



Nicholas Chamberlaine School

# NEWSLETTER

*Successful Learners | World Citizens*

Friday 17th March 2023

Dear NCS Families,

It has been an exciting week doing all things scientific to celebrate National Science Week and the Griffin Science Symposium. Holding a GST Science Symposium is a special opportunity for our children and adults to interact and be stimulated by leading scientists and to gain overviews and deeper understanding of current issues and on-going work with regard to how science is, and could in the future help our world to be a better place. We are delighted that so many of you have requested tickets to attend the Royal Institute Science on Schools event here with your families on Friday. It promises to be a wonderful event.

In recognition of our Trust theme this week on "Family", I hope all mums are thoroughly spoiled this weekend and have a lovely day! You certainly deserve it!

With best wishes,

Alison Ramsay  
Executive Head

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## Key Dates

Thursday 23rd March

Year 7 Tutor Evening

4:30-7:30pm

Thursday 30th March

Vi Form Parents Evening

4:30-7:30pm

Monday 3rd April—Friday 14th April

Easter Holidays

Monday 17th April

All students return to school 8:40am

## Parent Factsheet: Fake news and disinformation online

### What's the problem?

Fake news is false or misleading information presented as genuine news.

Your child might have seen fake news online about the Russian invasion of Ukraine. There have been examples of old footage being shared as if it's new, or images being manipulated to present a misleading picture. There's been lots of misinformation on TikTok in particular. Fake news and disinformation have also been linked to radicalisation by extremists and attempts to skew people's world views, e.g. extremist narratives relating to coronavirus include:

- ♦ Antisemitic conspiracy theories blaming Jewish people for the spread of the virus
- ♦ Claims that British Muslims have flouted social distancing rules
- ♦ Anti-Chinese hatred
- ♦ Isis-inspired narratives about how coronavirus is a divine punishment for the 'sinful behaviours' of the west
- ♦ Extreme right-wing conspiracies that society is collapsing and far-right groups can accelerate its end

Reading information like this can upset or worry your child unnecessarily. Fake news also helps create a culture of fear and uncertainty, with children trusting reputable news outlets less as a result of fake news.

### How can I help my child spot fake news online?

Tell them to ask themselves:

- ♦ **What's the source?** Is it a reputable news source, and are mainstream news outlets reporting it too?
- ♦ **When was it published?** Check the date an article was published, as sometimes old stories are shared on social media. This could be an accident, or it might be to make it look like something happened recently
- ♦ **Have you seen anything similar elsewhere?** What happens if you search for it on Google or check it using a fact-checking website like Full Fact?
- ♦ **Do the pictures look real?** Images might have been edited. They might also be unrelated images that have been used with the story
- ♦ **Why might this have been created?** Could someone be trying to provoke a specific reaction, change your beliefs, or get you to click a link?

Encourage them to **read beyond the headline too**. Many people share stories having just read the headline, then discover the actual story is quite different.

Point them to the government's SHARE checklist <https://sharechecklist.gov.uk/>

and advice from Childline (<https://www.childline.org.uk/get-involved/articles/how-to-spot-fake-news/>)

### What signs of radicalisation should I be alert to?

It's worth knowing what signs to be alert to, just in case. If you do see these signs, it doesn't necessarily mean your child is being radicalised – it could be nothing at all, or it could be a sign that something else is wrong.

