



Be The Best You Can Be With CCSC

Week 5 - Monday 30th September 2024



What's on THIS week?

- Thursday 3rd - Y11 Netball, Y7 Photographs, H & S Trip to Staffs College
- Friday 4th - SEN Coffee Morning

What's on NEXT week?

- Tues 8th & Wed 9th Y11 Music Composition Day
- Thur 10th Y7 Science Trip
- Thur 10th Y7 Settle in Evening

Important Dates

- Year 10 RSE Day
- Friday 11th October
- Year 10 Spanish Exams
- Monday 14th October
- Y10/Y11 Careers Evening
- Thursday 17th October
- Y10 Exam Week
- Monday 21st October

Trips all on Parent Pay

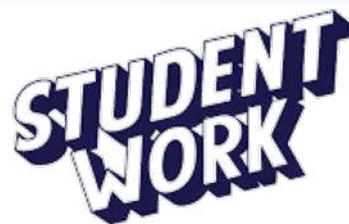
- Y7 The 3 musketeers
- Y7 Think Tank
- November Performing Arts to London
- December Buddhist Temple
- February Sorrento

Year	Event logs	Conduct logs	Best pupil with most ELs
Y7	1939 ↑	43 ↑	Wilshaw, Ava 7SS (33)
Y8	1139 ↑	194 ↑	Umar, Mohammed 8NE (16)
Y9	989 ↑	188 ↑	Caulcott, Leah 9LHi (20)
Y10	715 ↑	193 ↑	Timmis, Isabelle 10YM (17)
Y11	651 ↑	177 ↑	Pearce, Lottie 11P (14)
Total	Event Logs = 5433 ↑ 40%		Conduct Logs = 795 ↑ 36%

	Zero Conduct Logs	100% Attendance	Attendance	Best form Attendance
Y7	173 ↓ (84%)	172 (84%) ↓	95% ↓	7HM 97.1% ↓
Y8	151 ↓ (74%)	151 (74%) ↓	92.8% ↓	8JD & MK 96% ↓
Y9	110 ↓ (65%)	132 (78%) ↑	93.1% ↓	9LH 98.6% ↓
Y10	100 ↓ (61%)	120 (73%) ↑	89.2% ↓	10YM 95% ↓
Y11	110 ↓ (68%)	103 (64%) ↓	86.4% ↓	11P 92.7% ↓
Total	644 ↓ (71%)	678 (75%) ↑	91.3% ↓	

View our weekly outstanding work here

<https://shorturl.at/XZGVL>



HARD WORK
beats
TALENT
when talent
DOESN'T
WORK HARD

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

Arnold, Jack	Hassall, Damian	Shenton-Phelan, Hope	Freeman, Lacey	Baker, Harry	Burns, Charlie
Beeston, Isaac	Jackson, Oliver	Simm, Esmae	Garside, Noel	Coomer, Jack	Howarth, Ethan
Chowdhury, Ibrahim	James, Maison	Tilstone, Annabelle	Kinnersley, Guy	Copeland, Lily	Hughes, Zachary
Cooper, Archie	Littlehales, Zachary	Walford, Ella	Lawton, Krissy	Drage, Aaron	Lea, Holly
Critchlow, Lawson	Munden, Farrah-Ivy	Weaver, Alfie	Lester, Jessica	Jones, Ava	O'Donnell, Phoebe
Dale, Francesca	Peers-Newton, Harry	Webb, Luke	Turner, Izzy	Lockett, Jude	Podmore-Clarke, Leo
Davies, Dylan	Potts, Logan	Webster, Jacob	Webb, McKenzie	Podmore, Oakley	Potts, McKenzie
Dunn, Mercedes	Readings, Mason	Weerasingha, Kaumi	Wynne, Kaiden	Shore, Senna	Timmis, Isabelle
Eardley, Grace	Rigby, Jessica	Wilshaw, Ava	Christer, Cody	Johnstone, Archie	Wilkinson, Sophie
Forrester, Corey	Samuel, Joseph	Woodcock, Isobel	Docherty, Leron	Lea, Harry	Pearce, Lottie
Haley, Ava	Seston, Lucius	Wright, Jack	Elliott, Reece	Morrey, Jake	Price, Aimee
Harper, Thomas		Walklett, Lois	Hammond, Charlotte	Mullen, Luca	Smith, Oscar

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>

English
Layla Ralphs
Year 10

men with heads of the family, and everyone were to obey them. If they didn't, they were seen as weak, untrustworthy and disloyal.

2) Another way Mr. Bickel is portrayed is as opinionated. This is when he gets all mixed up together like bees in a hive - chaotic and all that nonsense. This supports the idea of Mr. Bickel having no authority over all of his family. Presley has used a simile of comparing the image of a hive of bees, with all different people mixed together, apart of a community. This is known as Socialism/Communism is a political and economic theory that everything should be owned (equally) Mr. Bickel doesn't like this idea because he believes in Capitalism. Capitalism is when a private individual, like Mr. Bickel, produces goods and is rewarded by a profit. Mr. Bickel is a capitalist. He is a capitalist and he believes he is a capitalist. The fact that he doesn't want to share his money with his family, especially Presley, has a lot to do with this. He is a capitalist and he believes he is a capitalist.

