

Be The Best You Can Be



With CCSC



Week 25 - Monday 16th – Friday 20th March 2026



What's on THIS week?

Y8 Option Tasters Begin
Prefect Interviews Begin

Thurs 19th
Y10 Stoke City FC Visit

Fri 20th
Y7 RSE Day

Year	Event Logs	Average Per Pupil	Conduct logs	Average Per Pupil
Y7	1550 ↑	8.29 ↑	118 ↑	2.57 ↑
Y8	1155 ↑	6.05 ↑	215 ↑	3.52 ↑
Y9	1119 ↑	5.98 ↑	215 ↑	2.99 ↑
Y10	771 ↑	5.24 ↑	165 ↓	3.00 ↓
Y11	668 ↑	5.34 ↑	92 ↑	2.24 ↑
Total	5263 ↑		805 ↑	

What's on NEXT week?

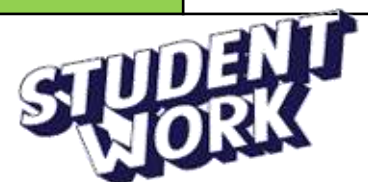
Mon 23rd Community Day
Tue 24th Reports Sent home
Tue 24th Rewards day
Wed 25th Thurs 26th
Y11 GCSE Art &
Photography GCSE Exams
Thu 26th Y8 Parents and
option evening
Fri 27th Break up for Easter
12:05pm

	Zero Conduct Logs	100% Attendance	Attendance	Best Form Attendance
Y7	144 ↓ (75%)	179 ↑ (93%)	94.8% ↑	7JW 100%
Y8	131 ↓ (67%)	181 ↑ (92%)	94.6% ↑	8PF 98.2%
Y9	123 ↓ (62%)	181 ↑ (91%)	92.7% ↑	9MK 98.7%
Y10	98 ↑ (59%)	148 ↑ (89%)	92.5% ↑	10AO 97.1%

View our weekly outstanding work here
<https://www.ccsc.staffs.sch.uk>

Important Dates

Mon 13th Back to school
GCSE Speaking exams start
Thur 7th May actual GCSEs start



I am proud of who I am and what I have achieved.



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**

Carter-Giles, Grace	Ainscough, Lydia	Jones, Abigail	Bromage-Pepper, Freya-Rose	Baggaley, Noah
Green, Shannon	Arnold, Thea	Kirby, Rayne	Burnett, Ocean-Paige	Edge, Sophie
Mapuranga, Brayden	Baggott, Harry	Podmore, Daisy	Cartwright, Megan	Howarth, Ethan
Morgan, Poppy-Sue	Cofax, Leah	Smith, Noah	Matthews, Jessica	Hughes, Zachary
	Jackson, Joshua	Smith, Sophia	Stringer, Lilly-Mai	Potts, McKenzie
		Tegg, Logan	Wainwright, Scarlett-Mia	Smart, Zak



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>



OUTSTANDING WORK



Art – Tia Forrester – Year 9

I am proud of who I am and what I have achieved.

HOY AWARDS

Y7

Freddy Fox

Is a lovely, polite, hardworking and enthusiastic boy. He has taken to his move up to 7/2X with aplomb. I am Incredibly proud of you Freddy

Y8

All of Y8 deserve a special mention this week for their outstanding effort and impeccable behaviour during Friday's business day. It takes real courage to speak in front of people, let alone the whole year group! I am so incredibly proud of you all.

Y9

Lacey Freeman

A real improvement in attitude and behaviour recently. She is a pleasure to be around and a general good egg! Well done, Lacey xxx

Y10

Bella Gough

Has made an excellent start and has settled really well. An asset to the year group 😊

Tilly Cosens

Always helpful and tries her best in everything she does. Well done Tilly you make us all very proud 😊

Y11

Destiny Hilditch

Destiny is consistently one of the most year groups highest event logged pupils.

She demonstrates a mature and hardworking approach to all elements of school. Well done Destiny.

Lucky Dip Winners

Mon 16th March

Zero Conduct Log Winners

Y7 Smith, Darci 7LHA
Y8 Valand, Ayush 8SS
Y9 Simcock, Archie 9SB
Y10 Marson, Freya 10AHP
Y11 Grand, Macie 11MWI

Outstanding Work

Forrester, Tia
9DFR Art

Event Log Plus

Matthews, Jessica 10AHP

100% Attendance

Orczykowski, Marcin 10LHi

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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Please email Miss Edwards kedwards@ccsc.staff.sch.uk With your choice of prizes from above.

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Options 2026

What happens next?

- 23rd February - Year 8 Assembly to launch the Options process
- 23rd February - Year 8 Exams Week
- 2nd March - Options Booklet sent out to pupils and parents/carers
- Week Beginning 16th March and 23rd March - Year 8 Option Taster Sessions for all pupils
- 25th March - Official Option Blocks released to pupils and parents/carers
- 26th March - Year 8 Options and Careers Evening (with appointments for Core Subjects)
- 13th April - Deadline for choices
- 18th May - Final choices will be sent home (earlier if all forms in on time)



CHESTERTON
COMMUNITY
SPORTS
COLLEGE

YEAR 8 OPTIONS EVENING 2026

26TH MARCH
6:00PM TO
8:30PM

NO
BOOKINGS
REQUIRED

- COME ALONG AND SPEAK TO STAFF AND PUPILS ABOUT POSSIBLE OPTION SUBJECTS AVAILABLE
- ASK QUESTIONS AND GET INVALUABLE ADVICE
- SPEAK TO COLLEGES AND BUSINESSES ABOUT WHAT SUBJECTS ARE USEFUL FOR CAREER CHOICES
- COLLECT OFFICIAL OPTIONS FORMS FOR MAKING CHOICES



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BEE ACTIVE



GAIN A LEVEL 2 QUALIFICATION

Calling all budding young sports coaches aged 12-16... Join us for an action-packed 5 days of learning and development this spring. Learn to use sport to deliver fun and engaging physical activities, and leave with your very own sports-coaching qualification! This course is **FREE** to children who are eligible for benefit related free school meals.

Learners must attend a course of 4, 6-hour sessions and a 3-hour assessment day. They will complete all the necessary modules to achieve the Sports Leaders UK Level 2 Award in Community Sports Leadership.

Course dates:

30-31 March & 1-2 April (09:00-15:00)

10 April Assessment Day (09:00-12:00)

Newcastle College, ST5 2GB

Book now: eequ.org



Year 10 began their Higher Horizons FC Project today, a programme designed to help them explore a wide range of career pathways within football and understand how further education can open the door to these opportunities.

Throughout the day, pupils took part in a two-hour professional coaching session with Stoke City FC, followed by interactive classroom workshops led by Higher Horizons. These sessions developed key skills such as in-game data collection, decision-making around club ownership, and understanding how choices impact a football club across a season.

Next week, the group will continue their project with visits to Staffordshire University and Stoke City FC to further enhance their learning and experience.



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We rolled out the red carpet this morning for the first official viewing of "The Meltdown"!



