



Nicholas Chamberlaine School

NEWSLETTER

Successful Learners | World Citizens

Thursday 30th November

Dear NCS Families,

“If you think you can, you probably can. If you think you can’t, well that self limiting and self-fulfilling belief might well stop you doing something you’re perfectly capable of doing.”

Albert Bandura

At Nicholas Chamberlaine School we believe in education, at home and at school. Education is a route to equality of opportunity for all and it is important that we work together to prepare our children for their next steps.

Over this last week we have been talking about self-efficacy; belief in your own ability. We talked about the contributing factors in forming our beliefs which included past experiences, influence of others, our emotional status and the effect of teachers, parents and peers.

I stressed that past experiences do not always have to determine our future success. This has also been stressed to teaching staff as we recognise how hard it is sometimes to change but with the right mindset and support we can. So many of our pupils have strong leadership skills and it is important that they put them to good use especially with the opportunities available to them with our proud traditions and wide horizons at Nicholas Chamberlaine School.

In celebrating the achievements highlighted in this newsletter please discuss with your child how they feel to encourage positive conversations about mental health ensuring that they are able to communicate about their emotions positively. We have a whole range of support for all pupils at our school and know how important it is to ensure we share the same values at school and at home as we strive for high achievement for all.

We look forward to the run up to Christmas over these next few weeks; particularly 'The Big Draw', which is coming up next week which is a proud tradition for all of our Griffin Schools. Our Year 11 pupils will be finishing off their trial exams which will enable us to give them detailed feedback on how to ensure high achievement. We will also celebrate Christmas Jumper day on Thursday 7th December which will raise money for Save the Children but also introduce some friendly competition between our houses.

Enjoy reading this newsletter and celebrating your child's achievements.

Best wishes

Peter Gilbride
Head of School

Alison Ramsay
Executive Head



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Key Dates

Tuesday 14th November—Friday 8th December

Year 11 Mock Exams

Friday 1st December

INSET Day—No students in school

Thursday 7th December

Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 7th December

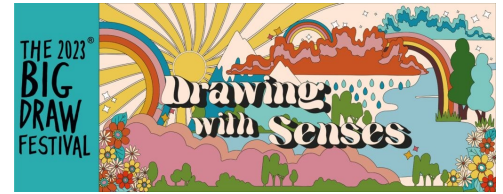
VI Form Open Evening 5.00-7.00pm

Friday 8th December

Years 7-11 Nasal Flu Immunisations

Proud Traditions

The BIG DRAW



Next week we will be running our annual BIG DRAW event, one of our PROUD TRADITIONS, where students will be using our GST collaborative theme, ENERGY, to create pieces of artwork in the style of Christopher Neiman, this will take place in tutor time throughout the week, we look forward to seeing all the creative entries.



About The Big Draw

The Big Draw Festival is a worldwide celebration of drawing! The Big Draw, promotes the universal language of drawing as a tool for learning, expression, and invention.

The Festival is made up of a collection of thousands of creative events, activities, and workshops across the globe run by organisations big and small; from individuals to entire cities!

Founded in 2000 by the Guild of St George, The Big Draw is a pioneering visual literacy charity dedicated to raising the profile of drawing as a tool for wellbeing, thought, creativity, social and cultural engagement.

The Big Draw manages collaborative research projects, campaigns and educational conferences on visual literacy, digital technology and STEAM. The charity supports professional and emerging artists through its national contemporary art prize, **The John Ruskin Prize** and exhibition, and through events, awards, and competitions, creating platforms for each and everyone who wants to draw.

Drawing is an essential human skill important in all walks of life, and our work has won support from leading practitioners within the arts, sciences and education.

The Big Draw has been a **Proud Tradition** of the **Griffin Schools Trust** for the past 6 years. This year instead of just drawing something of interest or working on a large group drawing we have developed a small project for all GST students which will develop their drawing techniques

This activity will support the aims of the wider art curriculum.

