



Nicholas Chamberlaine School

NEWSLETTER

Successful Learners | World Citizens

Friday 17 December 2021

Dear NCS families,

It is hard to believe that we are already at the end of the term - and what a wonderful term it has been! We have been delighted to have all of our NCS family together and to enjoy taking part in fun and enriching activities together. Many wonderful students, staff and events have created some magical memories for us all.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our families for your considerable support throughout this term. It has been good to meet many more of you at our parents' evenings. As always we are grateful for your support in keeping our community safe by ensuring your children take regular LfTs.

Year 7 are now settled in to secondary school life and excelling themselves. Year 8 are consolidating their learning very effectively. Year 9 are getting ready to select their options in the New Year. Year 10 have settled in to their new GCSE courses and are showing how dedicated they are. Our Year 11 have dedicated themselves to their learning and are about to receive their mock exam results keeping them very focused on study for the final few months ahead and their application to V1 form. Year 12 are pushing themselves hard with their AS choices and Year 13 are preparing for their summer exams and completing their UCAS applications. It has been a very positive term for students and staff alike.

I hope that you have a wonderfully relaxing, healthy and happy Christmas and New Year.

Best Wishes,

Executive Head

Proud Traditions

Christmas is the season of traditions and despite the ongoing challenges we have been able to celebrate and have fun in the run up to Christmas.

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Key Dates

Term ends on Friday 17th December 2021 at 1pm.

Please read overleaf for the January return to school phased schedule.

Return to School— January 2022

Planned return to school dates and times are as follows, this may be subject to change depending on government guidelines.

Tuesday 4 January (Teacher Training Day)	Testing: 9am-12pm Years 12 and 13
Wednesday 5 January	Testing: 9am Year 11 – return home to learn online 12pm Year 8 - return home to learn online
	On line learning: All year groups
Thursday 6 January	Testing: 9am Year 10 - return home to learn online 12pm Year 9 -return home to learn online
	On line learning: All year groups
Friday 7 January	All year groups in school Testing: 8.45 am Year 7

Holidays and Food Programme with Warwickshire County Council

Over the Christmas season Warwickshire County Council will be running a Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme between Monday 20th December and Friday 31st December. For your child to qualify for the HAF programme they will need to be receiving benefits tested free school meals. The parents/carers of all children who are currently registered have been sent a HAF code via text and email from Warwickshire County Council.

There is a wide range of activities available including multi-sports, arts and crafts, drama and equestrian. There will also be some family days out available, which the whole family can attend together. Further information can be found by clicking the Christmas HAF activities link on the Children and Families homepage at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/fis.

For any queries about the HAF programme, please contact hafprogramme@warwickshire.gov.uk or ring the Family Information Service Helpline 01926 742274.



Keeping Your Child Safe

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Christmas Facebook Live on keeping children safe, offline and on phones, games & devices

Some of our students will be lucky enough to receive new devices, games consoles and phones for Christmas. Many of the rest will have access in one way or another to internet-enabled devices. We all want to ensure that everyone in our school community has a safe Christmas holiday, online and beyond.

We encourage the positive use of technology at school and often talk about the fun that goes on in lessons, but we also discuss the scary things too throughout the year. As we approach the holidays, why not find out about you parents can help – whether by setting parental time and age controls (before you wrap new ones), or simply by finding out more about what's going on?

There will be a Facebook Live drop-in for parents on Monday 20 December 7pm on the [@LGfLDigiSafe](#) channel talking about staying safe online and offline too – what to worry about and what not, and how to have tricky conversations at home. There will also be discussion of how parents can help with bullying, relationships, criminal and sexual exploitation and simply starting tricky conversations!

Sign up now by heading to facebook.com/LGfLDigiSafe/posts where you can click 'Interested' / 'Going' on the post to receive a reminder when it is about to go live.

Please also remember before buying Christmas presents that games, series and films (including on Netflix!) have age ratings linked to their content, not their difficulty (we often forget for games that they are also rated 18 for the same reasons as films - language, sex and violence).

You may wish to visit the parentsafe.lgfl.net website where you will find many of the resources that will be presented to you on the evening.

Kind regards

A Ramsay
Executive Head



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Collaborative Community work with Artichoke

Sanctuary—An Extraordinary Artwork by David Best

In March 2022, a temporary commemorative public artwork will come to Nuneaton & Bedworth. On the second anniversary of the COVID pandemic, Sanctuary will recognise the losses left in its wake, offering a moment to remember loved ones and acting as a beacon of hope to mark the re-birth, recovery and regeneration of the whole community.