- ♦ Becoming more isolated from friends and family
- ♦ Not being willing or able to talk about their views
- ♦ Becoming more angry
- ♦ Talking as if from a script
- ♦ A sudden disrespectful attitude towards others
- ♦ Being more secretive, especially about their internet use

**If you're worried about your child, contact your child's Head of Year**

## Proud Traditions

### House Competitions

#### Performing Arts

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

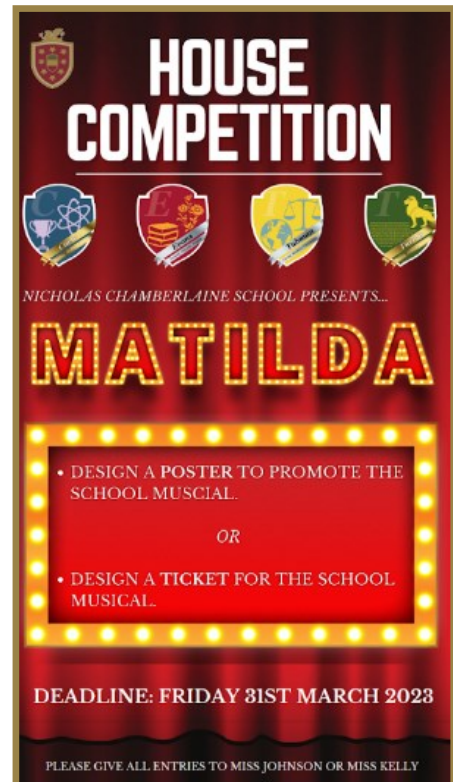
#### Brief

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



### World book Day Thursday 2nd March 2023

World book day this year saw our KS3 students become young Sherlocks for the day as they attempted to solve the mystery of 'The Silver Blaze' in their lessons.

Staff around the school dressed up as their favourite literary characters and brought KS3 - KS5 books to life for the students.

We had competitions running for our annual book cover quest. School staff had book covers on their lanyard, and students had to see how many titles they could spot throughout the day.



# Proud Traditions

## Music—MiSST

### About MiSST

MiSST currently works with 26 schools in the UK. We work in schools that serve disadvantaged and often challenging communities by providing not only funding for classical instruments, but also support in the form of regular tuition, opportunities to perform and a programme of excellence that is unrivalled in the UK. Our mission is to be at the forefront of classical music education

#### **For schools**

Access to classical music education in UK schools is not a given. MiSST works with secondary schools who serve disadvantaged and sometimes challenging communities by providing not only enhanced staffing and funding for classical instruments, but also regular support, opportunities to perform and a programme of excellence that is unrivalled in the UK. The MiSST 'Pathways to Excellence' ensures students who show musical promise are identified early and have access and opportunity to ensemble and orchestral playing.

#### **For young people**

Through our partner schools, MiSST works with young people of all backgrounds and abilities, helping to remove the barriers between them and classical music. MiSST unlocks hidden potential and builds confidence and social skills, connecting young people to the world of classical music and the arts in the best way possible – by putting it in their own hands.

#### **For families**

Every MiSST student takes the benefits of the programme back home with them. Their participation and smallest achievements are a source of pride for the whole family. Even if classical music is not part of family life, MiSST activities are a focal point, bringing new experiences, discovering and sharing the joy of classical music.

“Engagement in the arts changes lives. The positive impact of the arts on health, social mobility and wellbeing are now irrefutable. I passionately believe that everyone in this country, particularly those from disadvantaged backgrounds, should be able to participate and I am thrilled MiSST’s music programme will make the difference for these young people. I know it works. Headteachers and the staff in MiSST’s partner schools know it works. It has been proven to be the common denominator in schools where often over sixty languages are spoken”

***Lord Andrew Lloyd Webber***

### Music-MiSST Together

On Tuesday 14th March, we hosted MiSST Together. We were joined by Barnsley academy and some of the leaders of MiSST. Our students performed three pieces of music, including It’s About Time by Lizzo. Our students all worked together in sectionals where they practised their parts ready for the main performance during period 6.

Some of our other students in school were excellent supporters of our students and enjoyed the final show.



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### Warwick concert

For the past 5 weeks, our wonderful choir have been working with Armonico Consort in preparation for a performance with the King's Singers.

On Thursday 16th March, we travelled to St Mary's Church in Warwick and shared all of our hard work to parents and carers in a concert.



We also got to learn about some of the history of the building- with some of us even exploring the crypt.