Highlighting the work of aspiring filmmaker Sam Foster, students gathered in the Auditorium for an exciting Q&A session with the creators and star of the piece, where they heard all about the inspiration and best production moments first hand.

We want to say a big well done to everyone that was involved in the process and we can't wait to see what you're all working on next!

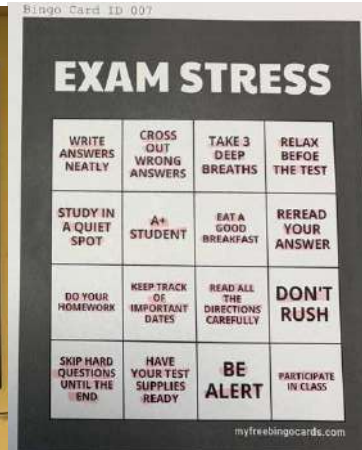
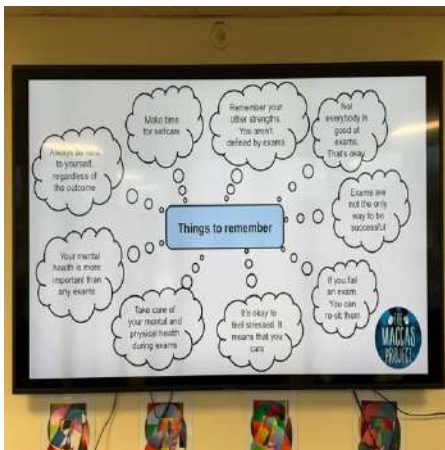
Still making us proud our very own Film Director Sam Foster

Year 11s took part in a fantastic Exam Stress Well-Being Workshop with Nina from Mind/Maccas Place. The session helped students explore the different causes of exam stress, from pressure and expectations to managing revision time, and gave them practical strategies to look after themselves during the busy exam period.

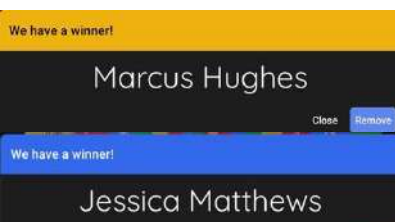
Nina introduced a range of coping techniques—like grounding, positive thinking, and small daily habits that support a healthy routine—and shared tips on how to prepare effectively for exams without feeling overwhelmed.

One of the highlights was a lively game of "Good Advice Bingo", which got everyone involved and helped reinforce helpful habits in a fun way. Students really enjoyed the session, and every single one said they took something useful from it.

A brilliant and reassuring workshop as Year 11 gear up for exam season!



Thank you to all of our parents/carers who completed the surveys for us! We appreciate any feedback and they really help us move forward. The winning pupils are below and will receive their prize later this week.



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Y11 Final Mocks

Start Time	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Monday 16th March	Maths Calculator 1hr 30 Hall SW/KD / Lib/Rm 11 AK / Group 2 MM (rm. 14)				Maths Calculator Group 2 Dispensation Lib. KD				Lunch	Business 1hr 15 Hall KD/BB		
Tuesday 17th March	Spanish Writing 1hr Hall HF/KD(H) / DS NW/SW(F) / Lib MM(F Disp) / Rm 11 MO(H. Disp)									GCSE PE 1hr 30 Hall LEH/KD		
Wednesday 18th March	Chemistry 1hr 15/1hr 45 Hall KD/KM / Lib/Rm 11 MC / Group 2 KE (Rm.14) / Triple DSAK			Chemistry Group 2 Dispensation Lib. KD			Drama 1hr 30 Rm. 1 BB					
Thursday 19th March			History 1hr Hall KM/SW		Music 1.5hrs. Rm 11 HF/MM					Geography 1hr 30. DSKD/BB		
Friday 20th March	Physics 1hr 15/1hr 45 Hall KD/HF / Lib/Rm 11 MC / Group 2 KE (Rm.1) / Triple DS MM			Physics Group 2 Dispensation. Lib. KD			Citizenship 1hr. Rm. 11 KD			Dance Practical 1hr 30 DSLHI		

REVISE How To Revise/Recap

1. Summarise

- Read a topic/chapter/page and summarise into 5 bullet points.

2. 5 Questions

- Read the topic/chapter/page and write your own 5 questions with answers.

3. Definitions

- Pick 5 keywords and write the meaning.



4. Picture

- Draw a diagram/picture and label it to explain what it shows



5. Video

- Watch a SHORT video on YouTube on a topic/keyword/concept and pause it at appropriate times to make 5 bullet points.



6. Quiz

- Find 10 questions on kahoot, booklet or educake, answer them and make notes on anything you learn or need to remember.

QUIZ!

7. Mind Map

- Pick a topic and draw a mind map explaining 10 key points.



8. Copy

- Pick a topic and read the crucial knowledge.
Copy 5 sentences that you don't remember or understand.



9. 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.

10. 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.



11. 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.

12. 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.

- **Be Prepared - Bring your stuff!**
- **Follow Instructions - do as you are told!**
- **Be the Best You Can Be - try your best!**

Our CCSC Rules

Be Prepared

- Full Uniform
- Don't be late - to school or lessons
- Have ipad charged
- Have equipment
- Be positive and ready for learning
- Have any quizzes, homework, coursework completed **ON TIME**
- Use time effectively - Independent Study, Boosters
- Go to the toilet at break, lesson change overs!!

Follow Instructions

- Calm start to a lesson
- Follow teacher routines - stand behind chairs, crack on with starter activity
- Sit where you are told!
- Attempt tasks given
- No phones
- No hoodies - blazers and ties on
- If told no to the toilet, it's a no!
- No answering back or shouting out
- Wait until you are dismissed
- On corridors or at break/lunch times - do as you are told
- Rules around corridors, break times and lunchtimes
- Show respect to each other!

Our CCSC Rules

Be the Best You Can Be

- Try hard!
- Aim for the best not just average
- Use all time you can
- Attend boosters
- Ask for help
- Attend every day
- Earn event logs and rewards
- Have self belief
- Think about the way you speak and act
- Set targets and try to achieve them
- Smile!

Our CCSC Rules

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CCSC UNIFORM POLICY

Blazers

- Black blazer with school badge must be worn.
- All other items - coats, jackets, hoodies must be worn over your school blazer.
- Blazer can be removed in lessons - with teacher permission.

Jumpers

- Plain black jumper (no logos) may be worn under your school blazer.

Trousers

- Black, formal tailored trousers to be worn.
- The following are not allowed: Leggings, fitted trousers, Lycra style or any trousers that do not cover the ankle.
- Black socks preferred to be worn.

Skirts

- School skirt with logo (from school shop).
- Appropriate length and not rolled up at the waist.
- Worn with black tights or black socks. No other coloured socks allowed

Hair, Nails, Make up and Jewellery:

- Hair must be of a natural colour
- Pupils with dyed hair must have it tied up and it will be monitored until it grows out.
- No false nails or nail varnish.
- No false eyelashes or lash extensions.
- Watches allowed - no rings or bracelets
 - One set of studs or small hoops permitted.
 - Nose studs not allowed.