Nicholas Chamberlaine school and the Bedworth community have been selected to participate in this exciting project.

sanctuary-event.com



Participants sought for ground-breaking temporary public artwork and memorial in Nuneaton & Bedworth.

Paid and volunteer opportunities exist for local people from a wide range of backgrounds. (Taking place first week of January- applications need to be in by the 31st of December)

To find out more, visit: <https://sanctuary-event.com/>

See Mrs T Johnson for applications t.johnson@nicholaschamberlaine.co.uk

Civic Hall PROUD POPPY display



8th December 2021

Dear Nicholas Chamberlaine School,

We would like to say a huge Thankyou for taking part in this year's Armistice Display at The Civic Hall Bedworth.

Once again, we were completely blown away by the talent, creativity and skill demonstrated. You should all be immensely proud of yourselves and each other.

During a period of time when the Civic Hall has sadly been unable to put on shows and events as usual.

Your school along with others has helped us provide another way of bringing a smile to people's faces.

We really hope you can join in again next year.

Yours sincerely,

The Civic Hall in Bedworth Team

We are very grateful to the *Civic Hall* for displaying our *PROUD POPPIES*.

As one of our **Proud Traditions**, our students made paper poppies in a tutor session which were combined to create this amazing art piece and poppy dress.

The year 7 Art students hand-made these amazing ceramic poppies which were on sale during our Remembrance celebration.

We are delighted with the feedback from the Civic Hall and the community.



Proud Traditions

Christmas Foodbank

Initiated by our V1th form students *"The 12 day of Christmas"*

Our V1th form has been busy collecting perishable items to go into our festive food parcels. All boxes have been wrapped and delivered to the Bedworth Food bank ready for delivery into our family community. Our Enrichment students will be helping to deliver the boxes.



Christmas Jumper Day 10/11/21

All money raised will be going to Save the Children and Young Carers.



THANK YOU!

You and everyone at Nicholas Chamberlaine Technology College did something amazing on Friday. By putting on a silly jumper you've helped to give children in the UK and all over the world the chance to be excited about the future again - because it's much easier to see the magic out there when you're safe, healthy and have a full tummy.

PAY IN HERE

THANK YOU
FOR TAKING PART!



Proud Traditions

Collaborative festive walk to the Church

Nicholas Chamberlaine and Race Leys primary school will be enjoying a walk to the church and festive activities, led by our Head Girl and Boy. The students selected to participate in the walk were chosen by the year leads for going above and beyond this term.



Annual 'Decorate the Classroom' Competition

Every year at Christmas, each tutor group collaborates to decorate their tutor rooms with festive decorations. We hope you enjoy looking at some of these.



Proud Traditions

Christmas Dinner

Our students enjoyed a delicious homemade festive family dinner with their tutors and tutees in our family dining area. A full turkey or vegetarian roast was enjoyed by all year groups, accompanied by Christmas Cracknel and mince pies.



Merry Christmas



CeCe Sammy



On the 26th November, students in Year 7 had a fantastic opportunity to speak with the vocal coach and musician, CeCe Sammy. Over the last 20 years, CeCe has worked with musicians and actors such as Diana Ross, Will Young and Idris Elba. She has also worked on programmes such as America's Got Talent and American Idol.

Having started her musical career as a classical pianist, CeCe auditioned as a backing vocalist for Diana Ross and since then has had a successful career as a vocal and performance coach, living in both Los Angeles and London.

Over the course of an hour, CeCe spoke to students about the power of music and the importance of doing your very best regardless of the job in front of you. Understandably, students were fascinated with CeCe's career, wanting to know how it felt to work with famous people and whether she preferred to live in the UK or USA ("The UK "was her answer!). What was clear is that CeCe is passionate about young people achieving the best they can, as she explained, the best gig that she has ever performed at was in front of students, because they are the stars of the future.

Speakers in School



As a school, Nicholas Chamberlaine is fortunate to have a wide network of speakers able to share their experiences with students. Over the last term we have hosted talks from the Head of the Global Economy Group at the UK's embassy in Washington DC, Paul Rennie OBE; and the Deputy Speaker of the House of Commons, Mr Nigel Evans MP. More recently, the internationally renowned vocal coach, CeCe Sammy, provided students with an insight into a career in music.

Next term we will be welcoming the BBC, who will be celebrating their centenary. As part of this, the BBC will be inviting students to share their stories. Later in the term, they will return to offer students an opportunity to take part in a BBC Bitesize roadshow and to discover careers in the media.

