



Nicholas Chamberlaine School

NEWSLETTER

Successful Learners | World Citizens

Friday 15th December 2023

Dear NCS families,

As we come to the end of another school term, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support.

We are incredibly proud of our students' accomplishments and growth throughout this term. We have witnessed their creativity, resilience and good humour. We would also like to express our gratitude to our amazing teaching and support staff; as always they have gone above and beyond to ensure that our students received the best possible education.

During this festive season, we hope you all find time to relax, recharge, and spend quality time with your loved ones.

Please note that the **term ends at 12pm on Friday 22 December** and we look forward to welcoming our students back in the new year, refreshed and ready for new challenges. Students should **return on Monday 8th January** at the following times:

8.40am	Years 12 and 13
10.00am	Year 11
11.00am	Year 7
11.30am	Year 8
12.00pm	Year 9
12.30pm	Year 10

This staggered start will allow us to settle students into school routines ready to start the new term.

Once again, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas filled with love, happiness, and laughter. May the coming year bring you joy, success, and endless possibilities.

Warmest regards,

Peter Gilbride
Head of School

Alison Ramsay
Executive Head

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Key Dates

Friday 22nd December 2023

End of Term—School closes to students at 12 noon

Monday 8th January 2024

All students return to school—
Staggered start times

Tuesday 9th January 2024

Year 11 Trial results evening

Thursday 11th January 2024

Year 12 Parents' Evening

Wednesday 17th January 2024

Year 8 HPV Immunisations

***Consent forms must be
completed by 24/12/23**

Proud Traditions


Poppy Appeal



Thank you to the staff and pupils for supporting the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal.

The BIG DRAW

The BIG DRAW event , is one of our PROUD TRADITIONS, where students created artwork inspired by Christopher Neiman utilising our GST collaborative theme, **ENERGY**.



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
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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 Neiman**

Proud Traditions

The BIG DRAW

Below are some examples from each tutor group, creating Art from everyday objects.



Christmas Jumper day

One of our **PROUD TRADITIONS**, fundraising for Save the Children and enjoying some festive fun!

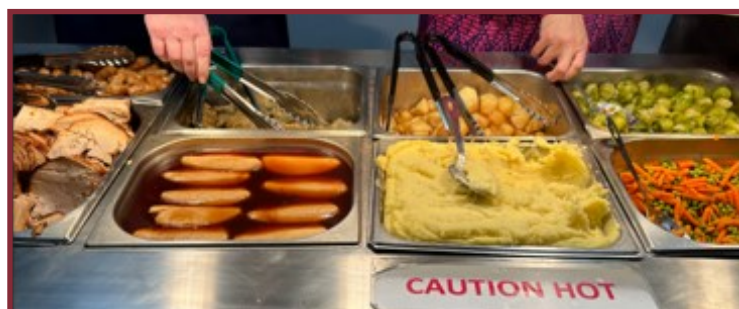


Proud Traditions



Family Christmas Dinner

One of our **PROUD TRADITIONS** is to enjoy a complimentary festive family Christmas dinner together in our family dining area.



Griffin Children's Choir

On Thursday 7th December we took part in a Griffin Schools Trust event at St Giles, Barbican, London. Our Year 10 GCSE pupils and our very own choir took part alongside other Griffin schools in a celebration of carols. This was the first time our NCS brass group performed and welcomed our audience with a fanfare. Well done to all involved!



Jingle Bell Christmas special

To really get into the festive spirit, we welcomed Warwickshire music teachers and our MiSST students to take part in the Jingle Bell event. Our students spent a morning learning four songs in preparation for a lunchtime concert. This is the first time most of our students have performed as part of an orchestra and they displayed an outstanding level of dedication and commitment.



Proud Traditions

Community Collaboration



Our Year 10 Beauty Business students went along to Fairfield Care Home to carry out a festive pamper package. Students demonstrated their excellent communication and listening skills, dexterity and kindness.



High Achievement

Year 8 Athletics Competition

Our Y8's took part in an Indoor Athletics Competition at Higham Lane, competing against 7 other schools and both the boys and girls team won overall so we are now through to the County Finals in March!

All students who took part put in 100% effort and showed off their sporting talents. We look forward to seeing how the team gets on in March. Special mentions to James H and Keris A who won the majority of their races.



Year 7 and 8 Girls' Football

Our Year 7/8 football team had a small round robin tournament at The Nuneaton Academy tonight against TNA and George Eliot School. They beat TNA 2-1 and drew 1-1 against George Eliot. They played some great football. We have a very talented group of players here who have done so well in many competitions this term! I look forward to seeing how they get on after Christmas too. Well done, girls!



High Achievement

Year 9 Fits a Knockout

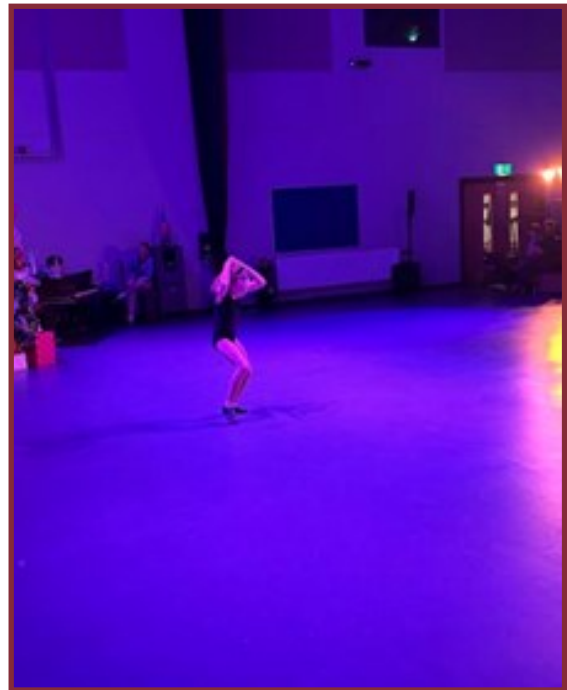
Some of our Y9s took part in a Fits a Knockout Fitness Competition at Queen Elizabeth Academy tonight, both the boys and girls team finished 2nd out of 6 schools which is amazing! They all showed great teamwork and resilience as it was a very tough course. Well done to all students involved!



High Achievement

NCS Showcase

The NCS showcase was a great success tonight—huge congratulations to everyone involved. It is safe to say we have some very talented students; the solos, duets and group dances were all sensational. Every single routine was a hit and all the cheer stunts were a success. All of their hard work paid off. Thank you to everyone who came and supported we had a brilliant turn out! Also thank you to our amazing sports leaders who helped out behind the scenes, we could not have done it without you.



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



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!

