

School Matters

September 2021



Principal's update

It has been a busy return back to school this term with lots of excitement as extra-curricular clubs returned and we also hosted an Open Evening for prospective parents of next year's Year 7 intake – thank you to all attendees who joined us!

Students for the most part continue to demonstrate their HPL skills of being agile and hard working throughout in their learning and behaviour, both in class and around school, and most importantly when adapting to COVID-19 control measures.

As our end of term break fast approaches, I'd like to wish you all a lovely break and please do take some time to relax. It'll be Christmas before we know it! 🎄

Key dates

- 18-22 October – Big Health and Happiness Week
- 19 & 21 October – Primary Phase Virtual Parents Evening
- 21-22 October – COVID-19 vaccinations taking place on-site for specific students
- 21-22 October – Primary students flu vaccinations
- 25-29 October – End of term break
- 1 November – Training Day 3
- 2 November – Start of Term 2
- 24 November – Meet the Tutor Event for KS3-5 students. (More details about this event to follow)

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House Points update:



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Key Information

Start of secondary school day

From the start of Term 2, Tuesday 2 November, we are implementing a slightly earlier closure time of the gates to our secondary phase entrance of 8:40am. This will allow time for students to get their WinBook and be sat down ready to start their lesson promptly at 8:45am each day.

We would like to remind parents and carers of our rules around lateness to school for secondary phase:

Our expectation is that all students Years 7- 11 are in their classrooms and ready to learn by 8:45am. Students who arrive on-site after the gates close at 8:40am, will be expected to sign in at Main Reception and they will then be recorded as late and will attend a 30-minute after school detention. If the student fails to attend this detention, this will result in a 1 hour after school detention.

Parents and carers will be notified of any late detentions for their child via text message and or email. If there are extenuating circumstances such as medical appointments or illness, we ask that you ensure communication is sent to the school as early as possible to ensure absences are authorised if appropriate.

Getting in touch

We would just like to share a quick reminder that parents and carers wishing to contact the school should get in touch via our temporary number of 01604 344744 to access our main switchboard. We will, of course, communicate to you when our phone line reverts back to our usual number of 01604 669200.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

COVID update

We are pleased to report that COVID numbers within the school continue to decrease, following the implementation of our control measures including face masks in communal areas and a staggered departure time for Secondary Phase.

Vaccinations

Parents and carers of students aged 12-15 years old will have received communication from us this week following confirmation from The School Aged Immunisation Team that COVID-19 vaccinations will take place on-site on Thursday 21 and Friday 22 October. The vaccinations are not compulsory and will only be given to students whose parents had given consents via their online form. If you would like to give your consent, and have not already done so for your child aged 12-15 years old, please complete the online form by [clicking here](#). **The deadline to give consent is Monday 18 October at 4pm.**



Once we receive further information from The School Aged Immunisation Team, we will be in touch with parents and carers to confirm the specific plans for the vaccinations.

We are also in the process of confirming control measures which will be in place after our end of term break. We will share with parents and carers the details once these have been finalised so, please do look out for this important information.

Updates

European Day of Languages Bake Off

This year, we once again had some wonderfully creative entries in all three cake baking categories and the judges, Mr James and Mr Fisher, had a very difficult job choosing the winners.

Traditional Cakes

Mrs Starr was particularly impressed with the Welsh cakes, but the judges' chosen winners were the Russian Cake baked by Andreea of 7CCE and the German Apfelkuchen baked by Eve of 7LDN.



Decorated Cakes

Again, two winners were chosen by the judges in the decorated cake category: Jake of 7LDN's pizza cake and Esha of 8SBA's Euro 21 cake.



Decorated Cupcakes

It must have taken some time for these stunning entries to be individually decorated. The judges chose three winners for this category: Nia's French themed cupcakes, Rhiddi of 7CCE's five European flag and icon cupcakes and Georgia of 13EU's Trip around Europe cupcakes.



All entrants received 2 creative achievement points and a small edible treat with larger treats and 10 points for our category winners. The overall winner, who created a cupcake for every country in Europe, is Georgia and she received an Amazon voucher as well as gaining 20 achievement points for her house.

The scores for the houses are as follows:

Well done and thank-you to everyone who took part.