All pupils:

- produce creative work, exploring their ideas and recording their experiences
- become proficient in drawing
- evaluate and analyse creative works using the language of art, craft and design

Students will develop skills in:

- observing
- considering line, shape, form and space
- techniques for sketching faces, conveying expression and depicting movement
- using exaggeration and symbolism
- communicating information through a drawing



Aligning with the GST theme of **ENERGY** the core activity will be to create a drawing in the style of **Christopher Nieman**



Proud Traditions

Family Christmas Tree

Our Christmas tree stands tall in our family hall to spread cheer and joy over the festive season.

Christmas Jumper Day Thursday 7th of DEC

Save the date-Students are to wear full uniform, the jumper will replace the blazer. We ask a donation of £1.00 which will go to save the children.



Family Christmas Dinners

Christmas dinner served to all year groups week commencing 11th December

Date for each year group to be confirmed.

Proud Traditions

Music-MiSST



Barnsley academy collaboration

Last week some of our KS3 students were welcomed to Barnsley Academy in our first MiSST event of the year. After a long journey, our students arrived to the school and worked on preparing a performance of three pieces of music. 'Oye como va- Puente, Byzantine Dance-Britten-Chambers and Dance the Night-DuaLipa'. Our students were excellently behaved and represented our school in an exceptional manner. We look forward to the next MiSST event, which we will be hosting at our Nicholas Chamberlaine.



Wide Horizons

Reading across the curriculum

We have recently expanded our school website to include a new Reading page. This is a fantastic resource that includes access to hundreds of thousands of full books that students can access and read online. Every student now has a literal library on their mobile phone!

You can access our new Reading portal and online literary resources under the 'Curriculum' page of our website or by following this link here:

<https://nicholaschamberlaine-gst.org/reading/>

Happy Reading!

High Achievement

Year 7/8 Girls Football

Our Year 7 and 8 girls football team won the indoor tournament tonight at the Queen Elizabeth Academy! There were 6 schools there competing, they won 5 games and drew 1 game. They all showed great skill, teamwork and all put in 100% effort throughout the whole tournament. We've got a really talented group of players here so I'm very excited to see what the rest of the year holds with lots of fixtures coming up. Well done girls!



Year 7 Boys Football

The Year 7 boys football team played a tournament at Etone Secondary School where they played 3 games. The boys played really well in the first game against Etone winning 1-0 with a smart finish by Mitchell. The boys then won 1-0 against George Eliot with Bobby M scoring the only goal. They unfortunately lost the final game to Higham Lane 2-1. Nicholas Chamberlaine did really well to finish second overall, well done!



High Achievement

Year 11 Football

A nail-biting 90 minutes of football for the boys in maroon saw them hold out visiting side Henley in Arden School for a 1 - 0 win as Nicholas Chamberlaine proceeded in to the 5th round of the ESFA School's Cup.

The tightly fought contest was won in the first half. L Stanley, an ever present thorn in the side of the Warwickshire school, snatched an early lead with a well took goal out wide right. The linchpin of the move was the quick transition from defence to attack to afford Stanley the opportunity to get in front of goal, the defenders pace found wanting as run in behind proved profitable with a strikers finish hard and low, the ball nesting sweetly in to the net before the keeper could right down to his right. 1 - 0 to NCS 15 minutes in.



After a solid start from Nicholas Chamberlaine, the visiting side began to build momentum and heaped pressure on the boys to no avail. As the first half drew to a close the NCS team were looking comfortable under the pressure, the home side utilised the electric pace of the front line at every opportunity; opting to release Stanley with direct passing proved the way forward as a handful of chances were squandered before the half time whistle.



Many rousing speeches were shared between each team at half time, the cheers and cries for collective efficacy fell silent and the second half began. From the off it was evident the visiting side were buoyed on by the first half finish and intended to continue on the front foot. A number of good interchanges between the core of the Henley in Arden team demonstrated the talent they posed, though talent alone was not enough to see the side over turn the 1 goal deficit - grit, spirit and determination prevailed - a solid defensive performance and lack of composure from both sides in the final 3rd were the telltale sign as Nicholas Chamberlaine march on into the next round and half way towards the final.

Focus on the next round begins with 64 teams left in the competition and pressure builds in the run up to the final. Good luck to the boys in maroon for their next tie shortly before Christmas.

High Achievement

Year 8 Rugby

The Year 8 rugby team played Coundon Court where they were narrowly beaten 25-15. The boys played extremely well in the second half as they were 20-0 down at half time. The boys fought hard and made a terrific effort to try and win the game however, they did not have enough time to make a full turnaround on the scoresheet.



