

# Be The Best You Can Be

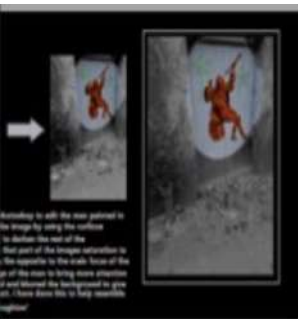
## With CCSC



Week 28 - Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2024

Brianna H Y11

Amelia P Y11



With Mrs Williams  
(Cover Teacher)

Year	Event logs	Conduct logs	Best pupil with most ELs
Y7	1649 ↑	80 ↑	English, Leon 7EF (21)
Y8	843 ↓	155 ↑	Malkin, Oscar 8KE (22)
Y9	1063 ↑	181 ↑	Pugh, Bethany 9YM (32)
Y10	769 ↑	228 ↑	Price, Zach 10MP (15)
Y11	545 ↑	114 ↑	Bickley, Lexi 11P (25)
Total	Event Logs = 4869 ↑ 40%		Conduct Logs = 758 ↑ 62%

	Zero Conduct Logs	100% Attendance	Attendance	Best form Attendance
Y7	166 (80%) ↓	156 (75%) ↓	91.9% ↓	7MK 99% ↑
Y8	116 (68%) ↓	43 (25%) ↓	93.3% ↓	8DG 98.5% ↑
Y9	109 (66%) ↓	91 (55%) ↓	87.4% ↑	9LEH 94.6% ↓
Y10	94 (58%) ↓	86 (53%) ↓	88.6% ↑	10KDR 95% ↑
Y11	129 (72%) ↓	42 (24%) ↓	88.4% ↑	11P 99.1% ↑
Total	614 (69%) ↓	418 (47%) ↓	89.8% ↓	

### What's on THIS week?

### What's on Next Week?

### REMINDERS!!!

Spanish Speaking Exams 3 Weeks

Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> & Tues 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Y11 Art & Photography GCSE Exam

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> & Friday 26<sup>th</sup>  
Y11 Textiles Exam

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May GCSE PE Moderation

Thu 9<sup>th</sup> May Y11 GCSEs Begin

Trip Payments  
Y8 & Y9 CLW June

# HOY AWARDS

Y7

Billy Speakman  
7SB

Always works really hard, is really polite and has been ace in all of his lessons this week.

Kaden Jack  
Tomlinson  
7SB

Had a great start back after Easter, really positive attitude towards his lessons and tries his best in everything he does.

Y8

Lealand Williams 8SWL

Being helpful to a member of staff in the PE department and, despite the odd moment of silliness, is showing a positive attitude to his learning and ever improving maturity. Keep it up!

Lucy Meadon 8LHi

A pupils who goes about her business with minimal fuss and attention. Works hard for the personal reward and not for extrinsic reward. Well done and keep it up!

Y9

Bowen Parry 9LEH

Superb effort this week. Keep it up Bowen!

Connie Jones 9MH

Excellent this week achieving an excellent assessment result in science and working hard across her subjects.

Y10

Tom Vasey 10AO

For consistent effort in all subjects across the board. Tom is also a polite, hardworking and mature at all times and is a valued member of the team. Well done, Tom.

Casey Colclough 10P

A fantastic week of dedicated learning, a positive attitude to school and being an all-round beautiful being! Well done, Casey!

Y11

Oliver Bossons 11LTA

Has shown a much improved attitude to learning since returning after easter – even completing some work at home for Mrs Melvin to mark! He'll always be a pain in my bum but it's lovely to see him putting in the effort when it matters the most.

Olivia Bagnall 11P

For being beautiful all of the time! Everything she does is done with dedication and has made such pleasing progress this year. She should be dead proud.



## Lucky Dip Winners 22<sup>nd</sup> April



### Zero Conduct Log Winners

Y7 Colton, Angel 7SB  
Y8 Clarke, Freddie 8AHP  
Y9 Murphy, Mia 9MO  
Y10 Hewitt, Bradley 10KDR  
Y11 McKinley, Beth 11HM

Outstanding Work  
Leighton, Ashton 9MO  
Computer Science  
Event Log Plus  
Hulme, Harry 8LHi

100% Attendance  
Rochelle-Peake, Daisy 11LE

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.



Look who made a **BIG** impression this week!

It hasn't gone unnoticed and we couldn't be more proud of you!

SELF-BELIEF  
& **HARD WORK**  
WILL ALWAYS  
EARN YOU  
**SUCCESS**

Bennett, Eva	Banks-Edwards, Eliza	Bednarski, Jake	Buxton, Hendrix	Birks, Ruby
Gerrity, Ruby-Grace	Bednarski, Sonny	Goodwin, Teagan	Flanagan, Leon	Bosson, Oliver
Haughton, Remi	Hemmings, Daniel	Grant, Lee	Fowler, Madisson	Cooper, Ethan
Jones, Dylan	Hollingsworth-Bowen, Layton	Leighton, Ashton	Price, Zach	Halfpenny, Luke
Parker, Oliver	Hood, Dylan	Patrick, Evie	Riley, Zack	Hill, Tiegian
Taylor, Callum	<b>Hulme, Harry</b>	Petrillo, Logan	Washington, Scarlett	Pullin, Luke
Walker, Mikayla	McLaughlin, Isla	Wilshaw, Sonny		Wilton-Hobson, Sam
	Meadon, Lucy			

## 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>

### COMPUTING STAR OF THE WEEK...

Is Ashton Leighton!

Ashton has been a star this week and nailed his mastery in his Year 9 Recap week – he has shot up from nowhere to number 2 in the leader boards this week and showed a mature and unbeatable attitude in computer science so far.

Well done Ashton – your hard work is noticed and appreciated.



### Whole School Rewards "Be the Best You Can Be"

**Reward 1** – Earn 25 event logs to receive a voucher at the end of half term.

**Reward 2** – Zero Conduct! Log! If you get NO conduct logs in a week (Sunday to Sunday), you will get entered into a lucky dip. A prize for one person, per year group, per week will be announced in Monday's newsletter.

