



Nicholas Chamberlaine School

NEWSLETTER

Successful Learners | World Citizens

Friday 3rd March 2023

Dear NCS Families,

Happy Founders' Day!

On Friday we celebrated our eighth annual Founders Day. This is a time to reflect on our origins; what it means to be a Griffin; a time to reflect on our roots, our identity and our journey. The theme this year is *Family* in all its forms.

Next week we will participate in another of our Griffin Proud Traditions: Griffin Science Symposium. This is a special opportunity for Year 7 students to interact and be stimulated by leading scientists and gain a deeper understanding of current issues and on-going work with regard to how science is and could help our world to be a better place.

We look forward to meeting year 7 families at tutor evening this week.

Last week our year 11 and 13 students began their final trial exams. We are very proud at how maturely they have tackled these and we look forward to seeing how much they have improved. There is lots of support for students in and after school that your child can access which will help them to achieve their very best. Please encourage your child to take advantage of these opportunities.

Thank you for ensuring your child returned to school in full uniform, we will continue to focus on this as we are proud of our identity as part of the Nicholas Chamberlaine School family.

With best wishes,

Alison Ramsay
Executive Head

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Key Dates

Monday 6th March -

Friday 10th March

Year 11 and Upper VI Mock
Exams

Thursday 9th March

Year 7 Tutor Evening

4:30-7:30pm

Thursday 30th March

Vi Form Parents Evening

4:30-7:30pm

Proud Traditions

Features of our Founders Day



Our students have come together as a family to enjoy a full school assembly to reflect on our values and what it means to be a Griffin and, to tell our shared stories. This was led by our executive student leadership team Piper, Niamh and Izzy.

We started our day with a family breakfast in our dining hall to demonstrate our commitment to hospitality and community.



Proud Traditions

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Our students have carried out varies different Community service/volunteering to connect with the wider local, national or international community to remind us all that GST schools exist for both individual opportunity and the common good, we shared the successes in our assembly

Throughout this year we have carried out different fund raising activities, Fundraising That will support out local charities, doorway and Impact.




Thank you to all that donated item to support Impact.
Our student leadership team will distribute these items next week.

See below fundraising events coming up:

FOUNDERS DAY 2023

Fundraising



**GRIFFIN
SCHOOLS
TRUST**

Doorway became a charity in 1997, originally based in bedworth with only 2 employee. They now have a range of tools and services to to advise and support young people aged 16 - 25. They help kids your age find accommodation after becoming homeless.

Founders Day
Money raised will go to the Doorway
Charity selected by our house leaders

- 7th March Bake Sale
- 10th March Raffle Drawn!
- 17th March Charity Staff vs Students Match After School!
- TBC Non Uniform Day
- House Competition of Bringing in items!

| Bedroom Items, linen & Towels | Kitchen Items | Cleaning Items |
|---|---|--|
| Tea Towels Dishcloths Single Duvets Single Duvet covers Bed sheets Pillows Pillow cases Towels (of all sizes) Alarm clock | Frying pans Saucepans Measuring jug Masher Can openers Potato Peelers Cheese grater wooden spoon Dinner plates Side plates Bowls Knives, Forks, Spoons & Teaspoons | Washing up liquid Toilet brush / cleaner Toilet rolls Handsoap Toothpaste Toothbrushes J cloths Bacterial wipes Cream cleaner Polish Duster, dustpan & brush Toiletries |

