



Nicholas Chamberlaine School

NEWSLETTER

Successful Learners | World Citizens

Friday 13th January 2023

Dear NCS Families,

Happy new year!

The new term has started with V1 form students visiting Switzerland to see the Cern Hadron Collider last week, an amazing opportunity supported by GST. There are lots of exciting events coming up, including an opportunity for our students to sing in front of Andrew Lloyd Webber at the Theatre Royal, Covent Garden. It is so wonderful to be part of a Trust that supports our students to engage in such illustrious activities.

I would like to thank all of our families who came into school last term to discuss their child's progress. Attendance to the year 11 information evening at the end of term was particularly high and will enable us to work together to help students achieve their very best.

We are speaking to our students currently about misogyny, including the recent events surrounding Andrew Tate. You may know that Mr Tate has a large online social media following, particularly amongst young males, despite promoting misogynistic beliefs. We will always challenge these ideas in school and you may want to also address this at home.

This term we welcome new colleagues who will add further expertise to our staffing. In English we welcome Ms Quinn and Ms Cooper; in Science (Subject Leader) Ms Good; in maths Ms Stowe; also we are delighted to welcome Kate Hopkins (Social Worker) and Emily Judge (Family Support Worker).

It promises to be an exciting term!

Best wishes,

Executive Head

Proud Traditions

Wide Horizons

High Achievement

Key Dates

16-17th January

Years 7-9 Flu Immunisation

Year 8-9 HPV
Immunisation

30th January

Year 9 HPV Immunisation

16th February

Year 9 Options / Tutor
Evening 4.30-7.30pm

Monday 20th February –

Friday 24th February

Half Term

Monday 27th February

All students return to school
8.40am

Monday 27th February -

Friday 10th March

Year 11 and Upper VI Mock
Exams

Proud Traditions

Sports and Arts Funding (SAF)

The aim of the Sports and Arts Fund (SAF) is a GST initiative that enables students to advance on the next stage of their investment in an activity in which they are showing a real interest. For example this could include, but is not limited to; supporting a student to buy or hire an instrument whilst studying for their next grade; getting specialist sports equipment for a student who is playing competitively outside of school.

We had a successful first round of applications this year, granting a number of awards, including the following:

See below this year's SAF awards. Congratulations to all !

Name	Item
Mercedes	Charles Owen Esme JS1 Pro Horseriding Helemt
Poppy	Pointe Shoes
Dawson	Rugby Boots - Adidas Kakari Elite
Libby	Art Set
Abigail	Folding Gymnastics Balance Beam
Alfie	Kicking Tee



Proud Traditions

House Competitions

This term our Performing Arts House competition will be based on our very much anticipated Musical **Matilda**

Brief

Design a poster and tickets to advertise the Musical 'Matilda'

Think about how you will communicate the story of the musical through words and images. Ensure you use exciting images and bold text.

Location=Nicholas Chamberlaine Family Hall

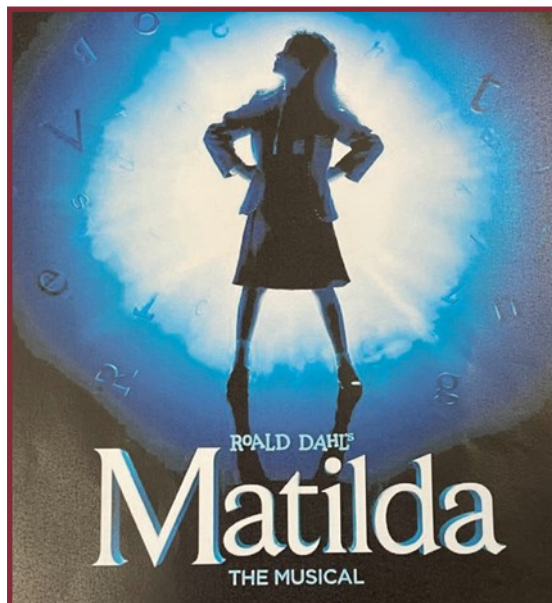
Date =4th-7th July

Entries to Ms T Johnson via email or your PA class teacher (A reminder will be added to your GCR)

Drama-Matilda



Well done to all students who have been working hard in rehearsals, this week— your energy and sense of fun was wonderful!



University of Coventry : Future Grads Programme

20 year 8 students encountered University life as they started their Future Grads outreach engagement, in partnership with Coventry University.

