

# Be The Best You Can Be

## With CCSC



Week 14

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Taken By Rachel Dennison 11KE



Taken By Year 9 Photography



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With Mrs Capper

Year	Event logs	Best pupil	Best form
Y7	1004 ↑	Jayden Chapman 7NW (16)	7YM (187) ↑
Y8	963 ↑	Poppy Blackshaw 8AO (24)	8JWI (181) ↓
Y9	786 ↑	Izzy May Mitchell 9AG (20)	9HM (134) ↑
Y10	919 ↑	Libby Coomer 10KDR (17)	10KDR (171) ↑
Y11	620 ↑	Isaac Futter 11EH (13)	11P (129) ↑
Total	4292 ↑ 32%		

	Zero Conduct Logs	100% Attendance	Attendance	Best form Attendance
Y7	127 ↓ (73%)	165 ↑ (95%)	96.1% ↑	7IR/AW 98% ↑
Y8	105 ↓ (63%)	112 ↓ (68%)	93.7% ↑	8ND 96.8% ↑
Y9	135 ↓ (72%)	174 ↑ (93%)	91.8% ↑	9PF 99.2% ↑
Y10	132 ↑ (67%)	141 ↑ (72%)	91% ↑	10AR 96% ↓
Y11	113 ↑ (69%)	149 ↑ (91%)	93.3% ↑	11EH 100% ↑
Total	612 ↑ (72%)	741 ↑ (84%)	93.2% ↑	

School

University

Maths

English

NYE

Xmas

Pokemon

Simpsons

Sweets

Chocolate

Run

Walk

Coke

Pepsi

Chess

Monopoly

1 Best

5 Good

Friend

Friends

## What's on this week?

### Careers Week

Year 7 - An Introduction to Careers

Year 8 - STEM Day (a day in Science/Technology)

Year 9 - Basic Life Skills

Year 10 - Post 16 and PSCE Follow Up

Year 11 - Interviews, CVs and Applications.

### Friday 17<sup>th</sup>

Last day of term.  
Break up for Xmas.

# HOY AWARDS

Y7

Noah Baggaley  
7IR/AW

For his consistent effort and super work in lessons.

Daisy Boo  
Buxton 7MH

For always being the best she can be.

Y8

Casey Colclough 8AO

For an amazing amount of event logs this week in several subjects which show that she is working hard in and out of lessons. Amazing effort!

Lucas Hill-Morrey  
8AO

For his improved contributions to lessons this week. Well done and keep it up!

Y9

Luke Sawyer 9KW

For a real improvement in attitude and effort. I am so pleased to see Luke settling in his lessons and demonstrating a really positive outlook towards school life in general.

Imogen Hand 9HB

Imogen always tries her best in all aspects of school life and it hasn't gone unnoticed. She has done particularly well in Business Studies and MFL this week. A real credit to the year group.

Y10

Elise Pollard 10AR

There has been a huge improvement in Elise's attitude to work this week! Elise has improved last week's event log count by 11! Well done Elise!

Y11

Whole of  
year 11

A superb effort from the vast majority of you through three difficult weeks of exams.

You tried your best and when it got difficult you didn't give up! Well done!!



## Lucky Dip Winners 13<sup>th</sup> December



### Zero Conduct Log Winners

Y7 Jervis Lin 7YM  
Y8 Kady Cooper 8LCA  
Y9 Nathan Perry 9PF  
Y10 Charlie Smart 10KDR  
Y11 Kaitlyn Jepson 11EH

### Outstanding Work

Picked this week Mrs Waterhouse

Lois Francis Y10 Art  
Teach the Teacher  
Erin Mountford 8SR

100% Attendance  
Luke Cartwright 11EH

Be The Best You Can Be  
Work hard and get  
noticed!

£5 vouchers  
OR  
Front of Queue Pass to Canteen  
OR  
Free break food for a week!  
PLUS entry into the BIG prize draw

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noticed!

Please email Miss Edwards [kedwards@ccsc.staff.sch.uk](mailto:kedwards@ccsc.staff.sch.uk)

With your choice of prizes from above.