Proud Traditions

House Competition

Performing Arts

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

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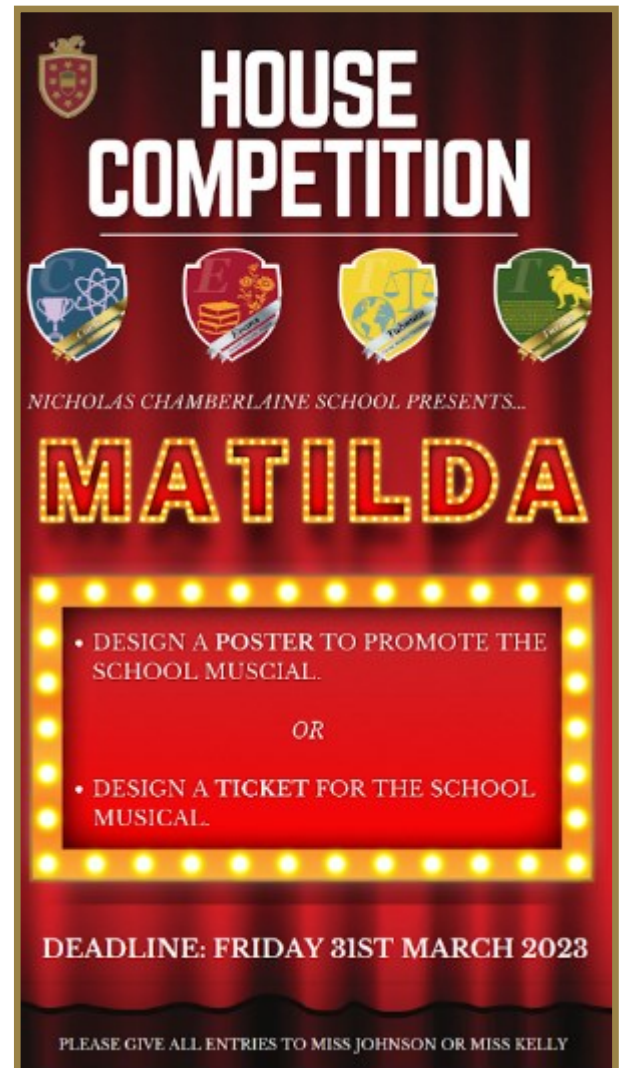
Design a poster and tickets to advertise the Musical Matilda.

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

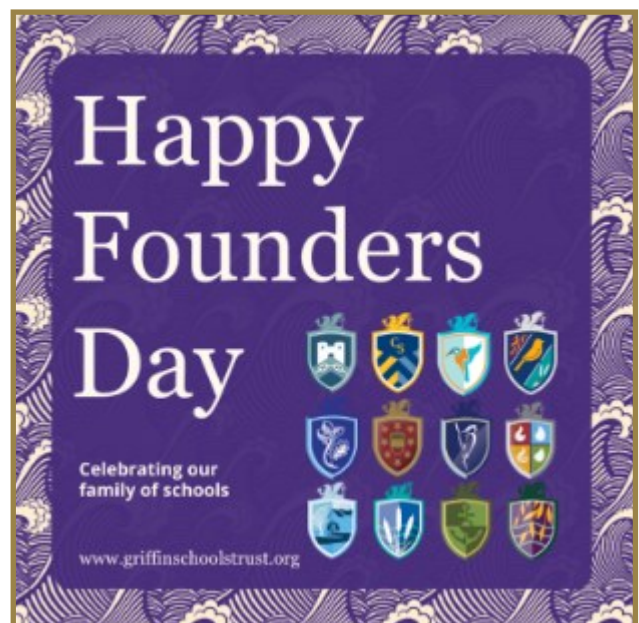
Date = 12th-14th July

Entries to Mrs T Johnson or Ms Kelly



Founders Day

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Proud Traditions

Music—MiSST

Our students are working hard to prepare for the MiSST 10th Anniversary Concert at Theatre Royal in Covent Garden. They will be performing alongside some of the other MiSST schools and even Andrew Lloyd Webber himself. Well done to Thomas H, Kyle N, Isobel H, Leo H, Amy C, Ola B and Aimee H.



KS4 Music

Year 10 have been learning about Popular Music from the 1950's to present day. Starting with Rock and Roll and moving through all the genres allowing for a really broad knowledge to be developed.

Students are also finalising their solo performances ready for submission.

Congratulations to Lois H for passing her recent examination with Distinction!

Literacy



Accelerated
Reader

Students continue to make fantastic progress in their Accelerated Reading. A special congratulations goes to Year 9 students, who between their Star Reading tests in September and January made on average a whole year of progress on their reading ages. By January, Key Stage 3 had read a combined 44,855,283 words - that's over 80% of the entire word count for the whole of last year. A fantastic effort!

Before Christmas we sent home letters with log on details to Home Connect so you can access your child's profile at home and see how they're doing on their Accelerated Reading. Students can also be logging onto their own Accelerated Reading site at home and doing the quizzes for any books they've read out of school, increasing their word count and improving their scores.

