

School Matters

November 2020



Welcome to the November edition of our School Matters newsletter.

This year schools had have had to rethink their approach for showcasing themselves through the medium of media and I am pleased to say that our online campaign for our Year 7 2021 intake was a huge success with some very positive feedback.

The virtual element has allowed parents and carers to access information in the comfort of their own homes, in their own time, but we do look forward to welcoming both parents and students into school when it is safe to do so.

In the meantime, I hope you and your families are safe and well, and that you enjoy this Edition of School Matters.

Regards,

David James
Principal



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Key Information

Principal's Update

As we approach Christmas, it is hard not to get caught up in the festivities and want to celebrate with our friends, but it is still important that we keep reminding our students that social distancing measures must still be adhered to, especially in the coming weeks. I am delighted however that, as a school, we are doing extremely well in managing our new environment.

Pre Public Examinations (PPEs) are currently underway for our Year 11 pupils in their chosen GCSE subjects. There has been a huge amount of planning and preparation, particularly in light of Covid-19 arrangements and seating plans and I'd like to say a special well done to all staff and students concerned. Their hard work and determination in continuing to adapt to the new way of life due to COVID-19 has been remarkable.

This year, pupils in our Early Years' Foundation Stage will still be able to star in their own production - Nativity 2020! We will be pre-recording this and sharing with our Foundation Stage parents to watch in the comfort of their own homes in December.

Free School Meals

During these really difficult times, we are aware that lots of families' circumstances have changed dramatically. If you have found that you are suddenly, or currently, in need of financial support then please do remember that you may be eligible to apply for Free School Meals (FSM) for your child. Not only will this ensure that they receive a meal each day in school, but the school will also receive a small extra pot of money ("pupil premium") that can be directly used to support your child with resources and equipment.

You can apply for this directly through the Northamptonshire County Council's website via the following link: https://northamptonshire-self.achieveservice.com/service/Apply_for_free_school_meals

We are also working with a local charity who is offering food parcels to families, please contact our Lead Learner team via LLTeam@ccs.northants.sch.uk to discuss receiving a food parcel; or if you have any general questions in respect of pupil premium for your child.



Reminders

Please can we remind you that all students in Year 7 and above are required to wear face coverings whilst moving around indoors, such as corridors and communal areas where social distancing is difficult to maintain, unless they are exempt for medical reasons and are wearing an orange lanyard.

Face masks should also be worn at all times outside, with the exception of when consuming food or drink during break and lunchtime. This includes, for the avoidance of doubt, when the students are outside in the 'street' area during breaks and lessons, and not consuming food or drink, and also to students studying in groups in the Sixth Form centre, unless facing forward. **Please can we ask you to reinforce this with your children.**

Please can we also ask students to bring a small bag to school to place their mask in when not being worn. For any students using a disposable mask, we would ask that they carry a spare in case theirs becomes lost or damaged during the day.

Help keep our school safe



Clean your hands



Wear your face covering



Make space (2 metres apart)



Updates

Celebrating our successes

Students

We would like to continue to celebrate the successes of our students, both inside and out of the classroom. Below you will find a variety of positive feedback for students that our staff have put forward for recognition.

- "Pupils in 8DBG have recently been learning about computer components, and have produced a brilliant laptop out of paper. Please [click here](#) to watch the video of their design" - Mrs Sawbridge
- "B Smith, Year 12 has researched ideas for her own concept piece of Ibsen's 'Hedda Gabler' and presented her incredibly well justified and creative plan for the staging to the class today. She was really keen to share [her work](#) and was obviously really excited about her ideas, which was lovely to witness." - Mrs Atherton
- "Our Year 10 GCSE PE students have recently applied their understanding of the "pathway of blood around the body" in a practical context - Well done for your creativity!" - Mr Colman





Computing Success in Year 7

Since October students in Year 7 have been completing homework tasks and earning points towards achieving their Bronze iDEA Award. iDEA is a website which aims to develop students' digital, enterprise and employability skills through a range of online challenges. Students complete tasks of varying lengths and difficulty with the aim of achieving badges towards their award. Their objective is to earn the 250 points required to gain their Bronze Award.

