



Nicholas Chamberlaine School

NEWSLETTER

Successful Learners | World Citizens

Monday 12th September 2022

Dear NCS Families,

We are saddened to hear of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and our thoughts are with her family during this time. Our family of schools will be marking her loyal service over the coming weeks as we enter a national period of mourning. Queen Elizabeth II was a much loved and respected sovereign who reigned for 70 years, longer than any other monarch in British history. She has been a constant in everyone's lives and her service will not be forgotten.

It has been confirmed that Monday 19 September, the date of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's State Funeral, will be a national bank holiday. All schools will be closed on this day to allow communities to pay their respects to Her Majesty and commemorate Her reign, while marking the final day of the period of national mourning. Nicholas Chamberlaine School will be closed to all pupils on 19 September and will re-open on Tuesday 20 September.

School has continued to be a source of continuity for our students and, as usual, they have continued to participate in the various opportunities that enrich their lives. I hope you enjoy reading about their achievements in their first days of the term. We are very proud of the way they have settled back into school and look forward to talking to you in the upcoming Parents' Evenings.

Best wishes,

Executive Head

Proud Traditions

Wide Horizons

High Achievement

Key Dates

Thursday 22nd September

Year 6 Open Evening

Thursday 29th September

Annual Awards Evening

Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th October

Year 6 Open morning

Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th October

Griffin Sports Festival

Thursday 6th October

National Poetry Day

Proud Traditions

VI Form Freshers '22

A fantastic start to the year saw our VI form students attend our inaugural Freshers Fair at Nicholas Chamberlaine School!

Students were given the theme of 'Festival Vibes' as a clue for the day but not much else, as details of our first post-16 event of year were kept unwraps to build anticipation.

Upon arrival students were greeted with an array of festival themed activities including a bouncy castle, inflatable assault course, face paint, temporary tattoos and even a large deck chair to enjoy while they soaked up the atmosphere and met their new peers for the coming school year.

Feedback was extremely positive and has set a wonderful collegiate tone for the academic year; it was amazing to see both year groups mixing throughout the day, making new friends and support each other through the various party games completed.

Well done to the victors of the **Freshers Cup**, bragging rights are securely yours - for now! I'm sure students and staff alike are looking forward to the next event on the social calendar... more details to follow.



Proud Traditions

Proud Traditions coming up this term...

The Big Draw

Every year, The Big Draw Festival takes place in over **25 countries worldwide**. The Big Draw Festival is a worldwide celebration of drawing, promoting the universal language of drawing as a tool for learning, expression, and invention.

Our first arts project for the year is our annual Big Draw. This year we wish to focus on drawing skills and challenge. The challenge is to design the poster for our GST Family Theme. Students will work on this in their Art and Technology lessons.

As always we will also have a tutor led session which are always lots of fun.

Closing date for school poster design submissions Friday 14th October.

Remembrance day

“Lest we Forget”

Every year on Remembrance Day at NCS we pay our respects to everyone that has served our country with a remembrance service and a poppy display. The service will feature Dance, Music and Drama celebrations performed by our wonderful students.

As one of our **Proud Traditions**, our students will be making paper poppies in tutor which will make a permanent display feature at NCS. The Year 7 Art students will be hand making ceramic poppies which will be on sale during our Remembrance celebration.

The display is currently featured in the window at the **Civic Hall**.

VI College progress

We wanted to share a sneaky look at our brand new VI Form College area. Not long left to go now until the official opening.



Wide Horizons

Year 10 Oracy workshop: Talk the Talk

Year 10 students have made an exceptional start to their year already. Thank you for your support to ensure your child is in the correct uniform. They certainly looked smart during their Welcome Back assembly on Wednesday.

On Thursday, our cohort was lucky enough to have a full day with Talk the Talk, an educational charity delivering confident communication workshops.

I have received lots of positive feedback from students and staff about the sessions and was honoured to observe the engagement and participation, with our students oozing confidence in storytelling (I heard some horrendous stories of broken bones, but lovely ones about their Summer holidays!), speeches and developing their listening skills.

A special shout out to 10SRH who beat Talk the Talk's record time for the quickest Eastenders Zip Zap Boing. The record held was 3.8 seconds and 10SRH managed to complete it in their form in 3.6 seconds!

Once again, thank you for your support so far. I hope to see all of you on Monday 12th September for our Welcome to GCSE event in the Hall at 5.30-5.55pm or 6.00-6.25pm.



Bedworth Rugby Club

The end of the Summer means only one thing here at Bedworth Rugby Club – START OF THE NEW SEASON!! It's going to be a good one with lots of fresh training ideas, events and fixtures.

Bella, our Mini and Junior Club Secretary said – *'What an amazing start to the new season. Our first training session on Sunday 4th September saw record numbers in attendance. Lots of smiling and slightly sweaty faces could be seen across all age groups. We're all excited for what looks to be our best season yet.'*

There is still time to get involved and we welcome all. Trial sessions are available across all year groups. For more information please email mandjinfo@bedworthrfc.co.uk or come along to the club, which is at Nicholas Chamberlain school. Training starts at 10.30am each Sunday.

We look forward to meeting you.