Finally, we have launched a whole new level for Accelerated Reader. Those students who are on Black Level will be able to move up to Diamond Level if they pass three 'Black' quizzes at 85% or more. Diamond Readers will be recognised on our 'Diamond Readers' board, and will have even more choice in their reading from across our library stock.

Barclays Life Skills

Shortly before half term we welcomed our second visit from Barclays LifeSkills. The second of four visits to Nicholas Chamberlaine School, the programme aims to provide students with the skills required for a modern workplace.



LifeSkills

One of the concerns of employers is that students, whilst possessing a range of qualifications, often lack the 'soft skills' needed. Working with our Year 9 students, the Barclays team are focusing on developing these skills and on this occasion, the theme was adaptability.

The session was timed to perfection as on the same day, students were able to attend option evening in advance of choosing their GCSEs. By focusing on adaptability, Year 9 could think about how different subject choices could help them within the work environment.

With two further sessions to be delivered later in the year, it will mean that our students are equipped to take their place in the wider world and have the skills required to make a success of their lives.

Your Future - Virtual Roadshow

As a school, we have an obligation to ensure that students receive independent advice to ensure that they make informed choices about their futures. In this regard, we were delighted to take part in the *Your Future Virtual Roadshow* hosted by ThinkHigher.

The roadshow provided all students in Year 10 with the opportunity to find out more about apprenticeships, college and university. The live presentations were then followed up by question and answer sessions.

Following the roadshow, students have been provided with the links to access some of the opportunities that are available in Year 10, which include virtual work experience, free online university courses and a chance to participate in residential summer schools.



National Careers Week

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NCW

National Careers Week takes place from the 6th to 11th March. This is an opportunity for students to consider where their education may take them.

As always, we are encouraging students to take a proactive approach and to take advantage of the huge number of opportunities that are available. This is

particularly true for students in Year 10 and above.

Some of these opportunities include:

<https://medicmentor.co.uk/> - free online course for students wanting to enter into a medical or veterinary career

<https://www.springpod.com/> - free virtual work experience opportunities

<https://www.speakersforschools.org/> - free virtual work experience and insight days

<https://aimhigherwm.ac.uk/unifest/> - Unifest 2023. An opportunity for students in Year 10 to experience life at university.

<https://summerschools.suttontrust.com/> - University and apprenticeship residential programme for students in Year 12

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship> - the governments apprenticeship website

<https://www.futurelearn.com/> - free online university courses (no need to buy the certificate)

High Achievement

Year 7 Benchball



Yesterday some of our year 7's took part in a Benchball Competition at Queen Elizabeth Academy against 4 other schools. They all showed great teamwork, leadership and put 100% effort into every game they played.



Year 7/8 Rugby

The Y7/8 Rugby team had their first game of the school year against a very experienced Studley High School side on Wednesday 16th February. The boys lost the game but were able to show a lot of the skills they have learnt within Rugby lessons. They displayed great bravery and made a lot of tackles, which was recognised by the onlooking Alcester Rugby Club chairman. The Y7 and 8 students never gave up and managed to score 2 try's before the end of the game. We look forward to the upcoming tournaments this half term.



High Achievement

Year 7 Rugby



The Year 7 Rugby team played in the North Warwickshire Rugby tournament at the Old Ed's yesterday afternoon. The boys tackled like lions and ran with the ball really positively to ensure a joint 1st place finish in the tournament.

Rugby training takes place on a Monday after school until 4:30pm for anyone interested in playing for the team in the next tournament.

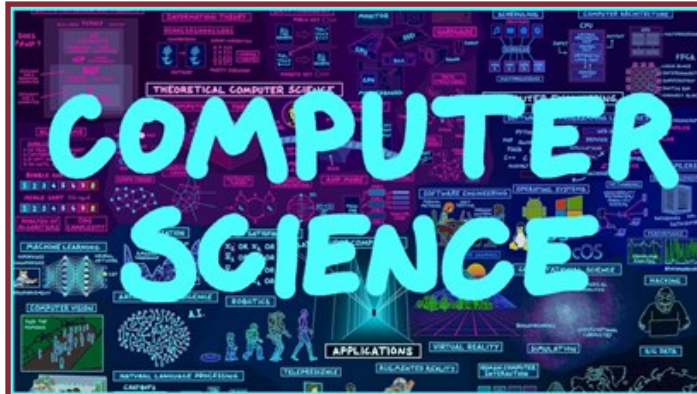
Year 7/ Girls Football

Our year 7 and 8 girls football team had an ESFA Cup Fixture against Selly Oak School in Birmingham on Thursday and won 6-0! There were some stand out performances with Eva T in year 8 being awarded Player of the Match. They are now through to the next round so will hopefully keep achieving great results.



