



# NEWSLETTER

*Successful Learners | World Citizens*

Wednesday 1 December 2021

Dear NCS families

Every time I read the newsletter I am amazed at how much has happened in two weeks- and in between all of this we had an Ofsted inspection!

The important news this week is, following the government's announcement on Sunday, we have changed our response to keeping our community safe. So in the last 3 weeks of term we will step up our mitigations as follows:

- All staff and students will be required to wear a mask in communal areas.
- All visitors will need to take a lateral flow test before coming on site and wear a face covering when in the building.
- Rooms continue to be ventilated which can be uncomfortable colder weather. Please ensure your child wears layers e.g. vest, plain t-shirt, jumper, to keep warm. Coats can be worn in lessons with the agreement of teachers.
- Parents' evenings and V1 Form Open Evening will be conducted online.

In addition:

- The expectation of twice weekly lateral flow tests for all staff and students will continue.
- Hygiene measures around washing and sanitising hands will continue.
- Students must wear face coverings on school transport, including minibuses and coaches.
- All member of the community are encouraged to take up the offer of Covid vaccinations and boosters, if they have not done so.
- We have made the decision that we will sadly be unable to welcome parents to Coventry Cathedral for our Christmas Celebration. We are looking to see if we are able to record this instead.
- We will test students when they return to school after the Christmas holiday.

We thank you for supporting your child to bring a face covering to school and regularly doing LfTs as they may carry the virus without exhibiting symptoms. We hope we can keep our community safe this winter.

Best wishes,

A Ramsay  
Executive Head

## Key Dates

Thursday 2 December  
Year 8 Parents'  
Evening

Thursday 9 December  
VI Form Open Evening

Friday 10 December  
Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 17 December  
Term Ends 1pm

## Household Support Fund

### Help to pay your household bills

Are you, or is anyone you know, struggling to pay energy and water bills?

If you or someone you know are struggling financially and unable to afford to pay their gas, electricity or water bill, please call the Local Welfare Scheme in confidence on

0800 408 1448 before 10 December 2021.

[www.warwickshire.gov.uk/localwelfarescheme](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/localwelfarescheme)



This support is provided by the Warwickshire Local Welfare Scheme and funded by the Department for Work and Pensions Household Support Fund



The Household Support fund can help households in need of support this winter

### Do you need help to access food and manage your money?

[www.warwickshire.gov.uk/facinghardship](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/facinghardship)

#### Warwickshire Local Welfare Scheme

The Warwickshire Local Welfare Scheme helps the most vulnerable residents at times of unavoidable crisis when they have no other means of help.

It also administers the Household Support Fund, which provides one-off financial support for people in need as the country continues its recovery from the pandemic. It can help families with children, other vulnerable households and individuals facing hardship this winter, to ensure that they have the support they need to afford food, energy, water bills and associated costs. To enquire or apply call the Local Welfare Scheme.

Visit: [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/localwelfarescheme](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/localwelfarescheme)  
Call: 0800 408 1448 or 01926 359182



### Food supply help and advice

For a range of food solutions for people who may be isolated, vulnerable or in financial crisis visit [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/foodsupport](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/foodsupport)

#### Foodbanks in Warwickshire

Food support if you are in financial difficulty. If you need a food parcel because you're unable to afford food, contact your local food bank. Find details at [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/foodbanks](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/foodbanks)

#### Free school meals

Low-income families whose children are eligible for free school meals will be offered meals for those children by their schools, during term time. Apply at [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals)

### Debt and benefits

Citizens Advice provides free, confidential, impartial and independent advice on a range of subjects, including benefits, debt, money management, consumer rights, employment and more.

Call 0800 144 8848 or visit the website for your area:

Bedworth, Rugby and Nuneaton: [www.brancab.org.uk](http://www.brancab.org.uk)

North Warwickshire: [www.nwcab.org.uk](http://www.nwcab.org.uk)

South Warwickshire: [www.casouthwarwickshire.org.uk](http://www.casouthwarwickshire.org.uk)

For more information on debt advice, Universal Credit and help with household bills, visit [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/benefitsandwelfare](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/benefitsandwelfare)



### Help with household costs

If you are struggling to pay bills or manage energy debt, call the Act On Energy helpline on 0800 988 2881 or visit [www.actonenergy.org.uk](http://www.actonenergy.org.uk) for advice.

