



Nicholas Chamberlaine School

NEWSLETTER

Successful Learners | World Citizens

Friday 4th March 2022

Dear NCS Families,

Happy Founders Day!

We strongly believe that by working together we can achieve so much more. To strengthen communication further and to support families to support students' learning, we would like to invite families to live-stream question and answer forums. These will be on:

Thursday 17/03/22 - 17:00-17:30 for year 7- 9 families. In this session we will be answering your questions on extended learning (homework) and how best to support student progress at home.

Thursday 17/03/22 - 17:45-18:15 for year 10-13 families. In this session we will be answering your questions on independent learning (exam revision) and how best to support exam preparation at home.

If you have a question you would like to ask on these themes, please complete this link: <https://forms.gle/JVG3bnTkPjgFf9Jy8>. Please note that we will not field questions that are not related to these themes at this meeting, but that we will hold further meetings - approximately one per half term - to discuss a range of other issues.

Sessions will be delivered by the Senior Leadership team.

Should you have questions regarding these meetings please do contact us enquires@nicholaschamberlaine.co.uk, marking your email 'Family Zoom'. We look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes,

Key Dates

w/b 7th & 14th March—Year 11 and 13 Trial Exams

24th March—Y11 Parents' Evening

31st March—Y13 Parents' Evening

11th-22nd April—Easter Holidays

Proud Traditions

World Book Day 3rd March

To celebrate world book day and reading, our staff have participated in a reading challenge. Staff hid behind a book and filmed themselves reading extracts from . Students then had to guess who was hiding behind the book and the book title.



STOP ANIMATION CHALLENGE (in preparation for Founders day)

As part of our main **PROUD TRADITION** Founders Day celebrations our staff and students have participated in the GST STOP ANIMATION CHALLENGE where staff and students participated developed the skill of motion animation with the focus on “**CHANGE MAKERS**” - our GST theme for this year.



All of the motion clips will be viewed as a family community in our tutor families on **Founders day**.

Shakespeare Day

On March 2022 our students will participate in a variety of literacy activities, written and spoken Shakespearean language over the day. Developing listening skills, problem solving and oracy skill.

Founders day Community Service

Our **Cuisine students** have been selling a range of snacks and sweet treats to raise money for local charities in Bedworth. They have raised £118.00



GAF-Student leadership recruitment

From June 20- July 1st we will be holding a residential GAF for a group of Year 5 students. **We are seeking 10 secondary students** from NCS to help lead this event.

Mrs Johnson has sent out application forms. Please submit in writing by *FRIDAY 11TH MARCH*-

GST Competitions

Rotary competitions

NCS is always proud to participate in Rotary competitions. This year these comprise:

Young Artist is *Colours of Nature*. As before this needs to be a 2D unframed piece which can use paints, drawing, collage. See Mr Marriott for details

Young Photographer theme is also *Colours of Nature*. This year the entrants are only to submit one photograph (of at least 150 pixels on the longest length of the picture). They can use cameras or mobile phones to take the photo. See Mr Marriott for details

Young Writer theme is *Environment*. The entrants can submit either a piece of prose (500 words max) or a poem (max 40 lines) . See Ms Chapman for details

Young Chef Entries are expected at district level to produce 3 courses in 2 hours (which would be good practice to include in our local heat) at a cost of under £20. See Ms Johnson for details.

Monologue Festival Drama Medal

A popular addition to our **GAF competitions** in 2021 was the **Drama medal** which is now determined by a monologue competition. The monologues for the school round are divided into age groups therefore Nicholas Chamberlaine students are to perform KS3 and KS4 monologues and any student can apply!

This competition has started in all schools and will move through regional finals to a grand **final on June 30th**. The winner of the Grand final will be presented with a new award **The Margaret Lewis Cup**, which will be displayed at their school and a book voucher worth £50. Runners up will also receive book vouchers.