Preparing students for the future

Whilst getting good GCSEs is often seen as the foundation of success, employers often focus also on 'soft skills'. Unlike exams, these are skills that students will pick up on their journey through school. However, where these can be boosted, Nicholas Chamberlaine School always seek to promote them.

We are therefore fortunate to work with a number of partners, such as the University of Warwick, Coventry University and Think Higher. During this term, all students in Year 9 have taken part in a Resilience workshop, whilst all students in Year 10 have investigated their Post-16 options. In the last week, the Business Studies department have hosted workshops run by KPMG and the Science department have promoted an exciting event at the National Space Centre in Leicester.

Taking part in these opportunities is particularly important to enhance students' CVs or Personal Statements and where students do take part, it reaps rewards. This can be seen by recent success in VI Form students receiving offers from leading universities. We would therefore encourage students to take advantage of online opportunities, such as virtual work experience <https://www.s4snextgen.org/> or online university courses <https://www.futurelearn.com/>

Anti-bullying

Student welfare is at the heart of any school and during this term there has been a relentless focus on our anti-bullying messages.

This has taken many forms, from assemblies to theatre performances and as the focus of our Personal Development lessons. For Year 7 students this has looked at building positive friendships as they make the transition from primary to secondary school. In Year 8, the focus has been on ensuring that students can recognise what makes a healthy relationship. For our Year 9 students, we have once again, welcomed the Loudmouth Theatre Company to perform at school. Having worked with them for several years, Loudmouth provide performances and workshops that allow students to explore issues within personal relationships.

Whilst other schools may focus on anti-bullying week to deliver these messages, at Nicholas Chamberlaine School we believe that these should be delivered throughout the year to ensure that the school is a safe and welcoming environment.

Relationships and Sex Education



Last year, the government introduced new guidance on Relationships and Sex Education. As part of this, Nicholas Chamberlaine School has been invited to take part in some research by the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. The LSHTM is the 3rd highest ranked university in the world for public health, so to take part in this research is extremely prestigious.

The research will begin with a survey of Year 8 students on January 18th. It will take place in school by researchers from the LSHTM. Should you not wish your child to take part, can you please email a.parsons-moore@nicholaschamberlaine.co.uk with your child's name and tutor group. They will then be provided with an alternative activity during the lesson in which the survey takes place.

Music at NCS

Meet our Subject Ambassadors

We have now established ourselves an amazing team of student leaders in Music. They are very passionate about the subject and we are very proud to have them helping on our team.



Cathedral Concert

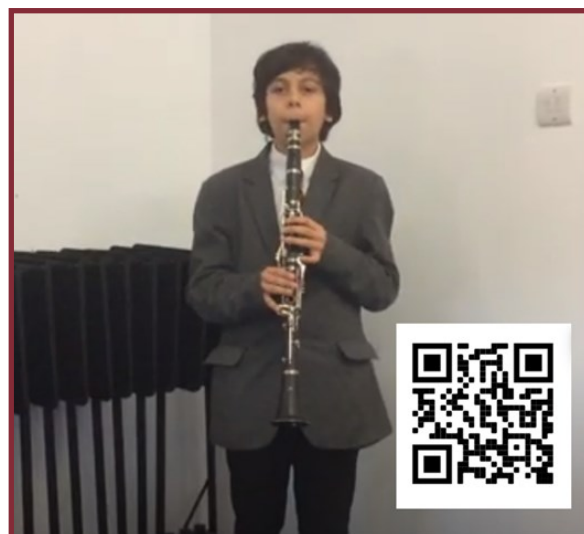
With the unfortunate cancellation of our Cathedral performance we have recorded our Y7s singing 'Somewhere Only We Know' as used in the John Lewis Christmas TV advert. To watch the video scan the QR code. This performance is a collaboration with all other Music departments across the Griffin Schools Trust. We hope that you enjoy this performance and we really hope to be able to bring some live performances to you in the New Year.



Music at NCS

MiSST Assessments

We've come to the end of our MiSST assessments. Every KS3 student has performed a solo piece to their peers and teachers and all students have completed their termly Listening, Appraising and Theory test. Have a listen to Stavros - he is in year 7, he had no musical experience prior to starting NCS and we are incredibly proud of him. Scan the QR code to listen to him performing "Coffee at Ten", which is an ABRSM grade one piece.



NCS Musicians – out in the community!



