

# School Matters

March 2022



## Principal's update

Spring is in the air and we can sense a turn of the season at Caroline Chisholm School. Students in Year 9 have been selecting their GCSE option choices and Year 11 students are revising for their summer exams. Our weeks have been filled with literature for World Book Day/poetry week along with another several weeks dedicated to British Science (STEM). It has included the collaborative and linking topics of a chick hatching project and an all-through Science Fair with many impressive, hard working and analysing projects.

We hope students and families enjoy their Easter term break and we look forward to welcoming them back on the 20th April.

## Key dates

- 1 April – School closes for end of Term 4 break
- 18 April – Easter Monday (school closed)
- 19 April – Staff training day
- 20 April – School re-opens for Term 5
- 20 April – Year 7 Parents' Evening
- 25 April – CCS Friends Meeting
- 27 April – Year 8 Parents' Evening
- 2 May – Early May Bank Holiday
- 27 May – End of Term 5

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### House Points update:



33,535



34,276



33,940



33,157

## Key Information

### Year 11 GCSE summer exams

With the Department for Education continuing to push forward with summer exams we have been looking at ways in which we can further support our students to achieve their target grades. We have a dedicated webpage with further information on GCSE summer exams. You'll find the summer exam timetable, subject specific exam information, as well as revision tools. [www.ccs.northants.sch.uk/curriculum/gcse-exams](http://www.ccs.northants.sch.uk/curriculum/gcse-exams)

### Report Daily Absences

In the case of a child being absent from school due to illness, parents have four options to report their absence:

1. Text **01604 420132** with details of your child's full name, form, reason for absence and expected date of return
2. Leave a message on the school's absence line, Primary **01604 272572** / Secondary **01604 344744**
3. Email [SC9414005a@schoolcomms.com](mailto:SC9414005a@schoolcomms.com) **each** morning of the absence.
4. Report via [Edulink One](#).

Absence must be reported daily, otherwise it will be assumed that the child will be returning to school and normal absence procedure will apply.

### Conditional Offers - Admissions Year 7 and Year 12

We are so pleased Year 7 welcome letters and Year 12 conditional offers have now been sent out to all applicants. Existing Year 6 and Year 11 parents are asked to keep an eye out in your inboxes for an email from admissions. We ask that you fill in the forms as directed and update any contact information via Edulink. Please send any requested documents to [admissions@ccs.northants.sch.uk](mailto:admissions@ccs.northants.sch.uk) before the deadline.

We look forward to welcoming all 2022-23 Year 7 and Year 12 students in September.

### Vacancies

We currently have a vacancy for a Teaching and Learning Support Assistant via our eTeach webpage. For more details on the role available and any upcoming job opportunities, please visit:

<https://www.eteach.com/careers/ccs-northants/>

We are also looking to appoint a voluntary Co-opted Trustee onto our Trust Board. If you as parent are interested, please read more here:

[www.ccs.northants.sch.uk/news-and-events/latest-news/trustee-vacancy](http://www.ccs.northants.sch.uk/news-and-events/latest-news/trustee-vacancy)



