

Dear parents and carers,

Well, the praise kept rolling in! Receiving Mr Gardiner's email (shared in last week's newsletter) prompted me to ask other staff for comments about year 11. What a joy to read. Over 20 teachers commending your sons' and daughters' resilience, commitment, hard work, fantastic attitude to learning...I could go on! Please do take a few minutes to read it for yourself, attached to this email.

Form time session

During our remote form time session on Thursday, students completed a self-evaluation based on the HPL skills. It was designed to get them thinking about their strengths and areas of improvement, each linked to one of the HPL skills (the task was explained in the presentation by Mrs Wittich-Jackson sent to you last week). The completed task gives students a vital resource to draw on when making their applications to sixth-form, college or an apprenticeship. It can even be used as a basis of a personal statement for university, or a job application. Your son/daughter will have a copy to show you.

While students were working on this task independently, tutors called some of their tutees via Teams to have a much needed catch-up. As tutors, we really miss that daily contact, and speaking personally, it was fantastic to catch up with some of the 11LBS students I saw every morning for four years but now rarely see. If we didn't manage to speak to your son/daughter this time, we will do so in the next form time session. In the meantime, please do encourage them to message their tutor, or teachers, on Teams if they need any help or support with anything at all.

CCS Sixth Form applications

Our Sixth Form 2021 Virtual Tour is now live, outlining the 29 'A' Levels on offer. Please see [our website](#) to view the dedicated webpage which includes presentations from the Sixth Form leadership team, subject leaders and information on the subjects offered. Applications for Sixth Form are made directly to our school and open today. Information on the process, including the application form, are provided as part of the Tour. **The deadline to submit an application is Sunday 17 January 2021.**

Mrs Wittich-Jackson's presentation (shared with you last week and posted on the year 11 Team) addresses alternative options to Sixth Form. I also wanted to let you know that we have a careers advisor linked to our school, and students can make appointments if they would like to talk through anything careers related. The careers advisor is Sheila Morgan and can be contacted on sheila.morgan.iag@btinternet.com

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Exam contingency days 28th June- 16th July 2021

Please be advised of the notification sent to us by the DfE recently: "If a student misses all GCSE exams in a subject due to sickness related to coronavirus, or the need to self-isolate and is unable to access the special consideration process, they will be eligible to sit a single contingency exam paper. This will take place between 28th June and 16th July 2021."

Students must be therefore be available to sit any missed exams during this contingency period.

Curriculum maps

I have attached the curriculum maps for this term which outline what your son/daughter has been learning in all their subjects. I will also post them on the year 11 team, as having a list of topics covered will help students to organise their revision.

High Performance Learning



'The ability to work at speed and with accuracy'

The High Performance Learning focus for the week of 4th January is 'Realising,' in particular 'speed and accuracy.' This is the ability to work with accuracy at speed. If we learn from our mistakes rather than constantly repeating them, we make faster progress. This seems obvious but some children and teens are much better at it than others and tend to become the advanced performers. Accuracy is more of a factor than speed in making fast progress. Some children naturally work faster than others and that is generally a personality trait rather than a cognitive one. What marks out the high performance is that when they make a mistake, they learn from them and adjust what they do in future accordingly. Over time they become increasingly accurate. Accuracy is what should be encouraged in children and teens.

Student-lead law society

An exciting opportunity for year 11 students interested in law! The society has been set up by year 12 student Eliana Warren. She says: "In order to bring together all future lawyers and anyone interested in law, we have decided to launch a student-led Law Society for years 11, 12 and 13. The society would be a social networking platform where we can discuss recent law cases, new laws being passed and learn about the vast range of opportunities within law such as traditional barristers and solicitors or various legal groups such as Liberty and

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Amnesty International.” Students should email Eliana on 09EWarren@ccs.northants.sch.uk to register their interest.

Revision/support sessions

Targeted science intervention will start on Thursday 7th January and targeted maths intervention on Monday 11th January. Students identified as needing extra support will be contacted and parents informed. Please see below a reminder of our other revision/support sessions.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
ICT 3.15-4pm E14	Visual Art 3.15-4.15pm – D9, E2 & E3	GCSE PE Lunch Time 1.30-2.00pm D2	Drama 3.45-4.45pm A block
History Miss Cambio 3.30-4.15pm D8			Geography 3.30-4.15pm D7
Product Design 3.30-4.30pm D1 & D2	History Mr Fisher 3.30-4.15pm - D7		Combined Science (Triple Scientists also welcome) 3.15-4.15pm D16 & D18
Music 3.30-4.30pm MU1 & MU2	English 3.15-4.15pm Lower D Block		
Study Club 3.15-4.15pm D7	Study Club 3.15-4.15pm D8		

E-scooters

Northants police have been in touch with the school about E-scooters. In summary:

“No personally purchased scooter is road legal. This is due to them being classed as a motor vehicle. You cannot ride [them] on a UK public road, cycle lane or pavement. The only place an e-scooter can be used is on private land. Personal E-Scooters do not meet the minimum road safety standard and therefore they aren’t insurable. Personal scooters are not permitted to be ridden in a public area, including on the path. Doing so may result in traffic offences being committed and the scooter being seized.”

To use the Voi e-scooters being trialled in Northampton you must be over 18, have a full or provisional driving licence.

The staff at CCS, Mrs Wittich-Jackson and myself thank you for your continued support and wish you and your families a very happy Christmas. Stay safe and here's to a more positive 2021!

Yours faithfully,

Lowri Briggs
Progress Leader for Year 11