



NEWSLETTER

9 June 2023



Head Master's Message:

To paraphrase the late, great Tina Turner, "It's simply Cest Fest". Yes, it's summer and it's one of the key events of the year - CEST FEST. For the uninitiated, this is a whole school summer fair of games, gunge and gastronomic delights. Mark the day – Saturday 8th July 12.00 to 3.00pm. This is organised by our fabulous PTFA and all money raised goes towards funding 'extras' for the pupils to benefit from. I will send a separate email outlining how this all operates.

We are already looking to the start of the new school year. As parents will be aware, pupil places in Trafford are very tight and the radius of catchment areas shrinks year on year. We are a popular school and are heavily over-subscribed. It is right we support Trafford and our local community in providing places as much as we can, and we have twice raised our published admission number (PAN) to do so. We are now reaching the limit of our physical capacity to allow further growth. To accommodate the greater numbers, we have already converted a staffroom to become a classroom and divided our conference room into two classrooms. We have a split lunchtime to cater for playground activities. By and large it works well. However, we are now at the point where we need more classrooms. This would require significant funding by the local authority or the education funding agency. The governors and trustees are pursuing these opportunities. In the meantime, we are looking to place a well provisioned temporary classroom in the upper playground to ensure we have the capacity to meet our timetabling needs. The middle playground now accommodates the benches and picnic tables and it was lovely to see them fully occupied in the sunshine this week.

Over the half-term, the site staff (thank you, Pete, Adrian, Malcolm) have done a splendid job smartening the grounds: the Quad garden looks neat and trim and the Eco-garden is now in bloom with an array of flowers and vegetables. Dr Rodger and her Eco Club were delighted to be presented with a certificate from the RHS and a money prize for their work on their 'Bug Hotel' in the Eco-Garden. The Eco-garden has now been furnished by a sheltered garden bench.

Looking ahead:

INSET DAY – school closed to pupils – is on **Wednesday 21st June**

Summer Music Concert 7-8pm **Thursday 29th June** – Vanstone Hall

Sports Days - **IMPORTANT CHANGE** -For logistical reasons, we've had to change the year group allocated days. The dates are the same but now Monday 3rd July will be Y9 & 10 and Tuesday 4th July will be Y7 & 8.

CEST FEST – Saturday 8th July 12.00-3.00pm



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Calendar Dates:

13 June
Y10 PCE

21 June
INSET Day

5 July
Bag2School
pick up

17 July
Y7 & 8 Trip

18 July
Y9 & 10 Trip

21 July
Break for
Summer!

DEPUTY REFLECTIONS - CHARACTER EDUCATION

“We can only see a short distance ahead, but we can see plenty that there needs to be done.”

Alan Turing - one of our Cestrian Role Models - his sentiments are echoed through the pupils who in Half Term 5 lead the school in Academic, Behaviour, and Character

Arbor keeps a record of Character development. Click 'Statistics', 'Character Points' - expand menu.



This week we celebrate the pupils who lead the way and receive recognition across the subjects in lessons, through their responsibility to role model the school's behaviour standards, and through their extra-curricular passions and personal development. These pupils win a £20 investment to take their skills, passions, and curiosity further. Previous winners have invested in Music tuition, trips to the theatre, revision material, and contributions towards the Duke of Edinburgh Award. You can see more investments on the [Character News website](#). See our role models below, and the prize winners for the Perfect Standards Card have been announced in assemblies.



Pupils are guided in 8 character traits of NCS's character education programme. In lessons and beyond school, pupils have opportunities to pursue new discoveries and are assisted to own the next steps in the development. Click the poster!

Do you know someone who is building their character? [Click to nominate a pupil.](#) Investing in character development together!

Enter the North Cestrian School Character Education Website by clicking the photo of the British Museum below.

You will find...

The Character Development opportunities and news of pupils thriving and leading rich and fulfilling lives.

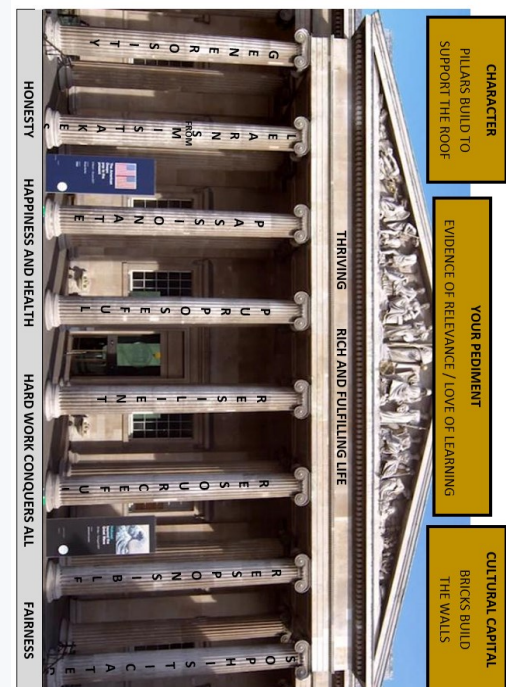
Hooks for your curiosity hooked in the Cultural Capital opportunities and a chance to show off your sophistication.

