

October 2023



# Cardinal Newman Catholic School



Holy Cross Catholic Multi Academy Company

## NEWSLETTER



**We pray for peace across  
the world**

*He has not created me for naught. I shall do good; I shall do His work. I shall be an angel of peace,  
a preacher of truth in my own place, - Saint John Henry Newman*

# GCSE RESULTS!

We are delighted with the student outcomes for 2023.

The Maths and English results at grade 5 and above are within the highest ranking in the city.

The progress measure which benchmarks the school against all other schools in the country has shown how hard our students and staff work.

The National Average is  
And Cardinal Newman score is an amazing  
**+0.51**

Well done everyone !



# A Level Results!

We are delighted that the following A Level subjects achieved above the National Average in B+ grades this summer:

- Business
- English Literature
- English Language and Literature
- Financial Studies
- History
- Product Design
- Psychology



We also achieved fantastic results in our Vocational Subjects!

**Health and Social Care: 80% students achieving a Distinction or Distinction\***

**BTEC Sport and Science: 50% achieving a Distinction or Distinction \***

## Destinations

- 100% of our Year 13 Students Progress onto positive destinations
- 86% progressed to the university of their choice
- 21% progressed to either a Russell Group or a 1994 Group university
- 14% to Higher Level Apprenticeships or employment

## Top Results & Destinations

A\* A\* A- University of Liverpool studying Philosophy

A\* A\* B- Loughborough studying Finance

A\* A A- Kings College London studying Psychology

A\* Dist \* B- Coventry University studying Paramedic Science

A A A- Kent studying Medicine

A A Dist \*- Uni of Birmingham studying Criminology

A\* A B- DMU studying Business Management





# HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

It is hard to believe we are in October and approaching the end to our first half term. Time has flown and the students and staff have settled into their timetables and new routines.

It has been a longer than usual half term and this will be the case when we return with the end of term as late as the 22nd December. All our term dates and inset days can be found in the newsletter or web page.

We have seen some very troubling events across the world recently and as a school we pray for peace, teaching tolerance always within our community. CAFOD are joining with Caritas and Oxfam in providing emergency aid on the borders of Gaza. They are having to work together as a number of their workers have gone missing – if you are able to support this initiative you can use the link below.

<https://cafod.org.uk/news/emergencies-news/israeli-palestinian-crisis-how-you-can-help>

As the nights get darker we urge parents to remind students of the safety measures they can take when crossing the road, the traffic around school is very busy and last week one of our students was hit by a car, thankfully they are well and will make a full recovery. We will also be reminding students of the dangers through the PSHE programme.

The third year of the IBA (Isabelle Boshell Award) will be launched on our return after half term. Students will design road safety posters that are made into signs for the local area.

We remember Isabelle at this time of year who sadly lost her life after a road accident on 22nd October 2019 and we keep her family in our prayers

Road safety



Isabelle Boshell





# TERM DATES

## TERMS AND HOLIDAYS 2023/24

TERM	TERM DATES	TEACHER TRAINING DAYS
Autumn 2023 <i>(Pupil Days 72)</i> (Total Days 75)	Monday 4 September 2023 to Friday 22 December  <u>Half Term Break</u> Saturday 28 October to Sunday 5 November  <u>Christmas Holiday</u> Saturday 23 December to Sunday 7 January 2024	Monday 4 September 2023 Friday 29 September 2023 Friday 17 November 2023
Spring 2024 <i>(Pupil Days 50)</i> Total Days 50	Monday 8 January 2024 to Friday 22 March  <u>Half Term Break</u> Saturday 10 February to Sunday 18 February  <u>Easter Holiday</u> Saturday 23 March to Sunday 7 April	
Summer 2024 <i>(Pupil Days 68)</i> (Total Days 69)	Monday 8 April to Friday 19 July  <u>May Day Holiday</u> Monday 6 May  <u>Half Term Break</u> Saturday 25 May to Sunday 2 June  <u>Summer Holiday</u> Saturday 20 July	Friday 28 June 2024
<i>(Pupil Days 190)</i> (Total Days 194)		



# Welcome new staff

We are delighted to welcome new staff to the Cardinal Newman family. We have been blessed with staff joining our school in a variety of roles some new to the school



Mr Franzoni who has joined us from the Danetre and Southbrook Learning Village. Mr Franzoni is an Assistant Headteacher responsible for Quality of Education within the school. He is also looking at our homework provision

Mrs Chester joins us as an Assistant Headteacher from Finham Park school. She will be leading on Attendance and Behaviour .



# Pastoral Behaviour Managers

We are delighted to welcome Mr Bedford and Mr Habakkuk who will oversee behaviour, mentoring driving the highest standards of our students at all times. They have had an impressive start and we look forward to watching this exciting role grow.

They are based in our new "Hub" with an accessible window for students for a fast response to their needs.

The hub monitors and reviews behaviour, helps to create support plans, and identifies barriers to learning. They also manage rewards and sanctions to motivate students to succeed and support students who arrive mid-year.



Mr Bedford Pastoral Behaviour Manager



Mr Habakkuk Pastoral Behaviour Manager



# NEW STARTERS

Welcome

Mrs Norman  
Deputy SENCO

Mr Shaw  
Head of Computer  
Science

Miss Laight  
Head of Girls PE

Miss Philip  
Teacher of Science

Mr Panesar  
Teacher of Science

Miss Townend  
School Counsellor

Miss Mills  
Cover Supervisor

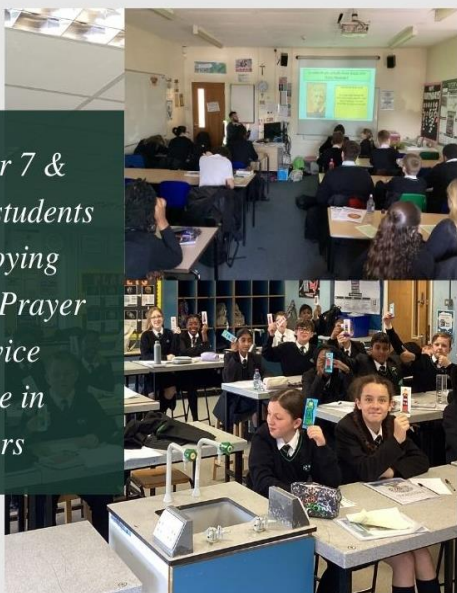


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MONDAY 9TH OCTOBER

## ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN FEAST DAY

*Year 7 &  
10 students  
enjoying  
the Prayer  
service  
done in  
tutors*



### ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN PATRON OF THE SCHOOL

St John Henry Newman is an important part of our school's identity, he was a Catholic Cardinal in the mid-1800s and was an inspiration to many especially those he worked with in the West Midlands. Newman strived for academic excellence by attending Oxford and focused much of himself on the relationship between him and others.