Y10 musicians Lois and Oliver really impressed music teacher Miss Marsh on Sunday 12th December, when she went to watch them perform at Queen's Hall, Nuneaton as part of the [Aspire in Arts](#) project funded by [Youth Music](#). To watch their fantastic performance, scan the QR code.



Sport at NCS

Girls Active

The Nicholas Chamberlaine Girls Active is up and running, and the team have lots of exciting things in the pipeline. Firstly we aim to do a 1km charity run in the new year on the school fields to raise money for charity and we also have an online first aid course for students to take part in to understand basic first aid.

Our students have also made a plan of some of the local activities in the community in which they want to get involved. These include trampolining, ice skating, boxing, dance lesson and a colour run.

Sporting Excellence

This year Nicholas Chamberlaine sports excellence programme recognises students in Y7-11 for their dedication and passion to sport/PE. We are in the process of creating opportunities for students throughout the year

On Tuesday morning 14 Y7/8 students took part in the alternative sport of Tchouckball. The students' responses and participation were fabulous. We also took some time to work on team building activities that encouraged students to use soft skills such as communication and team work, improving their holistic development.

We look forward to taking more students off site next year .

Our Sporting Excellence students are:

Kaitlin Roberts
Max Henton
Jiya Bains
Teagan Sheffield
Adam Cooper
Jason Jumo
Amy Clarke
Aimee Hooper
Phoebe Roett
Charlie Anthony
Taylor Martin
Benjamin Pearson
Lexie Smith
Sylar Snyder-Carrier
Eva Thomson
Joshua Richardson



Sport at NCS

Nicholas Chamberlaine Sports Facilities

Our facilities are regularly used by the community for sports such as cricket, football, rugby, dance, martial arts, junior fitness, netball and archery. Clubs are available onsite after school hours, as is the school fitness suite. Memberships are available at a cost of £10 per month. All enquires are through our website <https://schoolhire.co.uk/bedworth/nicholas-chamberlaine-sports-centre>

Swimming

Our Year 7 swimming assessment programme has now finished. We were very proud of the Years 7 students' resilience, where in some instances it was a long time since they had last been in a pool. We overcame fears, learnt new skills very quickly, and identified that we have some really good swimmers amongst us. Well done Year 7!

Basketball

We recently attended a basketball tournament, and our students really enjoyed being able to compete for the first time this year to showcase all their hard training.

The Year 7s came in 4th place, they were all very nervous.... but we were extremely proud of them, especially the fact that it was their first game.

Our Year 9s came in second place, despite playing against Year 10 and 11, which is an amazing achievement.

After the holidays we are excited to have the following dates confirmed for our next games against Twycross:

Year 7 - Wed 9th Feb @ NCS and Wed 2nd March @ Twycross

Year 8 - Wed 23rd Feb @ NCS and Wed 16th March @ Twycross

Year 9 - Thurs 27th Jan @ NCS and Thurs 24th March @ Twycross

Mix Y7&8 on 10th March @ Twycross



High Achievement

Literacy and Reading

Accelerated Reader Achievements

Congratulations to the following students who have reached their next Accelerated Reader certificate!

Amy Dickinson - Rising Reader Certificate
Matei Fluturu-Comanescu - Star Reader Certificate
Ella Owen - Rising Reader Certificate
Phoebe Roett - Rising Reader Certificate
Daniel Wykes - Star Reader Certificate

A special mention must go to our top readers so far this year, who have racked up tens of thousands of words. All of these students have already gone over the 10,000 words mark - a fantastic accomplishment!