**Reward 3** – For every WEEK you receive ZERO conduct logs you get 1 ticket for entry into a lucky dip prize draw. 1 prize for each year group! At the end of each half term ALL tickets are entered into a BIG lucky dip prize draw for a bigger prize, again 1 prize per year!

**Reward 4** – Event Log Plus – each teacher makes one phone call home per week to someone who has really impressed them! For every pupil who has had a phone call, they will enter a lucky dip draw. There will be ONE weekly winner who will be announced in the newsletter.

**Reward 5** – Outstanding Work Submissions. There will be ONE weekly winner who will be announced in the newsletter.

**Reward 6** – At the end of each half term, we present prizes for the Best Boy and Best Girl in each year group. We also do Best Form in each year, Best House and Best Attendance!

**Reward 7** – Every pupil who has 100% attendance for that week will be entered into a lucky dip!

**Reward 8** – Reward afternoons and Rewards Day – more information to follow!

SO, let's all keep working hard and keep our fingers crossed for our weekend prize draws - a winner in every year group for every category!





# What has been happening.....



Mrs Thompson and Mrs Allen said goodbye to the prefect team as they now hand over to the Year 10s so they can focus and prepare for their exams. This team have been outstanding in all aspects and have been an integral part of the staff team. We are all going to miss their commitment, dedication, organisation and sense of humour. Well done team; we are so proud of you all.

Slow bike race took place at lunch time for another House Competition



The Readathon closed on Friday and we have raised an amazing £120 for the charity Read for Good. 📖👏 lots of books will be going to children in hospital. Well done to Lucie Barber and Megan Cartwright.



Our wonderful prefects have been in to all of the Year 8 forms giving advice and answering questions about the options process. They shared their experiences and offered tips on how to pick! They will all be about tomorrow evening should anyone have any other questions.

Last week, Year 5 at Sun Academy came to visit us in the last of our Year 5 days. They took part in activities in Geography, Art, Technology, Music and Business Studies. Another fantastic day for CCSC transition



Ties Of The Week!!



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## YEAR 11 FROM FRIDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2024

Wychwood Park Golf Clubhouse  
7.00pm-11.00pm

### WHAT HAPPENS NEXT...

- To secure a place, a £5 deposit will need to be paid by 12<sup>th</sup> April 2024. The remaining balance of £20 will need to be paid by 7<sup>th</sup> June 2024. You can use school reward vouchers.
- Anyone with specific dietary requirements; vegetarian, vegan or food intolerance should make Dawn aware.
- A professional photographer will join us to photograph the event. Photographs will be available to buy after the evening. No obligation to buy.
- As always, we would like as many pupils as possible to be able to attend the prom, however, this will be dependent on behaviour during lessons, the exam period and around the school building.

## Leavers Hoodies 2024

Standard

Standard

Extra Personalisation



Dear Customer, **smart** school uniform are delighted to supply  
2024 Leavers Hoodies

Standard Cost of Hoodie is £19 This includes Hoodie + school logo + Back Print in white  
Extra Personalisation add £3, The learners name embroidered at the front

### Details to remember

Closing date for webpage Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024  
Delivery only to School - Delivery Date to be announced by  
School in May

PLEASE NOTE: ENTER YOUR CHILDS NAME AND FORM IN THE NOTES SECTION. THIS WILL ENABLE THE  
SCHOOL TO LOCATE YOUR ORDER TO YOUR CHILD SMOOTHLY

### How to order?

Please visit [www.smartuniform.co.uk](http://www.smartuniform.co.uk)  
Once at website please click on, Senior Schools, locate your School  
and click on shop Leavers Hoodies  
Once at Payment please select:  
Leavers Hoodie Free delivery from drop down menu on webpage

### Questions and queries

All enquiries & questions must be directed to:  
[shop@smartuniform.co.uk](mailto:shop@smartuniform.co.uk)

Samples Please do not 1 / 1 n for size be refunded

## What happens next?

- **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March** – Mrs Waterhouse and Mr Salt will meet with the year group and go through the next stages with them.
- **Week Beginning 11<sup>th</sup> March** – Options Booklet go out to pupils and parents (with dates and information about the options evening). This will contain links to exam specifications, crucial knowledge and subject overviews.
- **Week Beginning 8<sup>th</sup> April** and then Week Beginning 15<sup>th</sup> April – Option Taster sessions for Year 8 (timetable will be sent to them beforehand). This will give you an idea of what to expect in each subject.
- **11<sup>th</sup> April** – Year 8 Parents Evening – Maths, Science, English and MFL. This will give you an insight into these subjects going into their GCSE years and an overview on progress and attitude to learning.
- **Week Beginning 15<sup>th</sup> April** – Option Blocks will be released to pupils and parents
- **18<sup>th</sup> April** – Options Evening and official forms given (6:00pm – 8:30pm). This event will give you chance to talk to staff and ask any questions. We are also hosting a careers event on this evening for Year 8 where they will have an opportunity to talk to colleges, employers and providers. Even though this is early, it is always good for them to think about what is available to them in their futures.
- **22<sup>nd</sup> April** – Deadline for choices.
- **20<sup>th</sup> May** – Final choices sent home (could be earlier if all forms are in on time).



## What subjects does my child have to do and what choices do they have?

### Compulsory Subjects



GCSE English Language

GCSE English Literature

GCSE Maths

GCSE Science

GCSE Spanish

Core PE

### Option Subjects



# After School Clubs & Extra-Curriculum

## Extra Curricular (23-24)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Lunch</b>	Peer Mentoring Y10/Y11 - Room 9		Peer Mentoring Y7/Y8/Y9 - Room 11	Writing Club Y7/Y8/Y9 - Room 7	Book Club Y7/Y8 - Library 1
<b>After School</b> <b>3:05 - 4</b>	Book Club - Library 1 Dance - Dance Studio Y7, Y8, Y9s No experience needed <b>NEW</b>	Lesson X - Room 18 Pokemon Club - Room 20	Garden Club - Room 3 Drama Club - Room 34 Entrepreneur 'Money Making' Club - Room 10	Pokemon Club - Room 20 <b>NEW</b>	