Build your Character Benchmarks Certificate

Know someone building their Cultural Capital? [Click to nominate.](#)

| Cultural Capital | | Character Development | | Attitude | |
|------------------|-------|-----------------------|-------|------------|-------|
| M, Oli | 7VJE | P, Carys | 7DWI | P, Izzy | 7VJE |
| M, Joseph | 7DWI | K, Curtis | 7JMI | A, Fareed | 7DWI |
| C, Hebe | 7MBR | G, Leonie | 7DWI | C, Mattea | 7RTA |
| W, Hayster | 8MSA | F, Demah | 8RDO | B, Thomas | 8RDO |
| H, Yuet Ella | 8RDO | H, Yuet Ella | 8RDO | G, Abigale | 8EKL |
| N, Joshua | 8JDE | S, Daniel | 8MSA | M, Rory | 8JDE |
| P, Callum | 8SFE | B, Eleora | 9MWO | A, Frankie | 9LCO |
| A, Sami | 9HVA | C, Ryan | 9JRI | Y, Tashi | 9MWO |
| G, George | 9LCO | P, Sastika | 9JRI | A, Safa | 9HVA |
| R, Hallie | 10JJA | C, Alexander | 10ACL | M, Tanish | 10SPU |
| A, Anna | 10FHE | S, Azka | 10ASI | A, Haseeb | 10FHE |
| H, Ruby | 10ACL | W L, Charlie | 10JJA | | |

| Classwork | Growth Mindset | Participation | Use of Feedback |
|--------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| G, Matt | 7VJE | B, Shay | 7DWI |
| C, Ciaran | 7DWI | M, Joseph | 7DWI |
| FG, Artie | 7RTA | C, Micah | 7RTA |
| A, Marnie | 8EKL | A, Marnie | 8EKL |
| L, Veronica | 8JDE | K, Kejtlin | 8MSA |
| W, Jacob | 8SFE | A, Zakir | 8EKL |
| KS, Nate | 9JRI | S, George | 9HVA |
| O, Tala | 9LCO | E, Abbs | 9JRI |
| H, Joshua | 9MWO | O, Praise | 9SMI |
| C, Brianna | 10JJA | F, Pearl | 10ASI |
| G, Mae | 10ACL | M, Ashaar | 10JJA |
| L, Zeng Xing | 10SPU | S, Azka | 10ASI |
| | | T, Jessica | 10JJA |



UNIFORM

Your responsibilities



- wear the right items correctly at all times
- check and bring correct PE Kit when needed



- NO – jewellery* (1 pair stud earrings, discrete necklace)
- NO – sports shoes*(all black shoes)
- NO - nail varnish / gel /fake nails
- NO - excessive make-up



Standards Card Signature
Confiscation of jewellery / inappropriate footwear



School will
loan school shoes for the day,
loan PE Kit items – mobile phone as deposit,
loan/supply items of uniform while replacements are purchased,
support PP recipients.




- Home should
- check & support the uniform policy.
- support and develop a routine of checking.
- uniform and PE kit each day.
- contact form tutor to report issues/concerns.

*Uniform Policy – [CLICK HERE](#) - Pupil Planner Page 7

EQUIPMENT

Your responsibilities



- the right items* are checked & brought daily
 - spare items in school bag and at home
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- NO – Tippex, correction fluid
 - NO – felt tips, marker pens
 - NO – Mobile phone visible or switched on in school



Standards Card Signature
Confiscation of mobile phone (1, 5, 10 days)
Purchase of pens (30p) via teacher/Mrs Stevenson



School will
supply items of equipment via the online shop.
allow Parentmail or cash payment for pens in school.
loan a basic mobile phone during confiscation period.



- Home should
- check & support the mobile phone policy.
- support and develop a routine of checking equipment and replacing as needed.
- be aware that school charges for pens in school.
- contact form tutor to report issues/concerns.

Mobile Phone Policy – [CLICK HERE](#) - Pupil Planner Page 8*

HIGH STANDARDS



NO EXCUSES

ATTITUDE to LEARNING

Your responsibilities



- Routinely have Attitude to Learning Grid open on desk for reference in lessons.
- Routinely reflect on own development using grid and planner/tracker pages.
- Record Data Capture AtL in planner/tracker.
- Identify and act on areas for self-development
- Regularly share feedback in tracker with home.
- Check and act on fortnightly report via Arbor.



Staff will issue negative AtL points.



Purple Cards will support development and intervene to improve attitudes in lessons.
School will work with home to support next steps and sustained improvement.



- Home should check & support positive attitude to learning by reading & discussing:
- Completion and quality of PREP via Arbor
- pupil reflection and recording in planner/tracker.
- fortnightly Arbor report on AtL & behaviours.
- DC1,DC2 and parents consultation evening.
ATL Grid – [CLICK HERE](#) -Pupil Planner - inside front cover

PROGRESS

Your responsibilities



- Routinely record test feedback and next steps in pupil planner.
- Act on next steps identified from academic feedback in lessons(purple pen) and from assessments.
- Share academic feedback and tracker with home.
- Constantly strive to improve performance.