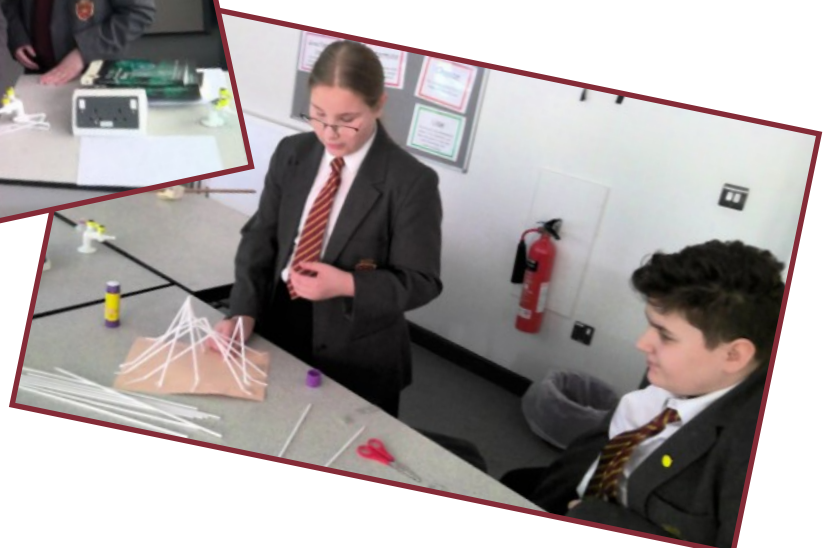
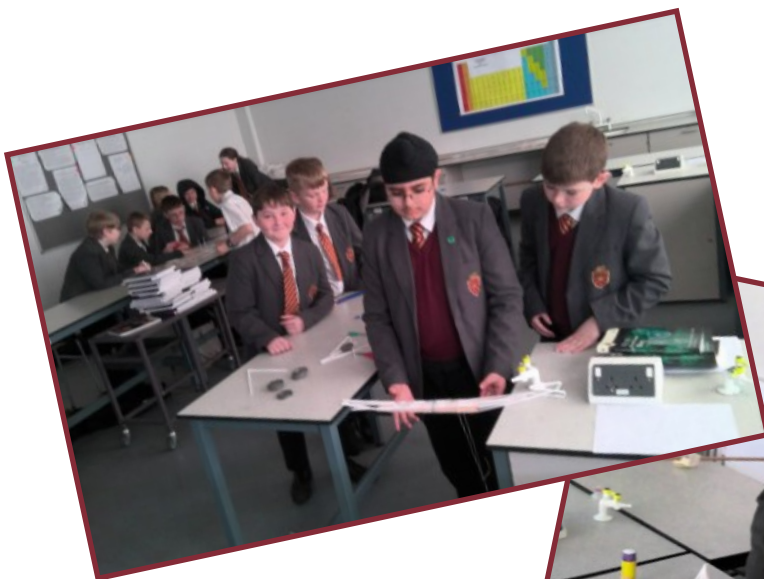
## Griffin Science Symposium

The annual Science Symposium, is integral to the Trust's Wide Horizon strategy.

Holding a GST Science Symposium is a special opportunity for children and adults to interact and be stimulated by leading scientists and to gain overviews and deeper understanding of current issues and on-going work with regard to how science is, and could in the future help our world to be a better place.



- The objectives of Science Symposium are to:
- Inspire Griffin children into the exciting world of all things science-science is FUN!
- Spark children's imagination, enthusiasm and unlock their creativity
- Open up a scientific world of learning without limits
- Ensure the children know THEY are scientists
- Develop critical thinking skills to question and debate like a scientist
- Understand different points of view and cultures-develop tolerance and understanding
- Build collaboration through science projects and relationships-within the GST family and externally
- Discover new and exciting opportunities through STEM, make connections/see relationships
- Learn from key scientific leaders in their respective fields
- Provide enjoyment and accessibility of science for all





### Griffin Science Symposium

"This week all NCS students in year 7 have been enthusiastically participating in the annual Griffin Science Symposium event. This is one of NCS and indeed the Griffin Trusts "Proud Traditions".