The competition will have 3 judging points:

School heats (judged by school staff)→

HUB finals → (judged by Drama staff from across the Trust)

Regional (London/Birmingham) judged by a special panel

The grand finale of this competition will be held at GAF 2022

Applications process:

We will run our own finals and select ONE winner for each age group:

KS1, KS2 (Year 3 &4), KS2 (Year 5 & 6), KS3, KS5

A recording of the monologue should be made making sure the audio is clear.

Please email your best entry to:

z.lewis@nicholaschamberlaine.co.uk by Monday 21st February. Please identify your name and year group when submitting your entry.

Judging criteria:

Ability to:

- Clearly convey the meaning of the text
- Become the character speaking the text
- Understanding of giving a performance e.g.
 - ◇ projects voice and speaks clearly (not mumbling)
 - ◇ use of voice and tempo variations (not monotone)
 - ◇ creates a mood, the experience, or emotion of character

Round one (school's best 3 entries in each category) **closes Feb 28th 2022.**

Music Medal 2022

Whether you are a soloist, an ensemble musician, or a keen composer, we are looking to identify and celebrate the exceptional musical talents from across the Trust. Therefore, get your thinking caps on – how will you represent NCS?

The competition is made up of the following categories:

- Ks3 Solo Award
- Ks4 & 5 Solo Award
- Ensemble Prize
- Composition Prize

Your music teacher looks forward to hearing your ideas and suggestions -

See Ms Vincent for applications.

Proud Traditions

GAF-2022



GAF in 2022 will be a return to our usual 2 week format with some changes.

3 parts under the theme **Change Makers:**

Week 1: June 28th -July 1st

- London GAF and Birmingham GAF Week June 28-July 1
- Virtual Cross Trust activity provided online

Week 2: July 4-8th

- Schools work on their own and a HUB project in a LIVE GAF week.

London / Birmingham GAF

- The Lammas hosts students from NCS, R, WB, SW, KF and L.
- NCS hosts students from Lammas, PL, RL, Perry, Chiv, Bram.

Students selected to attend will deliver some of the activity. They will be trained and help with planning and be guided in devising some activity to lead. (See details above for the application)

Last night of the Proms

The Last Night of the Proms Concert will be held on June 30th. In the first part of the evening we will recognise the talent and effort of our students with awards and finals for our annual Music, Drama and Art prizes. This will be recorded to watch in school from Fri July 1st.

World Book Day 2022



BBC Share Your Story



For the last 100 years, the BBC has been there to keep us informed and entertained. A truly global organisation, it reaches nearly half a billion people every week. Having made its first radio broadcast in 1922, the BBC decided to celebrate its centenary this year by going on tour to schools around the UK.

Visiting over 700 secondary schools and presenting to an audience of over 400,000 students, the BBC's *Share Your Story* sessions gives students an insight into what the BBC does best - storytelling. As you can imagine, Nicholas Chamberlaine School was delighted to have been selected to host a session and being such a prestigious event, we ensured that all students in years 7 to 10 participated.

With preparations made, the BBC arrived with a van full of high tech equipment and a crew of seven people! The event itself was hosted by Lee Hinchcliffe, a CBBC presenter and You Tuber, who has nearly 400,00 subscribers to his channel. However, the two stars of the show were Anisha and Amelia. Both worked for the BBC and both shared their story of overcoming difficulties to realise their ambition. In Anisha's case it was the disappointment of not achieving her dream of working for the BBC the first time she applied. Her story was one of coping with setbacks and perseverance. In Amelia's case, it was dealing with racism and realising that she no longer enjoyed the sport in which she had competed at national level.

Students found the session truly inspirational, with many thinking about what they could achieve in future. For many, working for an organisation such as the BBC seemed like a dream, but the session showed that this was possible with dedication and hard work. The good news is that having visited the school, the BBC have promised to return with a BBC Bitesize Roadshow that will highlight careers in broadcasting.



Jonty Bloom



Once again, Nicholas Chamberlaine School is delighted to host another event in partnership with Speakers for Schools. In the last year, speakers have included the vocal coach CeCe Sammy and the Deputy Speaker of the House of Common, Me Nigel Evans MP. We are therefore pleased to announce that we have been invited to hold a question and answer session with the journalist Jonty Bloom.

