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Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers

The recent sad research that highlighted that the British annually spend twice as much time on the toilet as they do exercising, perhaps will lead to an entrepreneur creating a toilet exercise machine!!

It is therefore essential to ensure schools provide a wide variety of opportunities to get outside the classroom and challenge students intellectually, emotionally and physically. Already this half term our young people have debunked this research with:

- 14 year 13 and 18 year 12 Gold DofE students successfully negotiating a four day, forty mile, independent wild camping experience in Snowdonia.
- 28 year 10 Silver DofE students completing a three day practice expedition in the Forest of Dean.
- A very successful, challenging Citizenship Day with year 11 given grim statistics of car crashes involving young drivers, particularly those who drink and drive and do not wear a seat belt. Real life learning brought into reality by an assimilated crash site.
- 92% of year 10 parents attending a crucial next steps parents' evening, a 'pre-cursor' to the work experience.
- A busy year 5/6 open day with students from twenty one primary schools visiting the school. 81 parents seeing the school during the working day.
- A variety of sporting teams representing the school with:
 - Y7 Boys' Football v Nunnery Wood Won 3-1
 - Y9 Boys' Football v Nunnery Wood Lost 2-8
 - Y10 Boys' Football v Nunnery Wood Drew 3-3
 - Y11 Boys' Football v Bishop Perowne Won 2-0
 - Y9 Netball v Chantry Won 31-5
 - Y10 Netball v Chantry Won 23-9
- Trampoline club being attended by over 100 students on three different nights.
- A fabulous European Day of Languages seeing year 8 students learn about symmetry of flags

and how to convert pounds to euros. The 'Boules' House Competition results were:

1st place SEACOLE (2 wins, 1x 2nd place)
2nd place PANKHURST (2x 2nd, 2x 3rd)
Joint 3rd place DA VINCI (1 win, 1x 3rd) and BRUNEL (2x 2nd, 1x 3rd).

The 'Fancy Dress' House Competition saw joint winners: Jessica Rowberry-Mudd (Shakespeare), Billy Ling (Da Vinci) and Lily McGrath (Brunel).

- The 'Year 7 Book Postcard' House Competition results being:
 - 1st place Jacob Steed for 'Beetle Boy' – DA VINCI
 - 2nd place Kai Humphries for 'Grandpa's Great Escape' - SEACOLE
 - 3rd place Katherine Parker for 'Butterfly Summer' – PANKHURST
- The 'Holiday Photo' House Competition results being:
 - 1st place Molly Scrivens – SHAKESPEARE
 - 2nd place Vinnie Wall – BRUNEL
 - 3rd place Jacob Beard – PANKHURST
 - 4th equal – SEACOLE, DA VINCI AND CURIE
- I was privileged to attend 'The Armed Man – A Mass for Peace' at Worcester cathedral where students and staff sang as part of a 200 strong choir with a backdrop of evocative photographs from international artist Michael St Maur Sheil. It was an emotional, three hour long performance to a 1,500+ audience and was simply stunning.



- Dance club being open to all students in years 7, 8 and 9 in preparation for the annual showcase held at King's School.

That was September with October promising to be as busy, just as challenging and energetic.

Charity Update



The 'Macmillan's World's Biggest Coffee Morning' event, held in the staffroom with mountains of cake, raised **£232.15**.



Our international charity will continue to be **Plan International UK**. We will support the total education of three children. Two boys:

- Aung Lin who is nearly 12 and lives in Mandalay, the former royal capital in northern Myanmar (formerly Burma).
- Salif Ouermi who is 12 and lives in Bam, a city in and the capital of Bam County, Kerman Province, Iran.

And a girl:

- Sindy-Esmeralda Martinez who is 13 and lives in La Libertad, a municipality in the La Libertad Department of El Salvador.

Please be aware: we have reports of witnessed near misses of students playing 'Chicken' on the railway crossing in Henwick Road.

Sculpture Unveiled

On 8th September, the St John's Arts and Heritage trail was opened by the Mayor of Worcester. Our year 11 photography students, who worked with Julie Edwards & Ron Thompson of Planet Art on the planning stages of the project, were joined by year 9 students to watch the grand unveiling of the large pear sculpture installed in Cripplegate Park. The pear forms the start of a trail of six plaques which reflect 2,000 years of history and human habitation in the St John's area. The trail leads to Pitmaston Park where a giant apple sculpture is soon to be installed – *ITV News feature*.



Current Whole School Attendance is 97.7%



Hairdressing Salon

The salon is called 'Aspirations at CWLC'. Our first VTCT post-16 students are delighted to be able to offer appointments to the public (all welcome) on Tuesdays (only) from 2.00pm until 7.00pm for:

Cuts, Blow Dries and Colours

Prices range from £5.00 for a cut to £25 for foils. Business and education in action.

An open evening launch is being advertised. Please see the website and 'like' the Facebook page for aspirations@CWLC

GCSE Grade Changes

Over a period of three years, all GCSEs will change from being graded A* - G to being graded 9 – 1.

Old Grade	New Grade	
A / A*	7 - 9	
C/B	5	good pass
C	4	standard pass
G	1	pass

For the next two years, students will receive a combination of numbers and letters for their GCSEs, after this all students will receive only numbers. The Government has announced that a level 4 will be a standard pass, but a level 5 will be deemed a good pass with this becoming the benchmark pass.

Dates for your Diary

Mon - Fri	23-27 Oct	Half Term
Thu	2 Nov	Sixth Form Open Evening 6.30pm
Fri	3 Nov	Non Uniform Day
Mon	6 Nov	'Friends' of CWLC Meeting 7.00pm
Thu	9 Nov	Certificate Evening 6.30pm
Thu	16 Nov	Y11 Parents' Evening
Sat	18 Nov	Christmas Fayre 11am – 3pm
Tue	21 Nov	Y11 Mock Interviews
Wed	22 Nov	Y11 Mock Interviews
Thu	23 Nov	Careers Fair at CWLC
Mon	27 Nov	Y11 Mock Exams – all week
Mon	4 Dec	Sixth Form Reading Week
Thu	7 Dec	Y13 Parents' Evening
Tue	12 Dec	Cathedral Carol Concert Y7 - Y9
Mon	18 Dec	Sixth Form Alumni Certificate, Mince Pie & Wine Evening
Thu - Tue	21 Dec – 2 Jan	Christmas Holiday
Wed	3 Jan	Spring Term Starts