Other support is available from:

- Affordable Warmth Grants [www.affordablewarmthgrants.co.uk](http://www.affordablewarmthgrants.co.uk)
- British Gas Energy Trust [www.britishgasenergytrust.org.uk](http://www.britishgasenergytrust.org.uk)
- Council Tax Benefit [www.gov.uk/council-tax-benefit](http://www.gov.uk/council-tax-benefit)
- Housing benefit [www.gov.uk/housing-benefit](http://www.gov.uk/housing-benefit)
- Warm Home Discount Scheme [www.gov.uk/warm-home-discount-scheme](http://www.gov.uk/warm-home-discount-scheme)



### Pandemic support in your local area

Find information about local organisations, groups and agencies that provide activities, advice, services and support during the COVID-19 pandemic at [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/coronavirusdirectory](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/coronavirusdirectory)

Call 01926 410410 for help if you don't know where to turn and are in need of financial or emotional support.

### Housing advice and support

Contact your local district or borough council:

North Warwickshire Borough Council  
[www.northwarks.gov.uk](http://www.northwarks.gov.uk) Tel: 01827 715341

Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council  
[www.nuneatonandbedworth.gov.uk](http://www.nuneatonandbedworth.gov.uk) Tel: 02476 376376

Rugby Borough Council [www.rugby.gov.uk](http://www.rugby.gov.uk) Tel: 01788 533533

Stratford-on-Avon District Council [www.stratford.gov.uk](http://www.stratford.gov.uk) Tel: 01789 267575.

Warwick District Council [www.warwickdc.gov.uk](http://www.warwickdc.gov.uk) Tel: 01926 456129



### Help for families

The Family Information Service is a one-stop shop for Warwickshire families looking for information, advice and one-to-one support on all family matters such as childcare, relationships, health, finance and special educational needs and disabilities.

Go to [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/fis](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/fis) or call 01926 742274



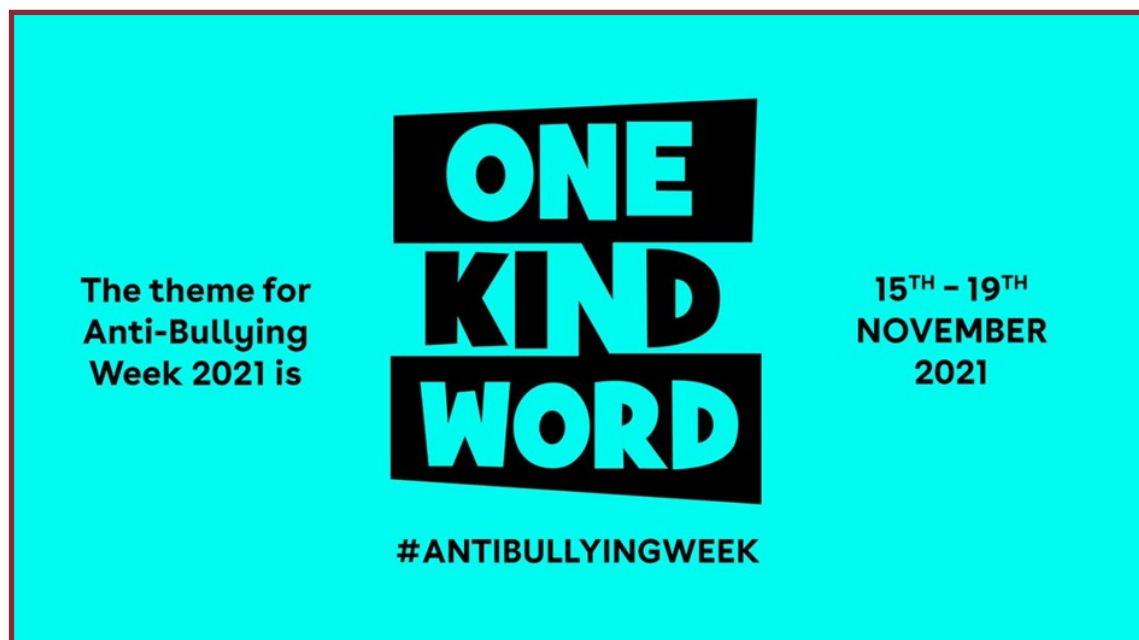
### Anti-Bullying Week

Nicholas Chamberlaine students have been actively supporting Anti-Bullying Week 2021.