3) Presley and Mr. Bickel is a capitalist. He is a capitalist and he believes he is a capitalist. The fact that he doesn't want to share his money with his family, especially Presley, has a lot to do with this. He is a capitalist and he believes he is a capitalist.

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 Logs! 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!

HOY AWARDS

Y7

Y8

Y9

Y10

Y11

Alfie Weaver 7HM

For working exceptionally hard in all of his lessons, especially History and English. Mr Gribbin was so impressed with Alfie he even came to find me!

Erin Bagguley 7LTA

For a fantastic standard of work in all of her lessons and for always trying her best. I'm so proud of you, Erin.

Hope-Harper Crane 8JD

She embodies all of the school rules perfectly. Sha has had a fabulous week and a wonderful role model for her peers.

Jacob Ainscough 8MK

Is just wonderful! A great week, he has shown he is hard working and kind. I am really proud of him.

Michelle Henry 9LHi

Comes to school every day with a can do attitude. Quietly goes about her day and does her best. Well done and Keep it up!

Harry Baker 9KE

A mature student who does the right thing and is honest when he knows he has done wrong.

Zach Hughes 10MO

Has had an absolutely superb week! Well done Zach!

Isabelle Timmis 10YM

Demonstrating exceptional work in MFL and a superb attitude to learning across all of her subjects.

Lois Walklett, Aimee Bagnall and Lauren Trevor

For becoming Head Prefects and making excellent starts to the role including giving superb speeches at Options Evening.



Lucky Dip Winners 30th Sept



Zero Conduct Log Winners

Y7 Elliott, Marcie 7NC
Y8 Christer, Blake 8NE
Y9 Reddaway, Katelyn 9SWL
Y10 Hughes, Marcus 10MWI
Y11 Lench, Laci 11GF

Outstanding Work

Ralphs, Layla 10LEH
English
Event Log Plus
Potts, McKenzie 10MWI
100% Attendance
Poole, Madisyn 9LH

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
With your choice of prizes from above.

What has been happening?



CCSC ParkRun Club took in the Astbury Mere course in Congleton. 18 pupils and 4 staff took part this morning, results are shown below:
We continue to be incredibly proud of all pupils who are taking part!

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|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. Mr Daley - 21:35 | 11. Owen Worthington - 31:30 |
| 2. Logan Hood - 23:40 | 12. Alexis Oliver - 32:24 |
| 3. Kaden Tidyman - 25:03 | 13. Dennison Baddley - 33:46 |
| 4. Charlie Sidebottom - 26:03 | 14. Corey Forrester - 34:13 |
| 5. Mr Mackin - 26:26 | 15. Lydia Ainscough - 35:17 |
| 6. Freya Wilkinson - 29:11 | 16. Holly Lea - 35:18 |
| 7. Harry Bennett - 29:50 | 17. Jay Walsh - 37:38 |
| 8. Ava Wilshaw - 30:44 | 18. Dion Dale-Matthews - 39:17 |
| 9. Jacob Ainscough - 31:14 | 19. Oakley Podmore - 39:53 |
| 10. Tobias Lindsay-Cope - 31:26 | |

This week, every pupil in school has completed baseline testing of their reading and numeracy skills. All of the pupils have been excellent during the tests and have impressed staff with their fabulous effort. We are so proud of them



Year 7 Science Trip



When?
Thursday 10th
October

thinktank Pay on Parent Pay
Birmingham science museum



Well done to our new Primary Ambassadors

- | | |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| Laina Bowen | Franki-Lyn Elston |
| Eva Booth | Alexis Oliver |
| Paige Brierley | Oliver Walton |
| Kiera Simpson | Thomas Salt |
| Daphne Spangler | Teaghan Eardley |
| Neve Baker Parker | Abbygail Jones |
| Faye Baker | Ocean-Paige Burnett |
| Ella Bloor | Niamh Dabbs |
| Amelia Hattersley | Abigail Kelsall |
| Leon English | Daniyal Pietras |
| Noel Garside | Maddie Pickerill |

Primary Ambassadors

A GIGANTIC ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR OUR SUPERSTAR PRIMARY AMBASSADORS WHO ROCKED THE YEAR 6 DAYS OVER THE PAST TWO WEEKS! 🌟

YOU WERE NOTHING SHORT OF FABULOUS, AND EVERY YEAR 6 STUDENT HAD AN ABSOLUTE BLAST! THANK YOU A MILLION TIMES OVER! 🌟

@ CCSC

Martec Training

London Road, Lyme Valley, Newcastle-Under-Lyme, ST5 1LZ

01782 717272

<https://www.martectrain>

ing.co.uk

Italy Ski Trip

27th December 2025 –
3rd January 2026

40 places available

£1420

E320 deposit by 31/10/2024

We are staying in the village of Pré-Saint-Didier, at the Hotel Universo. We are skiing at the resort of La Thuile. Letters and consent on ParentPay. Speak to Mr Powell for more information.