Devices and Equipment:

- Apron required for Technology.
- AirPods / earphones are not allowed in lessons (may be confiscated).
- Mobile phones must not be used in school.

Shirt and Tie

- White traditional shirt with buttons done to the collar.
- Must be tucked in.
- School tie worn properly and visible.

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House Competitions 2025-26

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8
Autumn Term 1								House Event 1 - Welly Wanging
Autumn Term 2	House Event 1 - Welly Wanging	House Event 2 - House Poster Competition				House Event 3 - Super Speedy Boardgames		
Spring Term 1		House Event 4 - Chess/Checkers				House Event 5 - TBC		
Spring Term 2				House Event 6 - Tug of war				
Summer Term 1	House Event 7 - Darts				House Event 8 - TBC			
Summer Term 2		House Event 9 - Orienteering / Treasure Hunt		CLW	House Event 10 - Competition Day			New TT

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MONDAY 16TH MARCH

3:05PM – 4:00PM

WHAT'S ON OFFER?

- TAKE A LOOK AT THE ACTIVITIES BEING RUN BY STAFF.
- PICK YOUR FAVOURITE ACTIVITY.
- FOLLOW THE FORMS LINK ON YOUR YEAR GROUP TEAMS PAGE TO TELL US WHICH ACTIVITY YOU ARE COMING ALONG TO.

SRI LANKAN COOKING

YOGA

DARTS

WARHAMMER PAINTING

FLMS

MARIO KART

GARDENING

DANCE

PROP MAKING

TEA & BISCUITS

SCRABBLE

AND MUCH MORE!!!

COME ALONG, TRY SOMETHING NEW AND HAVE FUN!!!

MONDAY 16TH MARCH
MONDAY 20TH APRIL
MONDAY 8TH JUNE

3:05PM – 4:00PM

COME ALONG, TRY SOMETHING NEW AND HAVE FUN!!!

ARCHAEOLOGY @ CCSC

Want to dig on an actual Roman site?

Join us for archaeology @ CCSC

Please bring old clothes as you will be digging holes and excavating.

LANGUAGES

EL CINE



¡En español!

WELCOME TO OUR XTRA@CCSC SESSION WHERE YOU CAN COME AND JOIN US FOR A FILM IN SPANISH

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GAME ON!
BOARD GAMES AND MORE WITH THE LADIES OF THE LIBRARY!

MONDAY 16TH MARCH
3:05PM – 4:00PM
LIBRARY

An action packed session for those who love all things gaming and beyond. We're talking Monopoly, The Logo Game and much more. There's something for everyone!

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CRIBBAGE

Want to learn a new card game full of skill? Then come join me for cribbage



ROOM 19
MR FARR

ALL WELCOME BOTH STAFF AND STUDENTS
ZUMBA AND DANCE CLASS

With Mrs Hitchen and Mrs Hall

Come and join us for a fun and lively dance in our school Dance Studio



Join the backstage team to help create and set the scene for *Beauty and the Beast*

Prop and Set Making Rooms 29 and 29a



GIANT SCRABBLE



AFTERSCHOOL XBOX CLUB

FIFA



MONDAY, 16TH MARCH
ROOM 10
WITH MR VIGGARS

CCSC XTRA-DARTS

SPRING TERM DATES:

- Monday 16th March
- Monday 20th April
- Monday 8th June

- Learn to play darts!
- Have fun and compete!
- All skill levels welcome!

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MONDAY 16TH MARCH

3:05PM – 4:00PM

WELCOME TO THE MOVIE AFTERNOON

MONDAY 16TH MARCH | AFTER SCHOOL UNTIL 4PM

ROOM 6

WHAT'S ON OFFER?

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- PICK YOUR FAVOURITE ACTIVITY.
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COME ALONG, TRY SOMETHING NEW AND HAVE FUN!!!



Spice Island Kitchen Sri Lankan Cooking

VILLAGE FOOD
COCONUT SAMBOL

NEW YEAR FOOD
COCONUT MILK RICE

DISCOVER THE FLAVOURS OF SRI LANKA

TASTE OF HOME
RED LENTIL CURRY

Mr. Jim's Extra Curricular Club

THIS IS ME

Sharing My Life Journey

- Life in Hong Kong
- Drawing My Ups & Downs
- Facing Life's Challenges
- Finding Solutions
- Lessons & Reflections

► First Meeting: An Overview of My Life
► Second & Third Meeting: In-Depth Case Studies

OUTDOOR EDUCATION!

LEARN • EXPLORE • DISCOVER!

- TENT CAMPING & SKILLS
- MAP READING & COMPASSES

EXTRA@CCSC MEDITATION & MINDFULNESS

MONDAY 16TH MARCH

Mediation Club is a calm place where children are guided to take slow breaths, share their feelings, and work together to solve problems peacefully.

Room 34

MARIO KART XTRA CLUB

When?
3.05pm • Monday 16th March
Monday 20th April
Monday 8th June

Why?
Prizes on offer as well as event logs!

Where:
Room 30

Mr. & Mrs. Francis' Karaoke Club

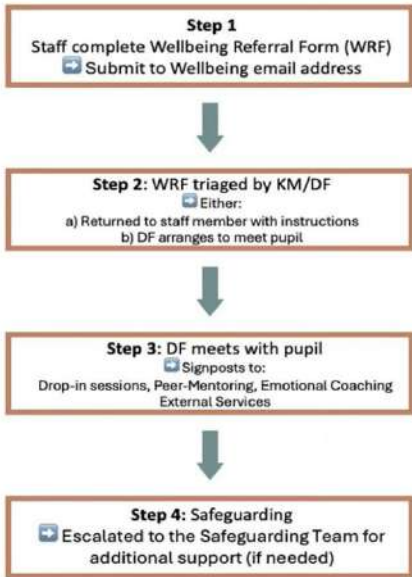
LET'S SING TOGETHER!

Join Us for Fun Karaoke Sessions!

- ★ All Skill Levels Welcome
- ★ Sing Your Favorite Songs!

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Pupil Well-Being



PUPIL WELLBEING DROP IN

Year Group	Monday
Year 7	P7
Year 8 & 9	P8
Year 10 & 11	P9

Mrs. Fox's Office on the Main Corridor

Peer Mentoring

Monday P9
Years 10 & 11
Room 1
Wednesday P7
Year 7
Room 11
Wednesday P8
Year 8
Room 11
Friday P8
Year 9
Room 13

Wellbeing Pioneer School

2026



Well-Being Survey Results



91% of pupils generally feel safe at school

88% of pupils generally feel their well-being is supported at school

88% of pupils generally feel like they belong at CCSC

80% of pupils generally feel they have a good balance between school and homelife

80% of pupils generally feel happy at school

67% of pupils can name an adult in school they can confide in

One pupil said: "I just feel calm and happy"

92% of pupils generally feel respected by their teachers



National Wellbeing Award

January 2026

Acknowledging school communities that put wellbeing at the heart of learning, teaching and leadership

Presented to

Chesterton Community Sports College

By

Dr Nasser Siabi OBE, CEO Microlink PC UK Ltd and Howard Sharron, CEO Teaching Times

This award lasts for three years from the date of issue after which re-designation is possible.