Held this year between 15th-19th November, National Anti-Bullying Week is a country-wide collaboration designed to support students to promote kindness, to be supportive of one another and to reflect on the impact of their own actions around others. The central theme for Anti-Bullying week 2021 is 'One Kind Word'. You can find out more here: <https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week>

All of our students, from our youngest in Year 7 to our most mature in year 13, have participated in two active assembly workshops over the course of Anti-Bullying week. During this session they reflected that at Nicholas Chamberlaine School sometimes some students make mistakes with their behaviour that may impact on others. By reflecting on their own actions students came to the conclusion that each and every one of them has the potential to make sure bullying does not happen - by making choices that are kind and considerate to one another. The power to prevent bullying lies in the choices that the students make about their own behaviour: the responsibility is theirs.

In line with the theme for Anti-Bullying week, students were asked to share 'One Kind Word' each day: if each student were to take time to say a kind thing to a peer, that would total 1,200 kind words per day - over 6,000 kind comments per week- or 24,000 each month! All agreed, that was exactly the kind of school they would like to belong to, where kindness was an every day experience. We are now looking for students to exhibit kind behaviour as examples of the very best they can be.





## Proud Traditions

### Movember one of our newest Proud Traditions

We continued our staff **proud Tradition** of supporting Movember again this year. **Mental health** is becoming an ever more important topic of conversation especially with the current COVID situation worldwide. Please support our staff who grew moustaches for this great cause, to show our support and start an important conversation around the school. **Last year we raised over £1000** and Mr West and Mr Small bleached their moustaches to celebrate reaching this amount. This year we aim for £5000, Mr West and Mr Small have promised bigger and better if we reach this incredible target and raise £5000 towards supporting **men's mental health**



### Another of our new PROUD TRADITION No Pens Day



**24th November is national No Pens Day**, when schools across the country put down their pens and find new ways to communicate and learn. At Nicholas Chamberlaine every subject included a different way to start their lessons that day without pens. Some took the time to enjoy and talk about a painting or poem, some read and sang, others learnt sign language and others engaged in heated debate on the hot topics of the moment. Some departments even took the opportunity to learn new skills like origami! Writing is a valuable skill, but it's not the only way we communicate. No Pens Day has given our students a chance to show that they can **engage with the world around** them in a way that showcases all their **speaking, listening and creative talents**.

## Proud Traditions

### Children in Need

Our 6th students have raised an amazing **£260.00 for Children in need** by coming into school in their PJ's, organising a cake sale and carrying out a "Name the bear" competition. The winners names the bear Joey.



### Another new PROUD TRADITION

Initiated by our VI form students "**The 12 day of Christmas**" is a new Proud Tradition.

Our VI form are collecting donations for **Bedworth Food bank** (see items below). We would be most grateful for any donations and these can be taken to Ms. Robertson in the VI form.

Bedworth foodbank		The Twelve Days of Christmas		Bedworth foodbank	
Day 1 Small christmas cakes		Day 5 packet of sweets		Day 9 Jelly	
 Day 2 biscuits		 Day 6 mince pies		 Day 10 packet of nuts	
Day 3 Small jams		Day 7 piece of fruit (or tin)		Day 11 crisps	
 Day 4 chocolate bars		 Day 8 crackers		 Day 12 Christmas puddings	



## Proud Traditions

### Proud Traditions "Deck the halls"

Our *Y9 Technology students* have been busy hand-making Christmas tree decorations for our grand Christmas tree featured in our family hall.



### Christmas Jumper Day coming up 10th December

All money raised will be going to *Save the Children and Young Careers*



# Music at NCS

## MISST Autumn assessments

It has been a very busy couple of weeks in the Music department again. Today saw the start of the MISST Autumn assessments. All KS3 students have been busy preparing their solo performances for their practical assessment, so much so that every room and space in the department is utilised at break and lunch with students practising.

In addition to the practical assessment, all students will also be sitting the LAT (listening, appraising and theory test). This is a short paper-based, listening assessment. Students can find all of the revision material in their Google Classroom.



## Preparations for Coventry Cathedral

On December 16<sup>th</sup> at 2.30pm, Y7, the orchestra and NCS choir will join KS2 students from Race Leys and Park Lane to perform in 'A Christmas Celebration' at Coventry Cathedral. We ask parents of the students involved to check their emails for the letter and consent form regarding this event.

In preparation for the big day, the orchestra enjoyed an additional rehearsal on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November, period 6 in the hall. Park Lane students also joined Y7 for their singing assembly on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November.