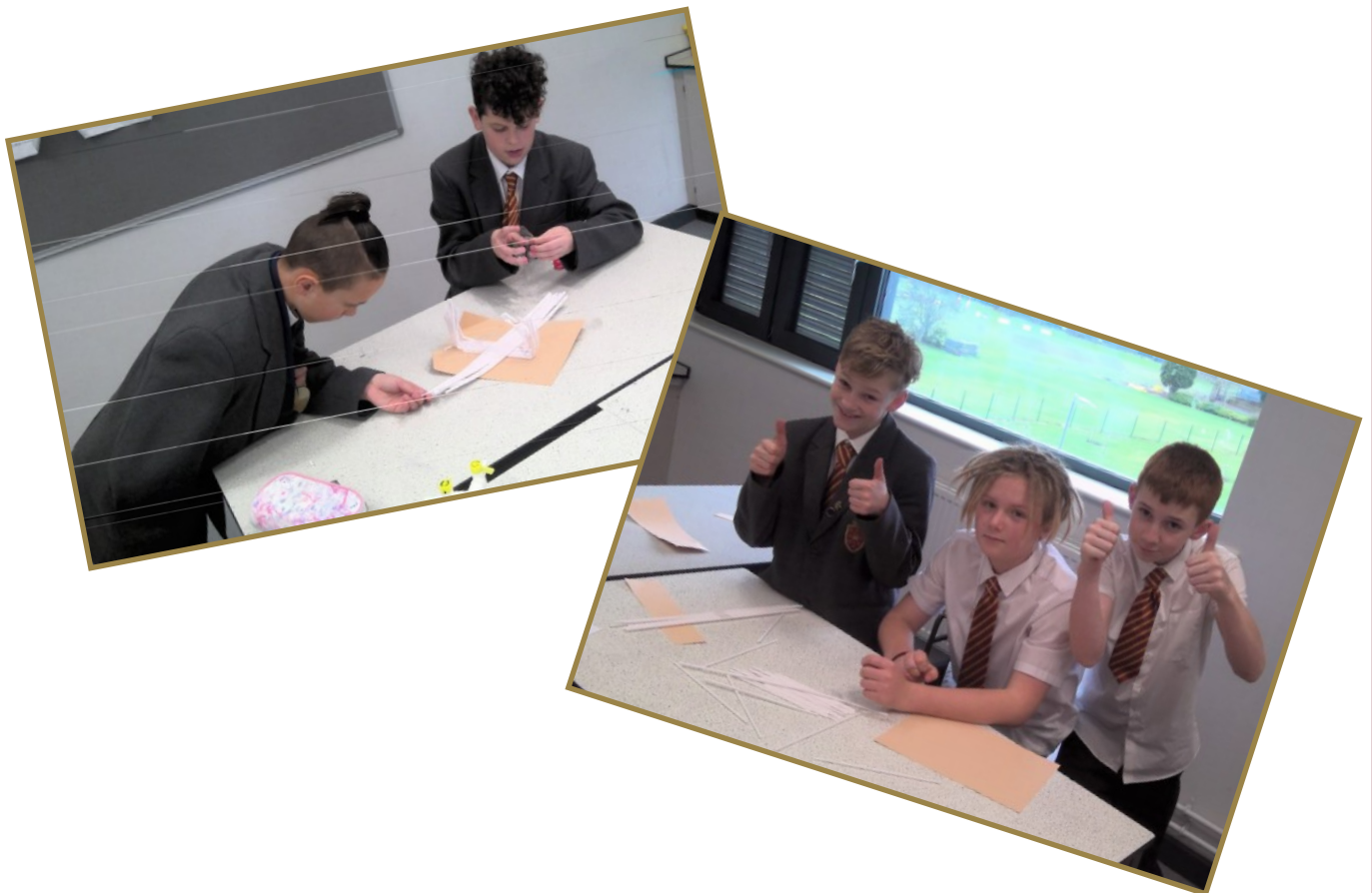


The holding of this event which all 12 Schools within the trust participate is a special opportunity for children and adults to interact and be stimulated by leading scientists and to gain overviews and deeper understanding of current issues and on-going work with regard to how science is, and could in the future help our world to be a better place.