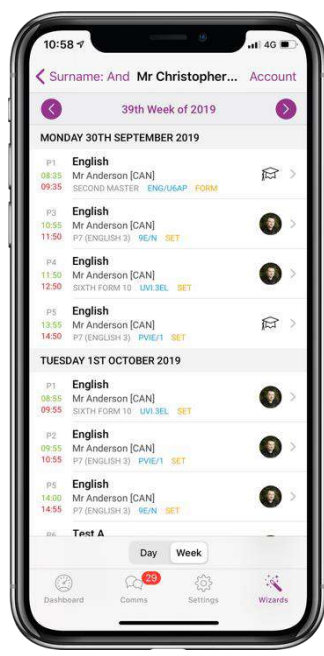
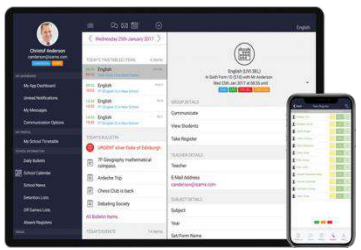


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All students and parents can track their event logs, conduct logs and attendance and much more using the isams app which can be found in self service or from the App store.



Students log in details.....

Username: firstname.surname
 Password: FSurname1234
 (First initial, Surname followed by their ipad pin)



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 you have completed. 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
- **All subjects:** Kahoot! (For Science, search keccscb1, keccscc1, etc.)
- **All subjects:** <https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/>
- **MFL:** <https://www.language-gym.com>
- **Maths:** <https://www.onmaths.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

Mr Dean

whenever i need something mr dean is there no matter what

thank you



Mr loo

The last few weeks mr loo has been in my lessons and has made a world of difference to food tech and D+T , I understand some of the terms and how easy he breaks it down

thank you



Miss Hargreaves

Miss Hargreaves is a wonderful teacher. She always helps everyone when needed and is always there to cheer someone up. We always learn something new in a fun educational way. Thank you Miss Hargreaves for always teaching us and making us smile.

thank you



Mr Jim

He's got such an advanced understanding of mathematics that anything he decides to explain to me I instantly understand and this is reflected in my maths grade this year. Thank you Mr Jim!

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.

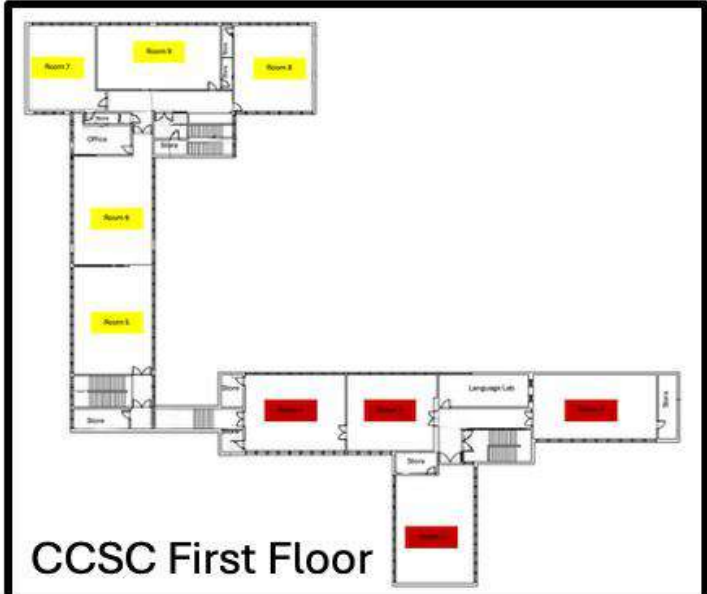
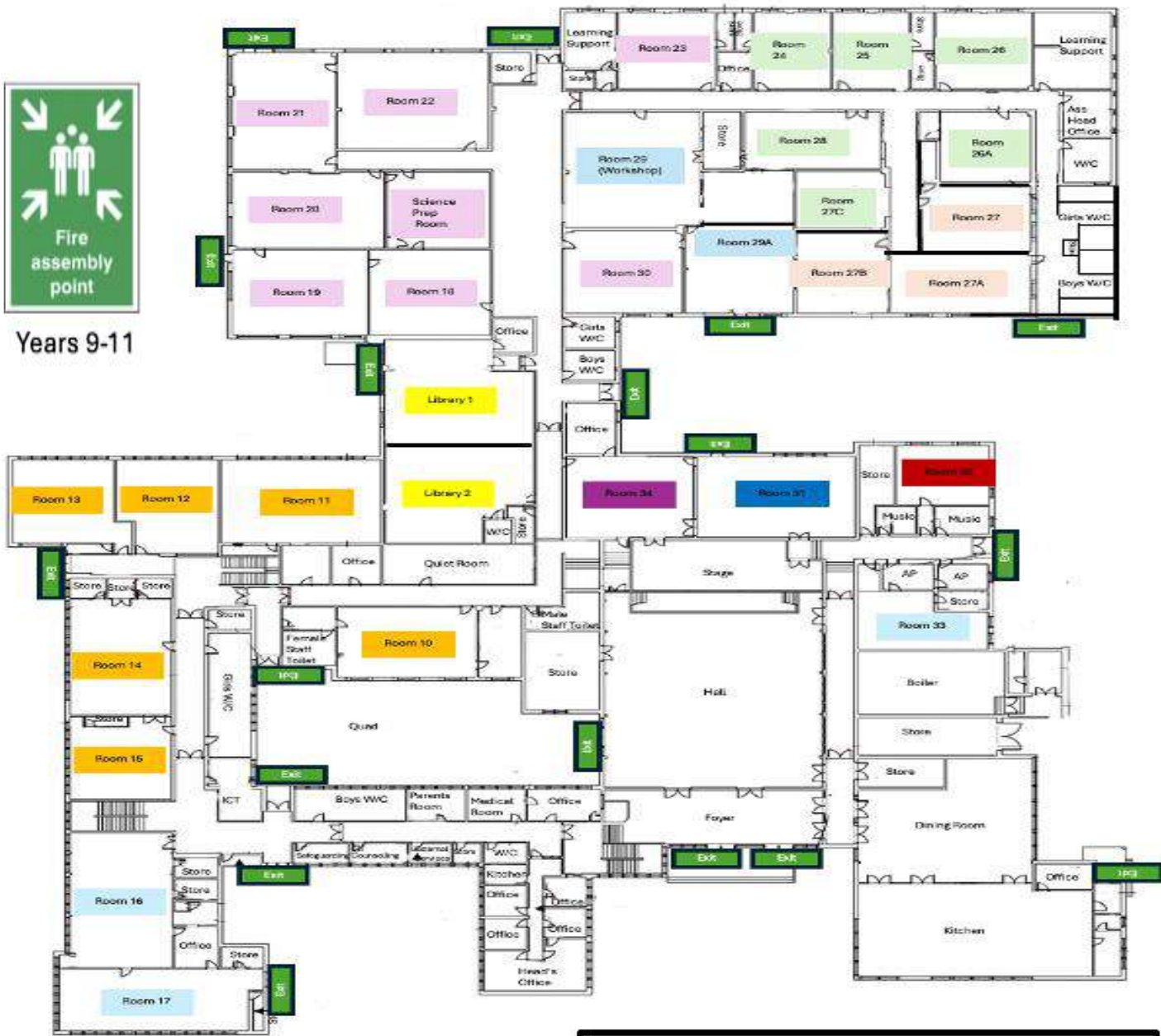
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Years 7-8