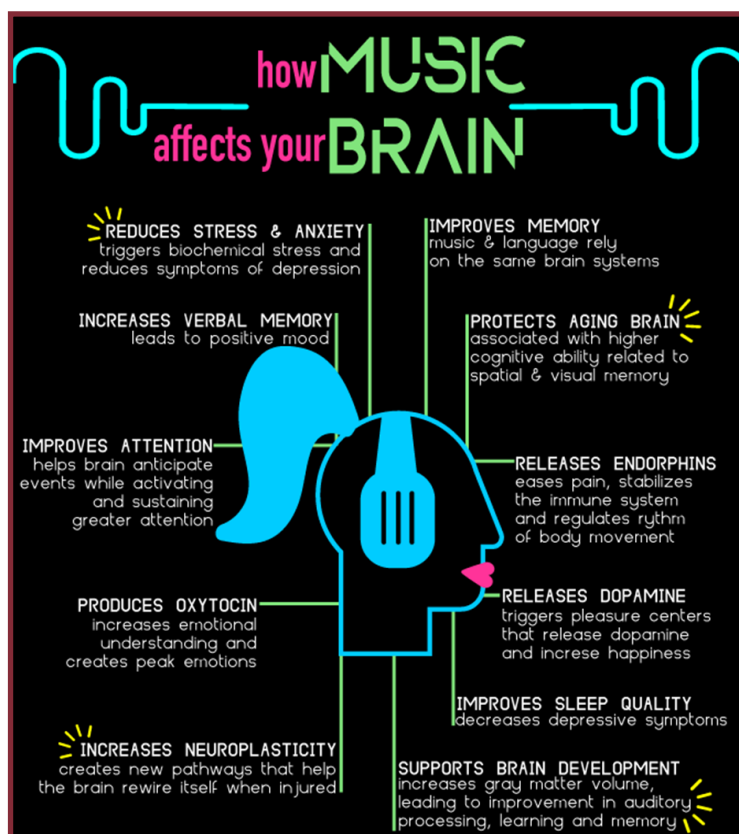
Ms Vincent, Mr White and Ms Marsh also enjoyed rehearsing the Griffin Children's Chorus on Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> November at Race Leys, where the finishing touches were put to their performance ready for the Cathedral. We are really looking forward to showing you everything that we have been practising!



# Music at NCS

## Warwickshire Music FREE Groups & Ensembles 2021-2022

North Warwickshire Area Music Centre – <i>Training and Intermediate level Groups</i>		
Group	Rehearsal Day & Time	Location
<a href="#">North Warwickshire Schools' Training Wind Band</a>	Wednesday: 4:15 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Weddington Primary School  Winchester Ave Nuneaton CV10 0DR
<a href="#">North Warwickshire Schools' Wind Band</a>	Wednesday: 4:15 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.	
<a href="#">North Warwickshire Schools' Training Strings</a>	Wednesday: 4:15 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.	
<a href="#">North Warwickshire Schools' String Orchestra</a>	Wednesday: 4:15 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.	
<a href="#">Strumtastic (Guitar Group)</a>	Wednesday: 5:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.	
<a href="#">North Warwickshire First Voices</a>	Monday: 4:15 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.	





# Sport at NCS

## Fixtures

Year 7 boys competed in the ESFA school cup, in the 3rd round. This was a great achievement as the team had to beat the West Midlands teams to get this far. Unfortunately they were beaten 5-2 but deserve praise for their effort and teamwork.

Year 7 mixed team entered the School Games Dodgeball event, winning every game. They shared fantastic technique and teamwork.



## Sports Leaders

The Year 12 Sports Leaders continue to lead sessions at Park Lane every Wednesday. So far they have focused on some athletics assessment skills, and yesterday this moved onto the delivery of a full football session. Over the coming weeks, the students will start to peer assess their delivery skills to support each other with achieving this qualification.



# High Achievement

## Science

### Junior Doctors' Club

Junior Doctors' Club members have been taking part in a wide range of activities this term. We have assembled a real human skeleton from a box of bones, dissected lambs' hearts, investigated the stages of pregnancy and looked at how Apgar scores are assigned to newborn babies. We've worked to be lab scientists and tested a variety of urine samples for glucose levels, and last week we dissected kidneys to see where the urine actually comes from.

We have lots more dissections planned including eyes, lungs, fish heads and chicken feet, plus many other exciting activities lined up for the future! Come along and join us if you are interested in a medical career, either as a doctor, a nurse, a paramedic or any other profession allied to medicine. We meet during the second half of lunch in S4 on a Thursday - year 8 and 9!



