



NEWSLETTER

Successful Learners | World Citizens

Friday 27th January 2023

Dear NCS Families,

The spring term has started very positively and I thank you for supporting us in settling children back into routines. Year 11, in particular, have shown real maturity and excellent attendance to their additional support lessons on Wednesday evenings and are taking advantage of the multiple opportunities to help them prepare for exams.

Please remember that, due to the national strike, on 1st February, we will remain open to years 11, 12 and 13: all other year groups will need to switch to remote learning on that day. We understand that this may cause disruption to your family's routine and apologise for the inconvenience that this may cause. The dining area will serve food for students in school; students in receipt of free school meals will be able to come into school between 1pm – 1.30 pm to collect a packed lunch. Please be reminded that if school is open for your child, you have a legal duty to ensure that he/she attends.

Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding. I will update you in due course if events change.

Best wishes,

Executive Head

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Key Dates

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 to enable students to advance onto 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, or get hold of specialist sports equipment for a student who is playing competitively outside of school.



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

Abigail Milburn-Gymnastics beam 7ft purple Dripex Folding Gymnastics Balance Beam

Aimee Hooper- professional level Gymnastics Safety Crash Mat

The next round will be open in April.

House Competitions

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

Brief

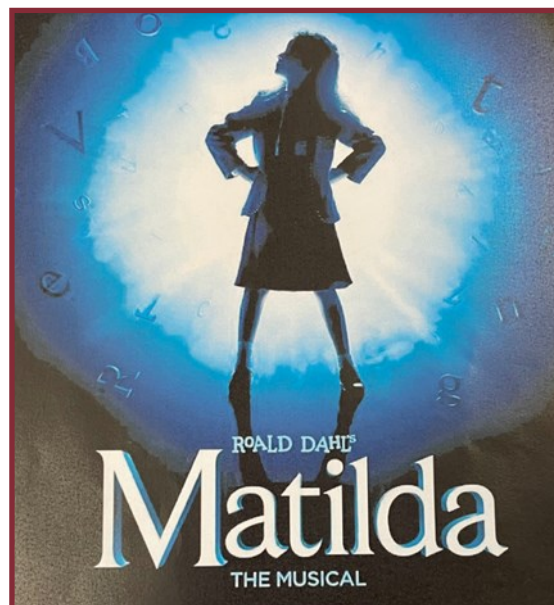
Design a poster and tickets to advertise the Musical Matilda.

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 =12th-14 July **(DATE HAS BEEN AMENDED)**

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



Music News

Congratulations to Lois Houlihan who has been awarded Distinction for Grade 7 Musical Theatre



Founders Day

Founders Day is a time to reflect on our roots, our identity and our journey.

At NCS this year our student leadership team will be running a variety of fundraising events to give back to our community.

Additionally, if you have any unwanted Christmas gift, toys, gloves, socks and toiletries that would be useful to someone else, please donate via your tutor groups. We will be creating family care boxes that will be delivered by our students in March to families in need of support.

Deadline for collections 24th February.

Working for Marcus



Thanks to funding from Warwickshire County Council, all students in Year 8, 9 and 10 have been able to participate in a production by Birmingham-based theatre company, *Loudmouth*. The focus of the production looked at two areas that young people need to be aware of: child exploitation and County Lines.

Working for Marcus shows how young people can find themselves exploited by adults and provides practical advice on how students can keep themselves safe.

Following the production, all students took part in a workshop that reinforced the messages that they were given, including where to seek help for either themselves or someone that they may know.

Future Grads

Over the years, Nicholas Chamberlaine School has built strong partnerships with local universities.

This year the school was fortunate to be invited to take part in the *Future Grads programme*; a scheme where students are mentored with a view to them applying for university following Year 13.



This week we were delighted to receive an invitation to take every Year 12 student to Coventry University to take part in a student finance and budgeting day.

The trip enabled students to gain an insight into life at university through a campus tour. In addition, they found out how to budget effectively. The trip was a great success with students commenting that, "I thought the trip was very informative and I enjoyed seeing all the different facilities at the university. I learned a lot about budgeting and the opportunities at the university in general".

Over the year, students from Year 7 upward will be able to take part in similar opportunities and we are grateful for the support that the University of Coventry has provided in this regard.

Apprenticeships and other opportunities



The beginning of February will see the annual National Apprenticeship Week taking place. This is an opportunity for students to find out more about apprenticeships in a wide range of areas.

Nicholas Chamberlaine School will of course be taking part in this and more details will follow.

In the meantime, it is an ideal time to remind students and to encourage them to take part in the wide range of activities that are on offer to them.

For those seeking work experience, *Speakers for Schools* offers virtual work experience that can be completed online and in school. These details can be found here: <https://www.speakersforschools.org/>

For students in Year 10, the Unifest 2023 application process has opened. This is a scheme that offers students the chance to experience life at university. Full details can be found here: <https://aimhigherwm.ac.uk/unifest/>

For students in Year 12, there is a similar programme organised by the Sutton Trust, including a summer school dedicated to apprenticeships. Again, applications can be made here: <https://summerschools.suttontrust.com/>

In short, there are a huge range of opportunities on offer and we would encourage every student to take advantage of these. The vast majority are free of charge and are sent to students regularly using Google Classroom.