## Boosters (23-24)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>After School</b> <b>3:05 - 4</b>	Drama - Room 34  Music - Room 33	English - Rooms 5-9  Business Y11 - Room 26  Religious Studies - Room 34 D&T/iMedia - Workshop	English - Rooms 5-9  Science - Room 30  German - MFL Rooms  Health & Social/Child Development - Room 27  Citizenship Room 26a	Business Y10 - Room 26  Spanish & French - MFL  D&T/iMedia - Workshop  Health & Social/Child Development - Room 7  Maths Foundation - Room 11 Higher - Room 14	History - Room 24  Geography - Room 28  Italian - MFL Rooms

## Detentions

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Lunch Y7-Y9</b>	Room 13	Room 32	Room 32	Room 32	Room 33
<b>Lunch Y10-Y11</b>	Room 32	Room 32	Room 32	Room 32	Room 32
<b>After School</b>		Uniform Quiet Room	Lates Hall		



## 2023-2024 Summer Term 1. PE Extra Curricular Timetable.



Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 7, 8 & 9 Lunchtime	Astro	Astro	Astro	Astro	Astro
Year 10 & 11 Lunchtime	Astro	Astro	Astro	Astro	Astro
After School (3:05-4:00pm)	Staff Meeting Night Dance Club – Year 7, 8 & 9	Weightlifting Club – All Years  Boys Football – Year 7  Swim Club – Year 7, 8 & 9	Netball – All Years  Boys Rugby – Year 7	Boys Football Fixtures - Year 7  Athletics – Year 7 & 8	



# House Calendar 2024

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8
Autumn Term 1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Autumn Term 2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Spring Term 1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Spring Term 2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Summer Term 1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Summer Term 2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

# LESSON X

Room 18

Every Tuesday after School  
Bring your friends and enjoy yourself.

Easter Holidays		
08-Apr	26	No Lesson X Y8 Parents Evening
15-Apr	27	Board Games
22-Apr	28	Bingo
29-Apr	29	Art and Crafts
06-May	30	No Lesson X Bank Holiday
13-May	31	Board Games
20-May	32	Art and Crafts

## Leadership Opportunities

- We want you to **get involved** in school life as much as possible
- Our school is a **community** and we **value your opinions** and we want you to **play an active role**
- There are many opportunities in school where you can **contribute** to the school community
- Have a more **rewarding time** at the school

## Leadership Opportunities at CCSC

- School Council → See Miss Brownmill and Miss Hopwood
- Subject Leaders → See your subject teachers
- Sports Captains → See your PE teachers or your Head of Year
- House Leaders → See Mr. Powell for more info
- Careers Champions → See Mrs Waterhouse for more info
- Primary Ambassadors → See Miss Meakin for more info
- Peer Mentoring → See your PE teachers for more info
- Sports Leadership → See Mrs Thompson (Down) for more info
- Prefects → See Mrs Thompson (Down) for more info

# Follow us

Can your work make any stories?

Complete Independent Learning Tasks #ILT

Follow

# WRITING CLUB

Do you want to be a writer? Interested in poetry? Short stories? Each week we will look at examples of excellent writing and have a go at our own writing.

Wednesdays, Lesson 8  
Room 7

Open to  
Years 7, 8, and 9

See Miss Ferrari in Room 7 For more Information.



## Garden Club is back



Now that the days are getting longer, Garden Club is starting back up on **THURSDAYS** after school. Meet in Room 3 at 3.10pm.

We will be looking after the displays at the front of school, planting seeds to take home, and learning about growing your own salad and vegetables. You don't need to know about gardening already – but you might get muddy hands!

# Alsager Netball Club

YEARS 1-4 FRIDAYS 6-7PM

YEARS 5-6 WEDNESDAYS 6-7PM

YEARS 7 ONWARDS WEDNESDAYS 7-8PM

ALL HELD @ ALSAGER LEISURE CENTRE

www.alsagernetballclub.co.uk

# NEWDANCE CLASS

## STARTING YEAR 7,8,9

MONDAYS 3.05 - 4.00PM @ DANCE STUDIO

IF INTERESTED IN ATTENDING, PLEASE SEE MRS. HITCHEN.

START DATE MONDAY THE 25<sup>TH</sup> OF SEPTEMBER 2023

# LESSON X

"Be the best you can be"

Get involved every Tuesday after school till 4pm and try something different!

Lesson X

CPRE Yoga

# CCSC Poké Academy

Do you wanna be the very best, Like no one ever was?

Pokémon

- Play (Learn)
- Trade & Build
- Compete!!!

THUR, ROOM 20, 3:05-4



conduct logs and attendance using the  
isams app which can be found in self  
service or from the App store.

Students log in details.....

Username: firstname.surname

Password: FSurname1234

(First initial, Surname followed by their  
ipad pin)

End of Term Reports are now live  
on Student and Parent Isams for  
you all to view.

Any problems with logging in  
please text or ring the office.

You can download the App or  
visit the website.

<https://shorturl.at/chBH8>



**Be Prepared**  
**Be the Best You Can Be**  
**Follow Instructions**

**Know More, Remember More**  
**Understand It, Apply It**



Don't forget to check your  
Emails and Teams  
notifications every day,  
especially your year group  
team page!!



**BE ON TIME FOR SCHOOL**

**8:20am - Arrive to school**  
**- Go to your form room**

**8:30am - You are in your form room**  
**- School gates close**

Pupils should be in their form room **before 8:30am** each day.



**LATES**  
If you are late to lesson...

▪ **3 Late to Lesson CLs**

→ Lunchtime detention (HoY/KSL) + after-school detention (30 mins)

▪ **6 Late to Lesson CLs**

→ Lunchtime detention in Quiet Room + after-school detention (1-hour)

▪ **9 Late to Lesson CLs**

→ Day in Quiet Room + after-school detention (1-hour)

▪ **12 Late to Lesson CLs**

→ **AT LEAST** 2 days in Quiet Room + after school detentions (RS decides time) + parent meeting



**Lunch Times (Wet Weather)**

	Period 8 (Y7, Y8 & Y9)	Period 9 (Y10 & Y11)
Monday	Sports Hall Library	Sports Hall
Tuesday	Sports Hall	Sports Hall
Wednesday	Main Hall Room 27	Sports Hall
Thursday	Sports Hall Library	Sports Hall
Friday	Sports Hall	Dance Studio





Attached, you will find your child's assessment results for this half term. Please see below for guidance.  
You will also find your child's Event Logs and Conduct Logs for this term.

