



Nicholas Chamberlaine School

NEWSLETTER

Successful Learners | World Citizens

Wednesday 20 July 2022

Dear NCS Families,

As we draw close to the end of the school year I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued and unrelenting support. This last school year has been an extremely positive one, despite ongoing challenging, but we have all worked tirelessly together as a community to ensure that your children and families have been provided the highest level of educational as well as personal support.

It has been wonderful to be able to welcome families back into school and we are delighted with the high turnout for parents' evenings. We always achieve more when we work together.

Personally, I am so thankful for the hard work, determination and resilience that the students and staff have shown this year. Your children have been a true credit to you and the community.

School will close to students on **Thursday 21st July 2022 at 12pm** for the start of their summer holidays, please read details inside the newsletter regarding return to school in September.

Goodbye and Good Luck!

It is always sad to say goodbye to members of our team at this time of year. Ms Vincent, Mr Higgins, Ms Tranter and Mr Lewis will be leaving us to explore pastures new. On behalf of the school community, past and present, I would like to thank them for their time at NCS and wish them well for the future. We have 12 new teachers joining us in September who we will introduce to you next term. It promises to be an exciting year!

Finally, may I wish you and your family a safe and enjoyable summer break.

Best wishes,

Proud Traditions

Read all about our Griffin Arts Festival on page 2.

Wide Horizons

Read more about the opportunities on offer for NCS staff and student on page 5.

High Achievement

For news from our residential at Radley Hall visit page 5.

Key Dates

Thursday 18 August—A Level results day

Thursday 25 August—GCSE results day and VI Form enrolment

Thursday 1 September—Year 7 Summer school begins

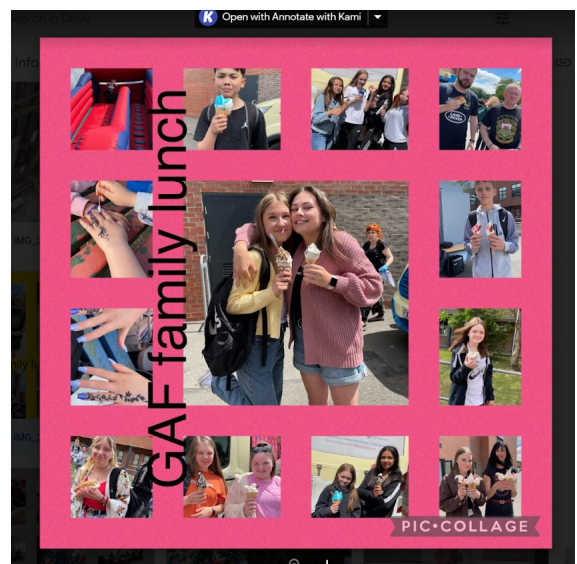
Griffin Arts Festival 2022

The Griffin Arts Festival (GAF) is the annual celebration of the arts across each Griffin Schools Trust (GST) school.

The Griffin Arts Festival started in 2014, *as a celebration of the arts in education. Our founders vision is to value creativity to enrich the lives of our children, young people and the adults who work with them. Following highly successful festivals we are now looking forward to exploring the theme of **CHANGE MAKERS** in our Griffin Arts Festival 2022. We will continue to deliver rich, artistic experiences for our children and colleagues on themes that are engaging and challenging.*

The Griffin Arts Festival comprises of:

- An annual arts and music competition open to all students.
- The inaugural Drama Monologue competition.
- A week of artistic challenges in the genres of Art, Dance, Design, Drama, Music and Visual Art, planned and delivered in all GST schools.
- Training and support for GST colleagues to develop their own creative skills to better deliver a creative curriculum to our children and young people.
- Opportunities for schools to work with different, local, high quality artists who act as inspiration to and role models for GST members.
- A legacy of high quality arts education offered year round, with free activities and opportunities for all.



