

School Matters

November 2021



Principal's update

This month we welcomed a visit from HPL accreditor Russel Ellicott who was keen to share how impressed he was with our High Performance Learning (HPL) journey and the wonderful behaviour of our students.

Following his visit we are thrilled to have been awarded the HPL World Class Schools Award.

We began to look at HPL over four years ago now and incorporated this into our Teaching and Learning shortly after, it feels fantastic that after two years of engagement in the HPL Award Scheme (which has by no means been without disruption due to COVID!) that we have been successfully presented with this award.

Key dates

- 24 November – Meet the tutor event for KS3-5 students
- 27 November – Wootton Christmas Fair taking place at the Wootton Community Centre
- 6 December – CCS Friends monthly meeting
- 8-10 December – Evening performances of our school production of Nativity! The Musical
- 16 December – School closes for end of term break
- 4 January – Staff training day
- 5 January – School re-opens for Term 3

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House Points update:



13,773



14,136



13,992



13,904

Key Information

Foundation Stage 2022/23 places

It has been wonderful to welcome prospective parents on-site for Foundation Stage tours over the past few weeks, and to be able to show off our fantastic facilities!

Prospective parents should also check out our Reception 2022 Virtual Tour for more information on our Ofsted rated Outstanding provision:

<https://www.ccs.northants.sch.uk/reception-2022-virtual-tour>

Applications for our Early Years Foundation Stage are open now and should be made via [West Northamptonshire Council](#). **The closing date for applications is 5pm on 15 January 2022.**



Getting in touch

Our main school telephone number has changed. Our contact number is now 01604 344744.

This number will allow you to access our main switchboard and select an appropriate team for your query.

Vacancies

We currently have a number of vacancies live via our eTeach webpage, including Teacher of Computing, Data Administrator and Cover Supervisor roles.

For more details on the roles available, please visit:

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

Please do regularly check back to the page to keep updated with all job opportunities with us!



Updates

Children in Need

On Friday 19 November, we celebrated BBC Children in Need on-site with mufti day for all students. It was brilliant to see lots of lovely, themed outfits from children in Primary!

Pudsey Bear also visited our Primary phase for a short meet and greet – they loved it.

We'd like to say a BIG thank you to the incredibly kind donations from our school community, we raised an incredible £1,890 for the fantastic cause.



Christmas Collection

We have been incredibly overwhelmed by the generosity of our school community following a plea for items to help support local charity 100 Ladles. Many of our students also volunteered to create the pack-ups containing the donated items on Tuesday 23 November.

High Performance Learning

As mentioned, we are delighted to have been successful in our journey of High Performance Learning (HPL) and our accreditation as a HPL World Class School.

Our HPL accreditor Russel was very keen to note just how fantastic our students were on his visit and their interaction with HPL:

"However, it was the students that made this such a remarkable and joyous visit. They are exceptional, and are wonderful, honest, and reflective ambassadors for their school, and the impact HPL has had on their learning and outlook."



World Class School 2021

Students use the HPL framework throughout all avenues of their school life: inside and out the classroom, extra-curricular activities and in their homework too.

For more details on High Performance Learning, please visit:

<https://www.ccs.northants.sch.uk/about/we-are-a-hpl-world-class-school>

Remembrance Day

On Thursday 11 November, we honoured Remembrance Day. Our school fell silent at 11am to observe a 2-minute silence, followed by our talented music teacher Mr Rayner playing Reveille. Students then had an assembly on Remembrance Day.

We are incredibly proud of the politeness of our students on this day and thank you all for behaving so well and showing fantastic examples of HPL through your empathy.

Year 9 student Denitsa even created her own speech in honour of Remembrance Day, to watch, please visit: <https://www.ccs.northants.sch.uk/news-and-events/latest-news/today-is-the-11th-of-december>

Poppy installation

Our Visual Art Team set students the task of creating their very own poppies out of materials from home and we received an incredible influx of designs.

Please read our Visual Art update further on in this newsletter edition for more details about the art installation created on the Wooldale Road.



Sixth Form

UCAS Applications

This year, the UCAS team sent a total of 15 early applications to UCAS for courses ranging from Medicine, Pharmacy and Veterinarian Science to students vying for places at both Oxford and Cambridge University. We also assisted two students who left the Sixth Form last year with early applications for medicine related courses.