### Attitude to Learning:

A = Outstanding  
B = Good  
C = Acceptable  
D = Improvement Needed  
E = Action Needed  
F = Serious Concerns

**Half Term Assessment Result:** the results achieved in this half term's subject assessments

**Working Grade:** the grade your child is working at now (both class work and assessments)

**Predicted Grade (End of Key Stage):** the grade likely to be achieved at the end of the current Key Stage (end of Year 8 in KS3 and end of Year 11 in KS4) if your child continues to work in this way

**Potential Grade (End of Key Stage):** the grade that could be achieved at the end of the current Key Stage with improved effort and focus

### GCSE Grading Structure

Old Grades	New Grades
A*	9
A	8
	7
B	6
C	5 - Strong Pass
	4 - Standard Pass
D	3
E	2
F	1
G	
U	U

Roughly the top 5% of pupils achieve grade 9s nationally

Roughly 25% of all GCSE grades awarded nationally are 7+

Most colleges and post-16 pathways will ask for a grade 5 or 6 pass. 60% of all grades awarded nationally are 5+

### Crucial Knowledge

resources for all subjects:  
<https://tinyurl.com/CCSC-CLK>

### Curriculum Intent

documents (overview of what pupils will learn) for all subjects:  
<https://tinyurl.com/CCSC-Curriculum>

### Vocational Qualifications

Qualification Grade	Grade Equivalent
Distinction* (Level 2)	8.5
D2 (Level 2 Distinction)	7
M2 (Level 2 Merit)	5.5 (Pass Grade)
P2 (Level 2 Pass)	4
D1 (Level 1 Distinction)	3
M1 (Level 1 Merit)	2
P1 (Level 1 Pass)	1.25

## REVISE

## How To Revise/Recap

- Summarise**
  - Read a topic/chapter/page and summarise into 5 bullet points.
- 5 Questions**
  - Read the topic/chapter/page and write your own 5 questions with answers.
- Definitions**
  - Pick 5 keywords and write the meaning.
- Picture**
  - Draw a diagram/picture and label it to explain what it shows
- Video**
  - Watch a SHORT video on YouTube on a topic/keyword/concept and pause it at appropriate times to make 5 bullet points.
- Quiz**
  - Find 10 questions on kahoot, booklet or educake, answer them and make notes on anything you learn or need to remember.
- Mind Map**
  - Pick a topic and draw a mind map explaining 10 key points.
- Copy**
  - Pick a topic and read the crucial knowledge.  
Copy 5 sentences that you don't remember or understand.
- Memory**
  - Look at the crucial knowledge for 30 seconds. Cover it up and write down everything you can remember in 30 seconds. Repeat 3 times.
- Flash Card**
  - Pick a topic/chapter/page and on the front of the flash card write 5 keywords/phrases or pictures and on the back write what they mean.
- Exam Questions/Past Papers**
  - Pick a topic and answer exam questions. Ensure you use a mark scheme to check your answers. Past Papers can be found online and downloaded.
- Worksheets/Workbooks**
  - Pick a topic and complete a placemat or worksheet on that topic. Ask your teacher and they will print/send you lots. Use your memory first and then use other resources such as the crucial knowledge to help you.



QUIZ!



## What PE kit is needed for PE lessons?

<https://www.ccsc.staffs.sch.uk/index.php/pe-faqs>

# Don't forget your PE Kit

- Blue CCSC PE polo shirt
- Black shorts, leggings or joggers
- Trainers – not their school trainers (this can be football boots if lessons are on the astro/field)
- CCSC PE hoodie or a **plain black/blue sports top** (your child can check this by speaking to their PE teacher)
- Long hair tied up and jewellery removed/covered with a plaster (provided by home)

## Swimming lessons:

- Towel
- Plain blue/black swimming costume or shorts – Bermuda style shorts are not allowed
- If goggles are required then these need to be accompanied by a note from home granting permission for their use
- If excused, your child is to bring their PE kit to change into at the start of the lesson

**NB: Your child is still expected to bring their PE kit to all PE lessons even when excused from PE.**

## My child cannot find part of their PE kit. Can they bring an alternative?

YES! If there is a genuine reason that your child cannot bring part of their CCSC PE kit, then we encourage pupils to bring a suitable alternative. No contact with the office is required, your child just needs to have a quick conversation with their PE teacher. However, if there is a long term reason for your child to not have the correct PE kit, then contact from home will be required. The correct PE kit is always the desired standard, therefore, acquiring a replacement PE item is desirable. The PE department can also provide clean spare kit.

## Crucial Knowledge (all subjects):

<https://www.ccsc.staffs.sch.uk/index.php/2013-09-25-09-25-35/all-files/crucial-knowledge>

## Curriculum Intent Documents:

<https://www.ccsc.staffs.sch.uk/index.php/information/curriculum-and-qualifications>

## CCSC Parent Information

### Video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3I88V5qNVDk>

## isams Information Video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VEiolb-YHH4>

## Careers & Post-16:

<https://www.ccsc.staffs.sch.uk/index.php/information/careers-post-16>

## A polite reminder that the following are NOT allowed.... Leggings, Jewellery and False Nails



**Blazers must be worn at ALL times**

- Must arrive to school wearing blazer (not put it on in the corridor) or shoved in their bags.
- Worn on corridors between lessons
- Worn when arriving and leaving a lesson
- If they take them off in lessons, they need to be on the back of chair NOT shoved back in bags.
- If hot, the school will be more flexible.



Hoodies or jumpers should **NEVER** be worn underneath blazer or instead of blazer.

(Plain black jumpers can still be worn underneath blazer for extra warmth)





# English Department



## 🌟 English Stars Of The Week 🌟

**Mikayla Walker 7.2x-** She has been enthusiastic and eager in lessons this week. Mikayla has contributed to every single classroom discussion and completed the work to the best of her ability. Proud of you!!

**KDR: William Stanier-Filip** for his ace contributions and insightful comments, while we've been looking at London by William Blake.