Computer Science - Key Stage 3

So far this Spring Term, we are delighted to have been offering Computer Science lessons for Year 7 and 9. This has now extended to Year 8. Feedback from the students has been highly positive and students have enjoyed learning about E-safety in Year 7, and will now be going onto learn about the elements that make up a computer system. Year 8 have started learning about Binary and will continue onto Ascii and Logic Gates. Year 9 have started learning Python Programming Fundamentals, and will continue this topic going into more depth learning about programming constructs such as loops.



A Level Art

One of our current year 12 Art students has had her work selected for the Coventry Open Exhibition at The Herbert Gallery



Year 11 Coffee Morning



**NICHOLAS CHAMBERLAINE
INVITE YOU TO OUR**

GCSE WELLBEING SUPPORT EVENT



Organized by the Student Care Team
Monday 13th March • 9:30-11.00am
Nicholas Chamberlaine School

CALL 02476312308 TO CONFIRM ATTENDANCE



This is an informal event designed for parents to come and have
a chat about how we can all support your child to be successful
in their upcoming exams.

Refreshments will be provided.

Safeline



Dear Parent/Carer,

Safeline will be delivering Parent Workshops online via Zoom. These workshops consist of 3 evening sessions which will take place once a week on **Monday 6th March 2023, Monday 13th March 2023 and Monday 20th March 2023**. These sessions will always begin at **5:00pm and end at 6:00pm**.

We encourage Parents to attend all 3 sessions as they provide an insight to many important topics that arise within society today.

The first session is based on Internet Safety which includes the following outcomes: Providing knowledge around social media apps/privacy settings, knowledge around online grooming - the risks and dangers, a deeper understanding of Cyberbullying and how to respond to it and understanding the risks behind Online Gaming.

The second session will be about Mental Health and Welfare issues, which will provide an understanding of what Mental Health is, allow you to gain a better knowledge of what can affect children's mental health, how to best support children if they are suffering with Mental Health Issues and any useful apps/websites for external support.

The final session will be based on Bullying and Sexual Harassment in Schools. This session discusses how to recognise the signs of bullying/sexual harassment, how to support your young person through it and how to report it.

Zoom is available to all and can be accessed on different devices such as, mobile phones (With a camera and internet), iPad, tablets, and laptop/computers. All you must do is enter the Zoom website: zoom.us, click **Join a Meeting** and enter the following **Meeting ID: 982 363 3370**. Could you also please **send a confirmation email stating the school your child attends and which year group they are in, to the address below to confirm your attendance**. Safeline colleagues hope to see you there, as these sessions offer a deeper understanding of the many challenges young people face today and we hope to prevent these risks together.

If you require any assistance accessing our workshop on Zoom, please contact us on the email below.

Thank you

Regards

Patrinda Chahal

Early Intervention Coordinator

SAFELINE'S PARENT WORKSHOP

HOW TO KEEP YOUR CHILD SAFE ONLINE, IMPROVE THEIR MENTAL HEALTH AND LEARN HOW TO DEAL WITH BULLYING.

Join us on Zoom Meeting ID: 982 363 3370

Internet Safety - Monday 6th March
5 - 6pm

Mental Health - Monday 13th March
5 - 6pm

Bullying and Sexual Harassment in Schools
Monday 20th March
5 - 6pm

We recommend attending all 3 sessions to gain a deeper understanding into you child's welfare.

Please confirm your attendance via email at:
patrindac@safeline.org.uk

The poster features a blue background with a grid pattern. At the bottom, there are icons for various social media and communication apps: Facebook, Snapchat, Twitter, TikTok, Instagram, WhatsApp, and YouTube. A small 'SLYP' logo is also present in the bottom right corner.