On his feast day, we celebrated by spending time in our tutor groups to focus on activities themed around St John Henry Newman Teachings with each year group focusing on a different topic.

### FEAST DAY AT CNCS

At CNCS we wanted St John Henry Newman's feast day to feel like a great celebration and an opportunity to get to know him. We started the afternoon with a prayer service allowing us to reflect on his words and learn about how CNCS is part of Newman's history with an altar used in his beatification mass in our chapel.

We then had the opportunity to learn about Newman with games of Bingo and quizzes, moving on to our bespoke activities each year group had. Finally, we finished the afternoon with a party with every student getting some biscuits, cakes, and drinks to truly celebrate the day.



*Groups  
enjoying the  
Games and  
Treats as part  
of the fest day  
celebrations*



# CATHOLIC LIFE

CNCS

## Chaplaincy



### Holy Cross

#### Feast Day

On September 14th the Holy Cross Catholic Mac celebrated its feast day. At CNCS we celebrated with a digital prayer service watched by everyone in the Mac. The whole of Year 10 attended the mass at Coventry Cathedral with Archbishop Bernard. This was followed by motivational talks about mental health and preparing ourselves well for the GGCSE journey!



### Celebrations in the Chapel

As always we are blessed to have Fr Pat as our Priest Chaplain who comes and joins us weekly to lead masses throughout the year. Additionally the Chapel is open Every lunchtime for people to come and relax as a quite space open to people of every faith and denomination. Come and join Alfie for a variety of activities throughout the year.



### Year 7 Freshers

In September, everyone involved in Chaplaincy wanted to make sure every new year 7 felt welcomed. To do this we ran various activities and games on the playground for year 7 to get to know Alfie the Lay chaplain and Chaplaincy Reps from other year groups. We also made sure to hand out customised love hearts to help spread the amazing work chaplaincy does.





# WELFARE & SUPPORT

## Are you in need of support?

<https://www.coventry.gov.uk/benefits-1/free-school-meals>

If you think that your child might be entitled to receive a free school meal, but you are not currently in receipt of one, please contact us on [welfare@cncs.school](mailto:welfare@cncs.school) and we will see what we can do to support you during this challenging period.

Equally, if you are struggling financially and need help with resources, please contact us on the same email, [welfare@cncs.school](mailto:welfare@cncs.school).

## Unwanted School Uniform – Donations Needed

We are always grateful for any donations of old school uniform. There are three big recycle bins by the main reception where you can drop off any unwanted school uniform which can then be recycled. These three bins all have brightly coloured lids.

Mrs Tabram manages our school uniform and will arrange for any uniform donations to be cleaned and reused. She will then distribute these items as and when required amongst the school community.

## Coventry Childrens Boot Fund

Parents or guardians of children attending school in Coventry, who find themselves in need of help, may **apply to school** for an application form for assistance from the Children's Boot Fund. If successful you will get a voucher for shoes at a premium shoe store.

Completed applications forms need to be received in School Reception before **Friday 10th November 2023**. We will endorse and process your application to the Children's Boot Fund on your behalf. Unfortunately, we do not have any influence upon who is awarded a voucher.

## Free Sanitary Products

Please be aware that free sanitary products for female students are available in school. They can be obtained by speaking to a member of the female staff with the PE Department, First Aid, TLC, Student Reception or Student Support.

## Links to Council Benefits    General Phone enquiries 08085 834333

<https://www.gov.uk/browse/benefits>

<https://www.coventry.gov.uk/benefits>

[https://www.coventry.gov.uk/info/54/benefits/314/coventry\\_benefits\\_advice](https://www.coventry.gov.uk/info/54/benefits/314/coventry_benefits_advice)

## Citizens Advice Line 0800 144 8848

<https://www.coventrycitizensadvice.org.uk/>



# FLU VACCINATIONS



## NHS VACCINATIONS – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2023

*The NHS will be in school on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December to offer Nasal Flu spray vaccinations. This is a spray not an injection. This is completely optional and will only be given to students where parental consent has been given to the NHS via an online link. **The NHS will be in contact with parents directly about this.***

*We as a school merely provide the space to facilitate the process so please direct any queries about this to the NHS Immunisations Team on 02476 961422*

**NHS**

## flu: 5 reasons to have the vaccine

- 1. Protect yourself**  
The vaccine will help protect you against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia
- 2. Protect your family and friends**  
Having the vaccine will help protect more vulnerable friends and family
- 3. No injection needed**  
The nasal spray is painless and easy to have
- 4. It's better than having flu**  
The nasal spray helps protect against flu, has been given to millions worldwide and has an excellent safety record
- 5. Avoid lost opportunities**  
If you get flu, you may be unwell for several days and not be able to do the things you enjoy

For more information visit  
[www.nhs.uk/child-flu](http://www.nhs.uk/child-flu)

**Flu i mmunisation**  
Helping to protect you against flu

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# STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Congratulations to our newly appointed student leaders. Students could apply to take on one of the following roles for this academic year.

1. Junior student leaders (2 per year group)
2. Student council reps (2 per tutor group)
3. Subject ambassadors (many over numerous subjects)
4. Tutor group student leaders.

All of our junior student leaders are overseen by our senior student leaders in the sixth form.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL STUDENTS.

Our first student council meeting of the year will be held on Friday 20th October.





# STUDENT LEADERSHIP



# Year 7 – Mr Poole

I would like to extend the warmest of welcomes to all of our Year 7 families.

What a privilege it has been to get to know and work with all of our new year 7 learners so far this term. It has been a really exciting time for us in Year 7, with many year 7's going on the bushcraft trip, and lots of exciting assemblies covering crucial topics.

A huge shoutout to Amara Gill for being nominated as our student Ambassador for the whole year group.

