



Principal's Bulletin

Thursday 28 March 2024



Everyone Every Lesson Every Opportunity

Despite being the shortest term this academic year, it has certainly been a very busy Term 4! The last week has been jam packed with two nights of primary parents' evenings, a trip to Hunstanton and Peterborough, and a musical showcase highlighting the incredible talent from our GCSE Music students providing a wonderful end to the term, leading into the Easter break on a high.

The week began with a very early start for 130 of our Year 11 students, ready for a day trip to both Hunstanton and Peterborough as part of their Geography fieldwork. During the day, students completed an investigation into the Coastal processes operating at Hunstanton and then travelled back to Peterborough to examine the success of town centre at reviving their economy. Data collection included a range of quantitative and qualitative approaches to systematically examine both the beach and the town to see what processes are operating there and how effective they have been in shaping two very different landscapes.

The students behaved incredibly well, and even had some time to enjoy walking the pier and Peterborough high street after completing their work. I have heard first hand lots of great staff feedback, as well as the sight of wet trainers and soggy trousers from the beach. A huge thank you to all parents and staff who supported this trip.



More photos can be found on our [school Facebook page](#).

On Tuesday in assembly, I was delighted to hear a number of Year 12 students stand up as potential head students and present their vision for the role in front of their peers. Performance Leader, Mrs Harris has also been keen to praise the students for their efforts, noting *"Students eloquently discussed ideas they had to build community cohesion within the sixth form and enrich the experience of other students. They demonstrated creativity as they developed their own ideas for what they wished to contribute to the sixth form experience."*

Applicants will also undergo a rigorous interview experience as part of the final selection process, as our current head students start their exam period after Easter. Our head students provide a valuable voice on behalf of the students to help the school understand their experiences within sixth form, and I look forward to sharing news of our new head students, once confirmed, in due course.

Key dates

School closed - Training Day
Monday 15 April

Start of Term 5
Tuesday 16 April

School will resume on Tuesday 16 April 2024, on a Week A.

CCS Friends Primary Disco
Thursday 18 April

Join CCS Friends for an exciting evening filled with music, dancing, and laughter.

Tickets are available now via:
www.pta-events.co.uk/ccsfriends

Year 7 Parents' Evening
Thursday 18 April

Bookings are now live and can be made via Edulink. The bookings system will close on Tuesday 16 April at 11:55pm.

Delving deep into the world of Ancient Greece, our Year 3 learners enjoyed a fun-filled Greek Day yesterday as part of their ongoing learning. Exploring Greek myths and legends, learning about the Greek alphabet, tasting some traditional delicacies, as well as showing off their skills at Greek Zorba dancing - the children had a wonderful day discovering even more about their learning theme and enriching their history knowledge.

Wednesday evening saw our music GCSE students perform in a concert to showcase the amazing talent we have. On show was a real variety of music featuring classical, jazz, pop, rock and even some DJ-ing. Each student performed a solo item and as part of an ensemble. They were able to demonstrate the hard work they have put in to bring their performances up to the standard (and beyond) for their GCSE. The evening was well supported by family, fellow students and even a former music student who is now at university. We received many favourable comments on the high standard and range of music on show. A big congratulations to all!

I have been overwhelmed to see the wonderful efforts and heart-warming response from our school community to the 'Caring is Sharing' drive once again this term. An outpour of donations of food and toiletries from parents and carers, and substantial



contribution from Kajima Community has allowed us to supply 29 large hampers to our disadvantaged families over the half term break. Thank you to our House Captains in primary, Assistant Principal Mrs Cairns and Aspire Team Administrator Mrs Simpson, for donating their time to support putting together the hampers, and of course to each and every member of our school community who has contributed to this cause.

Warm regards,

David James
Principal