## Updates

### HPL conference

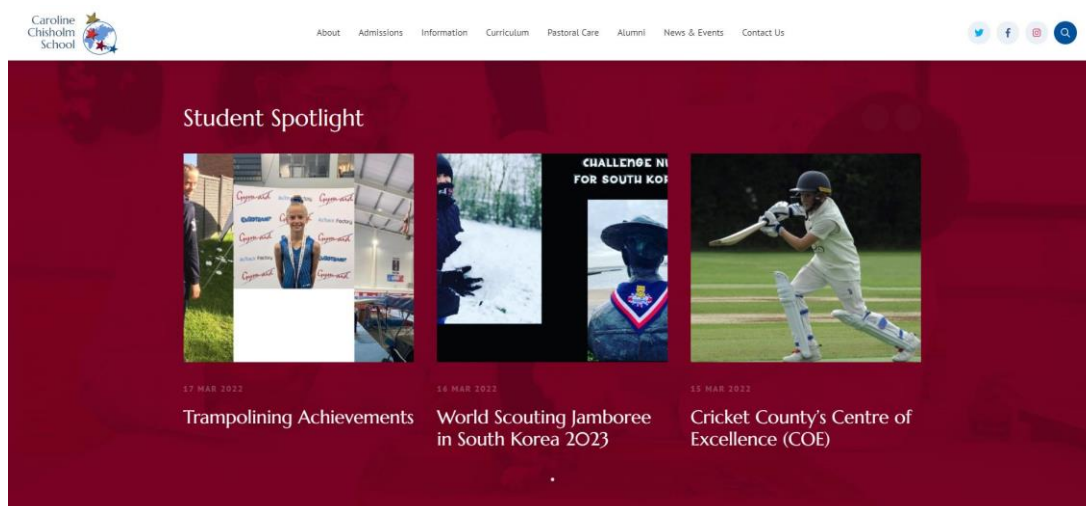
The Teaching and Learning Team recently attended the annual HPL conference at Warwick University. They shared lots of ideas for developing practice with teachers from other World Class Schools, as well as, delivering a workshop on developing HPL within the curriculum, which was very well received. We are now looking to develop the use of HPL across the school even further by having a number of staff accredited on the HPL teacher pathways scheme, embedding research-based lesson development and visiting a range of schools in order to look at great ideas for teaching and learning that will take our learning in lessons to another level.



Mr James accepting the HPL World Class School Award from Professor Deborah Eyre.

### Student spotlight

We are excited to share that we have a new "Student Spotlight" section on the homepage of our website: [www.ccs.northants.sch.uk](http://www.ccs.northants.sch.uk). Here we will spotlight students that are doing exceptional work, not only academically, but also in their extra-curricular and community involvement. Our school ethos plays a key role in every lesson and activity, both in and out of school to ensure that everyone can aim high and unlock their individual potential. We hope you check out several students who have already been featured!

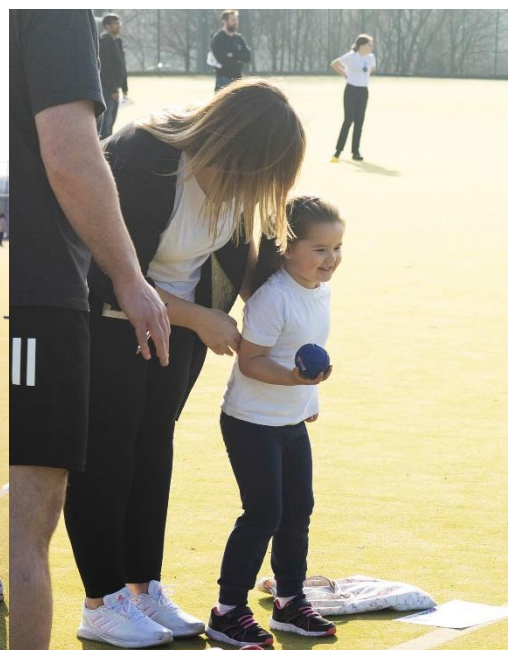




## Recent Events

### Active learning day

On Friday 25th March, Caroline Chisholm School were incredibly proud to invite all of the children and parents of the primary phase to the first 'School Games' event. The event consisted of 10 sporting stations each linked with one of the HPL ACPS and VAAs characteristics. The children and parents each had a score card and were able to take part in all of the stations. Some were collaborative and some encouraged competition within the families. Children and parents displayed meta-thinking and realising characteristics throughout the many stations. In addition to the event, Northampton Saints donated two tickets to their upcoming fixture. All who handed in their score sheets were entered into a raffle. The Wellingtons were the lucky family chosen. A huge thank you to all who came and to CCS Friends for providing refreshments and the opportunity to buy raffle tickets. We also want to thank the secondary leaders for being so proactive and helpful and to David Hanson from SND School Sport for his support in coordinating the event. Finally, a big thank you to Mr Wood for all his efforts in the event!