**EW: Vinz Turla** – always so polite, puts his hand up in lessons and works incredibly hard! 😊

**GA: Oliver Hobbs** for being a superstar every lesson and always contributing ideas during class discussion. Solid effort this week especially!

**NE: Lily Copeland** – she has been amazing this week and seems to have turned a corner with her independent writing which has been brilliant! Very proud of her and long may it continue! Xx

**RF: Holly Lea** for trying so hard every lesson and challenging herself every day.

**KW: Lexi Clarke:** Lexi has been great this week, getting her work done and pushing herself further.

KM: Oliver Bosson showing a much improved attitude to school.


Did you know that you can read with your ears using Sora!!



Week		Tuesday	Wednesday
1	Date	9th April	10th April
	Staff	KV	NE
	Focus	P1Q3	P1Q2
2	Date	16th April	17th April
	Staff	EW	AP
	Focus	Macbeth	ACC
3	Date	23rd April	24th April
	Staff	KM	GA
	Focus	P&C	P2Q5
4	Date	30th April	1st May
	Staff	RF	KDR
	Focus	P1Q4	P1Q3
5	Date	7th May	8th May
	Staff	KW	NE
	Focus	ACC	Macbeth
6	Date	14th May	15th May
	Staff	EW	GA
	Focus	AIC	Unseen
7	Date	21st May	22nd May
	Staff	KM	AP
	Focus	P1Q5	P1Q4



# English Department



CCSC

## BOOK CLUB

Library 1

**YEARS 7 AND 8**

Friday - Period 8

Bring your lunch  
All abilities welcome :)




WRITING CLUB

Do you want to be a writer?  
Interested in poetry? Short stories?  
Each week we will have a go at our own writing.

Thursdays, Lesson 8  
Room 7

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Years 7, 8, and 9

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CCSC

## BOOK CLUB

Library 1

**YEAR 7 - 11**

Monday - 3:05 - 4pm

All abilities welcome :)

## February Winners

Liam Pullin, Olivia-Rose Lee, and Tayla Gorman

## Writing Club Competition

Volume 10, Issue April 2024

### The Unusual Robbery!



#### Your Challenge

For the April Writing Competition, we're doing things slightly different. You are in the shoes of a reporter, whose writing an article on a robbery... yet this isn't your normal robbery. Something is slightly different.

That could be anything: what they're robbing, where they're robbing it from, why they're robbing it, or the robber may not even be human! Whatever it is, don't hold back! Let your imagination run away with you!



#### An example:

Yesterday, on Friday the 13th of April, SmallTown bakery was robbed! By nothing more than a Leprechaun!

Fortunately, he didn't get very far, and Police apprehended him, before he reached the end of the street. According to a witness, 'there was a flash of green, before next I know, a Leprechaun is stood on the counter of the bakery, dancing about, on the till! All I wanted was a doughnut!'

We have been lucky enough to secure a statement from (Larry) the Leprechaun himself. He has defended himself, stating: 'I couldn't help myself, the smell and the gold was all too much. All I wanted was a little gold, it's in us Leprechauns' nature, isn't it?'

Yet authorities are more concerned regarding the Leprechaun's sudden appearance. Previously society had considered a Leprechaun a fable, but here you have it! So what else is real, that we thought was fiction? Dragons? Unicorns? Only time will tell.

Email your entry to Mrs Ferrari-Evans by April 30<sup>th</sup>

Free break food for the winner and event logs for all entries



## AI used to create one last Beatles song

[theday.co.uk/ai-used-to-create-one-last-beatles-song-3](https://theday.co.uk/ai-used-to-create-one-last-beatles-song-3)



**Beatlemania:** The Beatles have sold more than 600 million albums worldwide.

**Is music under threat? AI-generated tracks have taken over the internet. Paul McCartney has used AI to finish an old Beatles song. Some think we are entering the post-musician era.**

**The Beatles** disbanded in 1969. Two of its members are dead. Yet the iconic Liverpool band are about to release a new song.

Ex-Beatle Paul McCartney revealed this week that he is using **AI** to finish a demo by his late bandmate **John Lennon**. McCartney will use the technology to copy Lennon's voice.

AI is on the rise in music. Earlier this year, an artist called Ghostwriter released a song sung by AI-generated clones of pop stars Drake and The Weeknd.<sup>1</sup> It racked up 230,000 plays on YouTube and 625,000 on Spotify.

Yet AI-generated music is everywhere. On YouTube you can find AI-generated tracks of Queen singer Freddie Mercury singing Michael Jackson songs, Kanye West covering Coldplay and Taylor Swift's current voice covering her old songs.

same place forever.

Yet not everyone agrees. Some musicians have already embraced AI. The electronic composer Holly Herndon, for instance, uses an AI version of her own voice — nicknamed Holly+ — to sing alongside her.

And AI tools can also help people outside the music industry breakthrough. Music critic Puja Patel says: "It opens up doors for people who are under-resourced."

Is music under threat?

Musicians have reacted to AI with mixed emotions. As McCartney says: "It's kind of scary but exciting, because it's the future."

Many fear for their own careers. AI tools are already being used to make **muzak**, pushing composers out of work.<sup>2</sup> Musicians might be next. Why pay a guitarist for a recording when you can use cheap, easy to use AI?

It poses questions for the ownership of music. If someone makes a track using Paul McCartney's voice, is it owned by McCartney, the AI system or the person who made the track?

Some worry that AI might hurt creativity. Instead of thinking up bright new ideas, musicians might just use AI for an easy shortcut. The result might be a music scene that stays in the

### Same old song

**Yes:** We are living in the calm before the storm. AI music may seem fake now, but soon record labels will be able to bombard the market with cheap copies. We will be unable to tell real and AI apart.

**No:** Music has changed as new technology appears. Electronic instruments, synthesisers, samplers, GarageBand... the list goes on. AI is just the latest innovation that will push music forward.

**Or...** Music lives wherever there are people. The real threat is to the music industry, which seeks to control how music is produced. AI might create a freer, more open musical scene.



# MFL Department

## News from Europe:

Miss Moscati's Stars of the Week  
Luke Pullin, Jonny Millward and Ethan Cooper  
for putting in an excellent effort in their speaking  
exams



Mr Whitehead's Star of the Week  
Hendrix Buxton - working so hard in Spanish  
and not afraid to contribute to every lesson!  
Really proud - keep it up.



