaul of the Royal Norfolk Show Competitions for Schools.

### ***Broadcast – News Report Competition***

In partnership with Writers' Centre Norwich, this competition offers pupils in Years 5-9 the opportunity to create a news report focusing on issues around food, farming and the countryside.

### ***Art Competition***

Working in partnership with Norfolk County Council this years art competition offers an open category as well as a Food, Farming and the Countryside theme. **Open to all ages from EYFS to KS5.**

### ***Nutrition Kitchen- Cookery Competition***

Introduced in 2016 and revamped for 2017 A cookery competition for year 10 students with clear links to the new **Food Preparation and Nutrition GCSE**

**For further details on any of the competitions please visit:**  
<http://royalnorfolkshow.rnaa.org.uk/school-competitions/>

***RNS School Group Tickets***  
**School Child- FREE**  
**Teachers/Adult Helpers-**  
**within allowable ratios FREE**  
**Additional Adult Helpers-**  
**£10**  
**School Vehicle Parking- FREE**



## Careers Workshops

In partnership with Easton and Otley College and new for 2017 the Careers Workshops will provide students in Key Stage 3 and above the chance to engage with land based careers, find out more about possible career paths and talk to industry professionals who will be available to share their own experiences.

For further information or any enquiries please visit  
<http://royalnorfolkshow.rnaa.org.uk/schools/> or contact Kate Forster, Education Project Manager, T: 01603 731967 E: [kate.forster@rnaa.org.uk](mailto:kate.forster@rnaa.org.uk)

# New Projects for Schools

*Get involved with something new and exciting...*

The Royal Norfolk Agricultural Association has been working behind the scenes to help develop food, farming and countryside education for all schools and educators across the region.

In September 2017 we will be launching the **Food and Farming Discovery Trust**. An educational trust that coordinates and communicates existing food, farming and countryside educational activity in Norfolk, develops new activity and supports educators and providers to enhance the learning outcomes for all young people in Norfolk through food, farming and the countryside.

As part of this work we will be introducing a number of new projects and will be piloting a few of these over the next few months.

**'Grow your Own Soup'** A yummy learning opportunity to really enjoy. Schools will be given the opportunity to pick their own soup recipe and then grow their own ingredients before making the soup in class and perhaps selling it to the school community. This project provides the perfect chance for pupils to really understand the processes that go into producing the food on their plate with plenty of curriculum links available.

**'Tractors into Schools'** A firm favourite for schools around the country. A tractor can come into your school playground and be used to host a variety of lessons including Maths, English, Art and Science.

**If you are interested in any of the projects above or would just like some help or ideas of how to do more with food, farming and the countryside and discover how it can link into your every day teaching please contact *Kate Forster, Education Project Manager, T: 01603 731967 E: [kate.forster@rnaa.org.uk](mailto:kate.forster@rnaa.org.uk)***



***The Grow Your Own Potatoes Project from AHDB Potatoes registration closes on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January.*** The RNAA's event scheduled for Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March will not be taking place this year. For any support or ideas for your project please contact Kate Forster.

# Dates for the Diary

## Grow Your Own Potatoes Project Deadline

27 January 2017



Registration for the 2017 Grow Your Own Potatoes Project closes on Friday 2 January 2017. This is a fantastic project with lots of relevant national curriculum links and supporting resources. To find out more please visit:

<http://growyourownpotatoes.org.uk/>

If you would like any help with the project or to arrange a visit to a potato farm or have one come to you please contact:

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## Norfolk Skills and Careers Festival

8 & 9 March 2017



*Nurturing Norfolk's Talent*

A one-stop careers and skills festival, bringing together the county's businesses and young people.

Bring your students to see over 70 exhibitors across a full range of career options at the Norfolk Showground. For ages 14-25, for school parties as part of OFSTED's IAG guidance and for providers of independent careers advice.

Visit <http://www.norfolkskills.co.uk/> for further details and to register.

## The Norfolk Spring Fling Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April



**NORFOLK  
SPRING FLING**

A fun and education day for children aged 4-11 years at the Norfolk Showground.

Come along to learn more about food, farming and the countryside. There's lots to see and do, with over 70 interactive stands, a range of animals and our popular tractor rides.

Visit [www.springfling.rnaa.org.uk](http://www.springfling.rnaa.org.uk) for further details. Tickets are available online now.

## Global Food and Water Security Conference

July 2017



A unique opportunity for Year 12 students to hear from and meet top Agritech Scientists from the Norwich Research Park and professionals from the Agritech industry.

To find out more please contact **Kate Forster, Education Project Manager, T: 01603 731967 E: [kate.forster@rnaa.org.uk](mailto:kate.forster@rnaa.org.uk)**

## 'Showstoppers' at the Royal Norfolk Show 28 and 29 June 2017

**SHOW  
STOPPERS**  
CHOIR OF A THOUSAND



The RNAA is launching a mass community choir project, Showstoppers, to get a 'choir of a thousand' to perform a specially commissioned piece of music at this year's Royal Norfolk Show (28 and 29 June 2017). The performance will take place at this year's closing ceremony on 29 June in the Grand Ring. We are seeking school choirs to take part in this unique event. For more details and to register go to [www.norfolkmusicHub.org.uk/showstoppers](http://www.norfolkmusicHub.org.uk/showstoppers)