J Chambers, in 7SHL, has great resilience and determination in order to complete all tasks and achieve his Bronze Award in less than 5 weeks.



This is an incredible achievement and as well as achieving his award J Chambers has set a new CCS record for achieving the Bronze Award in the quickest time. He has now started working towards achieving his Silver Award and has already acquired 120 of the 400 points required. We want to say a huge congratulations to J Chambers for his dedication and hard work and wish him good luck in his next challenge.

Staff

On Friday 20 November, LSA Mrs Raines took part in the Sleep Out challenge, where she slept outside to raise money to end youth homelessness.

Mrs Raines has raised over £600 for the cause - well done!





Male Role Model of the Year 2020

Year 13 student Charlie Atkins has been honoured for all his hard work by the Northampton Borough Council as part of their International Mens Day event.

Charlie won the Special Recognition award for his work in creating the first TEDxYouth Caroline Chisholm School event, as well as founding his own initiative called 'Inspire your Future' with the aim of empowering students with knowledge and the curiosity to Learn.



MALE ROLE MODEL OF THE YEAR 2020

Special Recognition Award

Charlie Atkins

Charlie is a Year 13 student at Caroline Chisholm School. He organised a TEDx Youth event featuring speakers from all around the world, including a Harvard University graduate. He founded the Inspire Your Future to engage and empower young people, while encouraging them to develop their knowledge outside of the classroom.

#INTERNATIONALMENSDAY

 NORTHAMPTONBCTV



September 2021 student intakes

We have been busy putting together our Early Years Foundation Stage and Sixth Form 2021 virtual tours which will be launched in the coming weeks. Details will be published on our website and other social media platforms, so please look out for those and help us by spreading the word.

Applications for Early Years' Foundation Stage are currently open, and must be made through Northamptonshire County Council. The closing date to submit an application is 15 January 2021 at 5pm. Please [click here](#) if you wish to submit an application.

Applications for our Sixth Form are made directly to us, and further details will be provided as part of our upcoming virtual tour.





2020 Sixth Form Awards

As we are unable to hold an awards event, this year's sixth form awards took the form of letters of commendation, which were sent to students with their examination certificates. Commendations were awarded by subject teachers to those students who demonstrated a combination of exceptional attitude to learning and achievement in their subjects, as decided by subject teachers. Notable mentions have been given where a student is deemed to have made good progress or made a significant contribution to the class in a subject area.

The Sixth Form Team and subject staff would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all students included here for their hard work and commitment to their studies.

Subject (A Level unless stated)	Notable mentions	Commendation (Award winner)
Biology	C Stringer, H Tinkler	C Stringer
Chemistry	O Mowbray, I Burada	C Stringer
Physics	H Tinkler	M Norman
Business Studies	N Burdock, G Keane	G O'Neill
Economics	A Chorley, M Smith	D Ranavaya
Finance (LIBF Diploma)	N Burdock, M Benson	J Hurst
Computer Science	A Kollhoff-Waldron, J Burrows	J Gardner
IT (Level 3 Cambridge National)	A Gilbert, J Burrows	L Marrett
Drama	E Badoi, E Denton, E Newman, E Pannell, A Kollhoff-Waldron, S Forrester, H Collins	M Parmenter
Music	S Forrester	S Forrester
English Literature	E Dovaston, S Cole-Ducker	M Parmenter
Fine Art	B Trott / A McClean, L Reynolds, H Collins	L Reynolds, H Collins
Photography	E Newman, J Walker	L Oliver
French	None	I Burada
Spanish	S Domfeh, J Burrows	G O'Neill
Geography	J Lovesey, H Richards	M Read
History	S Cole-Ducker, F McGrath	E Dovaston
Extended Project	E Mackriell, H Richards	N Burdock
Government and Politics	S Domfeh, J Beckett	A McClean
Psychology	A Osman, E Badoi, J Wilson	S Willis
Sociology	G Bellew, S Nelson	E Thorpe
Mathematics	G O'Neill, C Stringer	T Murphy
Further Mathematics	O Mowbray, H Tinkler	M Norman
Physical Education	S Willis, C Drew	E Delafield



BBC Children in Need

On Friday 13 November, we held a mufti day for all students to celebrate the themes '5 to thrive' in Primary and 'Come as Yourself' in Secondary.