Open Evening Tuesday October 22nd
3.00pm to 6.30pm

No appointment required, come along talk to the staff about the courses we offer and have a look around. Everyone welcome.

For further enquiries please find contact details below.

House Competitions 24 / 25



WHAT'S GOING ON THIS YEAR ??

House Calendar 2024/25

	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 4	Phase 5	Phase 6	Phase 7	Phase 8
Autumn Term 1		House Assemblies - Launch		House event 1 - Welly Wanging		House event 2 - Tag of War		
Autumn Term 2		House event 3 - Mastermind					House event 4 - Darts	
Spring Term 1		House event 5 - Chess/Checkers			House event 6 - Art / Poetry			
Spring Term 2		House event 7 - MasterChef		House event 8 - KUBBI				
Summer Term 1		House event 9 - Slow Bike Race						
Summer Term 2			House event 10 - Hobby Horning	CLW	House event 11 - Sports Day	New TT	New TT	

Miss White took a group of Year 11s to [Stoke 6th Form College](#) for Shakespeare Challenge! They competed in four rounds: Macbeth Quiz, Annotation Challenge, Hamlet Round and Shakespeare's life. A huge well done to all especially 'The Weird Sisters' who were the overall winners

After school
Dance Club

Wednesday
3.05 till 4.00pm

All year groups
welcome

If you wish to gain more
information,
Please see Mrs Hitchen



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A CHRISTMAS STORY

Mitchell Arts Centre | 9th November 2024 | 7pm Start



www.mitchellartscentre.co.uk

Time to introduce the two teenage girls who take the leading roles in this show, Lexi (left) Lexi has been with the group from day one of the group, She has developed over the years into a competent actress, and now taking on a large script for the first time, showing so much confidence in her character,, Next we have Teagan,, Teagan is new to the group and like so many others who join us had the confidence, just needed to bring it to the fore, She has shown her ability to learn the script quickly and perform it just as it should be, Its her first show with the group but has developed extremely well I have no doubt that she will do well in the future, Both of these young ladies play their parts with a professional touch,, Tickets are on sale at the Mitchel Arts Centre,, for the show a *Do not Miss Show* for all the family,

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A CHRISTMAS STORY



MITCHELL ARTS CENTRE
9TH NOVEMBER 2024

7PM START

www.mitchellartscentre.co.uk

Flu can be serious,
even for healthy children.



Given as
a painless
nose spray

Student information:

<https://youtu.be/JepMe0BkDil>

Parent information:

<https://youtu.be/dnqfhcdLZvs>

**Look out for consent
form via text and email.**

Be Prepared

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

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

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.

**isams
STUDENT**

All students and parents can track their event logs, conduct logs and attendance and much more using the isams app which can be found in self service or from the App store.

**isams
PARENT**



Students log in details.....

Username: firstname.surname

Password: FSurname1234

(First initial, Surname followed by their ipad pin)



Thank a teacher



From your lovely feedback last year parents and students have suggested a way to nominate a teacher to recognise them for an act of kindness, support or hard work.

If any student or parent would like to anomalously recognise a teacher then please use the link to fill out the form.

<https://forms.office.com/e/rBW6B67Kwy>



Clubs & Boosters

Clubs (2024-25)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Break Time	Library (all years) Borrow & Return Books	Library (all years) Borrow & Return Books	Library (all years) Borrow & Return Books	Library (all years) Borrow & Return Books	Library (all years) Borrow & Return Books
Lunch P7	Book Club (Year 7) Rm. 25	Peer Mentoring (Year 7) Rm. 14	Spanish Drop-In (Year 7) Rm. 3	Library (Years 7)	
Lunch P8	Spanish Drop-In (Years 8 + 9) Rm. 3			Library (Years 8 + 9)	Peer Mentoring (Years 8 + 9)
Lunch P9		Peer Mentoring (Years 10 + 11)	KS4 French Club (Rm. 3) Library (Years 10 + 11)		
After School	Swim Club (all years) Library (until 3:35pm) Borrow & Return Books	STEM Club - Rm. 22 Aqua Zumba (all years) SB,GF,APR Volleyball - Y9,10,11 PS/LEH Run Club x Parkrun (LM,JD,DG) Library (until 3:35pm) Borrow & Return Books Pokemon Card Club (starting soon)	Girls Netball (all years) SB,GF Boys' Football (Year 11) PS Drama Club (all years) Hall Library (until 3:35pm) Borrow & Return Books Pokemon Card Club (starting soon) Dance Club (all years) Dance Studio (LHi)	Badminton (all years) LEH,APR Book Club (all years) Library Library (until 3:35pm) Borrow & Return Books	