## ***Year 7 – Celebrating Success***

Congratulations to Amara Gill, who has been successfully nominated as the year group Ambassador for 2023 – 2024.

### **Year 7 Top ASPIRE Scorer**



### **Year 7 ASPIRE and Rewards**

<b>Tutor Group</b>	<b>ASPIRE Points</b>
7APP	2283
7APT	2567
<b>7CBE</b>	<b>3057</b>
7CTN	2036
7EHS	1729
7HCL	2231
7JPR	1916
7OLT	2443
7RAB	2260



**Top Tutor  
Attendance**





# Year 7 - 1ST Day

**On Tuesday 5th September, we welcomed our new Year 7 cohort into our school community. They had the whole school to themselves and took part in a range of activities to help them settle into CNCS. Students met lots of new friends, enjoyed a delicious lunch together in the canteen and began learning all about The Newman Way.**





# Year 7 - 1ST Day



# Year 7 – Bushcraft Trip

## Student Review



My experience at bushcraft was good it was an enjoyable trip. We did so many activities. People were rapping the school prayer at night. I had to sleep in a tent, it was so enjoyable we had so much fun.

- Harmony Falayi

My bushcraft experience was out of this world. I really enjoyed everything about it like the wood carving (I raced through it). I also found the plane crash scenario thing shocking and very cool. Also, the food was great. Overall, I think this was one of the best trips I've ever had.

- Piotr Hosiawa





# Year 7 – Bushcraft Gallery



# Year 8 – Mr McLintock

A very warm welcome back to the students of Year 8. It has been a very busy start to the school year and we are incredibly proud of how you have all settled back into school life. A special well done and shout out to Lottie Cowley and Adeife Solanke, who have been selected as student ambassadors for our year group. Another huge well done to the many subject and tutor ambassadors that have been chosen to represent Year 8. Remember, your pastoral team are always here to support you and do not hesitate to ask if you ever have any questions or concerns.

*'Occasiones non factum te creare eos'*

Opportunities do not happen, you create them

## Inter Tutor Standings

### Attendance

8CRN – 89.1%  
8EMY – 96%  
8EWB – 93%  
8FGH – 93.9%  
8HSE – 95.2%  
8JMH – 95.4%  
8LNN – 98.4%  
8SDS – 95.6%  
8SNL – 96.8%

### ASPIRE

8CRN – 2371  
8EMY – 3245  
8EWB – 1866  
8FGH – 1875  
8HSE – 1717  
8JMH – 1590  
8LNN – 1995  
8SDS – 1667  
8SNL – 3756

## Year 8 Celebrating Success



## Year 8 Stars of the Week

Names	Tutor Group
Arvin Liu & Caoimhe McGory	8CRN
Winona Borges and Krzysztof Kocur	8EMY
Vielka Rodrigues and Theo Bray	8EWB
Clara Hehir and Kurtys Pahile	8FGH
Annie Mae Hughes and Aaron De Silva	8HSE
Lisha Adu and Adrian Bragiel	8JMH
Cameron Blow and Aurelia Wegrzyn	8LNN
Maks Mydlikowski and Belle Jarvis	8SDS
Cody Simmons and Kitty Sullivan	8SNL





# Year 9 – Mrs Eggison

Hello year 9 and welcome back.

What a wonderful start to the school year we have had. We enjoyed a fabulous session with Loudmouth and we elected to new Junior year leaders for year 9. Well done to **Kateryna Khomytska** and **Jack Tutchner**. Please contact them if you have any ideas or suggestions for our year group.

Keep being the amazing respectful year group I know you are.



Well done 9LHN with best attendance so far at 97%



Well done 9LMR with best ASPIRE Points so far at 2158

9AHR	93%
9AKY	91%
9JGD	92%
9LHN	97%
9LMR	94%
9MUD	91%
9RDS	92%
9TGN	95%

Don't forget the tutor group with least negative points wins the top notch tutor trophy and a box of sweets.

9LMR	2158
9JGD	2098
9AHR	1790
9RDS	1705
9ABI	1648
9AKY	1481
9TGN	1402
9MUD	1344

'Ex Nihilo nihil fit'



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# LOUDMOUTH

As part of our PSHE curriculum, each year group will have an opportunity to participate in an assembly and group workshops with The Loudmouth Company. Each year group has a different themed focus educating our pupils in topics such as bullying, resilience, friendships and peer pressure. On Thursday 21st September, Year 9's had a full-day around the theme of 'Calling it Out' - covering issues such as harmful sexual behavior's, sexual harassment, sexual assault, pornography, consent, misogyny. This was a fantastic event, and we look forward to having The Loudmouth Company in again with our Year 7's at the end of October.

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



# PASSPORT TO GREATNESS

Students in Year 7, 8 and 9 can complete our Passport to Greatness award. They take part in activities outside of school and log their engagement in their Personal Organiser. Once students have completed 10 activities, they are awarded with their Bronze award. Congratulations to our Year 9 students for achieving their Bronze award from last academic year.





# Year 10 – Mr Abbott

It was an absolute pleasure to welcome back all of our Year 10 students in September. This is an exciting but for some a nervous time as they all have started their GCSE journey in a number of new subjects. One big change this term has been the introduction of Period 6 English intervention for all students. This has an additional lesson, where students complete further English revision in preparation for their first GCSE exam in the Summer of 2024. So far, attendance has been excellent which is something that needs to continue in order for our students to fulfil their academic potential.



## Best Tutor Attendance 10AMY – 95.02%



### Tutor Attendance – since 5th Sept

10AMY	95.02
10CML	91.26
10CPE	90.79
10CHT	89.36
10SWN	87.86
10EBG	87.4
10ABK	86.25
10NSI	86.17
10NOE	83.66

### Total Tutor ASPIRE points – since 5th Sept

10EBG	1637
10CHT	1405
10CPE	1361
10ABK	1175
10SWN	1166
10NOE	1158
10AMY	1150
10NSI	1145
10CML	1018





# Year 11 – Miss Oakman

## Information evening

Year 11 have settled in well into the new academic year and are displaying a fantastic attitude towards their GCSE's. We started the year hosting our information evening where we shared all important key dates and relevant information for the GCSE year ahead. All information that was shared during this evening has been emailed/ shared via Arbor. Please ensure you have read this information so we can work together to support the children during their GCSE journey.