The Y8 Rugby team finished their games for this calendar year with a comprehensive 30-5 victory over President Kennedy School.

Some strong running and fantastic teamwork contributed to the team scoring 6 tries. During the game. The teams training sessions are really starting to show as the boys executed some set plays in order to create many opportunities.

In defence the boys tackled bravely, particularly when they were pinned within their own 5m line in order to prevent PK's players from scoring.

Special shout outs to Jayden N and Charlie Po



Year 8/9 Girls Football

Our year 8 and 9 girls football team had a County Cup Football Game tonight against St. Martin's School in Leicester and won 5-4! They showed some great displays of football and worked really hard to come out on top. Special mentions to Tia C who scored a fantastic hattrick and 2 year 7's, Sophie D and Millie M who stepped up to play for the year above and both showed off their talents.



Year 11

We would like to say a huge thank you to our Year 11 families for all your support during this trial exam period. The commitment Year 11 have shown towards preparing for their trial exams has been fantastic. It was especially pleasing to see the students maximising the time in each exam, working right up to the end checking and re-checking their answers. Initial student feedback has shown that they have found the weekly revision plan useful in helping them organise their time and revise the correct topics. A copy of this can be found on the Year 11 Google classroom.

Students have also been busy working towards their first 5 tokens towards prom. We will be sending an update home with how many they have received this half term before we break up for Christmas. Students need to have out of 16 tokens from the 21 available to receive their invitation to Prom.

Year 11 Tutors have begun to write the Year 11 references which we will share with our VI Form Lead, external colleges and potential employees. Students will be part of this process and will have an opportunity to share their hobbies and achievements outside of school.

Period 7

We have now completed our first round of Period 7. Our Period 7 intervention is planned specifically for each set of students to close gaps in their knowledge and is directly linked to their GCSEs. This will begin again next term and will link to trial exam grades and progress in practical subjects. We do expect all students to attend their given session. Attendance to Period 7 represents one token each half-term for Prom. Your encouragement and support here is valued.

Year Book and Leaver hoodies

Please complete the form below to register your interest for your Year 11 Year Book and Leavers Hoodie. Both are optional, but do provide you with a lovely way of remembering your time here at NCS.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfHJR1zEIySePINiiMAtokZqoie9829zkeWoZdqZjcl2_xCKA/viewform

Year 11 Trial Results Evening

Our Year 11 trial results evening will take place on Tuesday 9 January 5-7pm. Students will be given their exam results and personalised information on gaps in their knowledge for each subject so that they can focus on these areas for their revision. There will also be a short presentation with top tips on how to revise for English, Maths and Science, plus careers advice. Again we do expect all Year 11 students and families, where possible, to attend this evening.

Dealing with setbacks - parent webinar

Most students have faced some form of setback at school - a subject that they've found difficult or a poor test/exam result. This is a webinar for parents (and perhaps students) to explain how to overcome these setbacks and improve work.

<https://go.elevateeducation.com/ukparentwebinar>

Oddballs Presentation

On Friday 24th November, members of the school community were given the opportunity to discuss the signs and symptoms of testicular cancer. Thank you to Anna from Oddballs for attending Nicholas Chamberlaine School to spread awareness and help tackle the stigma behind men speaking out and seeking support for the disease which effects 1 in 250 of men aged 15 - 34.

Should any member of the school community need further support please access the Oddballs Foundation's website at <https://theoddballsfoundation.com/pages/check-yourself-guide>. Those with a concern are strongly urged to seek medical attention from their GP at the earliest convenience.



Inclusion Framework for School Project

[Inclusion Framework for School Project - Nicholas Chamberlaine School \(nicholaschamberlaine-gst.org\)](https://nicholaschamberlaine-gst.org/)

The Inclusion Framework for Schools team invites parents and carers to Complete this survey about your child's schools SEND provision

Parental Confidence in SEND provision
North Warwickshire -
November 2023



Warwickshire County Council is running this questionnaire for parents/carers of children/young people who have, or may have, Special Educational Needs or Disabilities (SEND) and whose school is participating in the Inclusion Framework for Schools trial in the Rugby Area.