## MFL Stars of the Week

Year 7 – Freya Sturge

Year 8 – Tyler Macquire

Year 9 – Filip Lysy

Year 10 – Keira Aldridge

Year 11 – Connor Wooton



## MFL Crucial Knowledge phrase of the week



### Spanish

'mi hermano tiene el pelo rubio'  
{my brother has blonde hair}

### French

'l'année prochaine je vais aller en  
France'  
{Next year, I'm going to go to France...}



### German

'Ich gehe ins Kino' {I go to the cinema}



### Italian

'Mi piacerebbe andare in Scozia  
per le vacanze...'  
{I would like to go to Scotland on  
holiday....}



## MFL Notices

Important

❖ **Thursday** – MFL homework club

❖ (all years & languages)

❖ **Thursday** – Y11 French Booster

❖ **Friday** – Y11 Italian Booster

❖ **A MASSIVE THANK YOU TO OUR MFL**

**LEADERS FOR BEING SO FABULOOOOOSE**



**HAVE A GREAT BREAK!!**

## MFL Instagram Quiz Lucky Dip Winners!

Thaleia Stanier

Corey Shufflebotham

Aimee Shaw



## English Stars of the Week



**GA: Ellie Hawley (8/2x)** for her fantastic work on SMARTPERSON and finding examples within a text. Ellie is already demonstrating that she can cope with the demands of the English Language exam. An amazing week for her!

**EW: Chelsea Knapper Y8** for her fantastic creative writing and excellent effort in every lesson xxx

**KW: Ellie-Mae Sims 8/2Y** - Always has a positive attitude towards English and has been producing some lovely PEE paragraphs!

**KM: Ella Doe (10/1)**: for consistently being the best she can be every lesson. A super-star in English! Well done, Ella

**KDR: Ellie Clowes Y10** for her improved effort and attitude towards English! She tried really hard on her ACC essay this week.

**RF: Zak Tilstone (7/2y)** for significantly improving his effort and focus in English lessons.



## KAHOOT

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B4 AEROBIC VS ANEROBIC

009286461

C4 REDOX REACTIONS

002989934

P4 IONS

**WEEK 13**

## CCSC Maths Kahoots!



**Factors, Multiples,  
Primes, Roots, Indices**

04503391

**Product of Primes**

06820008

**Mental Maths**

07728341

**Enter your name and year to receive Event  
Logs if you are on the leaderboard!**

**Don't forget to log into Educake every week and complete your weekly Quizzes**

**A great start to the year on educake!!! Well done to all 😊**

	Questions Correct %	Questions Attempted	Best Classes
Year 7	70.2%	83,648	7/1x Double
Year 8	60.6%	45,049	8/1x & 8/1y
Year 9	68.4%	75,492	9/1x Double
Year 10	62.8%	71,365	10/1x & 10/1y
Year 11	69%	40,428	11/1y & 11/1x
Whole School	66.6%	315,982	



**869 Students have logged in this  
school year and between them  
completed over 314 questions!!!!**



Student	Year	Class(es)	Qs Answered	% Correct	Rank	Student	Year	Class(es)	Qs Answered	% Correct
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1 Phoebe O'Donnell	7	7/1x Sci	6061	90%	1	Ella Lim	10	10/1y Sci	618	95%
2 Nathan Perry	9	9/1x Sci	5978	72%	2	Ruby Henderson	7	7/1x Sci	5369	93%
3 Ruby Henderson	7	7/1x Sci	5369	93%	3	Samuel Pye	11	11/1x Sci	564	93%
4 Arif Ahmed	11	11/1x Sci	2710	70%	4	Aafreen Ahmed	9	9/1x Sci	2433	91%
5 Freddie Smith	9	9/1x Sci	2597	90%	5	Benjamin Parker	9	9/1x Sci	2000	91%
6 Aafreen Ahmed	9	9/1x Sci	2433	91%	6	Phoebe O'Donnell	7	7/1x Sci	6061	90%
7 Sophie Lamb	7	7/1x Sci	2105	83%	7	Freddie Smith	9	9/1x Sci	2597	90%
8 Benjamin Parker	9	9/1x Sci	2000	91%	8	Hollie Woodcock	11	11/1y Sci	349	89%
9 Pippa Barlow	7	7/1x Sci	1826	82%	9	Angel Pullin	11	11 set 3 Sci	396	89%
10 Ethan Cooper	9	9/1x Sci	1776	72%	10	Luca Cartlidge	9	9/1y Sci	597	89%



Do you want to be an **Ecologist**?