At the time of writing, a total of 24 applications have been sent away, with one student being offered a scholarship and another having all offers received within a week! We have a very large number of applications to process this year, and strongly encourage our Year 13 students to allocate time to theirs as soon as possible to enable us to meet our target of January 26, 2022.

Student achievements - Congratulations to...

Fatima, Akyere and Ademide who created a very informative assembly and reflection activity to mark Black History month.

Sarayu, Emily K, Eliza and Parneet who entered the British Heart Foundation/Imperial College "Science at Heart" competition. They devised an ingenious device for measuring blood pressure, which reached the top 10 finals stage.

Recent events

Students have completed workshops with ASK apprenticeships on "Recognising strengths" and "Writing applications" and will be moving on to "Preparing for online recruitment" and "Interview skills" next.

In October, our students attended sessions delivered to our students by "Mayfit- Inspiring Health" on themes of sex education, these focused on issues like sexual health, relationships, consent, and safety. A summary of the outcomes was shared to all parents with our weekly bulletin on the 22 October.

EPQ

Students taking the Extended Project Qualification are now well into their report writing phase and have been receiving specialist input from former Sixth Form and Art lead, Mrs. C Wilkie.

Student Leadership

Our Head students are now in place, they are Joseph L and Sarayu. Our Deputy Head students are Polly P and Eliana.



We also have a Year 12 and Year 13 student council set up, with tutor group representatives in each.

The council have wasted no time in setting up sub committees on teaching & learning, social events, extra-curricular activities and society, academic events, diversity, and sports. We look forward to the positive changes these groups will no doubt have on our community.

Cop 26 conference

We feel strongly that the voice of young people should be at the heart of decisions taken, and for that reason the newly appointed council will be discussing this as part of their next meeting with a view to compiling a response which is representative of our school and community.

Diwali

Several students have been celebrating Diwali this month, which is the 5-day festival of lights celebrated by millions of Sikhs, Hindus, and Jains across the world. It is a festival of new beginnings and the triumph of good over evil and light over darkness. This is certainly something we can relate to as the nights begin to draw in.

Remembrance

Our students stopped to honour those who served to preserve democracy and free speech during a minute's silence at 11am on 11.11.21.

Census Data - Year 13

Parents and students should now have access to their census 1 data. Any queries about this should be directed to the Form Tutor initially.





Step into Christmas

Wootton Christmas Fair

27th November 2021
11am – 3pm



Unique, quality gifts that aren't on
the high street from our wonderful
independent businesses

Variety of stalls including handmade
jewellery, clothing, gifts, beauty
and much more.



Wootton Community Centre

Curtlee Hill, Wootton, Northampton NN4 6ED

WOOTTON
PARISH COUNCIL



**FREE
Parking**

**FREE
Entry**

Teaching and Learning

Art & Design

Food preparation and nutrition - Year 8

Year 8 have been learning how their favourite treats can be made healthier by reducing the added sugar and increasing the fibre content. They had a great lesson recently making muffins that were sweetened with carrot, banana and honey rather than lots of free sugars, and used wholemeal flour to increase the fibre.

Some were more hesitant to believe they could be tasty, but they all finished in time to try one, and not a single complaint was heard! Well done Year 8.



Food preparation and nutrition - Year 9

The Year 9 food module has culminated in students studying staple foods from around the world. Based on their research of a country and its traditional recipes, students have each identified a dish that they wanted to cook. That's 24 students cooking 24 individual recipes based on their own step by step plan and safety notes.

The High Performance Learning (HPL) focus was on precision and speed and accuracy - ensuring that each ingredient was prepared accurately to improve the presentation of the dish and achieve an evenly cooked product. They did an incredible job, and I am very proud of what they have achieved. – Mrs Horton



Visual Art update

It has been a very busy month in the Visual Art department and students have been rising to the occasion and getting involved with lots of extra-curricular activities.

We are currently working with Councillor Marlene Batson from the Parish Council on two community-based projects. The first was to help the local community commemorate Remembrance Sunday by asking all primary and Key Stage 3 students to make poppies from recycled material (such as plastic). As well as helping the local community, our students are showing their support for the COP 26 conference which recently took place in Glasgow, by using recycled materials to make an Art installation of poppies that has now been put on the fencing along Wooldale Road. The installation was made on Thursday 11 November (Armistice Day) and left in situ for the community to enjoy.