We have also launched period 6 with year 11. students will be participating in an extra hour of study time a day to support with preparation for their exams. Attendance to Period 6 has been excellent, we are very grateful of the support this has received from our parental community. Please continue to support us by checking Arbor and emails each week as we will share which period 6s the children are due to have that week each Monday.

The children will also be using their new personal organizer to make a note of their period 6s for that week, please use this as a form of communication if needed regarding your child's period 6 attendance.

### Key Dates

- First mock exams – Begin Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October
- Year 11 Parents evening – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December
- Year 11 Mentor evening – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January
- Second mock exams - Begin Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February
  - Take away evening – Thursday 21st March
  - Core mock exams – 11<sup>th</sup> April
- Real exam – Approx: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May.
- Results day – Thursday 22nd August
- Prom– Wednesday 19th June



# Year 11 Prefects



Congratulations to our Year 11 students who have been selected to be Prefects. Students read a Job description and applied online via an application form. 50 students were then selected based on their behavior record, application and extra-curricular qualities they could bring to the role.



# Year 11 – Miss Oakman

## Mock Examinations

As part of our information evening shared that our first round of Mock exams begin week commencing the 23.10.2023. These will then continue after the half term. Students will have received their Mock exam revision booklet. This will have also been posted home to parents and can be found on Class Charts set by Ms Oakman. It is important to support your child in creating a revision timetable and completing revision at home. Within our mock exam booklet is a list of key dates the exams will take place, attendance on these dates will be vital. There is also a list of content for each subject and revision resources/ tasks to support them in their revision.



	Year 11 Assessments					
	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3		Period 4	Period 5
<b>Monday</b> 23 <sup>rd</sup> October <b>B</b>	Year 11 English Lit – An Inspector calls (1 hour 45 mins)			<b>Early Lunch</b>	Year 11 – Maths Paper 1 (1 hour 30 mins)	
<b>Tuesday</b> 24 <sup>th</sup> October <b>B</b>	Year 11 – Chemistry (1 hour 45 mins)			<b>Early Lunch</b>	Year 11 – RE Component 1 (1 hour 30 mins)	
<b>Wednesday</b> 25 <sup>th</sup> October <b>B</b>	Year 11 – History Paper 2 (2 hours) Year 11 – Geography Paper 1 (1 hour 30 mins)			<b>Early Lunch</b>	Year 11 – Media Component 1 (1 hour 30 mins)* Year 11 – Comp Sci Paper 1 (1 hour 30 mins)* Year 11 – Music (1 hour)* Year 11 – GCSE PE (1 hour)	
<b>Thursday</b> 26 <sup>th</sup> October <b>B</b>	Year 11 Resit English Lang – Component 2 (2 hours) *3 students to sit Media			<b>Early Lunch</b>	Year 11 – Maths Paper 2 (1 hour 30 mins)	
<b>Friday</b> 27 <sup>th</sup> October <b>B</b>	Year 11 – Spanish listening and reading (F 35 mins + 45 mins/H 45 mins + 60 mins) Year 11 – French listening and reading (F 35 mins + 45 mins/H 45 mins + 60 mins) Y11 mop up (non-Spanish)			<b>Early Lunch</b>	Year 11 – Business Paper 1 (1 hour 30 mins) Y11 mop up (non-Business)	

	Year 11 Assessments					
	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3		Period 4	Period 5
<b>Monday</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> November <b>A</b>	Year 11 – Physics (1 hour 45 mins)			<b>Early Lunch</b>	Year 11 – Geography Paper 2 (1 hour 30 mins)	
<b>Tuesday</b> 7 <sup>th</sup> November <b>A</b>	Year 11 – Spanish Writing (F 1 hour/H 1 hour 15 mins) Year 11 – French Writing (F 1 hour/H 1 hour 15 mins) Y11 mop up (non-Spanish)			<b>Early Lunch</b>	Year 11 – Maths Paper 3 (1 hour 30 mins)	
<b>Wednesday</b> 8 <sup>th</sup> November <b>A</b>	Y11 Science practical morning (3 hours in labs – no invigilators required)			<b>Early Lunch</b>	Y11 mop up	

# Post 16– Miss L Mohan

What a fantastic start, Post 16 have made to the year. We have welcomed our new cohort of Year 12 students and they have made a phenomenal first impression! Year 13 have a big year ahead of them and it has been lovely to see students being so proactive and dedicated towards their learning. There have been lots of exciting events already happening this year. Year 12 took part in their induction week which included a visit to the University of Birmingham. The experience was a great opportunity to get an insight into university life and to set their aspirations high for the future. Our Year 13 Biology students have been on a field trip to Brandon Marsh where they carried out various practicals and our Criminology students participated in a live 'Crime Scene to Courtroom' event where they were assigned a case to investigate. We have lots of important dates coming up with our Sixth Form Information Evening and also the start of the mock exams. There are lots of challenges ahead for our students but remember, the future starts today, not tomorrow!

Do not forget to check out the amazing extra-curricular opportunities and pathways on offer that I went through in assembly.

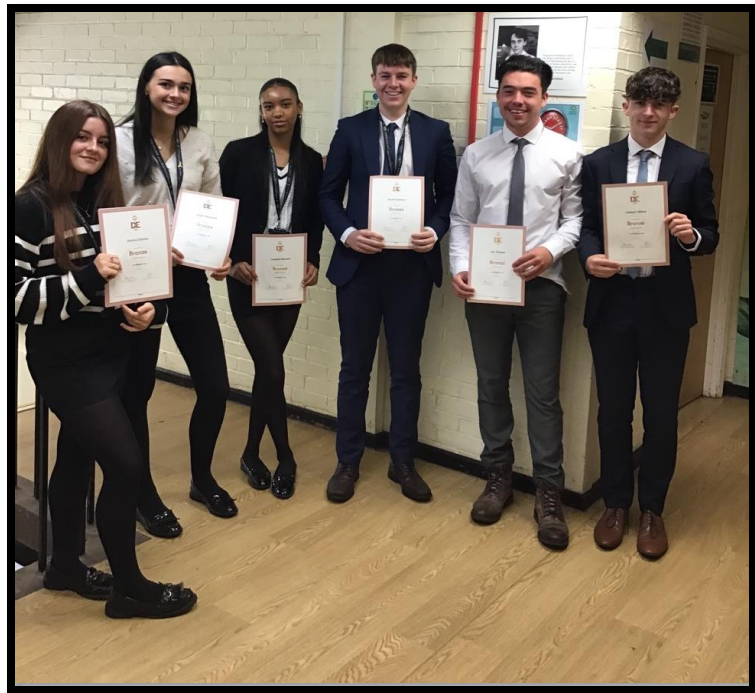
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- SMF
- HE+
- Access to Birmingham
  - SpringPod
  - FutureLearn
- Working with the student leadership team





# Duke of Edinburgh

Congratulations to our current Year 12 students, who recently were awarded with their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh awards. They worked hard to achieve their award and thoroughly deserve the recognition. Our current Year 11 students, will be receiving their awards next half term. Congratulations to all involved.