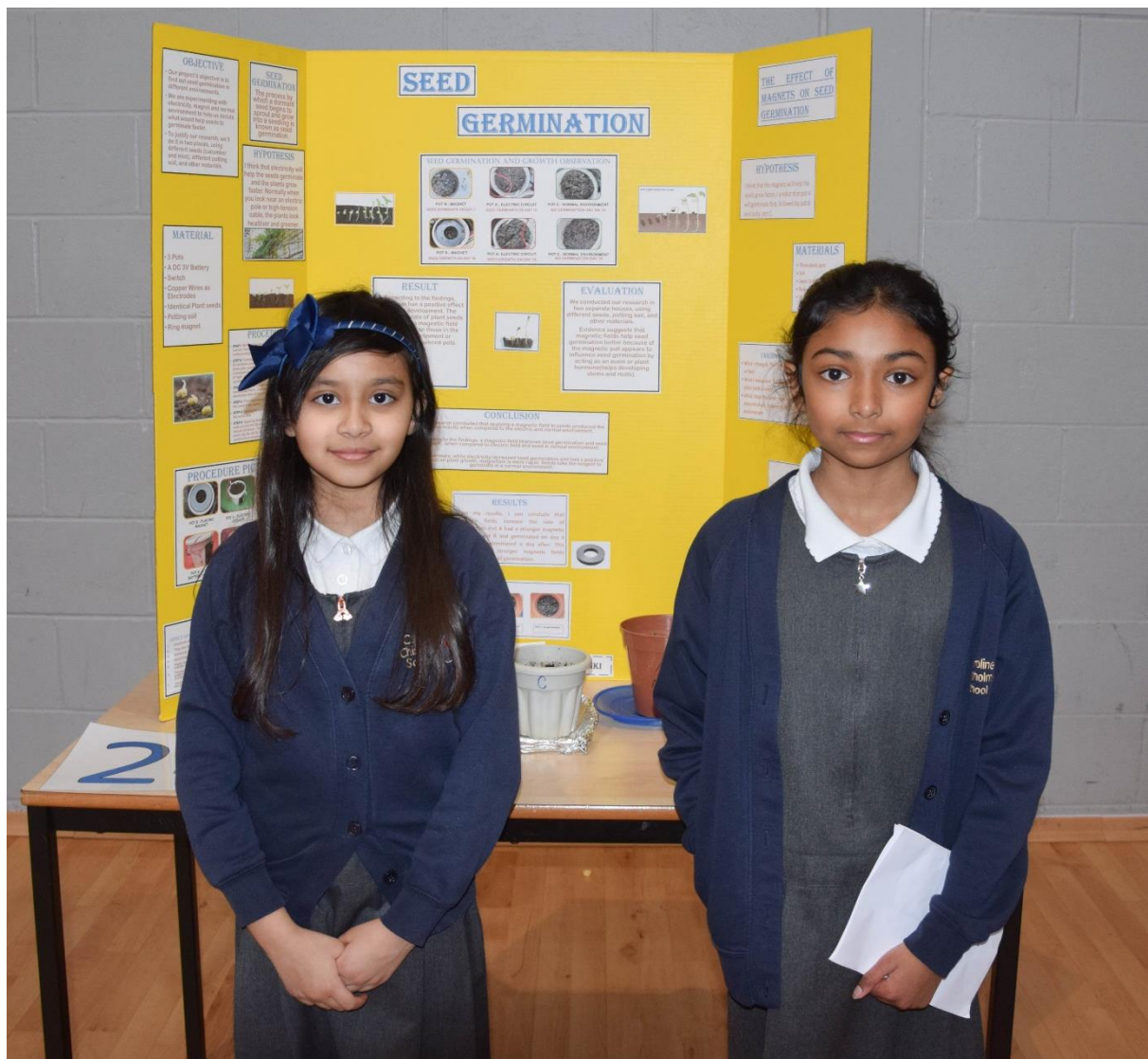
## All-through science fair

The science fair was a great success, and I was so proud of the way our students conducted themselves during the event. Primary age students were competing alongside secondary students in our first all-through competition. I am pleased to share the names of students in the winning groups and all winners received a STEM activity pack.

In third place, Elijah in Year 7 produced a robot, and he tested the movement of his robot on a variety of surfaces. Our runners up were Riddhi, Dhriti, Parvathi in Year 7, their project involved investigating a variety of soaps to see which one removed the most bacteria from the skin. Our amazing Year 5 winners Samra and Trisha investigated the effect of magnetic fields on the germination of seeds.

Students will receive a Bronze Crest Award for their projects and winning projects have been submitted for entry in the Big Bang Science Fair Event at the NEC. All Year 7 students will be invited to attend the Big Bang event. Well done to all students involved!