1 st	Melbourne	62
2 nd	Sydney	18
3 rd	Brisbane	16
4 th	Perth	10



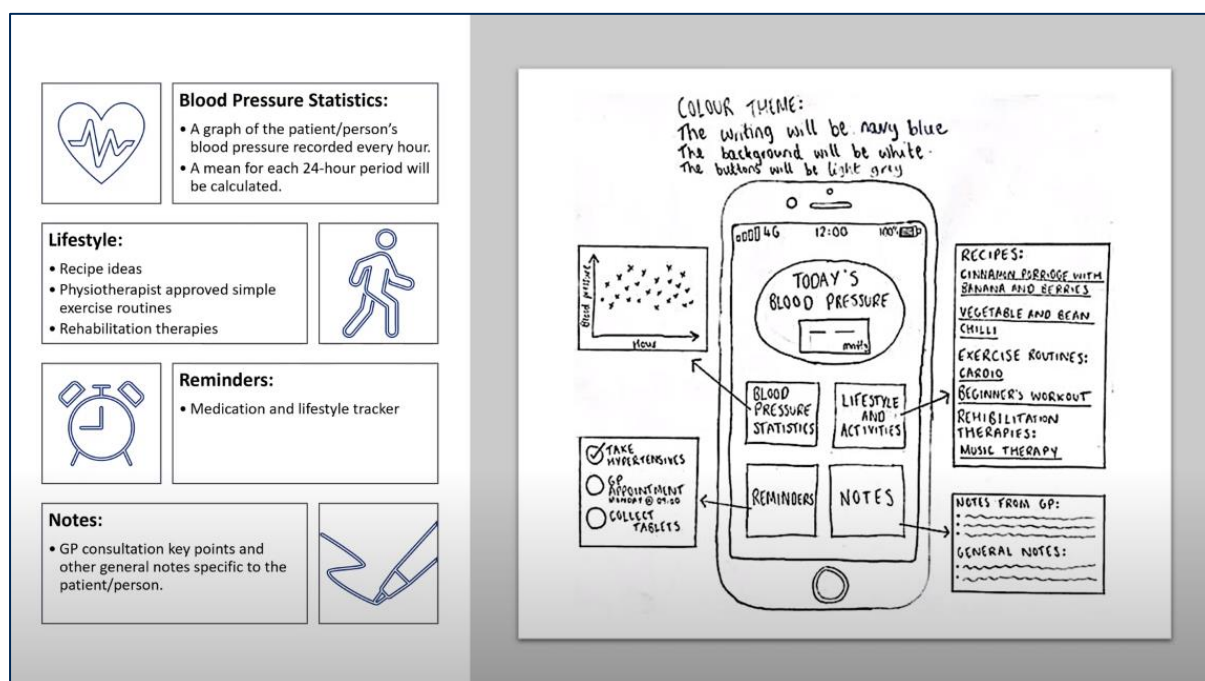
High Performance Learning

High Performance Learning students win a place in the final

Sixth Form students Emily K, Parneet, Sarayu and Eliza have entered the Science at Heart competition where they had to devise a strategy that would help to reduce deaths and disabilities caused by cardiovascular disease. They have created a patch that monitors blood pressure and sends the measurements directly to an app that they designed. In their presentation, they demonstrate how the Advanced Cognitive Performance Characteristics (ACPs) of intellectual confidence, strategy planning, critical thinking, problem solving, fluent thinking and evolutionary thinking are used by high performing students to create an amazingly impressive piece of work.

The student's entry was selected to be in the final, where they gave an additional presentation about their strategy to Imperial College professors and other judges. They all presented really well, and we'd like to say a massive well done to each of them.

To view their recorded presentation, please click on the image below:



As we work towards becoming a World Class School, we would like parents to be as involved as possible in their child's learning journey. Please follow the link below to learn more about our HPL philosophy and our approach to teaching and learning.

<https://youtu.be/U7unLeKhjcs>



Student success - Denzell Dankwah

We are very proud to share with our school community the wonderful achievements of former Caroline Chisholm student Denzell. Since leaving us he has gone on to study Illustration at University and is a qualified Illustrator, with his very own book!

His illustrations have also been included within a book created by Stormzy, Superheroes: Inspiring Stories of Secret Strength.