# Post 16– School Trips

## Unlocking the World of Criminology- Year 13

**Unlocking the World of Criminology:** A Day of Exploration and Inspiration". The day brought a dynamic blend of fun, challenge, and excitement to our Criminology students, offering a remarkable complement to our Criminology curriculum.

The day commenced with an exhilarating 999 call directly from the scene of an alleged murder, instantly captivating the students' imaginations. As their criminology teacher, I found the subsequent murder investigation to be a fantastic opportunity for our students to apply theoretical knowledge to a practical, real-world scenario. Guided by an expert, with real-life experience, the students were able to make critical decisions, advancing them through the investigation to an unforgettable mock crown court trial.

This event not only offered an immersive experience in the world of criminal investigations but also served as an excellent introduction to potential career paths within the police, investigation agencies, forensic science, law, and the broader criminal justice system. It left our students inspired, focused, and filled with confidence

Mr Hone



Futurum incipit hodie non cras- 'The future starts today not tomorrow'



# Post 16– School Trips

## University of Birmingham Trip – Year 12



Y12 Students Visited Birmingham University in their induction week to Sixth Form. They had a great time meeting current students at the university, learning about their courses, experiencing lectures, and touring the campus!

## Brandon Marsh Trip – Year 13



Year 13 A level Biologists went on a visit to Brandon Marsh nature reserve. Here students carried out a required practical where they investigated the effect of abiotic factors on the distribution of organisms, using a transect belt. Then students took part in an invertebrate sampling challenge where they compared invertebrates found in a wooded and grassy area. They finished the day with a walk around the reserve and some bird watching!





# Post 16

## Mock Examinations

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	Year 13 Mock Examinations					
	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3		Period 4	Period 5
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October B				Early Lunch	English Lit- Paper 1 (2 hour 15 mins) English Lang/Lit – Paper 1 (2 hour 30 mins) Product Design (1 hour 30 mins)	
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> October B	Biology (2 hours)			Early Lunch		
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> October B				Early Lunch	Maths Paper 1 (1 hour 30 mins) Law Paper 1 (1 hour 15 mins)	
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October B	Year 13 Business (2 hours) Year 13 Religious Studies (2 hours) Year 13 Physics (2 hours)			Early Lunch	History Paper 1 (2 hour 30 mins) Psychology Paper 1 (2 hours) Further Maths Paper 1 (90 minutes)	
HALF-TERM						
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November A				Early Lunch	English Lit- Paper 2/3 (2 hours 15 mins) English Lang/Lit – Paper 2 (2 hour 30 mins) Chemistry- (2 hours)	
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November A	BTEC Applied Science (2 hour 15 mins) History Paper 2 (2 hour 30 mins) Psychology Paper 2 (2 hours) Further Maths Paper 2 (90 minutes)			Early Lunch		
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November A				Early Lunch	Maths Paper 2 (1 hour 30 mins) Law Paper 2 (1 hour 30 mins) Media (2 hour 15 mins) Sociology (2 hours)	

### Key Reminders:

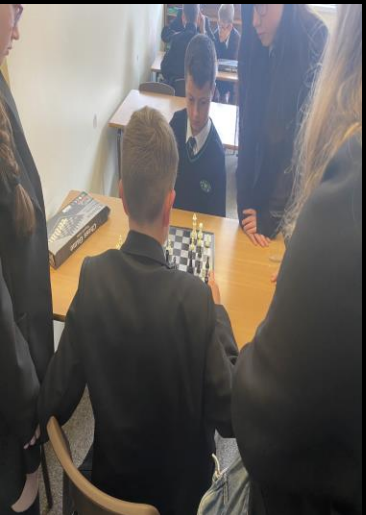
- If you have a morning examination, you must be on school site for **8.15am**. You must then **sign-in at the Sixth Form Lecture Theatre**.
- **Attendance is compulsory** to all examinations.
- Check your **seating plans** (you should know your seat number/venue **before** arriving to the examination).
- You must **bring your equipment**: clear pencil case, water (label off), pens, pencils and subject specific equipment when necessary e.g. calculator, ruler etc.

# Social Time – Mr Wilson

We have had a wonderful half term so far with the inter tutor competitions back up and running. The students have been wonderful and showed excellent commitment to the speed chess competition and a big thank you to the 6th formers who are helping lead on this. We look forward to the year ahead showing all of the amazing teamwork and support for their tutors.



## CHECKMATE



# Community events

So far this half term, students have undertaken litter picking, worked with Creative Kindness and planted around the school to further demonstrate our Green flag eco school status and RHS Gardening School.





# ENGLISH

## The Wonderful World of English

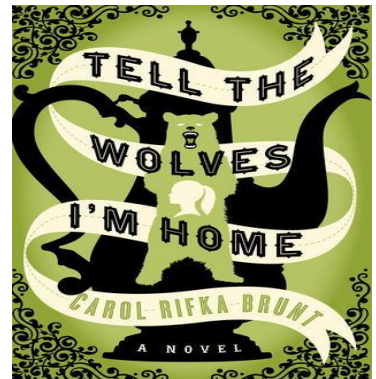
### Word of the Month

**palmy**  
especially of a  
previous period)  
flourishing or  
successful.

### Book Recommendation

*Tell the Wolves I'm Home*

Carol Rifka Brunt  
An emotionally charged  
coming-of-age novel



### Literary Calendar

This month we celebrate  
**Michael Morpurgo**  
and **Martin Luther King!**



### English Quotation of the Month

*"Writing comes  
from reading, and  
reading is the finest  
teacher of how to  
write."*