- Mr Gardiner, Science Faculty Leader







## HPL working group

A group of HPL students have been working hard this term on a presentation about HPL at CCS. Students from Years 7 to 13 have been collaborating to produce an original and engaging concept for potential new Year 6s. Students have been using form time once a week to create their content. Their deadline is after half-term and we're excited to see what the group have produced.

## Leading the way for HPL at CCS.



As our HPL Leaders, we want you to create a presentation for Primary students who will be starting at CCS in September. What do Year 6 students need to know about CCS and why? What makes CCS great and how can we let people know that? How does HPL impact your learning at CCS and what do potential Year 7s need to know about it before they arrive?

Strategy planning will be extremely important as you decide how you're going to determine the best possible way to attack this task. You will need to collaborate together to designate individual roles for the task so that everyone is included and has a job to do. You need to be able to communicate and express opinions to others as well as being creative and original with your ideas.

The format is completely down to you but you should include:

- Things we can celebrate about CCS.
- Top tips and advice for the potential Year 6 students.
- What HPL is and how it positively impacts your learning at CCS.



## Red Nose Day

On 18th March we had a brilliant fundraising day for Red Nose Day with another generous array of donations across all phases, including a cake buying frenzy in secondary phase. Our current Red Nose Day and Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal total stands at over £1,400 with cake sales amounting to more than £260. The popularity of the cake stalls was fantastic and the incredible cake donations, with some beautifully decorated yummy goodies, bode well for future cake sales and baking competitions.

We are also delighted to announce the final total of our Sponsor 2022 fundraising event of £1,026.28. We saw some excellent innovative fundraising ideas and a number of individuals smashed the £20.22 target. An awesome achievement.



The House Team are very grateful for the continued support and generosity of our students and families and want to thank you for helping to improve the lives of others less fortunate. Thank you!

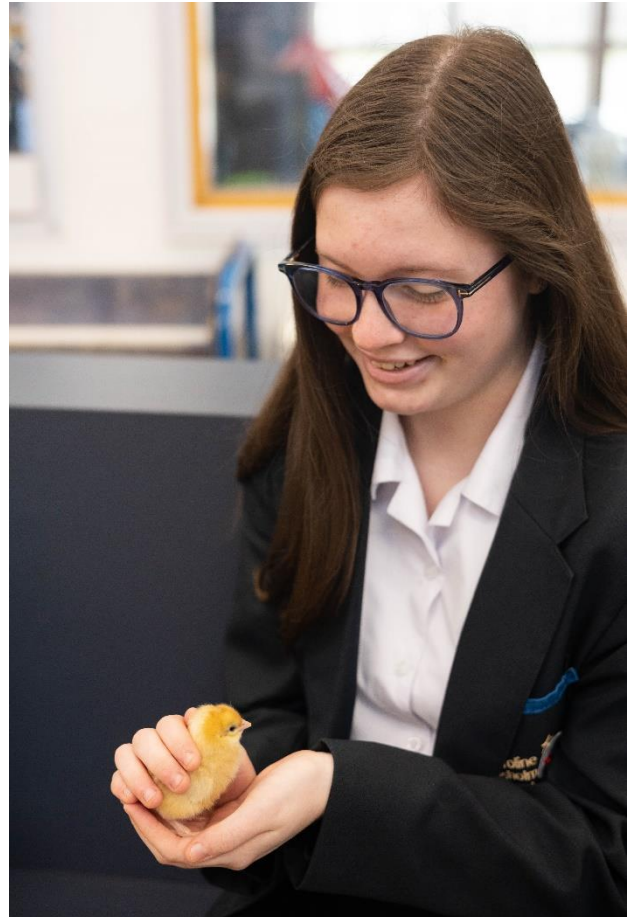




## Teaching and Learning

### Science

As part of an all-through STEM project, students have been able to watch the live hatching of baby chicks in school. Students worked in linking and enquiring measures across all year groups in a series of competitions throughout all the departments. Miss Rai and Miss Carter have done an amazing job of bringing this project to both primary and secondary! We are also very happy to share that all the chicks will be re-homed with a supply teacher who has raised chicks for many years!



## Art & Design

## Food &amp; Nutrition – Year 11 GCSE

Mrs Akhtar and Mrs Reynolds have been incredibly pleased with the exam food practical. Students worked independently to create well-presented outcomes. Through analysing and perseverance students created an amazing display of colourful and delicious food!