In total, our school raised a fantastic £1,731.55 for the wonderful cause. Thank you to all who donated!

Message from CCS Friends

Big PTA Christmas Raffle

CCS Friends regret, due to the current climate, we have been unable to run the annual Christmas Hamper Raffle so greatly supported by the parents. For this year, we have joined **The Big PTA Raffle**.

Parents and carers of students have **completely sold out** the event, selling an amazing total of 489 tickets and have helped to raise £733.50 for our school.

Thank you to all parents and carers who have purchased a ticket, we now eagerly await the first draw date of Monday 7 December, keeping fingers and toes crossed that one of our supporters will win.

Online shopping to help raise money for CCS Friends

With Black Friday sales and online gift and food shopping being at an all-time high this time of year, you can support CCS Friends, at no cost to you, with every online shop you make!

Easyfundraising has over 4,000 shops and sites which will donate to us, including lots of big name retailers like John Lewis, Argos, eBay, M&S, Just Eat, Now TV, Domino's Pizza and Audible. All you have to do is sign up to support us using this link:

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ccswootton





Easyfundraising continued...

Every time you shop online, go through the Easyfundraising website or app and we'll receive a % of your spend as a free donation, at no cost to you or us. These donations really do mount up and will make a big difference to the funds that we have to support the school and our children's education, so we would really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us.

Please visit www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ccswootton to raise money every time you shop.

Donate with Amazon Smile

CCS Friends are delighted to announce that we are now registered with Amazon Smile. If you already have an Amazon account, or if you are new to Amazon, you can select the charity as Caroline Chisholm School Friends Association, so that we earn donations from Amazon every time you shop online.

Follow the [link here](#) to register your amazon account to our charity.



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Caroline Chisholm School's New Medical Society

CCS MedSoc - note from the Founder

My name is S Shankar and I am a current Year 12 student with an aspiration to pursue medicine at university. Gaining insight into a medical career over lockdown combined with the fact that there are students in our school who also have the desire to study medicine at university, led me to the idea of creating a collaborative environment for aspiring medics.

I have recently formed a medical society known as CCS MedSoc, which consists of a group of students from Year 11, 12 and 13, all of whom are aiming to become future medics/healthcare professionals. I believe that this is a wonderful way to work in partnership in conjunction with other students with the same goals and aspirations. Medicine is a very competitive degree and having a network of students that are all going through the same process, will be an amazing experience and a rewarding opportunity. We have created a Teams Group to help us run the society and we are currently in the process of implementing roles to increase student involvement.

Through this society, we are aiming to engage in a variety of events to support our medical applications and in general, to gain a deeper insight into medicine. Some of these ideas include: having online insight talks from current doctors/medical students, organising charity fundraisers, scientific presentations and looking at healthcare developments, medical ethics talks, application prep sessions and much more.

The MedSoc is also a student-led initiative and we always welcome new ideas and opportunities. Members will gain a range of transferable skills from this and ultimately, it's a great chance to learn from each other and to support one another.

Currently, we have 14 members, and we would love to see more! If any of my fellow students are interested in joining, then please contact Mrs Ideson - (jideson@ccs.northants.sch.uk) who will put you in touch with me.



Charity Council

Due to COVID-19, some of our usual fundraising activities will sadly not be able to go ahead this year, but our fantastic Charity Council would like to update parents and carers on our upcoming initiatives to help support our local community, and raise funds for two worthy causes.

On Friday 11 December, we will have our annual Christmas jumper/mufti day with funds being shared between Save the Children and the CCS Friends team. Like us, CCS Friends are more limited in their normal fund raising projects so any support we can offer is essential. As part of this mufti day, we are going to be asking students to bring in food donations for the elderly members of the community and these will be made into festive food parcels and distributed by the Wootton Community Centre and Parish Council.