Staff will issue negative AtL points.



Teachers will constantly provide verbal/written feedback to all pupils who record this in purple pen.
School will work with home to support next steps and sustained improvement.
Purple Cards will support development and intervene to improve progress in lessons.



- Home should check & support focus for improvement by reading & discussing:
- pupil reflection and recording in planner/tracker.
- assessments and feedback (purple pen) sent home.
- DC1,DC2 and parents consultation evening.
- Contacting form tutor/subject teacher if concerned.

Curriculum & Assessment Policy – [CLICK HERE](#)

Pupil Planner Page 120 onwards

Physical Education & Sport

Physical Education - Cultural
Capital



PE CULTURAL CAPITAL

We want to recognise your engagement in sport and physical activity outside of school! Use this form to record up to three external sports teams, clubs or societies that you attend.

An external club, team or society is any that you take part in outside of school. For example, Altrincham Swimming Club.

In addition to collecting Cultural Capital points for reflections on current issues in sport and physical activity, we would like to learn more about opportunities you are engaged without

It's all about Athletics!

Athletics has been the main topic in recent weeks for all students.

Sports Day is fast approaching and will take place on the following dates:

Year 9/10 Monday 3rd July

Year 7/8 Tuesday 4th July

Students are busy with their form tutors selecting events to compete in. The format this year will see form groups in each individual year group compete against each other!

In addition to this, there will be a dodgeball tournament running during form times to give non-competitors on the day a chance to contribute some points to their form groups' tally!

Trafford Athletics

Our Athletics teams have the opportunity to test their skills on the big stage at Trafford Athletics competitions. The Girls team competed on 08/06/23 – a huge well done to all those involved!

The boys team compete on 13/06/23 and we wish them all the best in their events.

Students will be taking part in striking and fielding games for the remainder of the term.

We will ask students to reflect on their progress in the coming weeks by using our ME in PE assessment grids, where we focus on the physical, cognitive, social and healthy aspects of PE.

With the increasingly hot weather expected, please consider sending students in with extra drink and suncream on PE days.



REMINDER!

END OF YEAR TRIPS ARE NOW 'LIVE' ON PARENTMAIL!

DEADLINE FOR PAYMENT IS 23 JUNE. PLEASE CONTACT MRS WILLIAMS IF YOU HAVE ANY ISSUES.

YEAR 7 & 8 - KNOWSLEY SAFARI PARK, MONDAY 17 JULY

YEAR 9 & 10 - ALTON TOWERS, TUESDAY 18 JULY

IMPORTANT NOTICES - ALL YEARS (7-10)

English - End of Year Assessment Information - see Miss Butler's email to parents sent earlier this week.

Science - End of Year Assessment Information - End of unit tests take place **every 4-6 weeks**. Pupils have the details for these. The end of year grade is an indication of this holistic performance.

RE - All KS3 classes will have a "**Big Test**" - 100 questions covering all the knowledge and quotes from topics studied since September*. **Pupils can revise from Knowledge Maps.**

- RE - Big Test Week will run across the 2 week cycle 19th June to 30th June.

Maths - All year 7 & 8 pupils have been emailed a revision list and a link to their personal skills analysis. Pupils should use this personalised skills breakdown to target their revision.

There will be a Non-Calculator & Calculator Paper in lesson on the following dates: Y7 – Tuesday 20th & Thursday 22nd, Y8 – Friday 23rd & Monday 26th, Y9 – Tuesday 20th & Thursday 22nd



Don't forget
parents
evening!

FINAL REMINDER - YEAR 10 PARENT CONSULTATION EVENING

The booking window CLOSES on Monday. Please ensure you can access SCHOOL CLOUD. If you are experiencing any technical issues, please contact Mrs Williams (Head's PA) as soon as possible.

Pupils continue to work towards Duke of Edinburgh's BRONZE AWARD.

Well done! Keep going!



**YOUTH
WITHOUT
LIMITS**

Thank you

to

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award participants

from

North Cestrian School

who spent

208 Hours

volunteering between

1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023.

We are immensely proud of the dedication, effort and achievement of young people making an impact in their community.

The social value of these hours is

£1000

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ruth Marvel'.

RUTH MARVEL, CHIEF EXECUTIVE

June 2023

BAG 2 SCHOOL

FREE FUNDRAISING FOR SCHOOLS

In partnership with your school or organisation



North Cestrian School



Bag 2 School is a company that specialises in the reuse and recycling of good quality second-hand clothing and we have arranged to make a collection from your school. All the bags will be weighed and you will be paid for the total weight collected. Remember, the more you collect the greater the benefit to your school.



By using this paper leaflet we are helping to reduce unnecessary extra plastic. Please use your own bag or bags (there is no limit). The leaflet is FSC accredited, please recycle it.

When the clothes have been removed from the bag the plastic will be packed and sent for recycling.

We are collecting good quality items for RE-USE:

Men's, ladies' & children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts & accessories.

(No uniforms, workwear, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric please)

The more we weigh the more we pay!

Extra bags are welcome - there's no limit

Please return your Bag2School on:



9 JULY 2023