The Northampton Chron & Echo have also published an online article about Denzell's fantastic work, to learn more about his wonderful work, please visit:

<https://www.northamptonchron.co.uk/news/people/northampton-graduate-21-reveals-he-illustrated-for-rap-superstar-stormzys-new-book-about-inspiring-role-models-in-the-uk-3382896>

What an inspiration! 😊



Year 7 Open Evening - September 2022 intake

On Wednesday 13 October we held our Open Evening for prospective parents and students of our Year 7 September 2022 cohort. It was wonderful to welcome visitors back on-site after having to host a virtual event last year in line with COVID-19 guidance in place at the time.

Each of our brilliant faculties prepared lots of fun activities for both students and parents to get involved in and explore our subjects and it has been fantastic to receive lots of very kind feedback following the event!

We have also created a dedicated page on our website to host lots of online videos and materials to allow parents and students to further explore what we have to offer and would encourage all prospective parents to take a look via: <https://www.ccs.northants.sch.uk/year-7-2022-virtual-tour>

Applications are now open for Secondary school places for September 2022 and are made via the Local Authority. **The closing date for applications is 31 October at 5pm.**

Please visit: <https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/secondary-school-places/apply-secondary-school-place> for more details on the application process.

We would like to say a massive thank you to all students who volunteered to help throughout the evening – visitors were very keen to share their positive feedback of how helpful you all were.



Teaching and Learning

Art & Design

Design Technology extra-curricular

Students in Year 7 have been loving our new Food Technology and Resistant Materials Clubs, taking place on a Monday after school for their year group.

They have had lots of fun creating their own mini pizzas and exploring our woodwork classrooms and machinery. Places for the clubs are available on a first come first serve basis, for more information, students should contact Mr Alex Brown via MS Teams to enquire.



Visual Art update

We are delighted to have all Key Stage 3 students back in the Visual Art department and they are clearly very happy to be taught in our specialist classrooms. Years 7 and 8 are studying the Formal Elements in Art and Year 9 have a project-based theme of "Natural/Manmade". Students will have the opportunity of using a wide range of materials and techniques that were denied them during the previous academic year, due to the bubble system, such as, a variety of printmaking and sculpture techniques. We look forward to seeing their wonderful artworks.

We await news from OFQUAL as to whether or not our GCSE and A Level students in Years 11 and 13 will have to sit an exam this year. The consultation process for this is coming to an end and we hope to hear of the outcome of this in due course; students will of course be informed as soon as we know.

After school sessions are taking place on Monday's for A Level students and Thursday's for GCSE students within the Visual Art department and all our students are welcome to attend.

We are currently booking school trips for all Year groups and will send out more information regarding these in due course.

We are encouraging our students to become more independent, critical and analytical learners, particularly at GCSE and A Level, by signing up to online courses and improving their research skills. Examples of these are using the Northampton Record Office at Wootton Hall Park for research, where students can book appointment slots and applying to the Royal Academy of Arts year-long online programme of study, where students will take part in workshops with a range of professional artists, engage in discussion groups and be set extra-curricular tasks to complete. These skills are highly valued in terms of their current academic progress and at university level.

We have met with our colleagues in Performing Arts to discuss their requirements for the stage set for this year's performance of "Nativity" and we hope our visual addition will do justice to their amazing performance.

Our brand new online gallery, which opens with GCSE and A Level work from last academic year, is now available on the school website for you to view: www.ccs.northants.sch.uk/news-and-events/ccs-visual-art-gallery

We would like to thank our multi-talented Visual Art technician Maddie Wilkie for creating this welcome addition, as another means of showcasing our student's amazing achievements. Thank you all for your continued support.

The Visual Art Team

Performing Arts

School Production - Nativity the Musical

A huge 'WELL DONE' and thank you to ALL the students who came to the initial 'Nativity the Musical' workshop and auditions – we had well over 160 students and put call-backs in place for around 60 of those, in addition to presentations given by students who wish to be involved in the technical team. We have been overwhelmed by the students' talent and commitment; we've loved hearing small groups rehearsing in the Upper A Block corridor in their breaks over the past few weeks! We now have a very strong main cast, Danny's Dancers, a Crazy Christmas Choir and a solid technical team who are all raring to go!