Mrs Knight's Stars of the Week  
Leah Bennett and Millie Rathbone for their  
efforts in class and increased participation in  
lessons.



Mrs Orton's Star of the Week  
Tiegan Hill for an amazing effort and  
achievement in her Spanish speaking exam.  
Keep up the good work!



Mr Shadwell's Star of the Week  
Oliver Hardy for an outstanding work ethic and  
consistent improvement.



Mrs Rutter's Star of the Week  
Daniel Hemmings for his excellent attitude in  
Spanish and also for making a great start in  
Options already!



Eurovision is coming to Sweden next month -  
here is a little guide to the host city, Malmö



### Top 10 things to do in Malmö

Are you ready to explore the wonders of Malmö, Sweden's third-largest city? There's always something new to discover, from cultural workshops and street food markets to boat tours along the canals. These activities provide a glimpse into the rich culture and vibrant atmosphere of Malmö, making it a must-visit destination in Sweden.

#### Explore the street food market at Möllervångstorget

Explore various international cuisines at the lively street food market held at Möllervångstorget, locally referred to as "Möllan". From latkes to Korean BBQ, you'll find a diverse range of delicious dishes to satisfy your cravings. There is also the possibility to join a guided walking food tour called "Food Caravan" [here](#).

#### Take a cultural workshop

Discover Malmö's creative scene by taking a cultural workshop or class, such as pottery making, painting, or cooking traditional Swedish dishes. It's an excellent way to learn something new, meet new people and connect with the local community. Botildensborg [here](#) is worth a visit. It's an oasis of cultivation in the heart of the city, where food and gardening take centre stage.

#### Visit Folke Park

Folke Park [here](#), established in 1891, is one of Sweden's oldest public parks. It offers a variety of amenities such as green spaces, playgrounds, cafes, and entertainment options such as concerts, festivals, and outdoor markets. In May, during Eurovision [here](#), the park will host live performances, special guests, and food experiences, making it an exciting meeting spot for everyone joining the music feast.

#### Go shopping

Shopping in Malmö is an experience that caters to all preferences. You'll find everything, from charming local boutiques to grand shopping centres. If you're looking for unique and rare finds, Malmö has plenty of one-of-a-kind shops to explore.

#### Discover Malmö's street art

Malmö has become an urban art gallery thanks to the efforts of ArtScape [here](#). In 2014, ArtScape initiated Sweden's first major street art festival in Malmö, kickstarting a transformation of the city into an open-air gallery. Today, Malmö has numerous murals and sculptures, turning its streets into a colourful showcase of creativity from both local and international artists. Don't miss Hangaren, an indoor experience where urban artists have created monumental graffiti works since 2013. For more traditional art lovers, Malmö Konsthall [here](#) and Moderna Museet [here](#) are other venues worth checking out.

#### Explore Malmö by bike

Malmö is among the top ten cycling cities in the world. You can explore the city on two wheels by renting a bike and cycling through the extensive network of bike lanes and scenic waterfront paths. You can either follow dedicated cycling routes or roam at your leisure, enjoying the sights.

#### Go on a boat tour

Experience Malmö from a unique perspective with a guided boat tour [here](#) of its picturesque canals. Learn about the city's history, architecture, and waterfront landmarks while enjoying a relaxing cruise. Alternatively, you can also rent your own electric boat [here](#).

#### Rent a kayak or SUP

If you want to discover Malmö's beauty on your own terms while enjoying water activities, you can rent a kayak [here](#), paddleboard (SUP), or paddle boat. Several rental companies offer equipment to water enthusiasts eager to explore the city.

#### Enjoy Swedish Fika

Malmö's Old Town is a delightful place to experience the beloved Fika culture of Sweden. Its cobblestone streets and historic buildings will transport you to a bygone era. At the heart of the Old Town, you'll find Lilla Torg, a charming square home to several quaint cafes and bustling outdoor terraces.

#### Relax at Ribersborg Beach

Enjoy a relaxing stroll or unwind on the sandy shores of Ribersborg Beach, renowned for its stunning views of the Öresund Bridge. You can also explore Ribersborgs Kallbadhus, a seawater bathhouse on a pier extending into the Öresund strait, separating Sweden and Denmark. Ribersborg Beach is the perfect location for a great time in the sun.



Year 11 GCSE Speaking exams  
are being recorded for the next 3  
weeks in the language lab.

Please be quiet when moving  
around the MFL department.

Good luck Year 11 - you will be  
amazing!

QUIET  
PLEASE



KEEP  
CALM  
AND  
GOOD LUCK ON  
YOUR EXAMS!



# Science Department

## KAHOOT

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**B7 Carbon Cycle**

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**C10 Energy Resources**

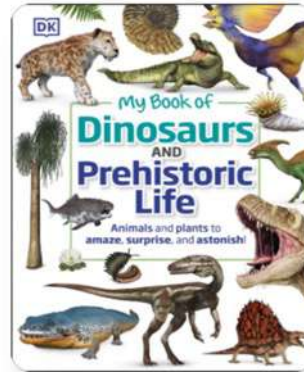
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**P6 Longitudinal vs Transverse**

**WEEK 28**



## Science Book of the Week

Available now on the Sora App!



Most people find dinosaurs interesting but this book is not only about dinosaurs – you will learn about other extinct creatures as well as prehistoric plants and early humans

Can you pronounce the name of this prehistoric animal - quetzalcoatlus



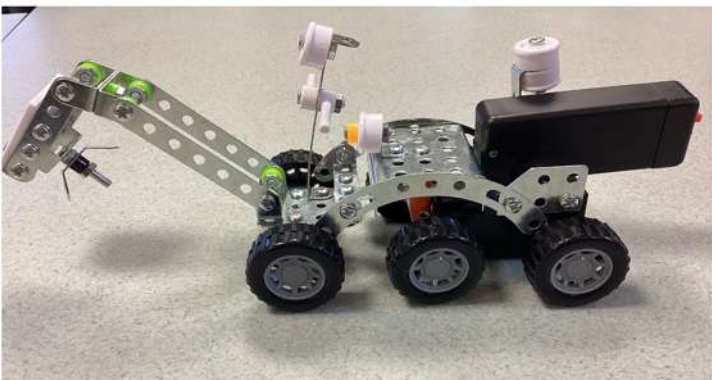
**Don't forget to log into Educake EVERY week and complete your weekly Crucial Knowledge Quizzes**