Years 9-11



CCSC First Floor



Clubs (2025-26)

	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	Wellbeing Drop-In (DF) Lunchtime Astro	Lunchtime Astro	Peer Mentoring (YW) (Year 7) Room 10 Lunchtime Astro	Library (Year 7) Library 2 Lunchtime Astro	Library (Year 7) Library 1
Lunch P8	Wellbeing Drop-In (DF) Lunchtime Astro	Lunchtime Astro	Peer Mentoring (YW) (Year 8) Room 10 Lunchtime Astro	Lunchtime Astro	Library (Y8 & Y9) Lib 1 Peer Mentoring (YW) (Year 9) Room 13
Lunch P9	Library (Y10 & Y11) Lib 1 Wellbeing Drop-In (DF) Peer Mentoring (YW) (Y10 & 11) Room 1 Lunchtime Astro	Lunchtime Astro	Lunchtime Astro	Lunchtime Astro	Library (Years 10+11) Library 2 Lunchtime Astro
After School	Library (until 3:35pm) Borrow & Return Books KS3 Art Club LE – Room 17	Library (until 3:35pm) Pokémon Card Club (20) The School Show – ‘Chorus Line’ (MH) Boys’ Football (PS) Y9 Netball (SB/GF) Y7 & Y8 Science/STEM Club (PF)	Library (until 3:35pm) Drama Club - KO Languages Club – MMz Guitar Club - bring your own guitar (MH) Handball (PS) Y10 & Y11 Girls Football (APR) (all years)	Library (until 3:35pm) Book Club (all years) Library Dance Club Dance Studio (all years) Badminton Club (LEH & LV) (all years)	Library (until 3:35pm) Borrow & Return Books



Lunch Times (Wet Weather)



	Period 7 (Y7)	Period 8 (Y8 & Y9)	Period 9 (Y10 & Y11)
Monday	Dining Room	Dining Room Sports Hall	Dining Room Main Hall
Tuesday	Dining Room	Dining Room Dance Studio	Dining Room Sports Hall
Wednesday	Dining Room	Dining Room Main Hall	Dining Room Sports Hall
Thursday	Dining Room Library 1	Dining Room Main Hall	Dining Room Main Hall
Friday	Dining Room Library 1	Dining Room Main Hall Library 1	Dining Room Main Hall Library 1



2025-2026 Spring Term 2 PE Extra Curricular Timetable



Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
After School (3:05-4:00pm)	Staff Meeting Night Girls Handball (PS) – Year 10 & 11	Girls Netball (SB/GF) – Years 10 & 11 GCSE PE Swimming (APR) – Year 7 & 8 Boys Rugby (LEH) – Years 8 & 9	Boys Handball (PS) – Year 10 & 11) Girls Football (APR) – All Years Boys Football (LV) – Year 8	Badminton (LEH & GF)– (All Years) Swimming (SB) – Year 9, 10 & 11)	

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Boosters (2025-26)



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
After School	Art Booster Year 11 DM Performing Arts Booster KO/MH	Engineering (Y9) iMedia Booster Coursework SH/LTa	English Boosters See rota for more detail German Booster Languages Dept.	Maths Booster Room 14 Higher Room 11 Foundation Business Booster Room 26	History Booster Room 25 Geography Booster Room 28 Italian Booster Languages Dept. iMedia Booster Coursework Y11 SH/LTa
		Science Booster Ask your Science teacher for more information Spanish Booster Languages Dept. French Booster Languages Dept. Business Coursework Years 9 & 10			

ENGLISH BOOSTERS

HALF TERM 4

25TH FEBRUARY MISS MOONEY ROOM 7 MACBETH - CONTEXT	4TH MARCH MISS EGAN ROOM 6 MACBETH - CHARACTERS
11TH MARCH MRS WHITE ROOM 9 MACBETH - KINGSHIP	18TH MARCH MRS ALLEN LIBRARY 1 MACBETH - GUILT
25TH MARCH MRS PARTON LIBRARY 2 MACBETH - AMBITION	IF YOU CAN'T ATTEND BOOSTER BUT WANT TO DO THE WORK, PLEASE DROP IN THE SESSION TO COLLECT THE RESOURCES

Health & Social Care and Child Development Boosters

Room 27!

Date	Focus
March 3rd	Coursework Booster: Improving our Work
March 19th	Coursework Booster: Achieving Mark Band 3

Any questions please see Mrs. Ferrari-Evans

LANGUAGES BOOSTERS

After school
Spanish Tuesday

Room 1

German Wednesday

Room 5

French Wednesday

Room 3

Italian Friday

Room 4

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!

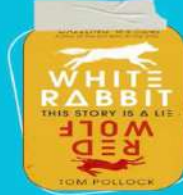


CCSC Reads

Recommended reads for Independent Study



English



Maths



Science



MFL



Humanities



Computer Science



English Stars of the Week

GA - Noah Smith: I've been really impressed by Noah's contribution to lessons this week. He's shared some fantastic ideas during class discussion and has responded well to the challenges presented to him. Well done!

NE - Zach Hughes for all his help with World Book Day. I couldn't have done it without him and it is very much appreciated

RF - Lizzie Worgan (9.3) for her participation in our class discussions and insightful ideas.

EW - Seb Lloyd - always so polite and respectful, and has an excellent attitude towards his lessons.

KM - Oliver Lester for his positive attitude to his writing to explain task this week. Well done, Oliver. 😊

KMn - LShelby Churchill - For consistently having a positive attitude to learning and trying her hardest in every lesson. Well done.

AP - Angel Jepson- Angel has worked incredibly hard on her Macbeth assessment this week and has listened to and acted upon the feedback given. I'm really proud of her!!

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MFL Department

Linguist Of The Month

I like taking languages because it helps me understand people from different countries. I travel a lot and it helps me communicate with the people and understand their culture, making holidays so much more meaningful.



My first language is Polish, and even though there aren't any lessons I can do here for Polish, the MFL department have still given me the option to take a Polish GCSE and further enhance my knowledge of languages.

Being a language leader is awesome! I've had so many opportunities to get to know other people and I have made many new friends.