High Achievement

Art

Year 7

Year 7 students have been studying the artist Kate Leach and have produced some fantastic paintings in the style of the artist



Year 7 Trip

40 Year 7 students will be attending an Art trip to the Botanical Gardens in Birmingham on Friday 17th March to participate in an arts based workshop.

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BOTANICAL
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Upcoming Year 8 opportunity

Year 8 students will have the opportunity to attend a trip to the MAC in Birmingham to participate in a workshop around their current confectionery project. All students in year 8 will be issued with a letter and the first 30 students will be selected on a first come first served basis to attend the trip. Ms Watson will be sending out more information shortly.

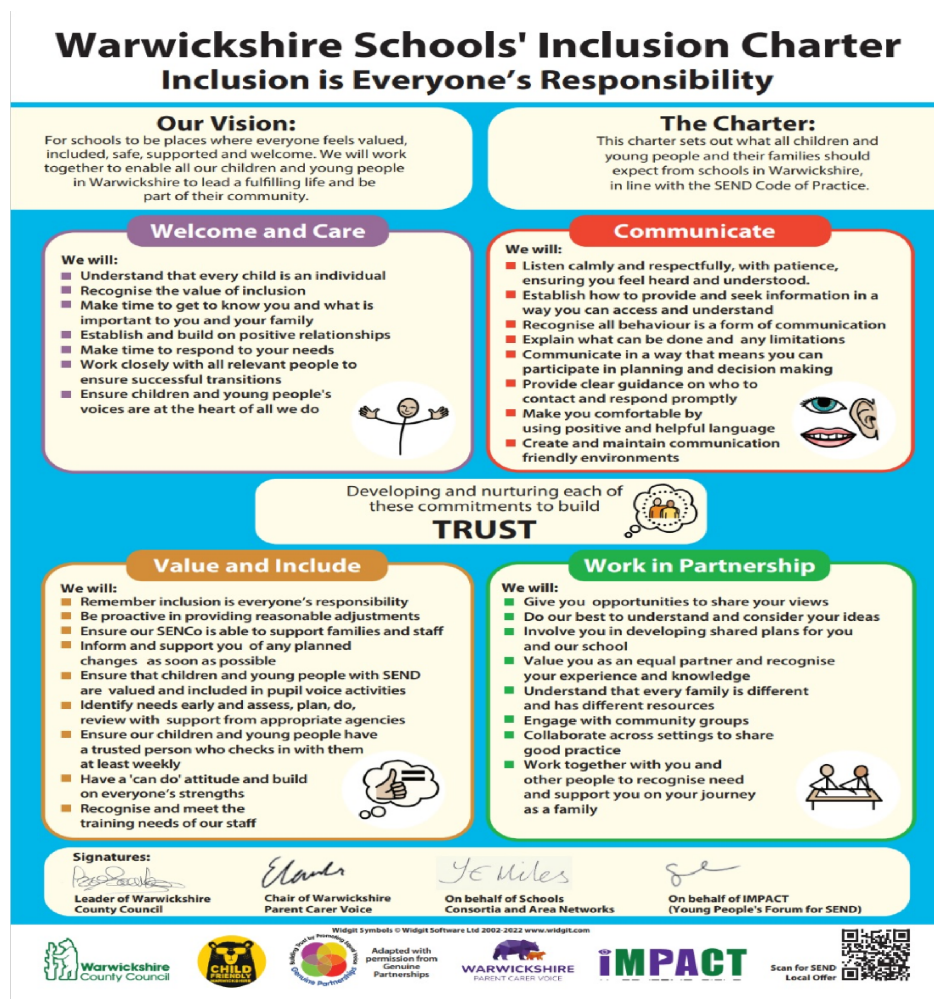
Year 10

Our year 10 Art students were given the opportunity to hear about upcoming arts events in Warwickshire. Local organisation *Shout out for the Arts* came into school to talk about an exciting opportunity happening in Nuneaton. Tickets are available through the following link:

[Arts Careers Fair – Nuneaton Tickets, Mon 20 Feb 2023 at 10:00 | Eventbrite](#)



Warwickshire Inclusion Charter



We have worked closely with Warwickshire Local authority and their partners to develop the groundbreaking Warwickshire Inclusion Charter, which has been recognised at a national level including by the Chartered College of Teaching.

This charter reinforces the pledge to inclusion and the county's commitment to providing an inclusive education for all children and young people.

The Inclusion Charter has been created to set out a shared vision for schools across the county using the four cornerstones of:

1. 'Welcome and Care', understanding that every child is an individual;
2. 'Value and include' remembering that inclusion is everyone's responsibility;
3. 'Communicate'
4. 'Work in Partnership', working together to recognise need and support families on their journey.

This will support schools and families to consider and develop how they can work together to improve the experience of all children and staff in schools and demonstrate to others how they are doing this.