The House Team is also hosting another Breakfast with Santa for Reception and Years 1 and 2 in December. This has always been a fantastic morning with lots of yummy food, Christmas stories and music, festive outfits and a visit from the greatest Welsh Santa in the land! This year, all money raised will go towards supporting Action for Children's Secret Santa project - a worthy cause, as I am sure you would agree.

As always, thank you to all parents and carers for your continued support in our fundraising activities.






Save the Children
CHRISTMAS
JUMPER DAY



High Performance Learning

The focus ACPs and VAAs for the next three weeks:

We are continuing to help our students develop their ACPs (Advanced Cognitive Performance Characteristics) and VAAs (Values Attributes and Attitudes) so that they can be the best learners possible. Here are the key focus points for the next three weeks:

w/c 30 th Nov 2020		<u>Connection Finding</u> 'The ability to use connection from past experiences to seek possible generalisations'
w/c 7 th Dec 2020		<u>Precision</u> 'The ability to work effectively within the rules of a domain'
w/c 14 th Dec 2020		<u>Flexible Thinking</u> 'The ability to abandon one idea for a superior one or generate multiple solutions'

What can you do to help? Here are a few starting points:

- How do we deal with failure? Discuss a time you 'failed'. How has that experience influenced your present and future? Can your child identify a time they developed as a person due to an experience of 'failure'?
- Can your child follow a recipe independently and precisely? (Maybe they could cook dinner for the family and demonstrate their 'Empathy' skills too. Please send photos of any meals prepared by students. We would love to see the results of their efforts.)
- Set your child a challenge. For example, can they find alternative ideas for wrapping gifts. (This could be for any celebration or just for being kind!) The idea they have to abandon is: they can't use wrapping paper!



Odd Socks Day

To celebrate Anti-Bullying Week 2020, on Monday 16 November our students took part in Odd Socks Day! The main aim of the event was to celebrate children's uniqueness and it was fantastic to see so many students get involved throughout our school.





Parent Voice

On Thursday 19 November, we held our second virtual Parent Voice meeting and Mr Fisher provided us with an update on COVID-19 and how students and staff are managing in these unusual times. Louise Samways spoke in detail about changes in the Academy Trust. All this information and more can be found on the [school website](#).

If you are interested in joining Parent Voice or just want to come along to a session as a visitor please email pvenquiries@ccs.northants.sch.uk.

Our 2021 meeting dates are:

28th January
4th March
22nd April
17th June
23rd September

Remembrance Day

"The Community Council has collaborated with the Art department to make poppies to support Collingtree Care Home who are making a display to mark Remembrance Day. The students have made the poppies out of lots of different materials and as you can see in the photo, the students have been very creative in how they have made their poppies; they are going to look fantastic on the Remembrance Day display.

The Care Home were overwhelmed by the contribution of our students. Well done to all those students who supported this community project" - Emma Starr (Head of Community Council and Melbourne House)

Pictured right is the display from Collingtree Park Care Home using our student's designs:





A wonderful display of respect by our students

We are very proud to share below some of the images of our students paying their respects during the two minute silence for Remembrance Day.

Our Year 10 boys stopped playing football, lined themselves up and paid their respects during their break time.





Our Year 9 students also paid their respects during their PE lesson; they stopped what they were doing and stood still in honour of Remembrance Day.



Vacancies

We are always on the look out for talented people to join our school. Please keep an eye out for any suitable opportunities that may arise on the vacancies section of our website: <https://ccs-northants.careers.eteach.com/>, or send in your CV via the link to join our Talent Pool.





Teaching and Learning

Foundation Stage, KS 1 & 2 updates

All Things That Sparkle

In Foundation Stage, the children have started their new learning theme 'All Things That Sparkle'. They have started to learn about different cultures and celebrations including Diwali and Remembrance. They created their own firework pictures where they explored different colours and patterns; this was accompanied with writing words to describe fireworks. Our loft area has been transformed into a spaceship which encourages imagination and collaborative play.