We would like to thank all the students that participated in this event (including the Sixth Form Council and Visual Art Sixth Form volunteers who helped collect and install the poppies). The array of designs for the poppies is incredible; students really were ingenious in the way they made them, and it is worth taking a closer look at the installation. The Parish Council's also shared their thanks for an amazing display!



The second project is to renovate the shelter on the recreation ground in Wootton by painting a mural on it.

Our Sixth Form Visual Art students are looking forward to the challenge and will be working on some initial designs once we have met Councillor Baston and discussed the brief. The shelter currently looks as pictured right:



We are also delighted that three of our Photography students (two Year 11 and one Year 13) have been shortlisted to attend online interviews with the Royal Academy of Art. The interviews will take place before the end of November. The students have been set a task to create an artwork based on a given theme and must present this at interview and discuss their work with members of the Royal Academy and 19 other shortlisted students. If they are successful at interview, they will then embark on a one-year programme of study with the Royal Academy, which will include workshops with well-known contemporary artists, discussion groups, work placement opportunities and complete practical tasks, all of which can be included in their GCSE and A Level portfolios of work. The Visual Art department are currently guiding them through this process and wish them all luck.

We have started work on the stage set for this year's Performing Arts production of Nativity. Our Art technician, Maddie, has completed the designs and we are now putting them into practice. We are hopeful that the stage set will do justice to all the hard work that the Performing Arts department and their students are putting in during rehearsals.

Unfortunately, we have had to put all the Visual Art department visits on hold for the time being due to complications still caused by the pandemic. These visits are an important part of our student's overall academic experience, and this decision has not been taken lightly. In all, we have had to postpone 6 trips from Years 7-13, and we would hope to be able to reinstate them at some point soon.

The Visual Art department would like to thank you for your continued support.



Business Studies

Business Quiz winners - Term 1

Congratulations to Mrs Freezer's Business Quiz winners this term, some of whom, are pictured below. We have been really impressed with your excellent understanding of business-related news stories. The students have been able to link the topics they learn about in the classroom with real business events. These students have been high performance learners - working hard and analysing the performance of the businesses we discuss. Well done to all!



Entrepreneur of the Term

This term, a huge number of students have impressed us with the entrepreneurial characteristics of working diligently in Business Studies. These High Performance learners have showed perseverance, determination, hard work and creativity with the learning they have been doing in and out of the classroom. This term, we have seen some great analysis by Year 10 of Business and Enterprise.



Year 11 have been creating marketing models such as the Product Life Cycle. Year 12 have been analysing performance by calculating outcomes using decision making trees and Year 13 have linked the growth of real businesses to the Ansoff matrix and Porters Generic Strategies.

Congratulations to Mrs Freezer's Entrepreneurs of the Term (pictured on page 12).

Performing Arts

Nativity! The Musical

Rehearsals are well underway for the first school musical we have put on since the onset of covid! It has been really fun to work with the primary students (Year 4 upwards) and to also welcome Mr Rayner, Mrs Murphy and Mrs Cairns onboard to the 'School Productions' team.

We also welcome back Mr Holt, Mr Phillips and Mr Rich to the cast; in addition, Mr Ullman will be making his CCS musical debut in the role of The Producer. The Art Department are doing a cracking job of designing and painting the backdrops and Mrs Luxton has made the planets for 'Sparkle and Shine'.

Two wonderful students – Georgia and Rachel have been diligently sorting all the props for us. Danny Lloyd (Year 12) has, once again, choreographed the show and has worked tirelessly with the dancers and main cast to produce some real show stopping numbers!



If you would like to purchase tickets for our upcoming school musical, please complete the MS Form - <https://forms.office.com/r/a1g4aNDhXk>

Performances will take place on:

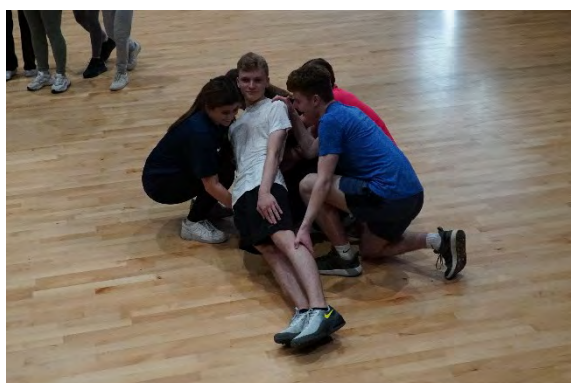
- Wednesday 8 December at 7pm
- Thursday 9 December at 7pm
- Friday 10 December at 6pm

Ticket prices are as follows; Adults £7, Concessions (inc. CCS students) £5, Family ticket (2 adults and 2 concessions) £20.