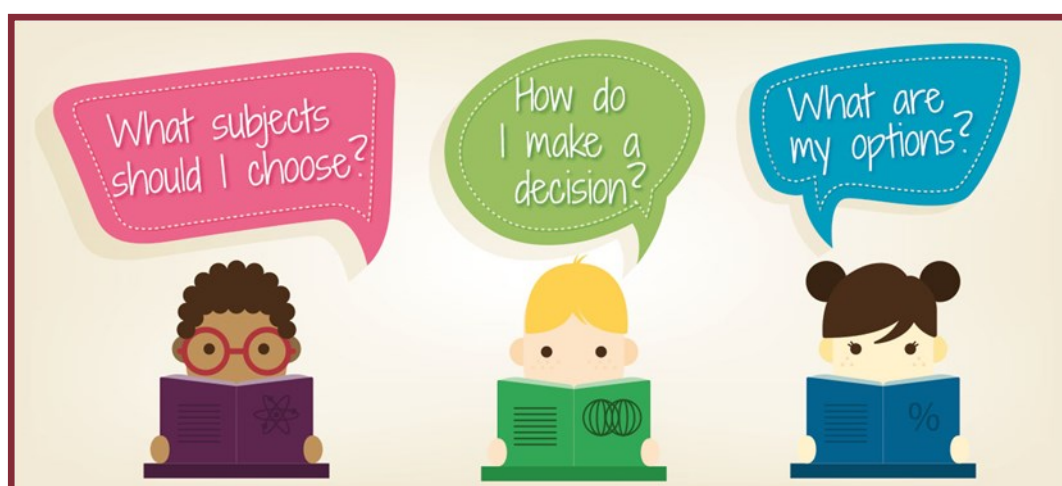
Update Year 9

Y9 Options Choice and Tutor Review evening Thursday 16/02/23 16:30-19:30

We are delighted to invite our Year 9 students and families to attend a combined Options Choice and Tutor Review evening, held on site on the evening of Thursday 16/02/23, between 16:30-19:30. This will be an opportunity for Y9 students and families to review current progress with tutors and to explore possible Post 14 Option Choices with subject teachers.

A letter explaining the order of events and the details of the evening will be sent to families via Y9 students in the coming weeks, along with a guidance document supporting positive Options choices. We are also looking forward to launching our new Options Choices website which will feature promotional videos from all subjects, helping students and families to make educated decisions regarding selection of subjects.

Should you have any queries, please contact the school via enquiries@nicholaschamberlaine.co.uk and label your query as 'Y9 Options'.



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-issue-2-27-january-2023/>

Updates

Early Help and Targeted Support

We are delighted to welcome Kate Hopkins (Social worker) and Emily Judge (Family support worker) to NCS.

There are times in life when things might be difficult or someone in the family is having problems, Kate and Emily are here to ensure the right support is offered to you at the earliest possible opportunity, so that things can get better much quicker for your child and family than if the problem is left unresolved.

Early Help and Family Support is voluntary and intended to be available as and when you need it.

Please reach out by contacting school reception and asking to speak with Kate or Emily.



THE FAMILY INFORMATION SERVICE

Get in touch with Warwickshire's Family Information Service for advice and guidance on a wide range of subjects including:

- Housing
- Finance
- Childcare
- Parental conflict and contact
- Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)


01926 742274
fis@warwickshire.gov.uk
@WarwickshireFIS
@WarksFIS

Available Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm.
All enquiries will be responded to during this time.

SCAN THE QR CODE

Scan the QR Code to sign up to the Family Information Service newsletter for regular updates to support you and your family!

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/parentupdates



FAMILY SUPPORT

Get in touch with a Family Support Worker for advice and guidance on parenting and all aspects of family life.

Support can be offered through telephone calls, video calls, text messages or email to suit your needs.

01926 412412


Available Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm.
All enquiries will be responded to during this time.

To contact your local district or borough family support team via email please visit:
www.warwickshire.gov.uk/familysupport for more information.

SCAN THE QR CODE

Scan the QR Code to access a wide range of information and resources to help keep families healthy, safe and entertained over the summer holidays, put together by our local school nursing service.

For more information and advice for families including parenting courses, workshops and other support services go to: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/childrenandfamilies



Updates

Year 7 and 8 Basketball

The Y7 and Y8 basketball team travelled to Queen Elizabeth School for a 3v3 tournament. Both teams worked very hard and displayed impressive basketball skills

As a team we came second with a total of 16 points just behind St Thomas More who ended up with 18 points.

Well done!



Can you help?

Ambleside Falcons – Goalkeeper Wanted



Ambleside Falcons U16 (school year 10 and 11) are looking for a new goalkeeper to replace our departing shot stopper (left for personal reasons).

If your daughter is looking for a new team, a second team or just more regular minutes please drop me a line on Measenger or on 07951622904 (via text or WhatsApp).



You will be hard pushed to find a friendlier bunch of girls. The focus of team is on player development and enjoyment rather than results, although we do play to win. We are Nuneaton based and train on Tuesday with matches on Sunday.