



Principal's Bulletin

Friday 2 February 2024



Everyone Every Lesson Every Opportunity

After many months dedicated to rehearsals, 38 children from Years 4 to 6 made their way to Birmingham last Friday, ready to perform in the largest children's choir in the world! Joining over 5,300 others from across the UK, they sang incredible renditions of classic sing-along favourites, music mash ups and even a Matilda medley.

Staff who accompanied the children were keen to share with me how amazing they all were throughout the day, which ended up being an almost 12-hour long trip. A massive thank you to Trip Leader Mr Sumner, who has led rehearsals with the group since September, and to Mrs Cairns, Mrs Lynes, Mrs Robson and Mrs Simpson for their support!



On Tuesday, all of our Biology and Chemistry students in Year 12 attended a Careers in Science University Experience Day. During the day, students were introduced to the university courses that could be open to them with A Levels in Biology and Chemistry, and learnt about the careers that they could access with those degree courses. Students also enjoyed a lab session, where they were able to develop their practical skills by using equipment such as blood pressure monitors, microscopes and more. They were able to experience what life could be like as a university student, by touring our local Waterside Campus. The student's behaviour was exemplary during the day and a lecturer passed on his compliments of the group to Mr Gardiner and Miss Poole for the quality engagement and their questions.

On Wednesday, we welcomed Kate from Positively You, who conducted a series of insightful workshops for our Year 11 students. The focus of the workshops was on revision and study skills, specifically designed to aid our students in their preparation for the upcoming PPEs and, of course, the final exams in May. Students learnt how to retain and recall information, useful techniques for memorising large chunks of information, and how to plan their time effectively. They also took time to reflect upon their strengths and areas for development to devise action plans for the coming weeks and months. We wish all of them the very best of luck for their forthcoming PPE exams.

Key dates

Children's Mental Health Week
5 – 9 February

In celebration of this year's 'My Voice Matters' theme, we will highlight Children's Mental Health Week through dedicated assemblies, two brand-new student videos challenging stigmas and myths about mental health, a wellbeing display design competition, workshops for KS1 and KS2 and much more.

Year 9 Parents' Evening (Virtual)
Thursday 8 February

Bookings are now open via Edulink and will close on Tuesday 6 February at 11:55pm. Please view our communication shared on 26 January for further details.

CCS Friends meeting
Thursday 8 February

If you would like to get involved in the school community and help to raise much needed funds, please come along to the CCS Friends meeting. For more details, email: CCSFriends@protonmail.com

Last day of Term 3
Friday 16 February

We look forward to welcoming students back on Monday 26 February for the start of Term 4.

Last week saw an excellent turn out in our Year 11 Business Studies revision session, with students drawing on their analysing and logical thinking skills to further explore current learning topics. With PPEs just around the corner for both our Year 11 and 13 learners, I am pleased to see such fantastic attendance across all the revision sessions offered for these cohorts - it's a real testament to the hard work and determination students are putting in to be successful in their summer exams.

Foundation Stage has continued their learning journey of heroes in our community, and this week we have been fortunate enough to have a visit from both an NHS nurse and a paramedic from Northampton Ambulance Service. They generously shared their insights into their vital roles within the community with the students. Students particularly enjoyed seeing inside the ambulance, as well wrapping bandages, trying out the stethoscope, and all the stations of practical learning.



Our U14s girls' football team emerged victorious in the quarter cup finals against Guilsborough yesterday, achieving a well-deserved win and advancing to the semi-finals. The team displayed skill, determination, and teamwork, securing a remarkable 5-3 victory for CCS! The entire team exhibited commendable effort throughout the entire game, showcasing resilience and unwavering commitment. On to the semi-finals!

With the start of a new month and the longer days of January behind us, I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Warm regards,

David James
Principal

Latest vacancies

We currently have a number of vacancies live at the moment, including:

- Key Stage 3 Director
- Key Stage 4 Director
- Key Stage 5 Director

For more details on the positions available, please visit:

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