## Careers Profiles

Ecologists study the relationships between animals, plants and their environment.

- Field work researching habitats and biodiversity
- Teaching or lecturing
- Helping the government to develop policies to protect nature
- Creating conservation areas

How to **become** an **Ecologist**:

**University** - a degree in a subject like Zoology / Ecology

**Apprenticeship** - Post-graduate apprenticeship



**Entry requirements:** GCSEs and A Levels (or equivalent) for degree

**Salary** - between £22,000-£45,000

To find out more .. click [HERE](#)

## Open Evenings – 2021- 22

**Newcastle College**

<https://nscg.ac.uk/events/newcastle-openevents>

- Saturday 22 January 2022, 10am - 12noon
- Saturday 7 May 2022, 10am - 12noon

**Stoke on Trent College**

<https://www.stokecoll.ac.uk/open-events/>

- Saturday 12th March 2022, 10am – 2pm.
- Wednesday 18th May 2022, 5pm – 7.30pm.

**Cheshire College**

<https://www.ccs.ac.uk>

- 24<sup>th</sup> January 5:30-8pm
- 1<sup>st</sup> March 5:30-7pm
- 20<sup>th</sup> April 5:30-7pm

**Reaseheath College**

<https://www.reaseheath.ac.uk>

**Stoke 6<sup>th</sup> Form**

<https://www.stokesfc.ac.uk>

**Alsager 6<sup>th</sup> Form**

<https://www.alsagerschool.org/alsager-6th-form/>

**Kings 6<sup>th</sup> Form**

<https://thekings.staffs.sch.uk/welcome-1/>

**PM Training (Achieve training)**

<https://www.achievetraining.org.uk/events>

**Equality Training**

<https://equality.training>

**Martec Training**

<https://www.martectraining.co.uk>



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# Bodhi Day

Each year on December 8th, Buddhists celebrate the day that Siddhartha Gautama (Buddha) achieved enlightenment through meditation. It is celebrated in a calm and quiet way; Buddhists will often spend time meditating and praying, thinking about the Eightfold Path and the Four Noble Truths. At home, Buddhists may decorate a bodhi tree with lights and statues of Buddha may be displayed around the house. These trees will be left up for 30 days after Bodhi Day.

**8TH DECEMBER 2021**



## HOUSE COMPETITION OVERALL SCORES

- BANNISTER 380 POINTS**
- NEWTON 220 POINTS**
- ELGAR 170 POINTS**
- SHAKESPEARE 20 POINTS**



## Key Dates 2021-22



### Autumn 1

- 23<sup>rd</sup> September – Open Evening
- 24<sup>th</sup> September – Staff Training Day
- 27<sup>th</sup> September (week beginning) – Year 7 Exams/Media Coursework Day
- 29<sup>th</sup> September – STEM trip – RAF Cosford
- 1<sup>st</sup> October – Year 11 Media Exam
- 5<sup>th</sup> October – Year 9 PSCE Morning
- 6<sup>th</sup> October – Year 11 Film Studies Coursework Day
- 8<sup>th</sup> October – Year 11 Drama Coursework Day
- 11<sup>th</sup> October (two-week period) – Year 10 Exams
- 20<sup>th</sup> October – Year 7 Settle in Evening
- 22<sup>nd</sup> October – Year 11 Art/Photography Coursework Day
- 22<sup>nd</sup> October – End of Half Term