Year 5 Music

Year 5 have started their brass project and have all taken delivery of their instruments and are excited to learn how to play their brass instruments over the next few months, even though some of the instruments are bigger than the children! Mr Rayner, our resident brass expert, will be teaching the students notation, technique and control, leading up to a small concert towards the end of the term.

Year 9 Drama - 'Tragedy'

We have been really impressed with the maturity and focus demonstrated by our Year 9 Drama students so far this term. We have started to learn about the tragic events that unfolded on 9/11 and the impact this had on different communities. The students have created individual characters who were somehow affected and used the rehearsal technique 'A Day in the Life' to develop some understanding of what their character's context is and then used their creative ideas to write spontaneously in role. We then put the monologues into a whole class still image called 'When the Towers Fell' and experimented with voices and timing. The work was highly focused, mature and, as you can see from some of the examples below of their writing in role, incredibly empathetic.

When the Twin Towers fell, I was in complete shock and I couldn't look. The guilt for those dead people was overwhelming to me and I just sat in silence. If me, or worse, my family had been on one of those planes, we would have perished. The world fell into a silence. – Will

When the Twin Towers fell, I was in the middle of a basketball game against the Los Angeles Lakers and we were losing 114 to 109 in the 4th quarter. All of a sudden our coach called a



'Time Out' to re-hydrate, which normally lasts a minute but this went on for at least five. Suddenly the Jumbatron played Channel 5 news which showed fire coming from the Twin Towers. The Knicks announcer explained that the Twin Towers had been hit by two aircraft. When the microphone turned off the whole stadium was silent. My heart started to race.
- Corbin

My name is Jamie and I was an innocent bystander, on my way to see my baby son who my wife had recently given birth to. When the Twin Towers fell I was distraught and shocked and I could not believe what had happened. I felt so sad and I couldn't move but I had to because I need to fetch my wife and son from the hospital.

When the Twin Towers fell, I was in school. My teacher told us. "That's where my dad works." I told her. She let me use her phone. I texted him. A simple 'are you ok?' I left in a rush this morning. Didn't have time to say goodbye before I went. Miss told us to stay calm and to get on with our work to distract us. Little did I know that not saying goodbye that day would be my biggest regret. - Charlotte

When the Twin Towers fell, I was speechless, dazed and confused. What was happening? Is anyone hurt? Do I know anyone in there? Who caused this? What can I do? Nothing. I can't do anything? Are the people inside safe? This isn't good. I can't help but I want to. I'm just stood here watching people die and the building burning. That could have been me. I arrived in America yesterday. - Aiden

When the Twin Towers fell, I was in JFK airport watching things unfold on the TV. I felt as if the world was going to end and that I wasn't safe, no matter where I was and that these things happen but I don't think I will ever recover from watching that. - Ben

When the Twin Towers fell, I was trapped inside after watching my friend die beside me. I was worried about what would happen to me and I felt guilt, pain and then emptiness as we fell. When it ended I felt happiness and peace. I will watch my daughter and husband from above. I will always love them. - Ioana

When the Twin Towers fell, I was silent. I didn't know what to think. I didn't know what to think. My mum. All I could think about is her. This panic and thud in my heart was unexplainable. I could not lose another family member. Hide. I had to hide. Although I wanted to find my mum, I couldn't face what I might see. I hid under a table with my head in my hands, crying and crying, tears and more tears kept falling. - Hayley



Primary Phase

Big Health & Happiness Week

We are very much looking forward to celebrating our Big Health & Happiness Week from Monday 18 – Friday 22 October and can't wait to get students involved in lots of fun activities throughout the week – including Cricket, Zumba and Yoga to name a few!

Kidslingo

Our brand new after school Spanish Club began this term for KS1 children, run by Kidslingo.

It was lovely to welcome children to the club, and we are pleased to be able to offer Kidslingo as it is a great opportunity to start children exploring Language Learning.



Year 4 - Swimming

Year 4 pupils are currently on their third week of swimming and are making excellent progress!



Sports

It has been wonderful to see the return of fixtures this term, with some fantastic match results all-round!