The GST theme this year is Family, with a further GSS focus on Connections, to expand on the Trust theme and encompass the theme for British Science Week (BSW) this year.

Here at NCS Students have participated in live lessons hosted by Dr Alice Dunford of the Open University in which she has discussed exciting scientific topics related to Space exploration, such as the Jupiter mission and the building and testing of space cameras. Students will also be taking part in a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) practical based activity/competition hosted by the Science department linked to this year's theme within their scheduled lessons in Science.

Our year 7s have engaged greatly in this event and have shown a great enthusiasm for Science. This event has inspired many great questions during this process which have been fielded to both Dr Dunford and the members of the Science department. Well done to all in year 7, as always you have done NCS proud!"





## Interior design

James Sale, an interior design expert from Co-DB, held a design workshop with Y10 students to reimagine our potential use of space on our English and Maths corridor.

Students explored a range of potential functions for the space and considered its use, including practical applications for learning, quiet study and as social space. They built an architectural model as a visual concept, collaborating to work with a range of materials and considering aspects such as furniture, space, light and purpose.

The ideas generated from our workshop today will form the foundation of designs for future development of this project: the decisions of our own students impacting on our own learning spaces. An example of "You Said... We Did..." in action - watch this space, quite literally!





## Careers in Sport

Mr Dovey organised a Careers in Sport Trip for some of our year 10 Sports Studies Students where they had different workshops and sessions on the pathways they can take in sport when they leave school. All students were excellent, contributed well to the sessions and found the whole day very interesting. It opened their eyes to how many options there are in sport when you leave school. They were also a real pleasure for the whole day and represented the school in such a positive way!





## Science—Royal Institution

We had the pleasure of welcoming the Zain from the Royal Institute to Nicholas Chamberlaine today to do science shows for years seven, eight and nine.

The subject for this year is ENERGY LIVE where students were exposed to a wider variety of demonstrations on the variety of energy sources in the world around us.

We are also hosting a community show in the evening for the primary schools and wider public.





## High Achievement

### Year 7/8 Girls Football

Our year 7/8 Girls Football team had a tournament at Etone. We played against 3 other schools, drew 2 games and won 2-0 against Queen Elizabeth Academy.

The girls were excellent as always.



The girls won the second round of the football tournament at Etone, winning every game and not conceding one goal. They are now through to the County Finals which will take place in June. The whole team played really well together and showed great determination to win each game.



## Year 10 Update

### **The Year 10 countdown to the trial exams is now live!**

Today, Y10 received their revision packs in our “Internal Exams Launch Assembly”. Students have been provided with revision plans from each subject that will be completing internal exams. There are no exams for PE BTEC, Art, Photography or Health and Social at this time as students are continuing to complete coursework. All other subjects will be providing the students with an opportunity to show their exam skills that they have been working towards in lessons.

Please note, although the term “trial exams” or “mocks” may be used by the students, we are treating these with the importance of “real” exams. Our vision is to establish good routines ready for the end of Y11 to relieve exam stress surrounding what to expect. The results will give a good indication of the progress made by students in order to tailor support, teaching and learning techniques and ensuring the students are equipped with feedback to reach their full potential, and more!

### **Attendance to examinations**

100% attendance during this time is imperative. If your child is absent during the examination period, then they could risk having to either sit exams separately from their peers or not receive a grade. This will hugely impact their whole examination experience, subject progress and improvement of their current knowledge and skills.