Please complete the following questions by entering the relevant information or the appropriate answer. Please complete this once for each child you have at the school who has or may have SEND.

This survey is anonymous and we will not ask for any personal information. There are some equalities monitoring questions, and it would be helpful if you could complete these to aid our understanding of the diversity of service provision, however there is a 'prefer not to say' option if you would rather not provide this.

We will publish the results of the survey which may include comments left as part of survey responses, please do not provide any identifiable information in any comments you leave. For further information on how Warwickshire County Council collects, stores and handles personal information please see the SEND and Inclusion Services and Change Programme Privacy Notice (<https://bit.ly/SICPrivacy>) and WCC's Customer Privacy Notice (<https://bit.ly/WCCcustomer>).

If you would prefer a paper copy of this survey please ask your school to supply you with one. This survey can be made available in other languages, please ask your school to request this if required. If you have any further queries please contact sendchange@warwickshire.gov.uk

<https://forms.office.com/e/aQZmHhZYMv>

Survey open until 31st December 2023



Pets as Therapy

We have had some amazing sessions with Jess the Therapy Dog but unfortunately she will be unlikely to return to school after Christmas.

We would like to promote Pets as Therapy as they do a fantastic job working to enrich the lives of people in the community.

If you think your dog has what it takes to become a Therapy dog, we would like to hear from you.

You can contact Pets as Therapy if you can offer two or more hours a week and have a dog that you think is suitable.

Please see the characteristics you should look for in a therapy dog below:

- ♦ Calm around a vast range of people and other dogs
- ♦ Enjoy being touched by people
- ♦ Friendly and kind demeanour
- ♦ Relaxed when people approach
- ♦ Calm when confronted with unusual and loud sounds
- ♦ Responsive but not overly demanding
- ♦ Self-confident
- ♦ No licking people
- ♦ No jumping up
- ♦ No barking or Growling (Vocalisation)
- ♦ No Mouthing
- ♦ No Pawing or putting paws up
- ♦ Taking food gently without snatching
- ♦ Must be good on the lead, no pulling and staying calm
- ♦ Not on a raw food diet
- ♦ All Vaccinations done and up to date



PETS AS THERAPY
Our pets and people enriching lives,
one visit at a time

**We are looking for our own
PAT Volunteer.
Could it be you?**



**Become a volunteer with
your pet and you will:**

- Help your local community
- Bring joy to those you meet
- Make days a little brighter
- Boost your own wellbeing

There's no minimum commitment – we can't wait to welcome you as our PAT Team!



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reception@petsastherapy.org
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Updates

Expectations for Behaviour

Start of Lesson

- Line-up quietly outside of the classroom where appropriate
- Write and underline the date and title
- Promptly begin the starter activity



Punctuality

- Students have 5 minutes between lessons
- Students must leave and go straight to lessons—no laps or waiting for friends
- Minutes late will be logged and monitored this week
- Late for school will be 10 minutes hold back every



How we speak to each other—respect

- In school we insist on inside voices—there is no need to shout!
- Swearing is never acceptable
- Students consider others—if they wouldn't want it said to them—don't say it to others



Mobile phones

- All phones are to be switched off and in bags
- If students are caught with a phone it will be confiscated until the next day and parents can to collect it
- If it confiscated again it will be held in the school safe for a week
- If students need a phone to get home safely we can supply a safeguarding phone



Equipment Reminder

Equipment Please ensure your children have the following for every day at school

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|----------------|---------------------------------|
| • 2 BLACK pens | • Calculator |
| • 1 GREEN pen | • Reading book (Years 7-9) |
| • Pencil | • Revision material Years 10-11 |
| • Ruler | • Pencil case |
| • Rubber | |



Expectations for Behaviour

Punctuality

We understand that sometimes unexpected circumstances arise that may cause students to be late for lessons. However, persistent lateness can have a negative impact on their learning experience and disrupt the wider classroom environment.

When students arrive late for lessons, they will miss valuable instruction time and may struggle to catch up on the material they have missed. Furthermore, arriving late can disrupt the class and cause a distraction for both the teacher and other students.

We understand that some families may be facing persistent difficulties with punctuality. If this is the case, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. We are here to support you and your child and work together to find a solution that works.