### Autumn 2

- 1<sup>st</sup> November – Start of Half Term
- 4<sup>th</sup> November – Drama Coursework Recording Day
- 8<sup>th</sup> November – Year 11 Italian Mock Exam
- 9<sup>th</sup> November – Year 9 Textiles Morning
- 10<sup>th</sup> November – Year 7 and 8 Photographs
- 12<sup>th</sup> November – Year 10 PSCE Morning
- 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> November – Year 11 Mock Speaking Exams
- 18<sup>th</sup> November – Year 10 Parents Evening
- 22<sup>nd</sup> November – Year 11 Mock Exams begin
- 25<sup>th</sup> November – Careers Evening (Year 10 and 11)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> December – Year 7 trip to New Vic Theatre
- 7<sup>th</sup> December – Year 9 and 10 Chester Cathedral Trip
- 10<sup>th</sup> December – Year 10 Art/Photography Coursework Day
- 13<sup>th</sup> December – Careers Week (all)
- 15<sup>th</sup> December – Community Day
- 17<sup>th</sup> December – End of term

### Spring 1

- 4<sup>th</sup> January – Staff Training
- 5<sup>th</sup> January – Start of Term
- 12<sup>th</sup> January – Whole School Reports sent home
- 13<sup>th</sup> January – Year 11 Parents Evening
- 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> January – Year 10 Mock Speaking Exams
- 21<sup>st</sup> January – Year 8 PSCE Morning
- 24<sup>th</sup> January – Year 9 Exam Week
- 26<sup>th</sup> January – Year 11 GCSE History Trip
- 1<sup>st</sup> February – Year 9 Imperial War Museum Trip (History)
- 15<sup>th</sup> February – Year 11 Food Practical Exams
- 16<sup>th</sup> February – Year 9 Parents Evening
- 16<sup>th</sup> February – KS4 Citizenship Trip (Nottingham)
- 17<sup>th</sup> February – Blood Brothers Drama Trip
- 18<sup>th</sup> February – End of Half Term

### Spring 2

- 28<sup>th</sup> February – Start of Half Term
- 28<sup>th</sup> February – Reading Focus Week
- 2<sup>nd</sup> March – Fairtrade Day
- 3<sup>rd</sup> March – World Book Day
- 4<sup>th</sup> March – Year 10 and 11 Macbeth Performance
- 7<sup>th</sup> March – Year 7 Exams Week
- 7<sup>th</sup> March – Year 10 Perfect Interviews start
- 9<sup>th</sup> March – GCSE Drama Trip
- 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> March – Year 11 GCSE Art/Photography Exam (GCSE)
- 18<sup>th</sup> March – Year 10 Food Technology Reasechoth Visit
- 21<sup>st</sup> March – Year 8 Exam Week
- 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Year 9 Textiles Workshop Morning
- 29<sup>th</sup> March – Year 11 Speaking Exams begin (GCSE)
- 30<sup>th</sup> March – Year 7 PSCE Morning
- 6<sup>th</sup> April – Year 7 Parents Evening
- 7<sup>th</sup> April – Community Day
- 7<sup>th</sup> April – Year 8 Chester Zoo Trip
- 8<sup>th</sup> April – End of Term

### Summer 1

- 25<sup>th</sup> April – Start of Term
- 27<sup>th</sup> April – Whole School Reports sent home
- 28<sup>th</sup> April – Year 8 Parents Evening (English, Maths, Science and MFL)
- 5<sup>th</sup> May – Year 8 Options Evening
- 9<sup>th</sup> May – Year 11 Exams begin (actual)
- 27<sup>th</sup> May – End of Half Term

### Summer 2

- 6<sup>th</sup> June – Start of Half Term
- 10<sup>th</sup> June – Year 7 Warwick Castle Trip
- 17<sup>th</sup> June – Year 11 Exams Finish
- 24<sup>th</sup> June – Year 9 Art/Photography Day
- 27<sup>th</sup> June – Creative Learning Week and Post 16 Week/Work Experience
- 1<sup>st</sup> July – Year 11 Prom
- 4<sup>th</sup> July – Staff Training Day
- 5<sup>th</sup> July – Whole School Reports sent home
- 5<sup>th</sup> July – Y11 Book Day
- 6<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Welcome Day/Evening
- 7<sup>th</sup> July – Community Day
- 8<sup>th</sup> July – Competitions Day
- 11<sup>th</sup> July – New Timetable begins
- 18<sup>th</sup> July – Certificate Evening
- 21<sup>st</sup> July – End of Term