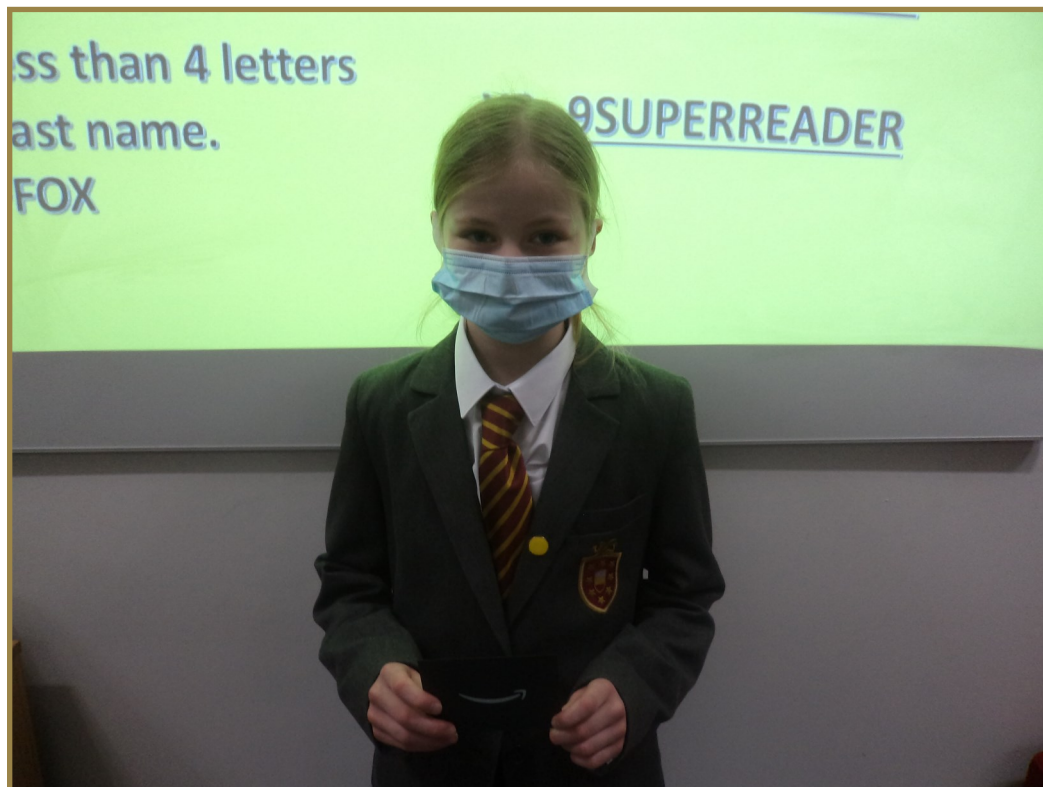
Lexie Smith - 84,357
Isabelle Gadsby - 64,721
Lily Cartridge - 39,960
Teledalase Kehinde-Balogun - 39,112
Roxy Harris - 36,957
Alfie Taylor - 33,446
Sam Lynam - 22,839
Estellar Wainiqolo - 33,446
Evelyn Randle - 12,200
Mawgan Seeley-Hoderin - 11,428
Oliver Houlton - 33,446
Isabelle Pallister - 64,721
Amy Dickinson - 159,302
Oliver Beech - 23,128
Stavros Marlagkoutsos - 21,784
Ella Owen - 203,085
Miggy Almen - 27,763
Ola Biela - 37,709
Erin Costelloe - 44,996
Kaycee-Leigh Clennell - 22,585
Samrath Ghuman - 20,757
Jason Jumo - 73,725
Leo Harrow - 19,721

Phoebe Roett - 256,758
Jasdeep Mahun - 36,984
Joshua Richardson - 31,331
Taylor Lee - 73,346
Amy Clarke - 53,405
Evie Shepherd - 45,268
Matei Fluturu-Comanescu - 171,434
Malla-Ki Mallabone - 31,331
Joseph Knibb - 23,935
Riley Doran - 12,608
Andra Tudorie - 82,654
Corbin Phillimore - 31,331
Wiktor Otolinski - 27,059
Alex Weyi - 17,267
Olivia Luck - 256,385
Rosie Warner - 84,968
Maceylee Amos - 31,994
Daniel Wykes - 118,536
Jessica Hall - 38,348
Kalel Rai - 24,769
Bayley Collins - 293,809
Bryony Roberts - 670,853
Ocean Dodd - 29,572

High Achievement

Year 7 Millionaire

A super special congratulations to our first Year 7 Word Millionaire, Isobel Wykes who has already passed 17 quizzes and reached an incredible 1,286,633 words! Well done, Isobel!



Students don't have to wait until their Accelerated Reader lesson to do a quiz and earn their word score, they can log in at any time for nearly any book here:

<https://ukhosted59.renlearn.co.uk/1895006/>

Stuck for a Christmas Present idea?

Students across Key Stage Three have been telling us what they want to see in their library, and whilst our own Christmas Elves are busy ordering in the books that students want to read, we want to share the most popular books with you as last minute gift ideas.

The top 3 authors that students wanted were:

1. David Walliams (Author of too many children's' books to list here!)
2. J K Rowling (who has just released 'The Christmas Pig')
3. Jeff Kinney (Author of the Diary of a Wimpy Kid Series)

Also popular were the Skullduggery series by Derek Landy.

Why not start the new year with a resolution to find a new favourite book?