	% Correct	Questions Answered	Best Class
Year 7	68.3%	3,301	7/2x & 7/4
Year 8	81.5%	2,257	8/1y Double
Year 9	83.4%	3,083	9/1y & 9/1x
Year 10	69.9%	1,049	10/2y Double
Year 11	68.2%	1,074	11/1y & 11/1x
Whole School	75.5%	10,764	

Student	Year	Class(es)	Qs Answered	% Correct	Qs Set Themselves
1 Noel Garside	7	7/2x Sci EF/PF	255	78%	255
2 Bethany Pugh	9	9 set 1y Sci KE	165	93%	0
3 Bethany Jackson	8	8/1y Sci EF	136	92%	20
4 Aimee Bagnall	10	10 set 2y Sci KE	136	87%	66
5 Nathaniel Lambour...	9	9 set 1y Sci KE	134	69%	0
6 Niamh Dabbs	8	8/1y Sci EF	129	96%	0
7 Ethan Sherlock-Ham...	8	8/1y Sci EF	126	83%	0
8 Hope Crane	7	7 set 4 Sci PF	125	74%	0
9 Leah Caulcott	8	8/1y Sci EF	120	72%	0
10 Layla Harper	9	9 set 1y Sci KE	115	79%	0

Student	Year	Class(es)	Qs Answered	% Correct	Qs Set Themselves
1 William Longstaff	7	7/1y Sci CD	40	98%	0
2 Casey Colclough	10	10 set 2y Sci KE	35	97%	0
3 Lottie Lee *	7	7/1y Sci CD	28	96%	0
4 Jack Hanwell	11	11 set 1y/ Sci KD	25	96%	0
5 Niamh Dabbs	8	8/1y Sci EF	129	96%	0
6 Daisy Buxton	9	9 set 1x Sci HB	56	96%	0
7 Edith Meeson	8	8/1y Sci EF	37	95%	0
8 Finley Lowe	8	8/1y Sci EF	37	95%	0
9 Taylor McCutcheon	7	7/1y Sci CD	20	95%	0
10 Aaron Drage	8	8/1y Sci EF	37	95%	0

Olivia Rose-Lee in Y7 has made her own Mars Rover, she bought it in today. It has a motor on it and goes at a fair quick – probably give Mr Farr’s hydrogen cars a run for their money.



### Mars rovers

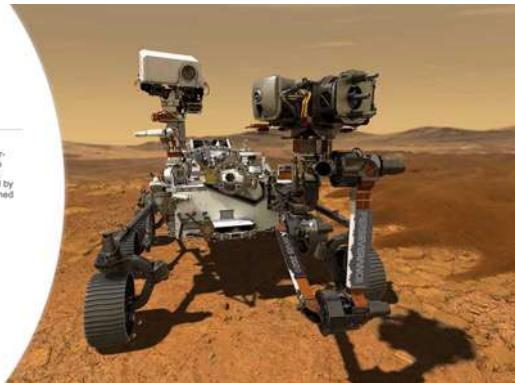
- As of August 2023, there have been six successful rovers
- The rovers are called: Sojourner(1997), Spirit (2004), Opportunity(2004), Curiosity(2012), Perseverance (2021)



Curiosity Rover

### Perseverance

- Perseverance, nicknamed Percy, is a can-sized Mars rover designed to explore the Jezero crater on Mars as part of NASA's Mars 2020 mission. It was manufactured by the Jet Propulsion Laboratory and launched on July 30, 2020, at 11:50 UTC



Revise and you could win a prize!

Five lucky students who use Educake's Revision Wizard will win a £50 One4all gift card (for use at 130+ retailers in store and online) in a random prize draw.

To enter the prize draw, log in to Educake every week between now and 21<sup>st</sup> April and use the Revision Wizard to answer at least 10 questions, and you'll be in with a chance!



CAN YOU DESIGN A NEW BODY FOR OUR RC CAR THAT WE WILL RACE IN SCOTLAND LATER THIS YEAR.

YOU CAN DESIGN A NEW SHAPE, THE COLOUR SCHEME OR BOTH.

THE SIZE OF THE CAR BODY HAS TO BE BETWEEN 36-47CM LONG, 18-22CM WIDE, AND 11-13CM TALL.

IT CAN HAVE SPOILERS AS LONG AS IT IS NOT ABOVE THE ROOF OF THE CAR.

## HYDROGEN POWERED RC CAR DESIGN COMPETITION

MR FARR | TUES & WED | COME  
ROOM 22 | 3-4PM | ALONG  
DEADLINE MARCH 20TH



What if I miss a week?

The contest runs for 7 weeks, from 4 March – 21 April. To be entered in the draw, you must answer at least 10 Revision Wizard questions in at least 4 of the 7 weeks.

- Week 1: 4-10 March
- Week 2: 11-17 March
- Week 3: 18-24 March
- Week 4: 25-31 March
- Week 5: 1-7 April
- Week 6: 8-14 April
- Week 7: 15-21 April

E.g. If you answer 10+ questions during weeks 2, 3, 5 & 6, you will be entered into the draw.