Having worked for the BBC for over 30 years, Jonty Bloom travelled the world as their Business Correspondent. An award winning journalist, Mr Bloom reported on major business and economic events, such as Brexit for both BBC television and radio.

Losehill Hall Castleton

In the next couple of weeks, 34 of our students will be fortunate to take part in a residential stay at Losehill Hall in Castleton.

This event was made possible by the Youth Hostel Associations, Generation Green scheme and funded by the governments Green Recovery Challenge. The scheme aims to promote a love of nature amongst students in schools across England.

The trip is fully funded, with students having their travel, meals and accommodations paid for. We will be excited to hear how our students get on and a full report will follow shortly.



Virtual Work Experience



SPEAKERS
for schools
EXPERIENCE

Students are reminded that they can apply for free, virtual work experience with a variety of employers through Speakers for Schools. It is easy to register and students can complete the work experience in school.

Nicholas Chamberlaine students have recently completed work experience at top legal firms and have applied for opportunities at Bentley. As you can imagine, this is a fantastic opportunity to enhance any CV. To register, please follow the link below:

<https://account.speakersforschools.org/Registration>



MiSST

THE MUSIC IN SECONDARY
SCHOOLS TRUST

MiSST Annual Concert

On Thursday 3rd March, 10 students took part in the MiSST 9th Annual Concert at the Queen Elizabeth Hall, Southbank Centre in London.

The students, accompanied by Ms Vincent, Ms Ramsay and Ms Minty travelled by train to London. The event coincided with a tube strike, but there was no stopping us!



After travelling from Euston Station to Waterloo by London bus, students were excited to see the iconic sights from Waterloo Bridge, including the Shard, the Gherkin, the Houses of Parliament and the London Eye to name a few.



We arrived at the venue via the Artists' Entrance, and were wowed by the spectacular venue and stage.

The afternoon consisted of a full orchestral rehearsal, in preparation for the 7pm performance.



The evening showcased some of the exciting pieces our students have been working on this year.

At 7pm we performed to a sell-out audience of 900, including a very special guest – Lord Andrew Lloyd Webber. The whole concert was fantastic – and an experience for the students that will fondly be remembered forever!

Sport at NCS

Sports Leaders

We have had some fantastic feedback recently regarding our sports leaders and the work they have been doing with some school games events.

The feedback from all the teachers was overwhelmingly positive, and the entire group have done brilliantly with limited preparation time. They have been a credit to our school.

They recently supported an event for inactive pupils in years 3 and 4, which meant the leaders needed to be really enthusiastic, patient and friendly. The pupils went away having had a great time. With a couple of quotes as follows:

“I wish the leaders could be my teachers”

“Can we do this everyday?”

“The leaders helped me beat my score”

All have been an absolute credit to the school and the school games team are looking forward to working with them again!

Basketball

Our Year 7 had a fantastic game before the half term break winning 34 - 20 vs Lawrence Sheriff School. This is our first official win in the Jnr NBA league and our players are showing improvements week by week. Well done everyone!

Bedworth Leisure Centre Swimming Lessons

We have been forwarded an offer regarding swimming lessons at the local leisure centre. Please see attached flyer.



High Achievement

Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Citizenship Course

In January a number of students in year 8 had the opportunity to go to Bedworth Fire Station to take part in the Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service Citizenship course. The Course ran for 5 days and covered a variety of subjects including personal safety, looking at County lines and keeping safe online. The course covered Mental Health issues that young people face and how to deal with these in a positive way. The students also learnt about knife crime, drugs, alcohol, gangs, arson and road safety. Every afternoon the students had the chance to learn CPR and fire fighter skills, practicing the hose running and drills. At the end of the week the students took part in a parade in front of their family and were awarded certificates from the Chief Fire Officer. All the students who took part in the course thoroughly enjoyed the experience and gained not only new skills but they became more confident as a result of the things that they had learnt.