## Design & Technology

Year 7 students have made an 'ergonomic torch'. They measured their hands and created a comfortable design. The initial ideas were created through a random line generator to ensure students did not use any pre-conceived ideas.

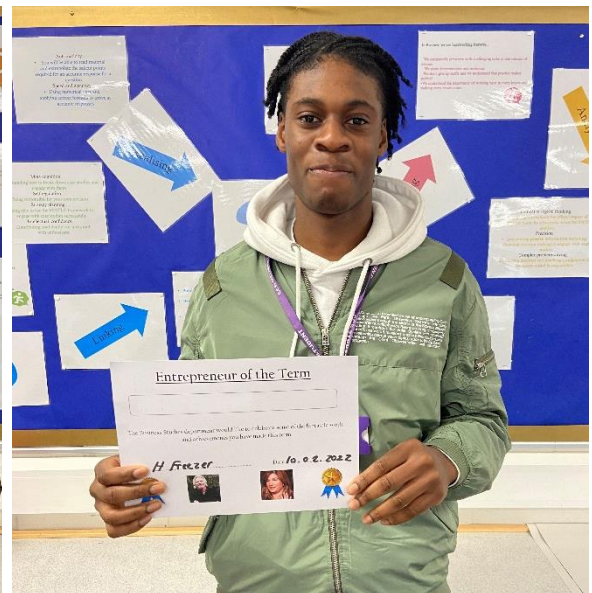




## Business Studies

### Entrepreneurs of the Term

Mrs Freezer would like to congratulate some of her recent "Entrepreneurs of the Term". These students have been working incredibly hard in Business Studies. It's been great to see students demonstrating resilience, when tackling increasingly challenging subject matter. The student's perseverance and conscientious attitudes have been really impressive.



## Business Quiz

This term students have again been analysing business related news stories. In particular, students have considered the effects of increasing inflation with the rising costs of fuel and food. They have evaluated the impacts of increasing the interest rates on both consumers and businesses. We have considered the impact of what is happening in the Ukraine and the power businesses have on various stakeholder groups. We have also looked at how some businesses choose to do what is both legally and morally right. Every week students have been answering questions through the Biz Quiz and here are some of our winners! Congratulations!





## Performing Arts

### KS3 Drama Club

The infamous 'KS3 Drama Club' is finally back after a 2-year Covid related hiatus! We are now finished auditioning students for roles in our forthcoming comedy – '*Jo and The Seven*' and look forward to announcing the cast and sharing some rehearsal photos in subsequent newsletters. A big thank you to everyone who auditioned; Tammy (year 12), Georgia (year 13) and myself were really impressed with the standard of the pieces and had a difficult job with the casting as everyone was so good!

### Senior Drama Club

Mr Holt and Miss Williams have started a Senior Drama Club for students in Years 10-13 which takes place on Thursdays after school. They will be working towards a performance of '*A Midsummer Night's Dream*' to be performed in the summer term, in addition to a tour of our local feeder Primary schools.

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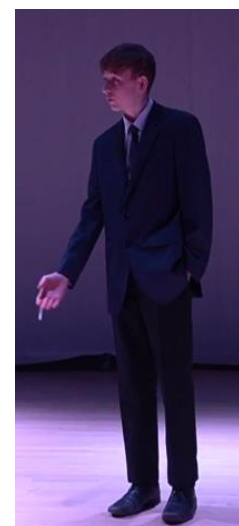
### Nativity Display

A huge thank you to Georgia Meachem who volunteered to create this lovely display of photos from 'Nativity the Musical'. An ex-CCS student – Ben Gregory Ring, who is now a highly successful professional photographer came in to take photos of the dress rehearsal back in December and the students have really enjoyed walking past and stopping to find themselves in the display!



## Year 11

Congratulations to our Year 11 students who have now completed their assessed Component 2 – scripted monologues. We had three assessment days and were very impressed with the support the students showed towards each other and their maturity and conduct during the exam. Students will now be working on preparation for their Component 3 written exam – re-visiting the National Theatre production of '*Frankenstein*' that we explored in lockdown and also their set text '*Hard to Swallow*', for the external exam on 19<sup>th</sup> March.