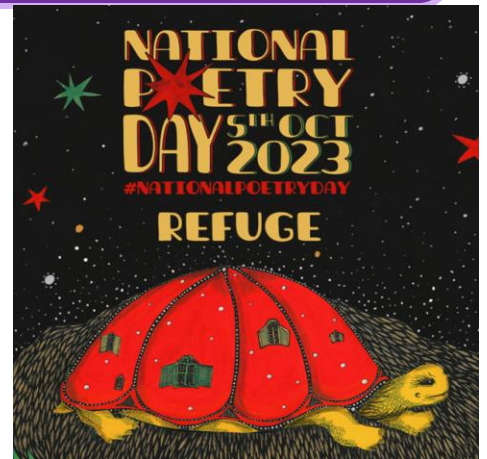


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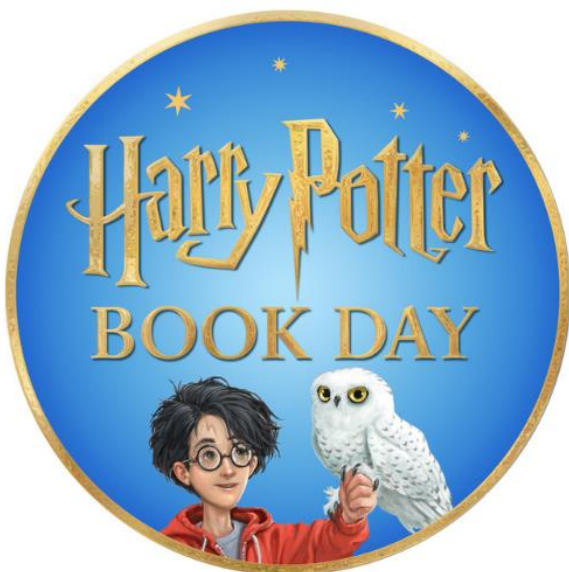
## National Poetry Day 2023

This year's National Poetry Day theme was  
'Refuge'

Students in KS3 were given the opportunity to consider the places/people that make them feel safe. They then planned, wrote and shared their own poems. We had some excellent responses! Well done!



## Harry Potter Day 2023



Year 7 & 8 students participated in Harry Potter themed lessons including creating their own wands, writing spells, creating magical worlds and more!



# Maths

## Head of Department's Stars of the Fortnight

Year 7 : Roy Zheng

Year 8: Ashley Ezzati

Year 9: Harriet Debling

Year 10: Dennis Asamoah

Year 11: Abigail Goode


Year 12: Matthew McBrearty

Year 13: Reece O'Regan

## Can you solve this puzzle?


			3	6	9			4
		9					5	
	2				4	7	1	
4	9	8						7
			1		7			
1						4	3	5
	8	1	6				4	
	5					3		
9			2	7	1			

## Famous Mathematician of the Month




**Leonhard Euler**  
(1707 – 1783)

**Nationality**  
Swiss



**Known for**  
Being the most prolific mathematician of all time, writing 500 books  
Solving the Seven Bridges of Königsberg



## Mr Owen's Challenge Question!

[Junior Kangaroo 2017 Q2] Sophie wants to complete the grid shown so that each row and each column of the grid contains the digits 1, 2 and 3 exactly once.

1		
2	1	

What is the sum of the digits she will write in the shaded cells?

## UKMT Maths Challenge:

Our A Level Mathematicians recently took part in the first UKMT challenge of the academic year, the Senior Maths Challenge.

Keep an eye out for results in a forthcoming newsletter. Fingers crossed for plenty of Golds!



**Send your answers to Mr Owen via email or pop into AY04**



# Science

## STEM Club

STEM club is now up and running, an initial meeting took place on the 27th September for prospective members to register their interest. During this meeting a range of activities was discussed to gauge student interest and a program of events agreed for this half term. A group of sixth form students and students from year 9 were also in attendance all keen to help run the STEM club on a weekly basis.



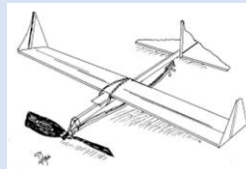
The first active STEM club event took place on the 11th October, during this session members had elected to make bath bombs, by the end of the session the room was full of color and wonderful scents. All members had thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

### Forthcoming events:

18th October STEM Club Meeting – Flame tests and Methane Bubbles.

25th October STEM Club Meeting – Making Telescopes

13th November Aircraft Challenge Event  
with external visitors Smallpiece.



Also look out for a forthcoming newsletter  
article about the STEM Club by one of our year 9 members.

If you like further information about any of these events please speak to  
Mr Underwood in DV16.



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# HISTORY STARS



## Mrs Good

Year 7 – Ruby Layng  
Year 8 – Vincent Chikopa  
Year 9 – James Keenan  
Year 10 – David Kusnierz  
Year 11 – Kelvin Writer  
Year 12 – Antonia Poleszak  
Year 13 – Aaron Humphreys



## Mr Davies

Year 7 – Cillian Walsh  
Year 8 – Chidi Eribenne  
Year 9 – Bella Oladele  
Year 10 – Melissa Selby  
Year 11 – Tatiana Morolong



## Mr Canning

Y7: Sean Dawson  
Y8: Niamh Hogan  
Y9: Daniel O'Connor  
Y10: Lacey Overton  
Y11: Daniel Vernon  
Y12: Antonia Poleszak  
Y13: Julia Bodziony



## Mrs Norman

Year 7 – Scarlett Funnell  
Year 8 – Alex Stanford  
Year 9 – Rose Magee



# HISTORY CHALLENGE

**History Challenge: who is the person from the past?**

**Quote from the person**

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”

**Key event the person was involved in**

Helps establish ANC guerrilla wing, Umkhonto we Sizwe, or Spear of the Nation.