## YEAR 7

- LAYLA RALPHS, BANNISTER**
- ALSA MATTHEWS, NEWTON**
- POPPY LOVATT, SHAKESPEARE**

## YEAR 8

- LUCY TAYLOR, BANNISTER**
- SADIE HUXLEY, BANNISTER**
- ZOE KEARSEY-SMITH, BANNISTER**

## YEAR 9

- JOSHUA RATHBONE, NEWTON**
- LILY HENSHALL, BANNISTER**
- ANGELENA, NEWTON**

## YEAR 10

- EMILY TAYLOR-COTTAM, NEWTON**



# Christmas Foodbank

This year, we are collecting the following donations for the Salvation Army. These will be given to local families.

- Sweets
- Chocolate
- Biscuits
- Crackers

*Anything is greatly appreciated but these sort of items would make Christmas extra special!*

**If you can help, please bring any donations to Room 34 by Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December.**

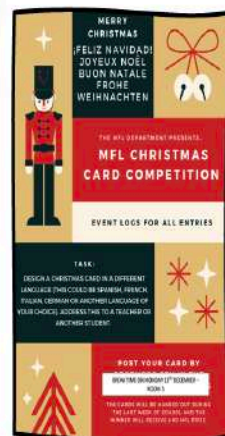
## CHRISTMAS LANTERN COMPETITION INFO

Mexican lanterns date back years and are traditionally called luminarias. The purpose of these lanterns is to guide the Holy Spirit to your house.

WE WANT YOU TO MAKE YOUR OWN LUMINARIA AND BRING IT TO ROOM 3 BY THE 10TH DECEMBER



**MFL - get involved!**



The MFL leaders have been working really hard to create several opportunities for you to get creative, learn about Christmas in other countries and win prizes!

1. Make a Christmas card in another language. Address it to another student or a member of staff, and bring it to Room 3. Prizes for the best ones, and we will deliver it during the week! Deadline - Monday break
2. Make a Mexican Luminaria (lantern) and bring it to Room 3. Again, prizes for the winners. Deadline - Monday break
3. Complete the Forms quiz on international Christmas traditions. Ask your form teacher or MFL teacher if you haven't had the link. Deadline - Friday 17th



**Super proud of our year 9 netball team** who took part in their final match for the league last night. It wasn't the result we were hoping for but these girls have worked exceptionally hard in training and in matches since returning in September! Well done girls, keep working hard and look forward to the tournament in the new year! **#teamccsc #thisgirlcan**



Big thank you to all Miss Meakin's mentors and mentees, Happy Christmas from them



PIPPA BARLOW, AMELIA TENCH, MARIETTA ROBERTS all achieved over 100 E/LS for their hard work and Logan Petrillo, Jervis Lin for continued great work,

## Performing Arts Rising Star

Damilola Samuel  
Year 9

For making a fantastic start in GCSE Music and being a brilliant member of Chorus line.



stained glass windows based on creation that the Year 9 and 10 GCSE RS students created yesterday whilst we were at Chester Cathedral. Beautiful work, well done everyone.





## Boosters & Clubs Timetable 2021-22



	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri
Lunchtime Clubs	See PE timetable and Lunchtime areas on the next page				
Lunchtime Boosters			GCSE PE - PS (Room 2) (Y9-11 Lunchtimes)	Learning Support Book Club Y7/8)	
After School Clubs		Book Club Vocal group: <b>LESSON X</b> Chorus Line – choral ensemble Girls Football (All Years) Badminton (All Years) Computer Science KS4 (rm 27)	History CLUB (rm 24) Rugby (All Years) Netball (Years 7 & 8) Swimming (All Years) School radio (rm 4) STEM Club (rm 22) Drama Club	Rock School – All years – Rm 31 Netball (All Years) U16 Football (Years 10 & 11) Gardening Club History Club (rm 24)	Handball (Years 9, 10 & 11)
After school boosters	GCSE Music  GCSE Independent composition – Y9-Y11	Child Development Health & Social  iMedia (Drop-ins for all years) (rm 27)  Food Booster (rm 16)  Geography	English Literature (KS4)  Science (rm 19)  Film Studies (Y10/11)  Food Booster (rm 16)	Sports Science (Year 10- rm 1)  Y11 French (rm 2) MFL Drop-in (all langs) (rm 1) KS4 English (language) Creative Writing Camp Y11 Drama  Maths (Y10 – rm 14 / Y11 – rm 11)	English (drop in)  Y11 Italian (rm 33)  History (rm 24)