Agata Jastrzebska

OUR LANGUAGE LEADERS! WHAT A GREAT TEAM!



Mrs. Moscatis' Star of the Week

Ruqayah Sardar. Always trying hard, working hard. She completed an amazing piece of writing in Spanish



Mrs Orton's Star of the Week

Jessica Matthews Year 10 1 X For her outstanding effort in lessons while preparing for her speaking exam, and for making excellent progress. Keep up the good work!

Miss Mendez's Star of the Week

Sophia Smith from 9/4 for putting so much effort into every single lesson and always completing all work asked! Keep it up, Sophia, well done 😊



Mr Whitehead's Star of the Week

McKenzie Potts (11/2V Spanish) for working hard and being fully focused in the run up to the exams.

Mr. Grigson Star of the Week

Brendan Knapper Y10 French - For trying his hardest every lesson and improving his French. Well, done!

Miss Corn's Star of the Week

Harry Baggott for his excellent Listening and Reading scores in the Year 8 mock exams.

Miss Mosteiro's Star of the Week

Noel Garside (Y9/2x) for his excellent work every single lesson and his attitude towards learning Spanish! Well, done! I am very proud.



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SPANISH BOOSTERS

Tuesday

10/03	Speaking prep	MO
17/03	Speaking prep	MO
24/03	Speaking prep	MO

GERMAN BOOSTERS

WEDNESDAY

TERM 2.2

11/03	Speaking prep	NC
18/03	Speaking prep	NC
25/03	Speaking prep	NC

FRENCH BOOSTERS

WEDNESDAYS
TERM 2.2

11/03	Speaking prep	JG
18/03	Speaking prep	JG
25/03	Speaking prep	JG

ITALIAN BOOSTERS

FRIDAYS
TERM 2.2

13/03	Speaking prep	NW
20/03	Speaking prep	NW
27/03	Speaking prep	NW



Educake



This whole term (Jan-Feb) students have answered
6,808 Science Questions on Biology, Chemistry and
 Physics with an average score of **76%**

Year 7

5,694

Year 8

882

Year 9

3,510

Year 10

2,358

Year 11

2,358

Student	Year	Class(es)	Qs Answered	% Correct
1 Betsy Gratton	7	7 2X/Sc	294	76%
2 Ashton Hamnett	7	7 5/Sc	218	17%
3 Harry Hopkinson	7	7 3/Sc	212	27%
4 Isla Robinson	7	7 2X/Sc	212	78%
5 Leon Taperek	7	7 2X/Sc	197	80%
6 Mia Gould-Smith	10	10 1Y/Sc	188	88%
7 Lewis Shaw	9	9 1X/Sc	180	86%
8 Freddie Tomkins	7	7 2X/Sc	176	86%
9 Holly Davies	11	11 B 1/TrSci, 1...	168	81%
10 Kaiden Wynne	9	9 1X/Sc	164	84%

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7 Lucas Smith	7	7 2X/Sc	147	81%
8 Noah Shore	7	7 2X/Sc	141	87%
9 Logan Myatt	7	7 2X/Sc	140	79%
10 Leah-Olivia Fradley	7	7 2X/Sc	140	67%

Student	Year	Class(es)	Qs Answered	% Correct
1 Harry Peers-Newton	8	8 3/Sc	140	16%
2 Oliver Jackson	8	8 1X/Sc	100	98%
3 Eilen Lowe	8	8 2Y/Sc	79	80%
4 Sarah Forster	8	8 2Y/Sc	76	68%
5 Alana Baddeley	8	8 1X/Sc	55	65%
6 Elwood Howell	8	8 1X/Sc	45	60%
7 Thea Arnold	8	8 1Y/Sc	45	73%
8 Harvey Wedgwood	8	8 1X/Sc	41	68%
9 Grace Eardley	8	8 2X/Sc	39	59%
10 Ibrahim Chowdhury	8	8 1X/Sc	36	83%

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1 Lewis Shaw	9	9 1X/Sc	180	86%
2 Kaiden Wynne	9	9 1X/Sc	164	84%
3 Leon English	9	9 1X/Sc	143	89%
4 Sarah Bartow	9	9 3/Sc	141	76%
5 Zachary Beeston	9	9 1X/Sc	135	89%
6 Remi Haughton	9	9 1X/Sc	135	84%
7 Daphne Spangler	9	9 1X/Sc	130	96%
8 Jack Bromley	9	9 1X/Sc	120	88%
9 Max Evans	9	9 1X/Sc	113	88%
10 Owen Worthington	9	9 1X/Sc	98	76%

Student	Year	Class(es)	Qs Answered	% Correct
1 Mia Gould-Smith	10	10 1Y/Sc	188	88%
2 Noel Aston	10	10 1Y/Sc	107	81%
3 Sam Copeland	10	10 1Y/Sc	90	68%
4 Harry Austin	10	10 1Y/Sc	90	80%
5 Jasmine Oliver	10	10 1Y/Sc	88	92%
6 Ana Paladino da Silva	10	10 1Y/Sc	79	68%
7 Teaghan Eardley	10	10 1Y/Sc	74	76%
8 Riley Badger-Seaton	10	10 1Y/Sc	70	83%
9 Macey Bates	10	10 1Y/Sc	70	73%
10 Brooke Morgan	10	10 1Y/Sc	70	77%

Student	Year	Class(es)	Qs Answered	% Correct
1 Holly Davies	11	11 B 1/TrSci, 1...	168	81%
2 Summer Ryan	11	11 2Y/Sc	150	60%
3 Isabelle Timmis	11	11 1Y/Sc	107	58%
4 Jacob Bomparola	11	11 B 1/TrSci, 1...	104	50%
5 Evie Patrick	11	11 1Y/Sc	98	53%
6 Olli Gilbert	11	11 1Y/Sc	82	38%
7 Maisie Woodward	11	11 2W/Sc	70	81%
8 Charlie Burns	11	11 2W/Sc	64	48%
9 Archie Davies	11	11 B 1/TrSci, 1...	63	83%
10 Lewis Shaw-Phelan	11	11 2W/Sc	57	37%

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Further Education & Qualifications
 Melton Vale Sixth Form College - A Levels in Psychology, Business, History
 Staffordshire University - BSc (Hons) Forensic Psychology
 Staffordshire University - MSc Applied Research (focusing on Cyber, Occupational and Educational Psychology)

CCSC STAFF

Schooling

Harwood Cleft Primary School

National Junior CofE School

Bevins High School



Mr L Howitt
Teacher of Maths



Interests and hobbies

- Hill / Countryside Walking
- Running local Air Cadet Unit
- Delivering DofE
- Spending time with family
- Having a BBQ

When I was younger, I wanted to be...

Intelligence Officer in RAF

Initially aspiring to an RAF commission after my time in the Air Cadets, my university education broadened my career aspirations.

Previous Jobs

Staffordshire University Recruitment Events / Students' Union
 City of Stoke-on-Trent Sixth Form Personal Development Coach
 HM Court & Tribunal Services Case Officer
 St Thomas More Catholic Academy KS3 Progress Leader

Be the best you can be.