**Key word connected to the person**

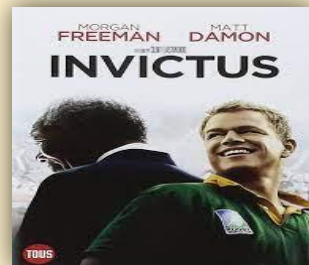
Apartheid



**Place connected to the person**



**History to watch connected to the person**



Send all entries to [rhys.davies@cncs.school](mailto:rhys.davies@cncs.school)





# GEOGRAPHY DEPT



## Geography Geniuses



## Of The Fortnight!



LMR	LEN		JAT	TRD
Y7 – Declan R	Y7 – Keturah N		Y7 – Nia S	Y7 – Theo R-S
Y8 – Maita N	Y8 – Bobby B-K		Y8 – Ashley E	Y8 – Erin B
Y9 – John O	Y9 – Charlotte N		Y9 – Maja W	Y9 – Jonathon N
Y10 – Julia T	Y10 – Kerrais M		Y10 – Euan H	Y10 – Adin M
Y11 – Ed C-Q	Y11 – Maddie S		Y11 – Althea K	N/A

**Special Nomination:**  
Abigail T – Exceptional  
attitude & perseverance  
shown in the first term  
of Y11 Geography!

## Top Educake Quiz Scores (Term 3.1/3.2 - June)

Evie Knights –  
96% Average.

Wiktoria Kania  
– 100% Average.

Mia Swords –  
100% Average.

Natalie  
Kuresova – 95%  
Average.

Abigail  
Thompson –  
96% Average.

## Geography - Take Your Learning Further

**Y7** – Create a poster  
comparing the impacts  
of Hurricane Katrina  
and the Great China  
Floods of 1931.

**Y9** – Create a  
comparative study  
script comparing life in  
the favelas compared  
to working on the  
streets of Mumbai.

**Y11** - Exam  
Question: "Assess the  
causes and effects of  
climate change and  
global warming" (8).

**Y8** – Research the  
impacts of climate  
change upon the  
Maldives and Kiribati.

**Y10** - Exam Question:  
"Assess the causes and  
consequences of  
India's rapid economic  
development" (8).

Any completed pieces, please  
bring to Mr Miller in WA12.  
Aspire points and potentially  
prizes can be acquired  
depending on the efforts  
placed into your task!



# PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPT

## Extra-Curricular Activities

Team Minshull



Coventry Schools Cross Country  
Champions Year 7/8 Group  
Sept 2023



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## Extra-Curricular Activities

Team Minshull



Day	Activity
	Lunch time 1.30-2.05 pm After school 3.10- 4.30pm
Monday	Staff Meeting night
	Fitness suite 3.10pm – 4.30pm
Tuesday	Trampolining (Lunch Gym)
	Badminton (Lunch Sportshall)
	Fitness Suite (After school – 4.30pm)
	Girls Football (After school – 4.30pm)
Wednesday	Basketball club – (Lunchtime Sportshall)
	Boys Football (After school – 4.30pm)
	Netball (After school – 4.30pm)
Thursday	Hockey (After school – 4.30pm)
	Boys Rugby (After school – 4.30pm)
Friday	KS4 Weight training (Lunch F/Suite)
	GCSE AND BTEC SPORT CATCH UP CLASS (After school)





# PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPT

## Extra-Curricular Activities

Team Minshull



Congratulations to the Year 11  
Netballer Team

We attended BLUE COAT School on  
Wed 27<sup>th</sup> Sept 2023 after school, to  
play all the other schools in Coventry –  
The Coventry Schools Year 11  
Tournament 2023.

We can SECOND ... Fabulous Result  
Girls!

Coventry Schools Cross Year 11  
Netball Tournament  
Sept 2023 – Mrs Minshull



# PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPT

## Extra-Curricular Activities...cont...



Coventry Schools Cross Country Relay  
Champions Year7/8 Group Sept  
2023. [cncs.school](https://cncs.school)



# PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPT

## Extra-Curricular Activities...cont...

Congratulations to the Year 9 Netballer Team

We attended the year 9 tournament on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October after school, to play all the other schools in Coventry – The Coventry Schools Year 9 Tournament 2023.

We can FOURTH ... Fabulous Result Girls!



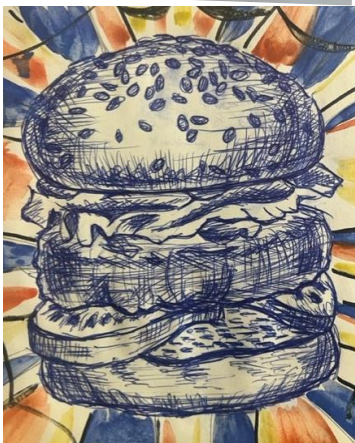
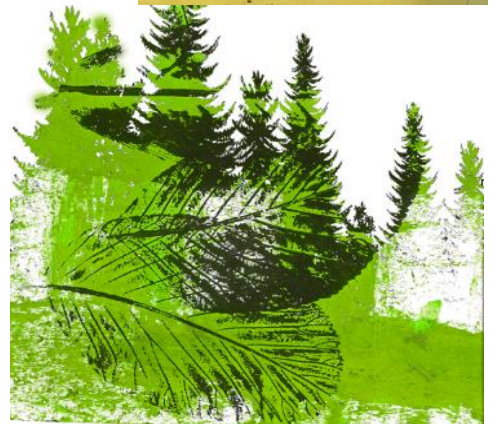
Coventry Schools Cross Year 9  
Netball Tournament  
October 2023 – Mrs Minshull





# ART

Our artists and photographers have been really busy since the start of term. Here are a few examples of the wonderful work going on in the department:



# Music

AFROBEATS  
DANCEHALL  
RAPPING  
SINGING  
VIBEZ'

## Vibez'



WITH RAEÉ W.

SIGN UP!!

### CD 14

*wednesday lunch time*



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# SEND Information



If your child is struggling with homework then encourage them to use our staffed homework club that runs Mon-Thurs 3.10-4pm.



**Find out more about Cardinal Newmans SEND offer by reading the SEND Information Report**

[CNCS SEND Information Report](#)

Coventry's SEND offer can be accessed herre.

<https://www.coventry.gov.uk/localoffer>

Use the curriculum information to help prepare Your child



for their Learning Journey in each subject. There is detailed information for each year group and term. This is particularly useful for those children that benefit from pre-teaching or over teaching or those who may have additional tuition.

[Curriculum Information](#)





# SEND Information

## Finding Support



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Coventry and Warwickshire



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Resources



[Home - Community Autism Support Service CASS \(casspartnership.org.uk\)](http://casspartnership.org.uk)



**Free online courses for all parents, carers, grandparents and teens**  
**Nurturing emotional health and wellbeing from bump to 19+ years**

Coventry City Council has partnered with the Solihull Approach to offer free access to expertly designed online courses for parents, carers, grandparents and teens living in the region.