### Lunchtime Areas



	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri
Y7 Y8	Library 1 & 2 Dance Studio	Library 1 (Y7) Sports Hall	Library 1 (Y8) Sports Hall	Dance Studio	Library 1 & 2 Sports Hall
	Cage, Dining Room, Astro				
Y9 Y10	Dance Studio	Sports Hall	Library 1 & 2 Dance Studio	Library 1 & 2 Dance Studio	Library 1 & 2 Dance Studio
	Cage, Dining Room, Astro				
Y11	Cage, Dining Room, Astro, Dance Studio				



## 2021-2022 Autumn Term PE Extra Curricular Timetable.

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 7 & 8 Lunchtime		Astro Sports Hall - LEH	Astro Sports Hall - DP		Astro Sports Hall- LEH
Year 9 & 10 Lunchtime		Astro Sports Hall - DM	Astro GCSE PE		Astro
Year 11 Lunchtime	Astro Sports Hall- SB	Astro		Astro	Astro
After School (3:05-4:00pm)		Swimming (All Years)- SB	Swimming (All Years)- AG	Netball-3:10pm-4:10pm (Years 7,8 & 9) -SB Netball- 4:10-5:00pm (Years 10 & 11)- SB U16 Football (Years 10 & 11)- PS Sports Science Booster (All Years- Room 1)- AG	Handball (Years 9, 10 & 11)- PS/LEH.

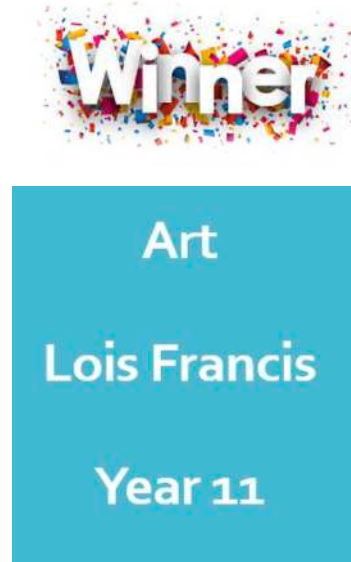
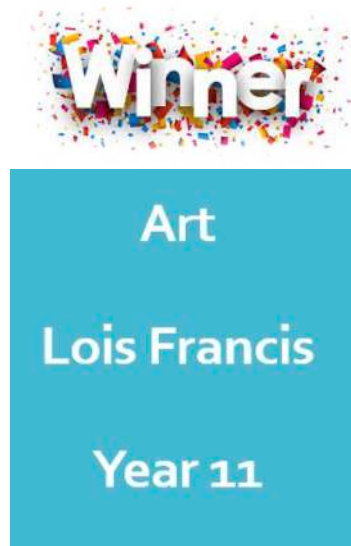
PE Clubs Return  
Week Beginning 10<sup>th</sup> January



# Outstanding Work

A HUGE well done to all the pupils featured in this week's 'Outstanding Work'! We love seeing this each week..... Check it all out using the link

<https://www.ccsc.staffs.sch.uk/index.php/news/556-outstanding-work-at-ccsc>



## Independent Learning Sessions How should I use my time?



### Learn/test your Crucial Knowledge

- Pick a subject, then use the Crucial Knowledge resources to test yourself and learn anything you don't know
- You can find all the resources here:  
<https://www.ccsc.staffs.sch.uk/index.php/2013-09-25-09-25-35/all-files/crucial-knowledge>

### Complete all your Crucial Knowledge quizzes

- Work through all set Assignments in Teams
- Work through Educake, Kahoot, etc. quizzes set by your teachers

### Make a 'to-do list'

- In OneNote (top of the page)
- Using 'Notes' on your iPad
- Or just on paper!