Boosters (2024-25)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch P9			French Booster (Rm 3)		
After School	Music & Drama Drop-In	Science Booster (Science Dept.) English Booster (see rota) Child Dev. / Health & Social Cwk Drop-In (Rm. 27 - BB) Business Booster (Y11)	English Booster (see rota) German Booster Rm. 4	Child Dev. / Health & Social Cwk Drop-In (Rm 27 - RF) D&T Booster Workshop (SH) Maths Booster Rm. 10 Higher Rm. 11 Foundation Religious Studies (Rm. 34 KO) Business Booster (Y10)	Spanish Booster Rm. 1 + 2 Italian Booster Rm. 3 History Booster Rm. 24 Geography Booster (starts after Christmas)

2024-2025 Autumn 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 Swim Club – All Years Girls Netball (SB/GF) – Year 9, 10 & 11	Aqua Zumba (SB/GF/APR) – All Years Handball (PS/LEH) – Year 9, 10 & 11	Badminton (LEH/APR) – All Years Boys Football (PS) – Year 11 Dance (LHi) – All Years	Girls Netball (SB/GF) – Year 7 & 8	NEW

Autumn Term 2024

Teacher Training Day: Monday 2nd September
Teacher Training Day: Tuesday 3rd September
Term Starts: Wednesday 4th September
Teacher Training Day: Friday 20th September
End of Half Term: Friday 25th October
Holiday: Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November
School Starts: Monday 4th November
Term Ends: Friday 20th December (12:05)
Holiday: Monday 23rd December – Friday 3rd January

Spring Term 2025

Teacher Training Day: Monday 6th January
Term Starts: Tuesday 7th January
End of Half Term: Friday 14th February
Holiday: Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February
School Starts: Monday 24th February
Term Ends: Friday 11th April (12:05)
Holiday: Monday 14th April – Friday 25th April
Easter Sunday: Sunday 20th April