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# LIBRARY



Welcome back to our students and especially our new Year 7 students, it is wonderful to see so many visiting the library! There are many new titles now on display in the library and many more to come throughout the year. There will also be events, visitors and competitions, the Year 7 Bookmark competition and Star Reader competition to name a few.

Have you read anything recently that you thought was really good? If so, share it with us by letting us know and email your review to [CNCS.library@cncs.school](mailto:CNCS.library@cncs.school). We would love to hear about what you are reading and what you thought was so great about it.

Tell us what  
YOU Think

## BOOK RAFFLE

Every student who borrows a book will be given a raffle ticket with a number on. Please keep this ticket safe and you could be in for a chance of winning a prize. The draw will happen at the end of each half term. Good luck!

## TRIVIA/RIDDLE OF THE WEEK



The first 5 correct answers with a book loan will receive a sweetie treat! Pop in to see if you can solve it!

## Recommended Reading Autumn Term – 1.1

Year 7 – *Planet Omar* – Zanib Mian

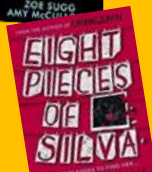
Year 8 – *The Frozen Telescope* – Jennifer Bell

Year 9 – *Viper* – Bex Hogan

Year 10 – *The Magpie Society One For Sorrow* –  
Zoe Sugg/Amy McCulloch

Year 11 – *Eight Pieces of Silva* – Patrice Lawrence

Post 16 – *The Man in the High Castle* – Philip K. Dick



## OPENING HOURS

Breakfast Club – 8-8.30am  
Break & Lunchtimes  
Mon-Thurs – Close 4pm  
Friday – Closed at 3.10pm

## SORA

Please use the link below or go to the school website to access the **SORA Reading App**. You will find a huge variety of books which you can download onto your devices. You can borrow books online and read or listen to them.

[www.soraapp.com](http://www.soraapp.com)

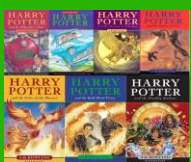
Black/Green pen - 20p  
Pencil - 20p  
Sharpener - 10p  
Ruler - 60p  
Highlighter - 50p  
Protractor - 60p  
Personal Organiser - £2.00



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*Reading is Dreaming with Eyes open!*





# Harry Potter Day in the Library



The annual *Harry Potter Day* event took place in the library today. During break and lunchtime students were able to visit the library and discover all the fantastic displays and decorations around the room. At break they took part in 'Where's the Snitch?' competition where they had to search the library for ten snitches that had been hidden around the room which they received a small prize for. They were also treated to Harry Potter themed sweets such as Jelly Snakes, Jellybeans and Chocolate Frogs!

At lunchtime students were then able to participate in various activities including Harry Potter themed 'Chit Chats', colouring templates, word searches, 'Write a letter to Harry', Harry Potter themed games (Dobble, Uno, Frustration, Pictionary, Top Trumps) and the Library Harry Potter Quiz! As well as more sweetie treats, four lucky winners of the quiz received Harry Potter themed prizes.

It was a fantastic day, enjoyed by students from Year 7 to 13 and staff!





# CAREERS

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It was the annual "**National Manufacturing Day**" on the 28<sup>th</sup> September where UK wide Manufacturing and Engineering companies throw open their doors to students across the country to invite them in and give them a 'behind the scenes look' at what they do and to inspire them!

A group of our Year 11 students went out to a company called Envisage Group yesterday. They are an Engineering and Service provider who are focused on creating beautifully bespoke, perfectly engineered vehicles and products.

The student initially had an introduction to the company and were then invited to watch a bespoke car as the finished article was shown gliding along at a car show event and demonstrated showing speed over 268MPH! Then the students were shown around and saw all the areas that contributed to the creation of this amazing car. They saw the area where mood-boards were created to show different colour themes and materials to assist/inspire the client when they get the order in for a bespoke car. We saw how Envisage have a hand on the sustainability pulse and creating car upholstery from banana skin/ denim jeans! It was absolutely amazing. We saw the trim team who create the upholstery who have to measure and be accurate to the millimetre. Precision is key! We then looked at a model which was going through production as well. Then the piece de resistance was seeing the actual car that we had seen on the video earlier that had reached speeds of 268+MPH. We saw the aerodynamics and the fins and the way it was created to gain those speeds.

The visit really captured the essence of the subjects we study - Product design; Art; Maths; English; Physics; Geography - all key in the transferable knowledge they create. The company then treated us to some wonderful hospitality before sending us home with a goodie bag - a great afternoon was had by all!

Miss Brennan is seeing all Y11 for their Careers interviews. She will be following up after half term.

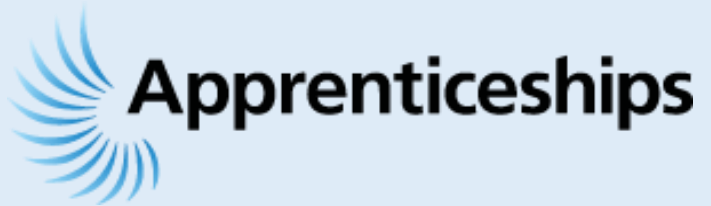


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## The Schools Aerospace Programme - Bablake School

Some of our Sixth Former were given an amazing opportunity last month when they were invited to Bablake School to get a glimpse of the Aerospace, Aviation and Space industries.

We were sat in a Theatre style presentation with speakers from the programme itself, as well as engineering companies such as Babcock and Atkins. We were shown Drones and a 'Boston Dynamics Robot' called 'Spot'.

The aims of this was to be looking at the **4th Industrial Revolution** – looking at major advancements already in place and some roles in the future that we don't even know exist yet. To encourage the interest of the next generation. This is an industry for young minds with a passion for Maths and Science along with enquiring minds to get involved in.

### Unifrog

Have you been using our school Careers Platform – Unifrog? It will help you to identify career paths; allow you to set yourself goals; create a CV ; look at Degree subjects and what it's like to study them.

Where you end up in your career journey is in *your* hands. Log in today!!

Miss Brennan is in **CA07** for any careers related queries.



Spot!