If your child is absent, please ensure you are able to provide medical evidence.

### **Equipment required**

Students are required to have all of their own equipment ready for exams. To help with this, we have provided all Y10 students with some equipment in their packs given out today. Equipment will not be provided on the day of exams. Students must take responsibility for ensuring they are prepared so please encourage them to pack the night before.

### **Revision plans**

It is crucial that your child revises independently and in addition to the tutoring provided for them. Students have login details for a range of online platforms such as Tassomai (Science), Seneca (English) and Dr Frost (Mathematics). These are designed to help students revise independently, linking each skill to the GCSE syllabus. All subjects have supplied revision plans for the students on the countdown to exams to help aid planning revision time over the next 6 weeks.

**Nationally on average, Year 11 students revise for 2 hours per day**

### **Support prior to and during the examination**

The Hub and Library are open from 8am for a quiet study space.

Free breakfast with subject staff will be available from 8.15am during the exam period (place to be confirmed).

Students can email / speak to Miss Olnier regarding a silent study pass for the use of breakout spaces during lunch (no eating allowed in these areas though!)

We are here to support you; any member of staff will help you during this time! Please talk to us if you need support!

## Updates

### Year 10 Update

Useful websites/numbers to access from home for parents and students

[Information for 11-18 year olds – Exam stress - Mind](#)

[How To Deal with Exam Stress | YoungMinds](#)

[Help your child beat exam stress - NHS](#)

[Exam stress and pressure | Childline](#)

Family Support Worker: 01926 412412

### Key dates for Year 10

Monday 20th March - 6 Week Revision Plan begins

Friday 31st March - Y10 Coursework Day - Selected Health and Social Care, Beauty, PE BTEC and Photography students only

Tuesday 2nd May - Internal Exams begin

Thursday 25th May - Y10 Results and Parent's Evening

### Year 10 Identity Programme Parent's Meeting

We wrote to you on the 27th February regarding the Identity Programme being delivered to all Y10 students by The Community Safe Team at Warwickshire County Council. Some of you have identified that you would like to hear more about this programme prior to it being delivered. Therefore, we would like to invite you to attend an online event on **Thursday 23rd March**. There will be 2 sessions held, one from **5pm-5.25pm** and another session from **5.30pm-5.55pm**. The session will include a 20 minute talk by the team and a 5 minute Q+A session via the chat box.

#### **Details for Session 1 - 5pm-5.25pm**

Microsoft Teams meeting

**Join on your computer, mobile app or room device**

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 372 663 433 635

### Year 11 Newsletter

Please click on the link below to see the Year 11 Newsletter, this is also available to view on the school website.

<https://nicholaschamberlaine-gst.org/bskpdf/year-11-issue-3-17-march-2023/>



### Early Help and Targeted Support

There are times in life when things might be difficult or someone in the family is having problems. Kate (Early help Social worker) and Emily (Early help Family support worker) are based in school and are here to ensure the right support is offered to you at the earliest possible opportunity, so that things can get better much quicker for your child and family than if the problem is left unresolved.

Early Help and Family Support is voluntary and intended to be available as and when you need it.

Please reach out by contacting school reception and asking to speak with Kate or Emily.

### Parenting support

No one ever said being a parent was going to be easy. In fact, it is probably the most demanding job you will ever have. Parenting courses, workshops and programmes are a great way to help you find new ways of working with your children. They can help you come up with new ideas, problem solve and reduce stress. You won't be alone with many of the concerns you have so it can be encouraging to recognise and build upon your existing skills at the same time as sharing and learning from other parents and carers.

Please see a link here to free parenting courses for Warwickshire families.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/warwickshire-children-and-families-17595309993>



Rise is a family of NHS-led services providing emotional wellbeing and mental health services for children and young people in Coventry and Warwickshire. Rise aims to build resilience and empower children and young people (as well as the adults in their lives) to know where to go for help and advice.

Please see here a list of courses for parents and those caring for children. Courses are available online via Zoom.