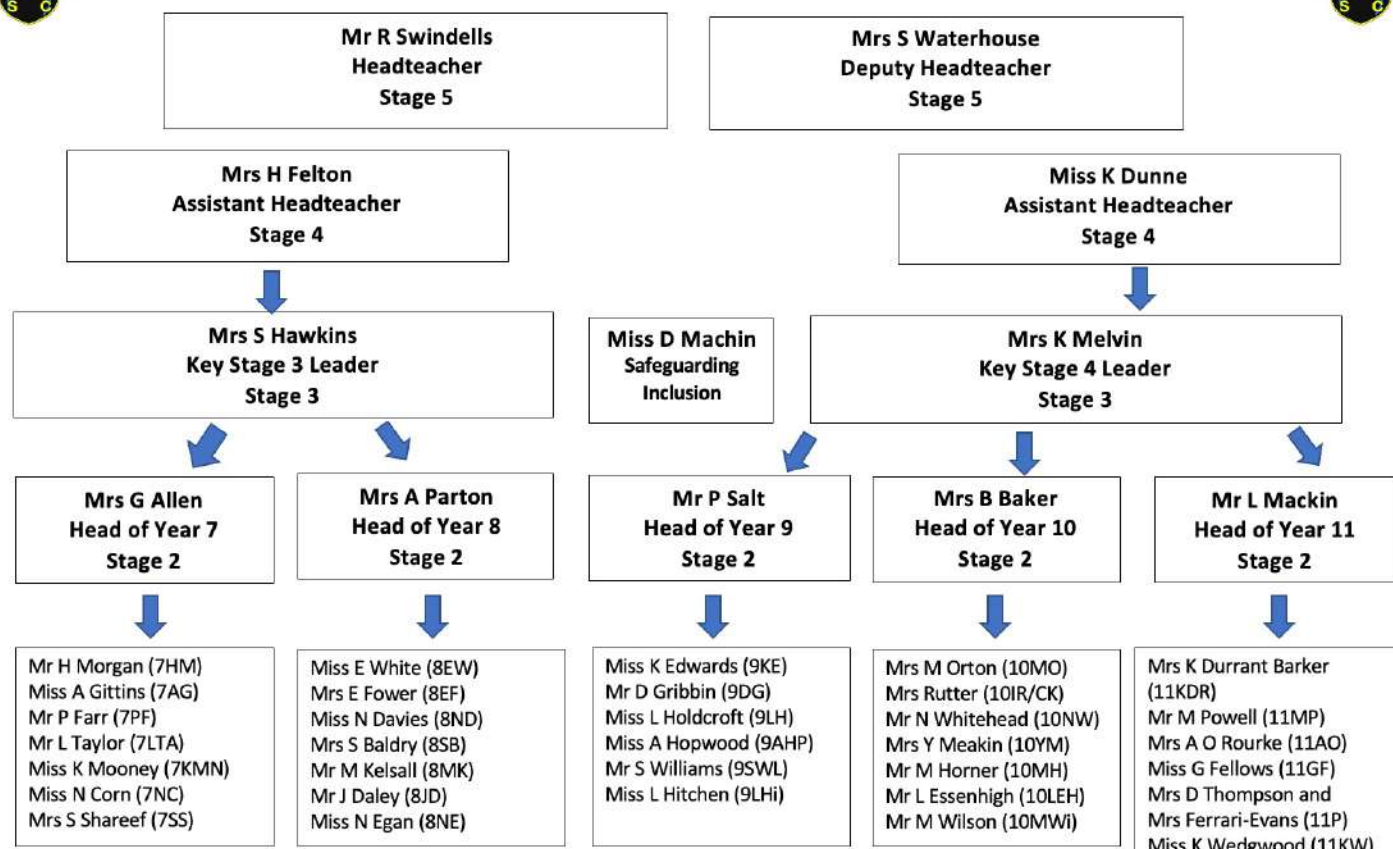
Summer Term 2025

Term Starts: Monday 28th April
May Day: Monday 5th May
End of Half Term: Friday 23rd May
Holiday: Monday 26th May – Friday 30th May
School Starts: Monday 2nd June
Teacher Training Day: Monday 30th June
Term Ends: Friday 18th July (12:05)
Holiday: Monday 21st July – Friday 29th August

- 7:30 – 8:15 – Breakfast Club (optional)
- 8:20 – All pupils arrive
- 8:30 – Form Time (all)
- 8:50 – Lesson 1
- 9:20 – Lesson 2
- 9:50 – Lesson 3
- 10:20 – Lesson 4
- 10:50 – Break Time (all)
- 11:05 – Lesson 5
- 11:35 – Lesson 6
- 12:05 – Lesson 7 (Year 7 Lunchtime – Cage, Dining Hall and Astro)
- 12:35 – Lesson 8 (Year 8 and 9 Lunchtime)
- 1:05 – Lesson 9 (Year 10 and 11 Lunchtime)
- 1:35 – Lesson 10
- 2:05 – Lesson 11
- 2:35 – Lesson 12
- 3:05 – End of School Day (all)
- 3:05 – 4:00 – After School Clubs and Boosters

Year 7	LTA	AG	NC	HM	KMN	PF	SS	GA
	23	24	25	26	26a	28a	28	
Year 8	SB	EW	MK	JD	NE	EF	ND	AP
	19	20	21	22	29a	18	30	
Year 9	KE	DG	LH	AHP	SWL	Lhi		PS
	4	5	6	7	8	9		
Year 10	LEH	IR/CK	NW	MO	MH	YM	MWi	BB
	17	14	15	13	11	10	12	
Year 11	DT/RF	MP	AO	GF	KDR	KW		LM
	Library	29	2	1	3	34		

CCSC Pastoral Structure



Uniform

Dear Parent/Carer

8th July 2024

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of our school uniform policy. We expect high standards across all years in school and take great pride in the appearance of our pupils. First impressions are important and our school uniform is to be worn with pride. Part of our school values is to 'be prepared' and having the correct uniform and equipment will ensure that your child is effectively prepared for learning.

Here is an update regarding our sanctions:

- For genuine reasons, please inform our school office (that same morning) - phone calls or emails only and no letters/notes. They will then be issued a uniform card and reported to the Head of Year and Mrs. Waterhouse, who will then decide if isolation is still required.
- If no valid reason is given that morning, a conduct log will be issued and form teachers will report to Head of Year and Mrs. Waterhouse. **These pupils will be isolated with either form tutor, Head of Year, Key Stage Leader or even placed in the Quiet Room.**
- A weekly whole-school detention will then be issued where we have had no parent contact on the day of incorrect uniform (parent text will be sent on Fridays, with detentions after school on Tuesdays). For those who are persistent, Quiet Room time will be issued until uniform is corrected.

Please see below for a summary:

The uniform for the school includes:



- Black blazer with school badge. This should be worn at all times and can be taken off in lessons **only** if a member of staff allows it (for example, in hot weather). Coats, jackets, hoodies and jumpers are not to be worn around school.
- White shirt: It should be noted that this is a traditional shirt that buttons to the collar and is long enough to be tucked in (**shirts should be tucked in at all times**).
- A plain, black jumper (no logos) can be worn under the blazer
- School house tie
- Black trousers: Girls should note that the trousers must be of a formal, tailored style, i.e. **not fitted trousers, jeans or leggings**. We should not be able to see ankles! Tight fitting, Lycra trousers will not be allowed at all. Black socks are preferred.
- Skirts: Girls are allowed to wear a school skirt with a school logo, which can be purchased from the school shop. Skirts should be of appropriate length and not rolled over at the top. Black tights or black socks/knee high socks required.
- Black footwear (low-heel, no coloured logos, no additional colours on laces or soles). Footwear can be trainers as long as they are all black.
- Jewellery: For safety and security reasons, only one pair of sleeper or stud earrings may be worn in each earlobe. Pupils may wear a watch.
- In all cases, jewellery should be removed for safety reasons (PE, Technology). Where jewellery can't be removed or where it goes against the school policy (in the case of facial piercings), pupils will be made to wear plasters to cover until it can be removed.
- Hair should be of a natural colour – we are having an increase in coloured hair. Please ensure that our policy is adhered to. Pupils who do present themselves with a different colour hair (and go against policy) will have to wear hair up and will be monitored on a daily basis until it grows out.
- Eyelashes need to be natural (pupils will be asked to remove fake ones).
- Nail varnish and false nails are not allowed (for health and safety reasons).
- An apron is required for Technology.
- Air pods/wireless earphones are not allowed in lessons. Pupils will be asked that these are removed and, in some cases, will be confiscated.
- Using mobile phones in school is not permitted.