In our maths learning the children have been practicing their number recognition with teen numbers and created a number rocket to show their understanding of the order of the numbers. They also worked out what one more and one less would be.

The children have also enjoyed making their very own Diva lamps from clay. We talked about the texture of the clay and how it would change when it had dried out. The children thought carefully about the colours and patterns for their design and placed a tea light in the middle of their lamp ready to take home.





Coconut bird feeders - Year 2

Year 2 pupils have recently hung coconut bird feeders in the nature area of our primary playground. They worked very well in groups to work out the best places to hang the feeders for optimum use by our wildlife.



Poppy stones - Year 2

In Year 2, our pupils have been showcasing their 'Creating' ACP characteristics during a recent Art lesson. They were tasked with painting poppies onto stones they had collected to celebrate Remembrance Day.





Victorian Day – Year 1

Our Year 1 pupils recently enjoyed a Victorian Day as part of their learning theme 'Way Back When'. The children got to take part in various role-playing activities and themed lessons throughout the day and immersed themselves in the Victorian time period.

Both pupils and teachers got to dress up in Victorian clothing and re-enacted the era! It was lovely to see the variety of costumes.





Art & Design

Year 7 Textiles - Influenced by cells

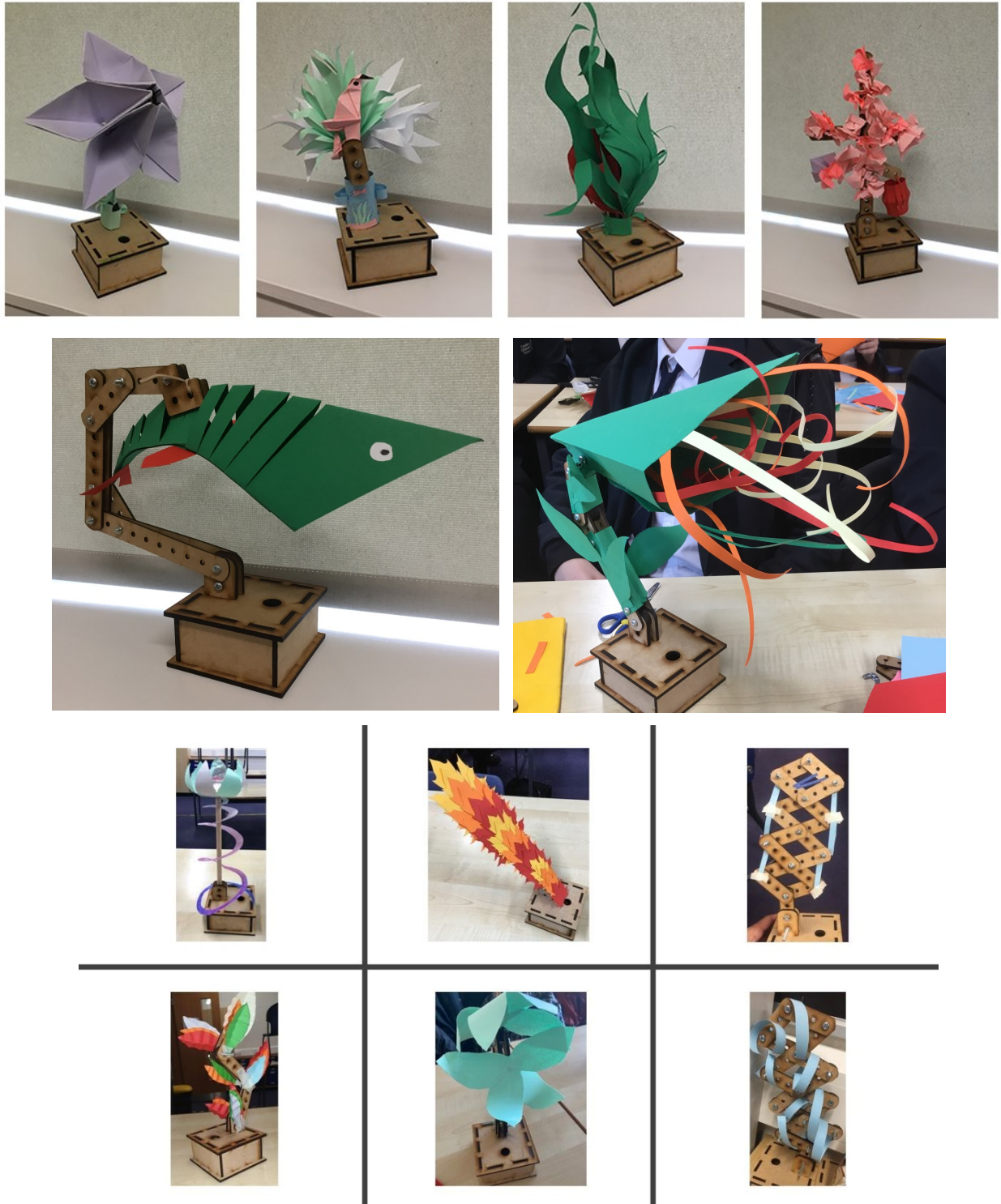
Our Year 7 students have recently completed textile pieces which have been influenced by cells. They have researched and planned their design, and used a variety of stitching skills to create their final product. Some brilliant pieces by 7SHL, 7LMK, 7SBA and 7MAE are pictured below. Miss Horton and Mrs Akhtar are very proud of the quality and complexity that pupils have achieved.