### Read a book

- Improving your reading skills will help you in all subjects
- Find lots of books on the Sora app

### Work through extra subject resources

- Go to your Teams classes
- Work through the extra resources that your teacher has put in your class Teams
- These resources will help to **extend your subject knowledge**

### Organise/tidy your notes

- Organise and tidy up work in your OneNote notebooks
- Group pages together so your notes are in order
- Turn pages into subgroups so that topics are together

### Make corrections and improvements

- Look at teacher comments in your exercise books or Class Notebooks
- See how you can improve previous work and have another go at it
- Look at any quizzes that your teachers have returned. Make notes on anything you got wrong and learn

### Independent online revision

- All subjects: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>
- All subjects: <https://quizlet.com/en-gb>
- All subjects: [www.educake.co.uk](http://www.educake.co.uk)
- All subjects: Kahoot! (For Science, search keccscb1, keccscc1, etc.)
- All subjects: <https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/>
- MFL: <https://www.language-gym.com>
- Maths (KS4): <https://www.onmaths.com>
- Maths (KS3): <https://www.whizz.com>

### Complete classwork & coursework

- Complete any work in your OneNote notebooks, exercise books, folders, OneDrive, etc.

### Complete exam questions/papers

- Check the exam board with each of your subjects, then search for past exam papers and mark schemes





Baking is on again this week.

Please remember to sign up in Learning support.

All ingredients are supplied.

## Lesson X is Back – Every Tuesday in the Hall



### Lesson X Every Tuesday in the Hall



Week	Date	Lesson X
8	2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	Bingo
9	9 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Origami & Knitting
10	16 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Just Dance
11	23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	Board Games, Chess & draughts
12	30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Beetle Drive & Knitting
13	7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Baking & Bingo
14	14 <sup>th</sup> dec	Baking & Karaoke



Bronze

Silver

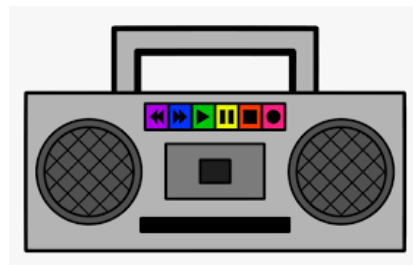
Gold







CCSC Radio is back 😊  
 Ooooo how we have missed you <3  
 Listen out weekly episodes here.....  
<https://www.mixcloud.com/bishibashi/>



The Pagan celebration of Winter Solstice (also known as Yule) is one of the oldest winter celebrations in the world.

Ancient people were hunters and spent most of their time outdoors. The seasons and weather played a very important part in their lives. Because of this many ancient people had a great reverence for, and even worshipped the sun. The Norsemen of Northern Europe saw the sun as a wheel that changed the seasons. It was from the word for this wheel, *houl*, that the word yule is thought to have come. At mid-winter the Norsemen lit bonfires, told stories and drank sweet ale.

The ancient Romans also held a festival to celebrate the rebirth of the year. Saturnalia ran for seven days from the 17th of December. It was a time when the ordinary rules were turned upside down. Men dressed as women and masters dressed as servants. The festival also involved decorating houses with greenery, lighting candles, holding processions and giving presents.

The Winter Solstice falls on the shortest day of the year (21st December) and was celebrated in Britain long before the arrival of Christianity. The Druids (Celtic priests) would cut the mistletoe that grew on the oak tree and give it as a blessing. Oaks were seen as sacred and the winter fruit of the mistletoe was a symbol of life in the dark winter months.

It was also the Druids who began the tradition of the yule log. The Celts thought that the sun stood still for twelve days in the middle of winter and during this time a log was lit to conquer the darkness, banish evil spirits and bring luck for the coming year.

The church in Rome began celebrating Christmas on December 25 in the 4th century during the reign of Constantine, the first Christian emperor, possibly to weaken pagan traditions.

Many of these customs are still followed today. They have been incorporated into the Christian and secular celebrations of Christmas.



Don't forget to check you emails and Teams daily to complete your homework quizzes!



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Have an idea, event or news that you want to share in next week's edition please email  
 Miss Edwards [kedwards@ccsc.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:kedwards@ccsc.staffs.sch.uk)