PE Kit

- Royal blue polo shirt, black shorts/black sports leggings/black jogging bottoms (NOT any other colour) and black socks.
- There is also the option of having a blue, long-sleeve jersey and a black waterproof sports jacket.
- PE Hoodies are available to buy.
- For outdoor field activities, boots, gum shield and shin pads are necessary for rugby, hockey and football.
- Trainers with non-marking soles for indoor use.
- Nike pro shorts are NOT allowed. Sport shorts must come to at least mid-thigh/just above the knee.
- Please read the PE FAQs and department policy for further information on if your child is unable to take part in PE lessons.



Yours Sincerely,

Mrs. S Waterhouse
Deputy Headteacher

Top tip for mental health: become a magician

[theday.co.uk/top-tip-for-mental-health-become-a-magician-3](https://www.theday.co.uk/top-tip-for-mental-health-become-a-magician-3) 20 November 2023



Sleight of hand: Magicians are one of the rare groups that are both creators and performers.

Can magic make us happy? A new study shows illusionists are less prone to mental health difficulties. Psychologists want to learn their tricks to unlock the secrets of happiness.

In 1812, Louis Comte pulled a rabbit from a hat. In 1921, the **illusionist** PT Selbit sawed a woman in half. Magicians making history.

They do not like to tell their secrets. The Magic Circle expels members who let slip their methods.¹ But, **psychologists** have discovered a link between magic and mental health.

The study examined 195 magicians.² They were less anxious than average. And they had fewer **distorted** thoughts and hallucinations.

This is unusual. Evidence shows mental health problems are more common in creative people.³

So could doing magic make us happy?

Psychologist Lucy Foulkes warns against using medical terms like anxiety and **depression** to talk about normal feelings of being happy and sad.⁴

And researcher Gil Greengross says magicians with mental difficulties may struggle with the demands of the trade. You need to be mentally healthy to succeed.

Abracadabra

Yes: Everyone wants to believe in magic. As a magician, you get the satisfaction of making magic happen, just for a moment. It is a gift and a skill that comes from a deep understanding of reality.

No: Magic is all about deception. The audience gets to enjoy the illusion but it has no lasting meaning after the show. The magician knows how it is done and must repeat the trick night after night.

But magician Sara Crasson believes it has a positive impact.⁵ It helps young performers “overcome” difficulties and build confidence.

Writer Peter Ormerod thinks the art of illusion is special because it unites a “sense of wonder” with a “firm grasp on reality”.⁶ Magicians know their limitations. And play with our desire to believe and be deceived.

“Honest dishonesty,” Ormerod calls it. And many magicians have tried to expose those who claim to have supernatural powers. The escape artist Harry Houdini debunked spirit mediums.

Con artists use the same magic skills to make people unhappy. **Neuroscientist** Susana Martinez-Conde argues we laugh at magic because it feels threatening, but we know it is harmless.⁷

Is magic real? Mentalist Kieron Kirkland says magic exists in our minds.⁸ A trick takes attention away from negative thoughts to focus on moments of wonder and joy. This makes Kirkland and his audience happy.

Can magic make us happy?

Or... Good mental health is not about being happy or sad. A magician has a strong sense of reality and the distinction between the possible and the impossible. A life skill more important than being happy.

English Department

What is Sora?

Sora is our online reading platform - it means that you have access to thousands of ebooks, audiobooks and graphic novels for free!



Using Sora

Go on either: <https://soraapp.com/welcome> or look for Sora in the App Store.

How do I log on?

Press the green button under the Sora logo and select our school from the list.



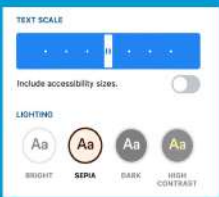
Press the 'explore' tab at the bottom of the screen to show the titles that are available.

They are split into subjects for you to browse or you can search for a title in the top bar.



Sora's Features

You can adapt the size of the font, the colour of the background and the style of font to make it more dyslexia friendly



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English Stars Of The Week

- KDR** Marius Salter - the consistent effort he is putting into his English lessons is paying off through his developed language analysis and fab written responses.
- EW** Lucie Barber, Sadie Huxley, Emma Margina and Lois Walklett (aka The Weird Sisters) - winners of Stoke on Trent College's Shakespeare Challenge, well done!
- GA** Maddie Everall and Isabelle Wilson (couldn't decide between them!) for their great work in our creative writing planning lesson. Their work was not only detailed and thorough but exceptionally neat and well organised. Well done, girls.
- AP** Katie Millington- for a solid response to a GCSE style An Inspector Calls question. A big improvement! Proud of you, beaut!
- NE** Pippa Barlow - for her excellent first attempt at a Mr Birling question!
- RF** My star of the week is Stephen Mayer for putting so much effort into planning his essay and preparing for his first assessment on An Inspector Calls.
- KW** 8/2Y Noel Garside - Noel has been a fabulous contributor to lessons, he shares lots of interesting ideas and can be relied on to read in lessons.
- KMN** Lloyd Patrick 7.1Y He always provides great answers and contributes to class discussions amazingly. His hard work in English does not go unnoticed.