### Thinking ahead

As part of our partnership with the Royal Society of Engineering and the Lord Bhattacharyya Engineering Education Programme (BLEEP), students who attend NCS are eligible to apply for a grant to study Engineering at either college or university. Any student interested in Engineering of any kind should speak directly to Mr Austin for information. The grants are for £1000 per year for two years for those who go onto an Engineering Level 3 course at college, or £5000 per year for three years, for those who go onto an Engineering degree.

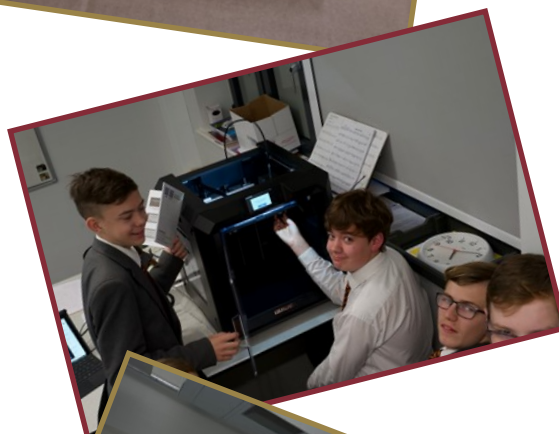
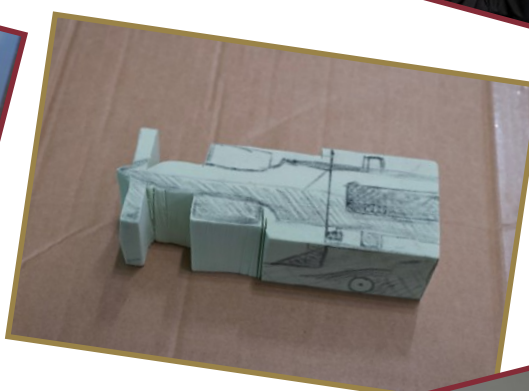




# High Achievement

## F1 Engineering Club

We are delighted to have secured external funding to promote engineering within school through the LBEEP programme and the Royal Academy of Engineering, as this has helped us to provide a F1 Engineering Club for Years 7, 8 and 9 on Wednesdays, afterschool in S9. Our aim is to develop the club to the point of taking part in regional competitions whereby the students race their own model F1 vehicles which they've taken from a paper design to a 3D printed racing vehicle. Students use the skills of design, applied maths, coding, hand tools usage, and ICT including CAD and CAM with 3D printing.



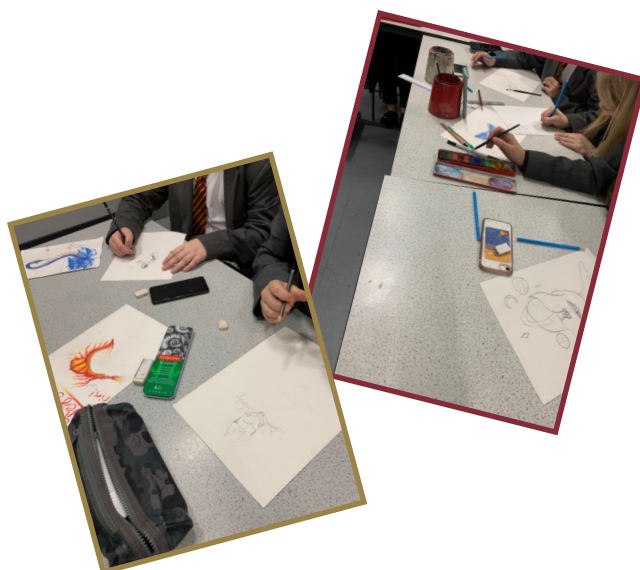


# High Achievement

## Art & Photography

### Art Club

The Art Department has been running a very successful Art Club after school on Thursdays with Mr Froud. Week by week, student numbers have increased and this week saw 41 students participate across year 7, 8 and 9!



### VI Form Trip to Oxford

On Friday 26th November, Mr Marriott and Mr Froud took our Lower and Upper VI Art and Photography students on a trip to Oxford. Whilst in the city, students had the opportunity to take photographs and draw as part of their A level course. Students also visited the Pitt Rivers Museum in Oxford to gather primary resources for their work.

### Photography display photographs

The Art and Photography department have been busy selecting outstanding examples of Photography work from last year's cohort of students to display around the school. The work has been professionally printed, framed and displayed in corridors around the school to showcase the excellent and consistently high standards of work created by students taking GCSE



### Bedworth Rotary Entries

Students have been eagerly submitting their work for the Bedworth Young Artist and Photographer competitions. The Art and Photography department has been very successful in recent years and so look forward to even greater success!