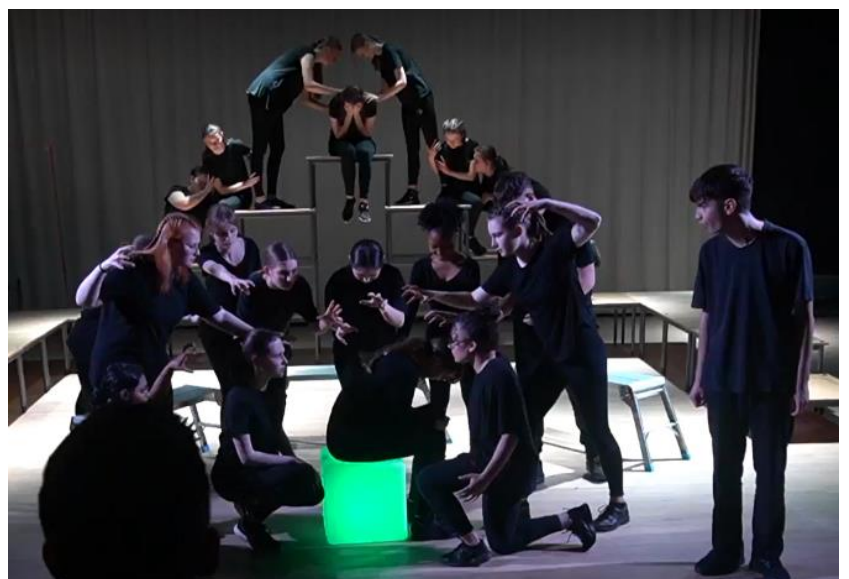
### Year 13

Students in Year 13 successfully performed their assessed Component 2 pieces to an audience (and the examiners) on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March. They worked in groups to devise a piece, using the practitioner Frantic Assembly (with Christos doing sound design for one group) and then performed scripted monologues. This is their final examined performance piece at Caroline Chisholm School as we are now preparing for the Component 3 written exam in June.



### Hard To Swallow - Year 10

Both year 10 groups performed two versions of their set text 'Hard to Swallow' by Mark Wheeler to parents, family and friends on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. This was a fantastic evening; we were really impressed with how the students really pulled together and supported each other through the process, which they found extremely nerve wracking. Many thanks to all who came and supported the students; it was much appreciated.



### Student success

Congratulations to Evie Laughton (Year 9) and Gracie Atkins (Year 10) who have landed roles in the NMTC Youth Society's *'The Addam's Family'*. Evie and Gracie will take to the stage in April at The Cripps Hall Theatre.

Two of our Year 12 group – Luke and Owen both recently had auditions for the National Youth Theatre via a three-hour online workshop. Both got call-backs - Luke's second audition was again online – he had to learn and perform a new monologue and was directed to try it in a variety of ways. He will find out if he was successful in securing a place later in the year. Owen's second audition (which was for the National Theatre Musical Company) was in London where he learnt and sang songs from two forthcoming productions and also had to do some 'dad dancing' (his words) to show off his movement skills. Owen then received some fantastic news; he has been cast in a brand new, devised musical which he will be performing in, with the National Theatre, in the summer!

Luke and Owen were 'persuaded' to share their monologues and audition songs with the rest of the Year 12 class, and they were stunning. Well done lads!



\*Please let us know if you have any Performing Arts news to share – we are always delighted to hear what our students have been up to outside of school! You can email me at: [CAtherton@ccs.northants.sch.uk](mailto:CAtherton@ccs.northants.sch.uk)





### CCS Drama Alumni

Matthew Broome, who is currently in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Year of an acting degree at the prestigious 'Guildhall School of Music and Drama' is the first student in his year to be signed to a professional agent. Matthew is now being represented by Lindy King at United Agents. She also represents Olivia Colman, Tom Hardy and Rob Bryden amongst many other well-known names!

In addition to this impressive news, Matthew has also landed his first professional role – making his West End debut as one of the lead roles in a brand-new play – '*Scandal Town*' which opens at the Lyric Hammersmith in April. We will be taking a sixth form group to see Matthew in the play on 27<sup>th</sup> April.