<https://nicholaschamberlaine-gst.org/rise-courses-for-parents/>

RISE provide early support, information and guidance on many emerging mental health issues to children, young people, parents and carers. Please see the website for further information.

<https://cwrise.com/for-parents>

### Connect for Health is your Warwickshire school nursing service.

Please see here some helpful information & useful websites on health & wellbeing for young people.

<https://nicholaschamberlaine-gst.org/connect-for-health/>

### Early Help and Targeted Support

#### Child Exploitation Awareness Week



Child exploitation is a type of abuse and is when someone uses a child for financial gain, sexual gratification, labour, or personal advantage.

When a child or young person is exploited, they're groomed by being given things, like gifts, drugs, money, status and affection. This is usually in exchange for carrying out a criminal activity, known as Child Criminal Exploitation or performing sexual activities, known as Child Sexual Exploitation.

Monday 13th March saw the start of Child Exploitation Awareness Week within Warwickshire, leading up to National Child Exploitation Awareness Day on Saturday 18th March 2023. To raise awareness that child exploitation is happening in Warwickshire and hundreds of children are victims each year, please see a link here to the 'Something's Not Right' Campaign and Website.

<https://www.somethingsnotright.co.uk/index.php?u=3>

#### Winston's Wish

Please see a link here which will take you to Eventbrite to book online. Winston's Wish (a childhood bereavement charity in the UK) are offering online grief support for children and adults including adults supporting children who are experiencing grief.



Giving hope to grieving children

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/winstons-wish-52573434853>



#### SEND coffee morning

Date: Friday 31 March

Time: 10-11.30

Venue: St. Michael's Children and Family Centre

Please contact the Centre to book a place (024 76494171) or click on the Eventbrite link below:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/send-coffee-morning-tickets-537459123707?>



## Coventry Blaze Promotional Offer

[www.coventryblaze.co.uk](http://www.coventryblaze.co.uk)

**£12 Adults  
£7 Children  
per game**



*\*This is a special promotional offer for these games only\**

## LIVE ICE HOCKEY



**BLAZE V FIFE FLYERS  
SUNDAY 12TH MARCH  
FACE OFF 5:30PM  
SKYDOME ARENA (CV1 3AZ)**



**BLAZE V DUNDEE STARS  
SATURDAY 18TH MARCH  
FACE OFF 7:00PM  
SKYDOME ARENA (CV1 3AZ)**



**BLAZE V GUILDFORD FLAMES  
WEDNESDAY 22ND MARCH  
FACE OFF 7:30PM  
SKYDOME ARENA (CV1 3AZ)**



**BLAZE V NOTTINGHAM PANTHERS  
SUNDAY 26TH MARCH  
FACE OFF 5:30PM  
SKYDOME ARENA (CV1 3AZ)**



**BLAZE V CARDIFF DEVILS  
SATURDAY 1ST APRIL  
FACE OFF 7:00PM  
SKYDOME ARENA (CV1 3AZ)**

Please scan the QR code with your mobile phone camera to be taken through to our online booking form.



[office@coventryblaze.co.uk](mailto:office@coventryblaze.co.uk)





### Easter Holidays Sports Clubs



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**SUPER MULTI ACTIVITY SPORT HOLIDAYS!**

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Per Day  
(without HAF code)

**9.30AM TO 3.30PM**

**3rd-6th April & 11th-14th April**

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- FOOTBALL
- ATHLETICS
- HOCKEY
- CRICKET
- GOLF
- RUGBY
- TENNIS
- NETBALL
- ROUNDEERS
- BASKETBALL
- AND MUCH MORE...

**Lunch Included**

\*Children must have a valid HAF code issued to them by Warwickshire County Council to access the activities free of charge

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For further information and booking details please contact  
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BOOK ONLINE NOW AT [WWW.THEPINGLESSTADIUM.COM](http://WWW.THEPINGLESSTADIUM.COM)

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