Further Education & Qualifications
 Northamptonshire Music School Performance Development and A Level Music
 Trinity College of Music London - Degree in Music
 Trinity College of Music London - Post Graduate Jazz Scholarship
 University of Middlesex - MA Arts

CCSC STAFF

Schooling

Weston Favell Primary School

Woodville Primary School

Weston Favell Upper School



Mr M Horner
Teacher of Music



Interests and hobbies

- Surfing and Standup Paddle Boarding
- Learning to skateboard!
- Rugby: I follow Northampton Saints
- Training hard - every morning
- Family holidays

When I was younger, I wanted to be...

A Civil Engineer

Working on bridge designs and road projects!

Previous Jobs

Patrol Station Attendant
 Bar Staff
 Freestone Trombonist
 Teacher

Be the best you can be.

WEEK 1 THIS WEEK'S MENU

	OPTION ONE	OPTION TWO	GRAB & GO
MON	NOODLE BAR		HOT DISHES: Paninis Pasta and Sauces Freshly Baked Pizza Soup and Bread Jacket Potato and Toppings
	SATAY CHICKEN PHO 🌱	VEGGIE BURRITO 🌱 🌱 Served with Baked Garlic and Herb Wedges and Mixed Salad	
TUE	BURGER BAR		SANDWICHES/BAGUETTES: Egg Salad Sandwich 🌱 Chicken Salad Sandwich Cheese and Pickle Baguette 🌱 Tuna Mayo Baguette BLT Baguette
	BEEF BURGER Served with Baked Garlic and Herb Wedges and Corn on the Cob	VEGETABLE TIKKA MASALA 🌱 🌱 Served with Wholegrain Rice	
WED		HOT DELI	FRIDAY FAVOURITES
	ROAST PORK AND STUFFING Served with Roast Potatoes, Vegetables and Gravy	STICKY BBQ QUORN PITTA 🌱	
THURS	STREET		FRIDAY FAVOURITES
	CHICKEN KATSU 🌱 🌱 Served with Wholegrain Rice and Nut Free Satay Sweetcorn	MACARONI CHEESE 🌱	
FRI	FRIDAY FAVOURITES		FRIDAY FAVOURITES
	BATTERED FISH Served with Chips, Baked Beans and Peas	VEGGIE BURGER 🌱 Served with Chips, Baked Beans and Peas	

🌱 Vegetarian 🌱 Vegan 🐟 Oily Fish 🌾 Wholegrain 🍗 Nutritionist's Choice
 Our menu is subject to change.

WEEK 2 THIS WEEK'S MENU

	OPTION ONE	OPTION TWO	GRAB & GO
MON			HOT DISHES: Paninis Pasta and Sauces Freshly Baked Pizza Soup and Bread Jacket Potato and Toppings
	SAUSAGE AND MASH Served with Vegetables and Gravy	VEGETABLE CHOW MEIN 🌱 🌱	
TUE		TEX MEX	SANDWICHES/BAGUETTES: Egg Salad Sandwich 🌱 Chicken Salad Sandwich Cheese and Pickle Baguette 🌱 Tuna Mayo Baguette BLT Baguette
	CHICKEN TIKKA MASALA 🌱 🌱 Served with Wholegrain Rice	VEGETABLE FAJITA 🌱 🌱 Served with Baked Garlic and Herb Wedges and Tex Mex Vegetables	
WED		HOT DELI	FRIDAY FAVOURITES
	ROAST CHICKEN Served with Roast Potatoes, Vegetables and Gravy	PERSIAN VEGETABLE PITTA 🌱 🌱	
THURS		PAN-ASIAN	FRIDAY FAVOURITES
	COTTAGE PIE 🌱 Served with Vegetables and Gravy	SOYA YAKISOBA 🌱 🌱	
FRI	FRIDAY FAVOURITES		FRIDAY FAVOURITES
	SOUTHERN FRIED CHICKEN GOUJONS Served with Chips, Baked Beans and Peas	CHEESE AND ONION SLICE 🌱 Served with Chips, Baked Beans and Peas	

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WEEK 3 THIS WEEK'S MENU

	OPTION ONE	OPTION TWO	GRAB & GO
MON	FEASTIVAL		HOT DISHES: Paninis Pasta and Sauces Freshly Baked Pizza Soup and Bread Jacket Potato and Toppings
	BECK CHICKEN BURGER Served with Baked Spiced Wedges and Mixed Salad	CHEESE AND BEAN TOASTIE 🌱 Served with Baked Garlic and Herb Wedges	
TUE	PAN-ASIAN		SANDWICHES/BAGUETTES: Egg Salad Sandwich 🌱 Chicken Salad Sandwich Cheese and Pickle Baguette 🌱 Tuna Mayo Baguette BLT Baguette
	MANDARIN BBQ PORK 🌱 Served with Pineapple Rice and Nut Free Satay Sweetcorn	CREAMY VEGETABLE PIE 🌱 🌱 Served with Mashed Potatoes, Vegetables and Gravy	
WED		HOT DELI	FRIDAY FAVOURITES
	ROAST TURKEY Served with Roast Potatoes, Vegetables and Gravy	STICKY BBQ PITTA 🌱 Served with Herby Diced Potatoes and Mixed Salad	
THURS	STREET		FRIDAY FAVOURITES
	FIRECRACKER BEEF	TERIYAKI VEGETARIAN WRAP 🌱 🌱 🌱 Served with Wholegrain Rice	
FRI	FRIDAY FAVOURITES		FRIDAY FAVOURITES
	BATTERED FISH Served with Chips, Baked Beans and Peas	VEGETABLE GOUJONS 🌱 Served with Chips, Baked Beans and Peas	

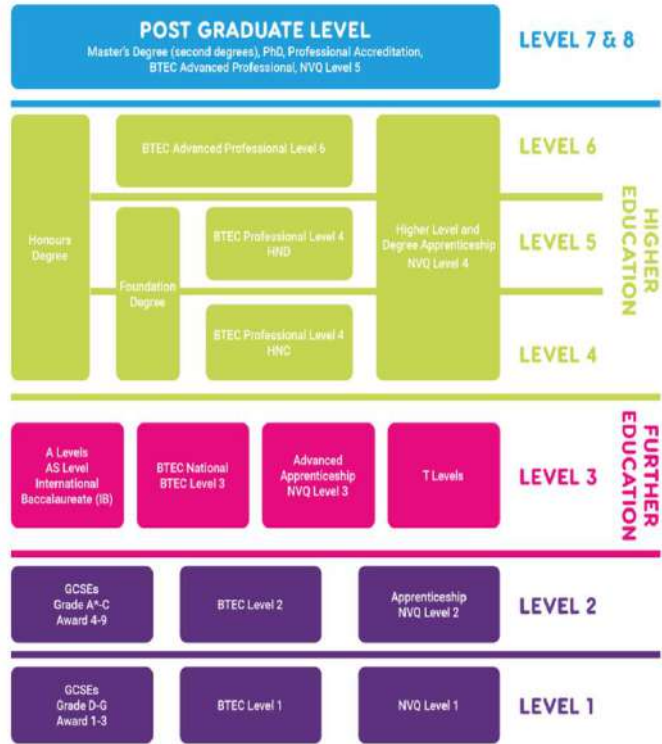
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OPTIONS
AFTER
YEAR 11