Biomimicry influenced lamps

Students in Year 9 have recently been tasked with creating Biomimicry lamps as part of their Design Technology lesson - and their final designs have been brilliant! Pictured below is just a handful of their brilliant work from 9JKI, 9EU and 9MCH:





Year 10 GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition

The group have been learning about the food science behind the use of protein in a range of cooked dishes. They have explored the use of gluten to make bread and then applied this knowledge to bake their own flavoured bread recipes. As this was their first independent practical, they had to identify their own ingredients list, ensure that it could be prepared, proved and baked within a 2 hour lesson and leave enough time to wash up and put everything away. In true Bake Off style, at least half of the group were organised enough to have a practice run at home prior to the lesson!

It is an understatement to say that I was impressed with the outcomes; the room, corridor and D block all smelled amazing for the remainder of the day (much better than 22 students cooking fish pie) and the range of breads created were fit for a bakery.

Keep up the great work Y10 - I cannot wait to see how your skills develop into Y11 - Miss Horton.





Modern Foreign Languages

All 157 of our Year 10 MFL students recently took part in the VocabExpress League of Champions competition, which we run as both a house competition for KS4 as well as inter-class, and our students certainly rose to the challenge!

Our students amassed 532,135 points (200,000 more than our last attempt) between them, placing us as the **2nd Best School in the World for learning all languages** (up from 11th in 2017), **4th for French, 2nd for Spanish** and on our debut in the German competition, **NUMBER 1 IN THE WORLD FOR GERMAN!**

The students have been taking part in the competition in their own time at home and during break and lunchtime.

We are all extremely proud of the effort from all of our linguistic students!

Performing Arts

Year 11 Drama

Our Year 11 Drama students have been working on their C1 Devised performance pieces since September and w/c 9th and 16th of November performed them to an audience, whilst Mrs Atherton and Mr Holt examine them and record their work for moderation. They have researched, created and rehearsed their work (including after school time and during half term) with real maturity, despite some Covid related challenges! So far, we've had a really entertaining and enjoyable two days and are really proud of the students who haven't performed to an audience since February!





Year 13 Drama

Our Year 13 A Level Drama group also had their practical exam during November - this is usually an externally examined component which, this year, will be assessed by the exam board on video. Five candidates performed on the day and we saw a duologues from Jim Cartwright's 'Road' and Samuel Beckett's 'Waiting for Godot' and a monologue from 'Agnes of God' by John Pielmeier.





Sports

Caroline Chisholm School PE on Twitter

Don't forget to follow our school PE page on Twitter and Facebook to stay up to date with events and fun PE activities in school. Please click on the button below to visit our social media pages.