Proud Traditions



GAF French Impressionism



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GAF Craft session
Up skilling in quilling



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GAF
Science



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GAF Family lunch
Soak the teacher



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GAF family lunch



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I recently visited a local supermarket and noticed a large advert for 'Back to School' clothing. It reminded me that despite the school year having not yet finished, eyes are very much on the return to school in September. It's in moments like this that we tend to focus on the future, rather than reflect on the year just gone.

As Director of Achievement for Wide Horizons, I am often amazed, but not surprised, at my colleagues imagination and resourcefulness in identifying opportunities for Nicholas Chamberlaine students. If there is one thing that amazes any visitor to the school, it is the range of opportunities available to all year groups.

It is perhaps an appropriate time to reflect on this. Our extra-curricular programme for example, provides activities ranging from Formula One to jewellery making. Students can take part in sports or music and all of this is delivered free of charge. When it comes to individual subjects, the Griffin Promise delivers exciting opportunities that enhance or students learning. Each department is expected to contribute to this programme and we have seen students visiting the Black Country Museum for Sociology, the South Coast for Geography and a Gurdwara for Religious Studies. Our partnerships with prestigious local organisations, such as the University of Warwick, has allowed us to explore new and innovative opportunities, such as eSports. It is to their credit that having been invited once, our students were so impressive that they were asked to make a return visit.



London School Of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine to promote healthy relationships amongst all students.

The one philosophy that underpins this is that opportunities should be available to all and that every student should be able to access a rich and diverse programme that will expand their horizons beyond the everyday. Little wonder then that the BBC decided to share their 100th anniversary with the school through their 'Share Your Story' programme. It's easy to forget that we were one of only three schools in Coventry and Warwickshire to have been selected to take part. Whilst we can't promise to have the BBC in school every year, our support for students is also exemplary, with a Careers Fair for all Year 10 and 12 students, resilience workshops for Year 9 and a new partnership with the

So perhaps before we get too focused on the new school year and the new exciting opportunities that our students will enjoy, it may be opportune to take a moment and reflect on the year just gone and to enjoy a great summer holiday.

UK Parliament Teachers Ambassador Programme

People often say that a “week is a long time in politics” and this was certainly true when Mr Parsons-Moore attended the Teachers Ambassador programme at the Houses of Parliament. Having started the week with Boris Johnson as Prime Minister, it ended with him fighting to remain in power.



Having applied in 2020 to participate, Covid mean that the Teachers Ambassador programme could not take place until this year. With 30 teachers attending the three day event, the programme aims to promote democracy in schools. During this time, Mr Parsons-Moore attended a mix of workshops in the Parliamentary Education unit, meeting with MPs and House of Lords, along with tours of House of Commons and Lords.

What next for our students?

Having completed the programme, Mr Parsons-Moore is setting out to achieve a Gold Award from the Teachers Institute. This will involve students learning about democracy and this week, they have all had an assembly on why Boris Johnson as resigned and why we will soon have a new Prime Minister. In September, Mr Parsons-Moore will be organising a trip to the Houses of Parliament, where students will have the opportunity to tour the Palace of Westminster and to meet their MP. In October, all students in Year 11 will be taking part in an online workshop with a member of the House of Lords.



Unifest

As this is being written, some of our Year 10 students are taking part in Unifest. Organised by ThinkHigher Coventry and Warwickshire, the event aims to give students an insight into life at university. With six different events across the West Midlands, students could experience everything from Criminology at the University of Worcester to Science and Technology at Aston University.

This year a record 14 students from Nicholas Chamberlaine were offered places, some of which were fully funded residential places. Next year we hope that we have record number of applications from our Year 9 students moving into Year 10. In addition to the Unifest programme, we are also excited to be taking part in the Future Grads programme provided by the University of Coventry. This will allow 30 students from every year group to take part in a mentoring programme that will involve residential opportunities and a reduced offer from the university.

Sky Skills Academy



Having been closed for two years, we are delighted to be able to return to the Sky Skills Academy. Based at the Sky studios in West London, the Skills Academy allows students to improve their storytelling skills with an interactive workshop.