Matthew will then return to Guildhall for the final term to graduate fully! Mr Phillips and Mrs Atherton recently went to see Matthew in a lead role in the satirical musical '*Urinetown*' at Guildhall (pictured below). We then streamed a recording of the musical to any interested KS4 and KS5 students on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March, as they are permitted to use recordings (in addition to live performances) of theatre to enhance their GCSE and A Level studies.





## Primary phase

### World Book Day

In celebration of World Book Day, primary students and all staff dressed up as their favourite book characters. There were many activities happening throughout the day from poetry readings, sharing of their favourite books and imagination at its best. A day full of creating and agile skills that showcased many of the literary achievement's students have already had this year.









## Sixth Form

### Year 13 - TAG 3 Week Commencing 25.4.22

Students are timetabled for assessments when they would normally have a lesson wherever possible. When not in an assessment, students are expected to attend school as usual, this will not be a study week.

### Year 13 Prom - 1.7.22 - Collingtree Park Golf Club

Payments for this event are due by May 2nd via Parent Pay, along with consent. The event is available to all year 13 students, but those who do not pay by the deadline will be assumed not to be attending. Letters were emailed to parents on 24.3.22. **We hope students will be able to join us to celebrate the end of their time at CCS.**

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### Holocaust Ambassadors

Over the past few weeks, Lottie Rosevear, Sophie Giddens, and Tea McCaughey (all in Year 12) have been involved in online sessions with the Holocaust Education Trust's lessons from Auschwitz programme. This national initiative involves taking part in virtual camp tours, listening to a talk from a Holocaust survivor and participation in seminars. The students are now CCS Holocaust Ambassadors and will be working with Year 12 and Year 9 students to raise awareness and understanding of this important topic.

### UK Search University and Apprenticeship Fair

We had 147 Year 12 students attend the University and Apprenticeship Fair on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March which was held at the King Power Stadium in Leicester.

Students spent the day visiting stalls from UK universities and apprenticeship providers, discussing possible future pathways and many also attended seminars, including ones on Russell Group universities, Careers, and UCAS and Personal Statements.

Students thoroughly enjoyed the day, learnt lots about different courses and opportunities on offer, and accumulated quite a lot of free gifts!!





## Sports

### Curling in Physical Education

Due to exams and wet weather, Physical Education one week played indoor curling. Olympic themed to replicate the Olympics.

We focused on:

**Linking** - connection finding - the groups have been actively seeking out connections to this sport from other sports and how they can transfer principals and ideas.

**Meta Thinking** - strategy planning - the students are choosing appropriate approach to solve a problem and ensuring that the strategy plan chosen is successful. They have planned ways in which the strategy plan can be adapted during the game and which strategy's where the most effective.

**Analysing** - complex abs multi step problem solving - the students were using a broad range of approaches throughout the games to select the most appropriate for the problems that arose in each game.

**Realising** - speed and accuracy - the students were striving to achieve excellent levels of accuracy when reaching the target. They focused on the speed of their application and the impact they wanted to have in the game.



### Year 9 Netball

The Year 9 netball squad travelled to Moulton on 15<sup>th</sup> March for their penultimate league match. Moulton took an early lead but then Caroline Chisholm School dominated the match. There was exceptional centre court play by P Hollis and M Nmah.

CCS won 23 – 2. Player of the match was M Robinson.



### Year 11 Netball Friendly

Caroline Chisholm School Year 11 Netball team welcomed Quinton House for a friendly fixture on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March. It was a really close, competitive game but CCS proved too strong for the visitors and won 20 - 16.

Players' player of match was J Eze. Coach's player was B Webster. This was the last full Year 11 fixture.





## Fantastic Sporting Achievements

### Northamptonshire County Archery Championships

On 6th of March, Denitsa Dimitrova (Year 9) competed in the Northamptonshire County Archery Championships. She competed in the style 'barebow' and won the gold. She became County Champion for the U18 Barebow Girls category. Well done, Denitsa!



### Student signs for the Cobblers

We are delighted to share that Talia Warren has signed for the Cobblers. She is a part of Caroline Chisholm's U16 football team. This will be a great opportunity for her to expand her capabilities!





## County Swimming Championships

Year 7 student Maddie Walden competed and won 10 medals at the recent county swimming champs! What an amazing achievement!

## Keep up to date!

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