@CarolineChisholmSchoolPE



@CCS_UK_PE

November students of the month

The students listed below have been selected by their PE teacher for demonstrating positive attitudes and skills recently in their PE lessons. Examples of this include good performance in an activity; effective leadership; in depth analysis of performance; classwork completed to a high standard; willingness to engage in answering questions.

Well done to them all, keep up the hard work.

A. Collinson
A. Starkey
A. Pessoa
T. Warren
C. Smith
C. Knight
D. Lehane
L. Breen
K. Smyth
J. Kilsby
H. Denton
P. Miller
A. Roe

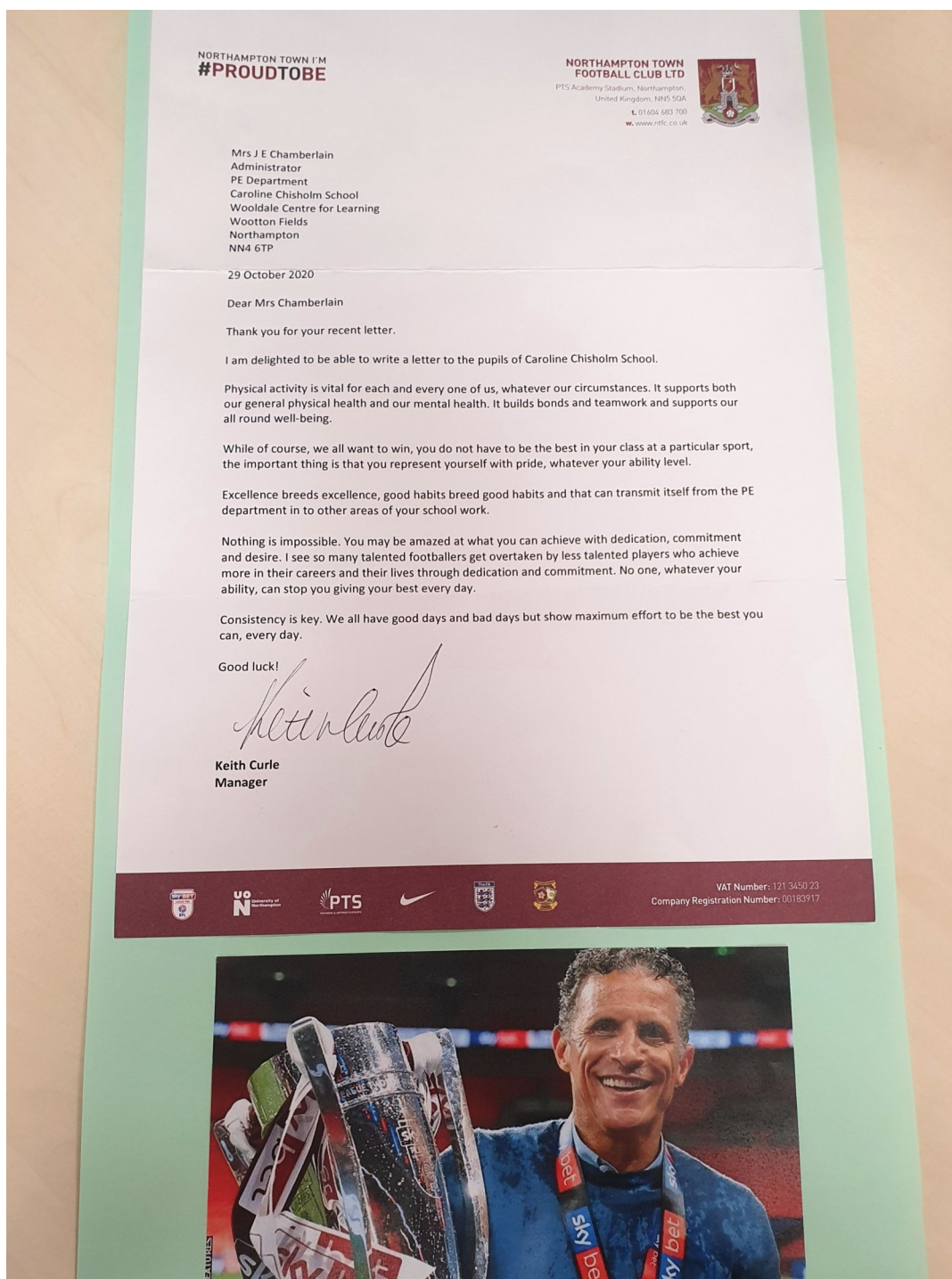
H. Street
S. Anand
A. Noon
K. Akyeampong
E. McMillian
S. Denholm
N. Pilley
L. Rosevear
M. Scott
I. Scott
L. Bower
T. Edwards
J. Devlin- Hogg