They learnt about Coventry's long and impressive history through a range of activities at the Guild Hall, explored possible career paths by visiting paramedic training facilities and engineering workshops, before looking towards the future and exploring ideas of what human society might be like in the year 2222.

Our students enjoyed our first collaboration with Barrs Hill school, who will become our working partners moving forward.



Year 9 Options/Tutor Evening—16th February

The process of GCSE Option Choices for our Year 9 students has launched this half term (Spring 1). We will issue a detailed timeline of events to families of Year 9 students in the next week that will explain what happens when.

Please keep your diaries free for the evening of **Thursday 16th February between 4.30pm–7.30pm**, to attend our Options/Tutor Evening. This will provide the opportunity to speak to your child's tutor regarding their progress and visit subject stands to find out more about potential GCSE or BTEC courses, to start in September. We will also be launching our Year 9 Options website during the event.

More information and details of how to book your appointment will shortly be sent to Year 9 families.

Students in Year 9 will be issued with a log-in to our online Options form to submit their choices after the half term, on the week beginning 27th February.

Curriculum Maps

By the time you are reading this, we will have updated the Curriculum area of our Nicholas Chamberlaine website to include detailed information about the content to be covered by each subject, for each year, over the Spring Term ahead.

In addition, we have updated the **Academic Engagement** link sheets for exam years (GCSE Y10 and Y11, A-Level Y12 and Y13). Each of these documents has been written by our subject experts and shares links to a range of content to support informed, independent learning. These links include:

- Exam **specifications** (supporting students to identify the content they should cover),
- Exam **past papers** (supporting students on how they will be formally assessed),
- Exam **mark schemes** (supporting students to self-assess, identifying strengths and areas for development through revision),
- Subject-specific **exam revision resources** (websites and apps),
- Links to **wider reading** to broaden overall understanding and horizons,
- Discipline-specific **enrichment** related to the subject.

We encourage all families to look through these resources and to make use of the materials available to support preparation for upcoming exams. Should you have suggestions for specific items that would be useful in addition, please contact Mr P. Walker via the school office.

Year 11 Newsletter

Please click on the link below to see the Year 11 Newsletter, this is also available to view on the school website.

<https://nicholaschamberlaine-gst.org/bskpdf/year-11-newsletter-1/>



Spotlight on English Spring term



Year 7 - Overcoming the Monster

In September, Year 7 embarked on their literary journey at Nicholas Chamberlaine School and have enjoyed studying “A Monster Calls”. Through the novel, they explored themes of loss and growing up. They have developed their skills in writing analytical paragraphs. Year 7 have made a fantastic start to their time in KS3. We look forward to seeing how they flourish throughout the year.

Year 8 - Expectations of gender

Students have studied “Noughts & Crosses” and have approached difficult themes with a level of maturity beyond their years. Within the unit, they have explored how a playwright uses language/form and structure to create meaning and engage an audience.

We are excited about the upcoming trip to see ‘Noughts and crosses’ with some students from Year 8 at the Belgrade theatre. This will be a wonderful opportunity for our students to see the play they have been reading come to life in front of their eyes.

Year 9 – Prejudice and Discrimination

Year 9 started this year by being immersed in America in the 1930s. They have studied the novel “Of Mice and Men” and have applied their contextual knowledge of America at this time.

Alongside this, they have also practised their application of persuasive language to try to change the society in which we live. These skills will prepare them well as they enter their KS4 years.

Year 10 – AQA Language Paper 1 and Literature Paper 1

Students have made a positive start to their GCSEs. They have read one of their set texts and have had the opportunity to use their creative side to produce narratives. Students have already demonstrated that they have the potential to succeed.

The English department were very enthusiastic about taking some students from Year 10 to the RSC to watch “A Christmas Carol”.

Thank you for your continued support in your child’s education.

Ms Walker

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Updates

Year 7 and 8 Basketball

The Y7 and Y8 basketball teams travelled to Alcester Grammar School this week for a *friendly* before the start of their Jnr NBA season. Both teams put in amazing team performances which showcased fantastic individual skills.

The Year 7 team were unfortunate to concede a last minute basket to draw their game 16-16. MVP Seth B.

The Year 8 team were completely dominant in their 28-16 win. MVP Soul S.



Updates

House Points Update

Well done to Evans who are currently leading the school.