Booster timetable

Week		Tuesday	Wednesday
1	Date	10th	11th
	Staff	RF room 6	GA library
	Focus	AIC - plot and	Language - P1Q2
2	Date	17th	18th
	Staff	KM library	KMn room 7
	Focus	AIC - context	Language - P1Q5
3	Date	24th	25th
	Staff	KDR room 8	NE room 6
	Focus	AIC - Mr Birling	Language - P1Q3
4	Date	1st	2nd
	Staff	AP library	KW room 5
	Focus	AIC - Sheila	Language - P1Q5
5	Date	8th	9th
	Staff	EW room 9	GA library
	Focus	AIC - Gerald	Language - P1Q4
6	Date	15th	16th
	Staff	KM library	KMn room 7
	Focus	AIC - Mrs Birling	Language - P1Q5
7	Date	22nd	23rd
	Staff	RF room 9	NE room 6
	Focus	AIC - Eric	Language - P1Q2

MFL Department



Miss Moscati's Star of the Week
Joseph Samuel in Y7: Brilliant participation in lessons, and enthusiasm for learning languages.

Mr Whitehead's Stars of the Week
Aimee Price – 11/3 Spanish for working hard every lesson, asking good questions and helping out.



Mrs Knight's Star of the Week
Jacob Foster for his excellent standard of work and willingness to volunteer in speaking activities.

Mrs Orton's Star of the Week
Jacob Webster Year 7 2X for his amazing efforts in lessons and for being really enthusiastic to take part and speak in Spanish in front of class. Keep up the good work Jacob!



Miss Corn's Star of the Week
Esmæ Simm, for an excellent start to Spanish and always being really helpful and kind to others in lesson

Mrs Rutter's Stars of the Week
Lucy Gater and Ellie-Mae Sims for outstanding independent writing, and **Harry Lea** for a huge improvement in his writing. Well done



Miss Mendez's Star of the Week
Imogen Bakewell - her speaking practice with me was beautiful.

Spanish Boosters - 2024-25

Term 1.1

27/09	Speaking exam prep - Y10
4/10	Speaking exam prep - Y10
11/10	Listening prep - Y11 - Theme 1
18/10	Writing prep - Y11 - all question types - Theme 1 & 2
25/10	Reading prep - Y11 - Theme 1 & 2

Term 2.1

08/11	Prep for Y11 mock exams - speaking - Themes 1 & 2
15/11	Prep for Y11 mock exams - writing - Themes 1 & 2
22/11	Prep for Y11 mock exams - reading - Themes 1 & 2
29/11	Listening skills - Themes 1 & 2
6/12	Translation skills - H&F
13/12	Drop in - open for everyone

MFL lunchtime drop-in sessions

Y7- Wednesday (Room 3)
Y8-9 - Monday (Room 3)



Educake

Don't forget to log into Educake EVERY week and complete your weekly Crucial Knowledge Quizzes set by Mr Cartlidge during Independent Study or own time.

	% Correct	Questions Answered	Best Class
Year 7	61.4%	4,103	7/2x & 7/1y
Year 8	79%	8,346	8/1x & 8/2y
Year 9	71.5%	7,708	9/1x & 9/2y
Year 10	75.2%	4,490	10/2x & 10/1x
Year 11	73.3%	4,859	11/1x Double
Whole School	73.1%	29,506	



Science leaderboards.

For more information on how to use Educake for all subjects please view the website.

<https://www.educake.co.uk/resources/>

Student	Year	Class(es)	Qs Answered	% Correct
1 Sophie Rawlinson	7	7/2y PF MC	170	64%
2 Hope Shenton	7	7/2x CD SS	146	73%
3 Ava Wilshaw	7	7/2x CD SS	135	69%
4 Faith Stonier	7	7/2y PF MC	129	40%
5 Logan Blaze	7	7/2y PF MC	120	84%
6 Zachary Littlehales	7	7/2x CD SS	102	71%
7 Damian Hassall	7	7/2x CD SS	100	65%
8 Ibrahim Chowdhury	7	7/2x CD SS	96	70%
9 Dennison Baddeley	7	7/2y PF MC	92	65%
10 Francesca Dale	7	7/2x CD SS	78	73%