NTFC Letter

CCS PE Department were delighted to receive this letter from Keith Curle, Manager of Northampton Town FC. This will be added to our PE Noticeboard, where celebrities from the Sporting World have sent their own messages to encourage, support and inspire our CCS students.





Virtual Extra-Curricular PE

Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, we cannot currently provide an in school extra curricular PE timetable but we still want pupils to be active after school! Our PE department have launched a new Virtual Extra-Curricular facility where students can get involved in 4 different activities each week to stay active at home. Pictured below is just one of the great challenges that can be found via the link below!

PE BINGO CHALLENGE TASK

How many challenges can you try and complete?



Try a Joe Wicks or any AT HOME Workout.	Complete 10,000 Steps in one day	Hold the Plank position for at least 1 minute Try this as a side Plank as well	40 Rep Challenge 40 sit ups, 40 press ups, 40 burpees, 40-star jumps!	Complete a 10-minute exercise routine that you have designed	Using any soft object, make 50 catches after throwing object above head	Go on a family walk for at least 10 minutes	If you have a dog take them on a long walk	Go on a Run for at least 5 minutes	Play one of your favourite songs and dance like nobody is watching
Complete 15,000 Steps in one day	Try a YouTube Yoga/Pilates or meditation Routine	Hold the Plank position for as long as you can and record your time. Can you beat 2 minutes?	Complete a 15-minute exercise routine that you have designed	Using any soft object or ball make 75 Keep me ups (you can catch in-between if you need)	Interval Sprints. Use an area to mark a distance and do 5 sprints with short rests in-between.	40 Rep Challenge 40 squats 40 lunges 40 crunches 40 step ups	Design a fun assault course in your garden and complete it 3 times!	Jump with 2 feet up your full set of stairs 3 times!	Go on a Run for at least 10 minutes

Complete 4 in a week= WELL DONE!

Complete 7 in a week- EXCELLENT!

Complete them all= AMAZING!

For more details, please visit: <https://www.ccs.northants.sch.uk/curriculum/home-learning-resources/pe-at-home>

Contact details

If you have recently changed address, names or contact details for your children please can we remind you to ensure you let us know in writing so that our systems can be kept up to date. Please send these in to the specific phase for your child:

primaryoffice@ccs.northants.sch.uk for Primary Phase

office@ccs.northants.sch.uk for Secondary Phase

sixthformteam@ccs.northants.sch.uk for Sixth Form Phase



Attendance

A reminder to all students and parents/ carers that all children are expected to be in their base rooms, ready to be registered for their first period at their allocated start time. Any secondary phase students arriving on site after this time will unequivocally be issued with a 30 minute detention on the day allocated to their year bubble, any primary phase students arriving after their allotted time slot will be marked as late on the register.

If you require support or further information with regard to attendance, please contact the attendance officer on 01604 669200 or e-mail lamurphy@ccs.northants.sch.uk.

Absences should be reported via our text service on **01604 420132** or via the **School Gateway App**, which is a free messaging service that you can download to your phone.

For planned absences of one or more days, please complete a leave of absence form (available on our website). — Thank you for your continued support.

Keep up to date!

To stay up to date with key events, information and news here at Caroline Chisholm School why not follow us on Facebook and Twitter and stay updated!



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