We thank all of our Nicholas Chamberlaine families for their support in getting our students to school on time every day!

VI Form Open Evening

We would like to invite you to our VI Form College Open Evening on **Thursday 7th December**.

Due to the large numbers interested then we will split the evening between a talk in the hall and a tour of the new VI Form College.

We will write to you with further details soon.

**NICHOLAS CHAMBERLAINE
VI FORM COLLEGE**

**OPEN
EVENING**

**THURSDAY 7TH DECEMBER
6.00PM TO 8.00PM**

- Take a tour of Nicholas Chamberlaine VI Form College
- Meet our Heads of VI Form - Presentations in the Hall
- Hear from our current students about life at NCS
- Talk to Post-18 outreach teams with our partner universities

Nicholas Chamberlaine VI Form College
Bulkington Road
Bedworth
CV12 9EA





Updates

Extra Curricular Activities

ECA Timetable - Autumn 2023

Organiser	ECA	Year	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Room	From
Mrs Sahota	Book club: fun discussions, be creative and enjoy some squash and biscuits :)	Year 7 Year 8 Year 9			Before School			E2	08/11/2023
Mrs Atkinson	Feminist embroidery. Reclaiming the art of embroidery to educate people about feminist issues. Students will replicate the art/textile work of Vanessa Marr and embroider dusters with feminist messages and images to promote equality among the genders	Year 11 VI Form			After School			SO1	11/09/2023
Mr Davies	Table Tennis Club Tuesday After School- All year groups	Year 7 Year 8 Year 9 Year 10 Year 11 VI Form		After School				Dance Studio	19/09/2023
Mr Slavic	RPG Club	Year 7 Year 8 Year 9 Year 10 Year 11		After School		After School		Library	04/09/2023
Mrs Johnson	Cook and Eat, Manufacturing club, Textile club	Year 7 Year 8 Year 9 Year 10 Year 11		After School	After School			T1/CU1/T2	06/11/2023

PE Extra Curricular Timetable - Autumn I

Monday	Lunch A	Y8 & 11 Badminton – KGR - Sports Hall
	Lunch B	Y7/9,10 Badminton - CDY/MBA/SKE - Sports Hall
	PM (3:30 - 4:30pm)	Y7/8 Rugby - KDO and KPO - Field All Years Basketball – ATC - Sports Hall
Tuesday	Lunch A	Y8 & 11 Badminton - KGR/LHE - Sports Hall Y11 Strength and Conditioning – KDO - Fitness Suite
	Lunch B	Y10 Strength and Conditioning – CWA - Fitness Suite
	PM (3:30 - 4:30pm)	Y9/ 10/11 Football - LHE/CWA/KDO - Field Y7 Netball – SKE - Courts Y10/11 Netball – KGR - Sports Hall All Years Table Tennis – ADV - Dance Studio
Wednesday	Lunch A	
	Lunch B	Y7/9,10 Badminton - CDY/MBA/SKE -Sports Hall
	PM (3:30 - 4:30pm)	All Years Girls Football – MBA - Field All Years Dance/Cheerleading - SKE/CDY - Gymnasium All Years Basketball – ATC - Sports Hall All Years Boxing – IED - Dance Studio Year 7 and 8 Football - ATA/JSW - Field
Thursday	Lunch A	Y8 & 11 Badminton - KDO/LHE - Sports Hall
	Lunch B	Y7/9/10 Badminton – CWA - Sports Hall Girls Only Fitness – MBA - Fitness Suite
	PM (3:30 - 4:30pm)	All Years Cricket – CWA - Sports Hall Y8/9 Netball – CDY - Courts
Friday	Lunch A	Y11 Strength & Conditioning - LHE/KDO - Fitness Suite



Grub and Hub



Nuneaton & Bedworth

Grub and Hubs



Are you in need of a warm space, and some free/cheap food over the winter period?

We have brought some information together into one website which shows where you can find cheap/free food and warm spaces this winter.



Scan this QR code to head to the website!

Do you run a warm space or free/cheap food opportunity? Or do you know of one that we haven't yet got on our site? Drop us an email to nuneatongrubandhubs@gmail.com

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and local volunteers