Bedworth RFC Mini and Junior Section.

The club currently have a colouring competition which is open to all. The template and details on how to enter can be found by visiting the Bedworth RFC Mini and Junior social media pages.

PE Extra-curricular timetable

| | | Sports Hall | Dance Studio | Fitness Suite | Courts | Field |
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| Monday | AM (7:30 - 8:30) | | | | | |
| | Lunch A | | | Y8 & 9 (KMD) | | |
| | Lunch B | Y10 & 11 Basketball (ATC) | | | | |
| | PM (3:30 - 4:30pm) | | | VII Form (M Stanley) | | |
| Tuesday | AM (7:30 - 8:30) | All Years Basketball for Breakfast (ATC & KMD) | | | | |
| | Lunch A | | | | | |
| | Lunch B | Girls Active (CDY) | | | | |
| | PM (3:30 - 4:30pm) | Y9, 10 and 11 Netball (KGR) | All Years Cheerleading (SKE & CDY) Table Tennis (Mr Davies) | Year 8 (M Stanley) | | Y7, 8 and 9 Girls Football (MBA) |
| Wednesday | AM (7:30 - 8:30) | | | | | |
| | Lunch A | Y7 and 9 Indoor Football (MBA) | | Y10 & 11 (KMD) | | |
| | Lunch B | | | | | |
| | PM (3:30 - 4:30pm) | Y8 & 9 Basketball ATC | | Year 9 (M Stanley) | | Y7 Football (KMD) |
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| Thursday | AM (7:30 - 8:30) | | | | | |
| | Lunch A | | | | | |
| | Lunch B | Basketball ATC | | | | |
| | PM (3:30 - 4:30pm) | Y7 Basketball ATC | | Year 10 (M Stanley) | Y7 & 8 Netball (SKE & CDY) | Y8 & 9 Football (LHE) |
| Friday | AM (7:30 - 8:30) | | | | | |
| | Lunch A | | | | | |
| | Lunch B | Basketball ATC | | | | |
| | PM (3:30 - 4:30pm) | | | Year 11 (M Stanley) | | |

Attendance

Attending school is vitally important as it gives all students the best possible chance of success. We all need to work together to ensure that attendance for all students is a top priority. We have a dedicated team of staff who are responsible for monitoring attendance and supporting families.

Please ensure that you discuss the importance of excellent attendance with your child. **The school target for all students is 97%.**

Please be advised that we do not authorise holidays during term time; the Government are very clear on this and we are obliged to inform the local authority of any holidays taken during term time.

Why reading is so important

Did you know that children who read books more often when they are 10 perform better in their GCSEs at age 16, including Maths? We'll be sharing hints and tips through the year to help make reading at home easier to support your child's education. The more they read at home, the more successful they will be.

Year 7, 8 and 9 homework

This year homework for our Key stage 3 students will focus on literacy, numeracy and musical instrument practise. Each student will need to complete the following each week:

- Read three times a week for 20 minutes
- Learn the weekly spelling list ready to be tested on during tutor time
- Weekly numeracy homework set during their Maths lessons
- practise your MISST instrument three times a week for 20 minutes

Students have been given a red booklet which includes Term 1's spellings and reading log.

Alongside this students will be set a subject specific, one at a time, short project to complete. Students will have approximately three weeks to complete each project. A copy of the calendar for these will shortly be available on our school website.

Equipment reminder

Students are expected to bring the following to school every day:

- Black pen
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Green pen
- Calculator

GCSE ready pencil cases are available to purchase from Student services for those in Year 10 or above.

Student rewards

Our students have asked for revisions to be made for our systems of Rewards and Recognition, as part of our "You Said... We Did..." democratic engagement.

We are in the process of collecting views to define the actions, behaviours, attitudes and habits that are deserving of being rewarded. We would like to invite you to become involved in this process as a wider stakeholder group.

We will be gathering responses until **Friday 16/09/22**, All views will be collated and a finalised Recognition and Reward policy, informed by student, family and staff stakeholder groups, will be published shortly after.

To share your views, please follow this link to a four-part questionnaire. <https://forms.gle/ger5GfeR1qGTNwvV9>

Changes to our Detention system

At NCS we firmly believe that our staff and students work very hard to build positive relationships with each other. This benefits us all and provides a positive atmosphere in which to work in. This then helps the students to be successful. It is very important that we reward their successes and recognise their achievements. We do this in a variety of ways including achievement points, celebration assemblies, postcards and positive calls. We feel that it is really important to share their successes with you so that you can discuss their successes and encourage them to continue to succeed.

We understand that sometimes our students get things wrong. They are young people and sometimes they make mistakes. We have built our entire culture at NCS on the basis of kindness and respect. We remind our staff and students of this on a daily basis. When students get things wrong then we need to support them to understand what has gone wrong and most importantly how to put things right. Sometimes we need to issue them with a sanction to help encourage them to be kind and respectful.

We have changed our detention system to move away from nightly detentions to one hour detention on a Friday afternoon. If your child has a detention then we will inform you by text. They must attend this detention. Students have the chance to work hard all week to ensure that they do not get into this situation. Staff will hold conversations after each conduct point is given and will always call home to discuss this with you.