Using professional equipment in a purpose built education centre, students learn how to put together a story of their choice whilst being guided by mentors from Sky. The visit has previously included a talk from a member of staff about working at Sky and a tour of the studios where Sky Sports is broadcast from.

Our new VI Form Centre

Work has now begun on our new VI Form Centre, which will be based on the ground floor of our Lovelace building. The work will be completed over the summer holiday and we look forward to welcoming our VI Form students back in September to officially open the purpose built space. Photos to follow in September.



Our residential to Radley Hall, Oxfordshire

Last week saw the return of the annual MiSST Music residential where 9 of our talented music students were invited to train and perform alongside other MiSST schools, along with Mr Small and Dr Baker.

The students had a fabulous time balancing rehearsals, practice performances with a timetable of social events. The visit finished with a concert where students performed together. We are incredibly proud of our students achievements during the residential, especially Toby who won the Spirit of MiSST award, as voted for by all of the students in the orchestra.



Safeguarding

As we approach the summer holidays and students spending more time out enjoying the summer with their friends we wanted to share this useful articles for parents about TikTok.

<https://www.common sense media.org/articles/parents-ultimate-guide-to-tiktok>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/esafety-news/tik-tok-app-safety-what-parents-need-to-know/>

As always during the summer holiday we will be providing emergency safeguarding support for our families. Our safeguarding phone numbers will be emailed to all students, posted on FB and our new school website on the last week of term.

Summer holiday Information

The myphizz team will be posting **free content** on our various social media platforms throughout the summer holidays for anyone who'd like to have a go at some fun 'phizz' activities

[myphizz](#) is a safe teacher built app used to promote physical activity and well-being to children. So if you want to make sure your pupils are staying active this summer simply follow us and share our pages (listed below) with parents and pupils and #findyourphizz

<https://www.tiktok.com/@myphizz>

<https://www.facebook.com/myphizz>

<https://www.instagram.com/myphizz/>

Twitter @my_phizz

FSM Summer holiday support

Warwickshire County Council is responsible for the administration of the Household Support Fund for the county and is continuing to use a proportion of the funding to proactively support those families who are eligible for benefits related free school meals with the cost of food for their children over the summer school holiday. This does not apply to children on the universal free school meal offer.

Warwickshire's Local Welfare Scheme is offering the following support to children eligible for benefits related FSM:

- From 20th July 2022 – a £45 automatic Huggs supermarket voucher for food support. This support is in addition to the Holiday Activity & Food (HAF) Programme.

If you have any further questions, please email localwelfarescheme@warwickshire.gov.uk

A Level Results day

A Level results day takes place on Thursday 18 August from 8.30-10.30am in the Library. Staff will be on site to celebrate student achievements with them, provide support with any university queries, as well as training, apprenticeship and next steps advice.

GCSE Results day and VI Form enrolment

A Level results day takes place on Thursday 25 August from 9-11am in the Hall. Staff will be on site to celebrate student achievements with them and provide advice on all things Post 16. Enrolment for our NCS VI Form will also take place at the same time in the Library.

September return to school information

Tuesday 6th September

For Year 7 students only school begins at 8.40am. Students will be met on the playground.

VI Form students need to arrive for 1.30pm.

Wednesday 7th September

School begins at 8.40am for all Year groups.

Schoolwear – NCS Uniform

Visit: www.schoolwearsolutions.com

The Schoolwear Centre, Newdegate Street, Nuneaton (opposite Ryman and AbbeyGate)

Telephone: 02476 341682

Daywear:

Blazer with logo from £35.99

Tie £5

Pullover from £14

Cardigan from £15

Pleated Skirt from £13.99

Sportswear:

PE top with logo from £15.99

Outdoor top with logo from £18.99

Plain black leggings from £17

Black shorts from £5

Black sport socks from £5

Deposits can be set up in store until 30 July and must be paid in full and collected by 26 August 2022 - Minimum Deposit£ amounts are from £20 secondary schools

Remember; order cut-off date is 30 July to ensure the best chance of having your uniform for the start of new term (and subject to supplier availability)