



Principal's Bulletin

Friday 19 January 2024



With many trips and events now up and running for the new term, it has been a busy week across the school.

On Monday, a group of our Year 5 and 6 boys made their way to Moulton Football Club, ready to compete in the ESFA Year 5/6 County Open Football Final. Drawing two games and losing two, the boys battled well and grew in confidence throughout the tournament. Finishing 4th in their group of five, they entered a 7/8th place play-off match. Left winger Theo put CCS in the lead with an excellent goal, before the boys quickly conceded. The match finished with a 1-1 draw and went to penalty shootout. Two great saves from goalkeeper Harry secured the boys the win, finishing 7th in the County Finals. Fantastic job all!



Our Year 11 Art and Photography students also had an exciting start to the week, with a trip to both the Victoria & Albert Museum and the Tate Britain in London. The aim of the trip was for the students to gather ideas and inspiration for their exam project which they have just started. Students were able to witness a wide variety of significant art works up close which is an invaluable experience for them. The students were impeccably behaved and thoroughly enjoyed the trip.

Continuing to further build on their Term 3 learning theme and HPL skills of empathy and concern for our society, our Foundation Stage children have been meeting more of our real-life heroes from the local community. This week we were visited by a vet and Northants Fire Service. The children have learned about the importance of both job roles by listening to what their jobs involve and how they help animals and people. They have explored equipment including stethoscopes and hose pipes! The children have thought about questions to ask our visitors to extend their learning and have shared non-fiction books to support their new knowledge.

Key dates

Camps International Expedition –
Information Evening
Wednesday 24 January

We are very excited to launch our first Camps International expedition, open to current Year 10, 11 and 12 students, and have shared more information on this opportunity via email on 9 January and in assemblies this week. For those interested, we will be hosting a parents' information evening on Wednesday 24 January at 6.30pm to find out more information on this fantastic expedition.

Year 12 Parents' Evening (Virtual)
Thursday 25 January

Our virtual Year 12 Parents' Evening will be held from 15:40 to 20:00. Bookings will open via Edulink from Monday 15 January at 9am and will close Wednesday 24 January at 3pm. See email on 10/1 for more details.

Young Voices Concert
Friday 26 January

40 students across Years 4-6 will be taking part in the Young Voices choir and travelling to Resorts World Arena Birmingham to perform alongside thousands of other children as a single choir – the children have been practising their songs and dance moves for weeks. We wish you all lots of luck for your final performance!

Students in Year 9 have been developing their hardworking skills in Food Technology recently, with all students researching cultural foods and creating a plan for their own dish. The images below show some of the fantastic responses produced with the focus on 'Hardworking' principles of High Performance Learning:



Hard Working

Practice



Perseverance



Resilience



Parent Mental Health Day

Saturday 27th January is Parent Mental Health Day. It's important we highlight the mental health struggles not only our students are facing, but also parents. We often speak about how stigma puts young people off from talking about their mental health. Many adults face these obstacles too, and the COVID pandemic and cost of living crisis have added to life's everyday challenges in testing parents' and carers' resilience. Parent and carer mental health matters all year around, but this day offers an opportunity to share helpful information our wellbeing team has learned about.

There are lots of resources available online, but here is our selection of three we think you might find helpful:

1. [SSS Learning](#) provides 10 tips for looking after your own mental health and wellbeing
2. [Anna Freud](#) features videos about the importance of 'self-care' and ways to practice this
3. [Young Minds](#) shows parent blogs and a helpline service.

This year's Parent Mental Health Day theme is 'creating positive relationships' and stem4 has set up a [free webinar](#) for parents and carers to connect and learn. We hope you find these resources useful and we see you at the free webinar.

Warm regards,

David James
Principal