- PSCE – Exploring pathways
- Opportunities with Higher Horizons begin
- Parent Workshops – Helping your child with their future choices
- Business and Enterprise Day
- Careers Week
- Employer Encounters in Lessons
- Careers Links on the Newsletter

- PSCE – CV Writing and Applications
- Opportunities (apprenticeships/training) advertised on Teams pages
- Parent/Pupil newsletter sent out regularly
- Careers Interviews continue
- SLT Interviews
- College/University Taster sessions
- College/University/Training provider assemblies
- Careers Evening
- Contact continues after Year 11

NEW

- PSCE – Start Programme
- Creative Learning Week
- BUZZ Quiz
- START Programme
- Assemblies and Topic of the Week
- Careers Week
- Employer Encounters in Lessons
- Careers Links on the Newsletter

- PSCE – Employability
- Options Process/Options Evening
- START Programme
- Assemblies and Topic of the Week
- RAF, Cadets and STEM opportunities
- Big Bang Event
- Careers Week
- Option Taster Sessions
- Employer Encounters in Lessons

- PSCE – Work Experience, Myth busting and Stereotypes
- Careers Interviews (Mark Stubbs)
- Work Experience
- Post 16 Week
- Mentoring with Career ready
- Careers Ambassadors
- Higher Horizons – curriculum opportunities
- College/University/Training provider assemblies
- Careers Evening
- Careers Week
- Employer Encounters in Lessons

**CCSC Careers Programme**

## Colleges

**Newcastle College**

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



**OPEN EVENTS 2023/24**

Pre-registering for the events via the college website is highly recommended

\*\*Please check college / provider websites for any last-minute changes

NEW

**Stoke on Trent College**

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



**Cheshire College**

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



Cheshire College  
South & West



STOKE  
ON  
TRENT  
COLLEGE

**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>



**Newcastle College (NSCG): 01782 715111**

4th October 2023 5:30pm - 8pm  
16th November 2023 5:30pm - 8pm  
20th January 2024 10am - 12 noon  
20th April 2024 10am - 12 noon

**Reaseheath College: 01270 625131**

7th October 2023 10:30am - 2pm  
4th November 2023  
2nd December 2023  
13th January 2024  
10th February 2024  
23rd March 2024  
20th April 2024  
8th June 2024

**Cheshire College: 01270 654654, (Crewe campus)**

11th October 2023 5:30pm - 8:00pm  
14th November 2023 5:30pm - 8:00pm

**Stoke-On-Trent College: 01782 208206, (Burslem & Caudon)**

18th October 2023 5:00pm - 7:30pm  
29th November 2023 5:00pm - 7:30pm  
6th March 2024 5:00pm - 7:30pm  
18th May 2024 10am - 2pm  
26th June 2024 5:00pm - 7:30pm

**Stoke Sixth Form College: 01782 848736**

11th October 2023 5:00pm - 7:00pm  
21st November 2023 5:00pm - 7:00pm  
27th February 2024 5:00pm - 7:00pm

Visit websites below for information / forthcoming events at:

**MARTEC Training:**

**E. Quality Training:** (Newcastle, Hanley, Stafford centres)

**School 6<sup>th</sup> Forms:**

**Alsager School**

**The King's CofE Academy (Kingsgrove)**

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

**St Joseph's College: (Trent Vale)**

**Open Events 2023**

**Wednesday 4 October 2023,**  
5:30pm - 8pm

**Thursday 16 November 2023,**  
5:30pm - 8pm

**Saturday 20 January 2024,**  
10am - 12noon

**Saturday 20 April 2024,**  
10am - 12noon



**Important  
DATE!**

*Note  
for your  
Diary*



# New Trick Every Week!

**Magic trick of the week – try this!!!**

## 23. The magical coin

**Prep:**

Grab a cup that is see through, and a coin. Cut a piece of paper that matches the surface you are doing your trick on. Make sure the paper fit tightly around the opening of the cup.

**How to do it:**

Place your cup upside down. Grab the front of the cup with one hand to block the audience from seeing the inside of the cup. Place it above the coin and when you snap your fingers, lift your hand away from the cup. The coin disappeared. The magic comes from making it reappear. Place your hand in front of the cup again, snap your fingers once more, and move the cup back to the starting position. You now have a coin that will disappear and reappear with a snap!



# Mother Earth



**22nd International Mother Earth Day, 23<sup>rd</sup> St Georges Day**  
(Week beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2024)

## Mother Earth

There are many different Earth goddesses in the mythology of the different cultures around the world. The personification of nature stems from the live-giving and nurturing aspects the Earth provides, hence taking on the form of a mother. In Western culture we are most familiar with the names Gaia from Greek Mythology or Terra, from Roman mythology.

In the modern world mankind's understanding of the world and their place in it has evolved into the understanding of the **interconnectivity** between every living thing (including human beings) and the planet itself.

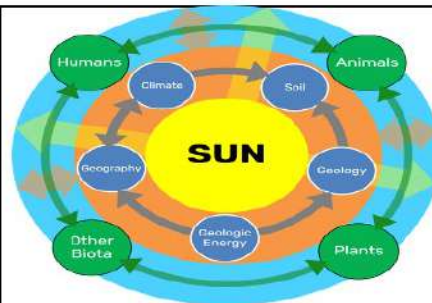
The most fundamental relationship in any ecosystem is between the environment and everything that lives there. As the environment changes whatever lives there must adapt to the changes or be replaced by plants and animals better adapted to the new conditions. **Everything is connected and always changing.**

Over the long lifetime of the earth and the much shorter existence of living organisms there have been significant **geological changes** (continent formation, mountain building and volcanic activity etc.), **climatic changes** (atmosphere formation and composition, ocean current development, ice ages etc) and even **extinction events**, arising from large asteroid strikes.

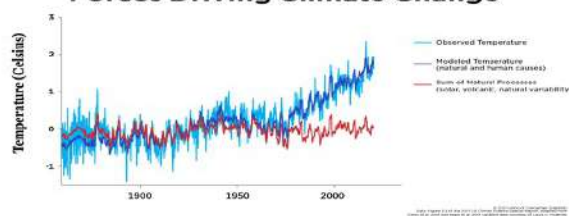
The very **interconnectedness** of nature and the complex nature of the various ecosystems, food webs and chemical based cycles (Oxygen, Carbon and Nitrogen) has enabled the planet to cope with these historic events and over time some species have prospered while others have become extinct as result of these natural events.

**Since the industrial revolution the growth in the population of mankind and it's use of natural resources and the impacts of those uses has, unlike any single species before us, begun to affect the global climate and also animal and plant biodiversity threatening the very interconnectivity on which all life depends.**

22 Apr 2024 — This is the fourth International Mother Earth Day celebrated within the United Nations (UN) Decade with the theme of **Ecosystem Restoration**



## Forces Driving Climate Change



**Theme of the week**

**Mother Earth**

**Don't forget to check you emails and Teams DAILY to complete your homework quizzes/assignments!**



Have an idea, event or news that you want to share in next week's edition please email

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