YOU
decide which
option is
the best for
YOU



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/>

Equality Training
<https://equality.training>

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



OPEN EVENTS 2025/26

College	Contact	Website
NSCG Newcastle College	01782 715111	https://nscg.ac.uk
Thursday 9 th October 2025		5:30pm – 8:00pm
Wednesday 12 th November 2025		5:30pm – 8:00pm
Saturday 24 th January 2026		10:00am – 12:00pm
Saturday 25 th April 2026		10:00am – 12:00pm
NSCG Stafford College	01785 223800	https://nscg.ac.uk
Thursday 23 rd October 2025		5:30pm – 8:00pm
Wednesday 26 th November 2025		5:30pm – 8:00pm
Saturday 07 th February 2026		10:00am – 12:00pm
Saturday 09 th May 2026		10:00am – 12:00pm
NSCG Leek College	01538 322222	https://nscg.ac.uk
Thursday 20 November 2025		5:30pm – 8:00pm
Thursday 12 th February 2026		5:30pm – 8:00pm
Saturday 21 st March 2026		10:00am – 12:00pm
Saturday 20 th June 2026		10:00am – 12:00pm
Reaseheath College	01270 625131	https://www.reaseheath.ac.uk
<i>Please check timings on the college website</i>		
Saturday 27 th September 2025		
Saturday 18 th October 2025		
Saturday 29 th November 2025		
Saturday 31 st January 2026		
Tuesday 24 th February 2026 (Evening)		
Saturday 21 st March 2026		
Saturday 25 th April 2026		
Saturday 13 th June 2026		
Cheshire College	01270 654654, (Crewe campus)	https://www.ccsw.ac.uk
Tuesday 07 th October 2025		5:30pm – 8:00pm
Wednesday 19 th November 2025		5:30pm – 8:00pm
Stoke-On-Trent College	01782 208208, (Burslem & Caudon)	https://stokecoll.ac.uk
Wednesday 15 th October 2025		5:00pm – 8:00pm
Wednesday 19 th November 2025		5:00pm – 8:00pm
Wednesday 11 th February 2026		5:00pm – 8:00pm
Saturday 9 th May 2026		10:00am – 1:00pm
Stoke Sixth Form College	01782 848736	https://www.stokesfc.ac.uk
Wednesday 8 th October 2025		5:00pm – 7:00pm
Tuesday 18 th November 2025		5:00pm – 7:00pm
Thursday 12 th March 2026		5:00pm – 7:00pm



CCSC Careers and Post-16 Bulletin

An update on everything related to careers and post-16!

Pinned

Mrs Baker
a month ago

Welcome to the CCSC Careers & Post-16 Bulletin



Welcome to our careers and Post-16 bulletin, packed with updates and

Mrs Baker
2 hours ago

Apprenticeship Fair February 2026



Mrs Baker
3 days ago

Mrs Baker
a day ago

Year 10 & 11 Aspiring Pharmacists Day



Aspiring Pharmacists Day 2026 A4 Poster v02

If you are interested in a career as a pharmacist this is a fantastic opportunity. Scan the QR code to register and update Mrs Baker if you are registering.

Mrs Baker
a day ago

Year 10 & 11 Aspiring Doctors Day



Aspiring Doctors Day 2026 A4 Poster v01

If you are interested in a career as a doctor this is a fantastic opportunity. Scan the QR code to register and update Mrs Baker if you are registering.



- PSICHE – 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

- PSICHE – 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

- PSICHE – 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

- PSICHE – 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

- PSICHE – 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

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Reading

In its most basic form, reading is the process of understanding the meaning of symbols, usually in the form of written language. It is usually done by sight but can also be done by touch (eg. Braille). The ability to read is an essential skill. It allows us to understand and navigate the world around us. From being able to interpret basic signs in buildings, towns/cities or on the road to communicating with others via texts, emails or letters, reading forms a key part of our everyday lives, whether he realise it or not.

Reading forms a key part of learning. Being able to understand written texts is essential to building our understanding of information. Reading helps us to improve our knowledge via books, newspapers, articles and websites. The end result is the ability to expand our understanding of history, science, culture and many other topics. Reading exposes us to different ways of writing, new words and sentence structures which ultimately helps us to build our vocabulary and become more-skilled writers. Reading of fiction can spark the imagination and boost our creativity which can also have beneficial knock-on effects in other areas of life. Furthermore, reading for pleasure has been shown to aid relaxation and can often be an enjoyable and affordable solo leisure activity. While the ways we partake in reading may have changed over time, it remains an essential cornerstone of everyday life.

A Brief History of Literature and the Written Word

- **Early Writing:** the earliest known writing system appeared in around 3200BC in Mesopotamia (modern-day Iraq) using basic marks on clay tablets, hieroglyphics also first appeared in Ancient Egypt
- **Development of alphabets:** around 1200BC traders from Phoenicia started using symbols to represent certain sounds; the genesis of written alphabets. Writing materials of the time included papyrus and animal skin parchments, before paper was first invented in China
- **Birth of Literature:** the earliest known surviving literary works include the Epic of Gilgamesh from Mesopotamia and Homer's epics 'The Odyssey' and 'The Iliad' from Ancient Greece
- **Medieval & Renaissance:** the middle ages saw many religious texts with Chaucer's 'Canterbury Tales' being the most notable fictional work



Texts through time: Mesopotamian script, Canterbury Tales, Dickens, Amazon Kindle

- **Stop the Presses:** The invention of the printing press in the 15th century brought reading to the masses for the first time. Shakespeare's plays later became very popular in England
- **Contemporary Literature:** from the 18th century, novels became one of the most popular forms of literature. Writers such as Charles Dickens, Jane Austen and the Brontes explored issues of the day. Today literature exists in many forms including books, newspapers and digital literature

Can your work make any stories?

Complete Independent Learning Tasks #ILT

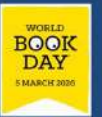
Never feel embarrassed about asking for help

Follow

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- ccsc_maths
- ccscenglish
- ccscscience
- ccsc_sen
- ccscmfl
- ccscitalian
- ccsc_history
- ccsc_geog_dept
- ccsc_art_and_photography
- ccschealthandsocial
- ccsc_childdevelopment
- ccsc_theology
- ccsc_PE
- ccsc_drama
- ccstechnology
- ccsc_rms



Reading



7-16 UK Science Week: Change and Adapt,
5th World Book Day, 8th International Women's Day
(Week beginning 2nd March 2026)



Theme of the week

REMEMBER

Reading

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

Miss Edwards kedwards@ccsc.staffs.sch.uk