KS3 Hockey matches

We'd like to say a massive well done to our Year 7, 8 and 9 individual hockey teams who each won their recent matches against Sponne! They all played brilliant despite rainy weather and won:

- 2-0 - Year 7 - Player of the match - Emily M
- 7-0 - Year 8 - Player of the match - Katie F
- 1-0 - Year 9 - Player of the match - Evie L



Under 15's National Cup Football v Malcolm Arnold - 06/10/2021

Congratulations to our U15 Boys who beat Malcolm Arnold to go through to the next round of the National Cup.

The final score was CCS 8 – 0 Malcolm Arnold.

Goal scorers:

- Cavan 3
- Alfie 1
- Logan 1
- Zachary 1
- Leo 1
- Jesse 1

Player of the Match: Cavan 🏆



Under 15's National Cup Boys Football v NSB - 22/09/2021

An all-round team effort saw our under 15's football team once again get the better of NSB at the start of the season with a 3-2 victory. A front to the back team effort saw us into the next round of the National cup, with some great debuts displayed in an already strong team.

Early pressure and a composed finish saw us come in at half time 2-0 up. However, an NSB comeback was always expected but after making it 2-1 a scramble in the box saw Gregory P make the game 3-1 before the boys managed to see the game out for a great 3-2 win.

Player of the match: Alex G for a great debut at the back against top opposition.



Under 13's County Cup Girls Football v Wrenn School - 15/10/2021

On Thursday 14 October our U14 Girls took part in the first round of the County Cup and won 5-1 against Wrenn School.

The girls were superb from kick off, they worked together extremely well for their first game and scored their first goal as a team within the first 10 mins.

Isla and Francesca took on their roles as year captains exceptionally well and encouraged the girls throughout. Our formation was solid, and our goal scoring was a pleasure to witness. An extremely talented bunch of girls who played the whole game with passion! You would of never of known it was their first match together!

Mrs Evans is an incredibly proud coach!

Goals were scored by Jessica (4) and Kate (1) 3 assisted perfectly by Isla.

Managers player: Jasmine

Players player: Jessica



Under 13's County Cup Boys Football v Kingsthorpe - 27/09/2021

A dominant CCS performance saw the under 13's open up their school football journey in style and move into the next round of the County Cup with a 15-1 win. Fantastic football played from the first minute until the last with the boys distributing the ball around the pitch with composure and efficiency well beyond their years!

Player of the match was Blake for his solid performance at the back and then transitioning up the pitch to also bag himself a hat trick.

Goal scorers:

- Rowan x 2
- Blake x 3
- Clark x 4
- Daniel x 1
- Charlie x 4
- Dimi x 1

Year 8 Netball v EWS - 05/10/2021

Our Year 8 netballers travelled to EWS for their first league match of the season and in fact their first ever league match, given that no fixtures were able to be played in the last academic year.

They soon took command of the game and were strong in attack with Fallyn and Radhika scoring lots of goals and working well in the circle supported by Liv at WA and Yasmin at centre.

The defence of Holly, Mia and Leigh did well to keep the EWS attack at bay.

Yasmin and Kiara dominated the centre court and CCS were comfortable winners 33 – 0.

Well done to the Year 8 team, with some lovely netball being played and great team work to secure the victory.

Player of the match as voted by EWS: Yasmin



Year 10 Netball v EWS - AWAY - 05/10/2021

The Year 10 netball team travelled to EWS for a league match. The game was played in great spirit by both teams and some lovely netball was played, especially in the centre court.

Our team worked hard and kept the EWS attack under control and were able to control the attacking goal third and score some excellent goals. The girls worked well in and around the circle with great play by Evie B, Evie K, Phoebe, Tamara and Rohini.

The defence was strong, and our defenders were able to reduce the shooting opportunities for EWS.

The final score was EWS 2 - CCS 16 A great all round team performance by this strong Year 10 team. Well done ladies!

Player of the match as chosen by EWS: Chloe C!



Year 9 Rugby County Cup - 14/10/2021

2 wins, 2 narrow losses and 1 game to forget for our valiant Year 9 rugby team!

There was lots of excellent rugby played in the County tournament at the Kettering Rugby Club which took place this week. Tough tackling and committed defence on show. Plenty of dynamic attacking play with all players involved on the day deserving of praise. Well done!! Jake, Max M, Jamie and Monty were ever present forces in attack with a plethora of tries between them. A special mention to our captain for the day, Max N, who led by example with determination, hard work and positivity at all times.

Well done to everyone involved. 🍷