Student	Year	Class(es)	Qs Answered	% Correct
1 Alexis Oliver *	8	8/1x Sci MP	362	90%
2 Noel Garside	8	8/2x Sci SS	205	88%
3 Lucy Bagguley	8	8 set 5 Sci SS	140	94%
4 Emily Salter *	8	8/1x Sci MP	133	85%
5 Matthew Mayall *	8	8/1x Sci MP	132	83%
6 Logan Wheeler *	8	8/1x Sci MP	132	84%
7 Leah Bennett	8	8/1y Sci CD	132	80%
8 Lily Wilshaw	8	8 set 4 Sci PF	130	67%
9 Kaiden Wynne	8	8/1x Sci MP	129	92%
10 Paige Brierley *	8	8/2y Sci MC	129	93%

Student	Year	Class(es)	Qs Answered	% Correct
1 Cj Sear	9	9 set 3 Sci PF	228	69%
2 Megan Cartwright	9	9/2x Sci SS	206	72%
3 Pippa Chadwick	9	9/2y Sci CD, ...	190	74%
4 Oliver Hobbs	9	9/2x Sci SS	153	76%
5 Madisyn Poole	9	9/2y Sci CD	124	82%
6 Ryley Cofax	9	9/2y Sci CD	122	92%
7 Harry Hulme	9	9 set 3 Sci PF	122	63%
8 Harry Austin	9	9/2y Sci CD	117	88%
9 Ruqayah Sardar	9	9/2y Sci CD	117	62%
10 Bethany Jackson	9	9/1x Sci Sci KE	113	87%

Student	Year	Class(es)	Qs Answered	% Correct
1 Lee Grant	10	10 set 2x Sci PF	217	63%
2 Logan Hood	10	10 set 1y Sci SS	135	79%
3 Ollie Forester	10	10 set 2x Sci PF	114	72%
4 Naomi Riley	10	10 set 2w Sci KE	102	78%
5 Leah Johnson	10	10 set 1y Sci SS	101	87%
6 Sophie Lamb	10	10 set 1x Sci MC	100	97%
7 Katy Cooper	10	10 set 1y Sci SS	97	80%
8 Isabelle Timmis	10	10 set 1y Sci SS	95	78%
9 Amelia Tench	10	10 set 1y Sci SS	94	74%
10 Ethan Schwarz	10	10 set 2x Sci PF	94	69%

Student	Year	Class(es)	Qs Answered	% Correct
1 Kaitlyn Sear	11	11 set 4 Sci CD	257	66%
2 Sadie Huxley	11	11 set 1x Sci PF	154	84%
3 Maddison Everill	11	11 set 2y Sci KE	148	90%
4 Lucy Taylorcottam	11	11 set 4 Sci CD	134	71%
5 Lewis Cornwell	11	11 set 4 Sci CD	124	64%
6 Stephen Barlow	11	11 set 2x Sci KD	119	61%
7 Lottie Pearce	11	11 set 2x Sci KD	119	63%
8 Aimee Bagnall	11	11 set 2y Sci KE	112	75%
9 Libby Johnson	11	11 set 2x Sci KD	105	71%
10 Sonny Dyer	11	11 set 2y Sci KE	97	89%



- PSCHE – 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

- PSCHE – 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



- PSCHE – 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

- PSCHE – 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

- PSCHE – 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>

Stoke on Trent College

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

Cheshire College

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

Reaseheath College

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

Stoke 6th Form

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

Alsager 6th Form

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

Kings 6th 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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Age

Throughout history writers, scholars and artists have attempted to split a human lifespan into a series of defined and universal "ages of man."

Since Greek and Roman antiquity, life has been split into anywhere from three to twelve stages of growth and development. It wasn't until the Middle Ages that, at least in Western culture views congregated on the idea of their being Seven Ages of Man mostly due to the theological significance of the number seven.

Shakespeare and his audiences would already have been familiar with the idea when it was spoken of in the Play, "As You Like It," by the character Jaques in the poem The Seven Ages of Man.

William Shakespeare



All the world's a stage, and all the men and women merely players: they have their exits and their entrances; and one man in his time plays many parts, his acts being seven ages.

— AZ QUOTES —

How we classify a person because of their age can vary widely. The NHS uses these categories to assign suitable treatments:

- Baby during pregnancy and up to 1 year after birth
- toddler: 1 to 3 years
- child: 4 to 12 years
- teenager: 13 to 19 years
- young people: 16 to 24 years
- adult: generally, from 18 years but this may vary
- adults aged 65 years and over.

Below are just some of the things you should learn between 11-16 years. You will find them useful in later life. (And of course, this is addition to your School work).

- Learning to cook
- Maintaining the home (cleaning/simple repairs)
- Looking after your own personal hygiene
- Doing Laundry
- Managing Time/Using a calendar
- Shopping and Managing Money
- Basic First Aid
- Make Time for Hobbies/Fun



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Never feel embarrassed. Always asking for help.

Age



ADHD Awareness/Black History/ Walk to School Month
World Space Week, 1st International Day of Older Persons
(Week beginning 30th September 2024)

<https://www.unifrog.org/teacher/resources/sort/know-how-student-launch-video-11-14>



Theme of the week

Age

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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