The cost of the tickets will be added to ParentPay and payments must be made before 2pm on the day of the performance to attend.

Frantic Assembly

On Thursday 11 November, we welcomed Paulo from the professional theatre company 'Frantic Assembly', into school to run a six-hour workshop with 23 A Level Theatre Studies students. After an extensive warm-up (lots of running and ball throwing) the students began to work on devising a range of pieces through movement, which was really interesting to watch. The students will now apply some of the skills they learnt to their devised coursework pieces in the next few months.



Primary phase

Big Health and Happiness Week

This term, we celebrated Big Health and Happiness Week in primary with lots of fantastic learning opportunities for our pupils.

Throughout the week students enjoyed cooking lessons, yoga, Zumba and much more! They even received a special visit from local spoken word poet Word Guerrilla.



Penguin display

Pupils in 2NCAW have shown fantastic examples of the HPL skill precision in their recent art task. They are continuing to learn all about places near to us and countries far away, as part of their current learning theme, 'Near and Far'. For the task, each child each hand drew a penguin and painted this in class.



The children's final artwork is now proudly on show in their classroom. What a fantastic job!



School Nativity - Foundation Stage

It is a very exciting time in Foundation Stage as we have begun to prepare for our Nativity which this year will be 'A Miracle in Town'.

The children are showing resilience and determination as they are learning the songs and their lines. Watch this space for photos of the children in their wonderful costumes!

WW2 theme in Y6

Pupils in Year 6 have continued to enjoy their learning theme of 'Far from Home' this term, which focuses on World War II. On Friday 5 November, pupils created their very own WWII gardens & Anderson shelters as part of a design technology task.



They showed fantastic examples of HPL, in their creating, meta-thinking and agile skills.



Sports

U12 Girls County Cup Football - 11/11/2021

Our U12 girls football team were victorious in their first ever game together and won 2-0 against Thomas Becket.

Coaches Lottie and Summer were extremely proud of the team and the progress they have made in a short space of time at training. Onto the 2nd round!

Goal scorers were Rose and Lola 🏆👏 Well done all.



Boys County Cup Football - Recent matches

Each of our U15, U14 and U13 boys football teams are successfully through to the County Cup quarter finals, following wins in their recent matches:

U14 boys County Cup football – On Monday 15 November, our U14 boys football team played NIA and won CCS 7 - NIA 2! **Player of the match - Harry Q.**

U15 boys County Cup football – Our U15 boys football team played away against EWS South on Tuesday 16 November. They were triumphant in their game winning EWS S 0 - CCS 9! **Player of the match - Deniz.**

U13 boys County Cup football – The U13 boys football squad dominated their recent match against Guilsborough winning 8-0. **Player of the match - Clark.**



Year 11 and Sixth Form friendlies v Pitsford - 16/11/2021

We welcomed Pitsford school for a friendly netball match for our Year 11 and Sixth Form netball teams on Tuesday 16 November.

The matches were divided into two separate games, so all students could play and enjoy the matches.

Year 11 won both of their matches: 5 – 1 and 11 – 3

Player of the match – Joy

Sixth Form unfortunately lost their matches:

1 – 7 and 2 – 6

Player of the match – Emilia



Year 11



Sixth Form



Zach S - Sporting Success

We'd like to say a big well done to Year 11 student Zach for his success in the recent Northamptonshire Badminton County Senior tournament. Zach took part in three events: Men's Singles, Men's Doubles and Mixed.

Singles

Zach won his group, followed by his quarter and semi-final to face the winner of the tournament when it was last played, losing the first game 21-19 and then winning 21-17 and 21-17.

Doubles

Again, Zach and his partner sailed through their group, quarters and semis to face the counties number one pair who have won the tournament for the last 3 years. Zach's partner has been runner up 12 times and had never won it. In the final, they lost the first end easily 21-11 and then won 21-19 21-19 to win the title!

Mixed

Zach played with his sister Lucy and after winning their group and semi-final, they lost the first end, won the second and then sadly lost the third end 21-19. But it was a very close-run game.

Zach is the youngest player ever in Northants to win the Men's Singles and Doubles. He hopes this will have secured his place in the county Senior First Team.

