

NEWSLETTER

2 December 2022



It was the PTFA AGM this week and it was good to see a few new members around the table bringing fresh ideas and energy to the meeting. I would like to thank Mark Kitson for his work as Chair of the PTFA; he'll be stepping down at the end of the year. His report celebrated many achievements; successful social events, support for school activities and the purchase of much needed 'bonus items' for pupils. It was kindly agreed to fund more outside benches, and soft furniture for the counselling room. Please support the PTFA further by purchasing raffle tickets for the Christmas Prize draw (Prizes include a new iPad and a quality refurbished laptop) and paying for own clothes day. These take place on 9th December. The next PTFA meeting is Wednesday 11th January – all are welcome.

I encourage parents and children to attend the school Carol Service at St Margaret's Church on Dunham Road – 7-8pm on Thursday 8th December – a traditional delivery of the Christmas story with songs, readings and refreshments.

We will be increasingly using the school website as a one-stop shop for convenient access to information and forms. Please use the 'Parents' quick link on the home page to see if what you need to know or read is there first.

Cestrian ABC

Academic – the word Academy stems from the quiet place where Plato taught. It was originally a garden or grove owned by Akademos. The site, Akademus was sacred to the goddess Athena, the goddess of wisdom. As an academy, North Cestrian strives to be a quiet, calm place of learning.

Behaviour – Uniform is part of our drive for pupils to be part of the wider community - a part of ONE body – it's UNIform for a reason. A reminder that school shoes should be smart and appropriate (and clean) for school. Page 7 of the learning journal reiterates the types of acceptable shoe – with boots regarded as not acceptable. Click on **Parents -> Uniform** on the school website to see further guidance.

Character – visitors to the school main pupil entrance will be impressed by a wonderful mural (or should that be 'vitrumal') of Christmas images painted by some of our pupils. Their passion to produce the display was a delight to see. Thanks to Mrs Williams (also for the decorations) and to Olivia and Emily for all their effort and skill. (More details on page 6).

Dates for Diary:

8/12 Carol Service 9/12 Own Clothes

13/12 Y11 PCE

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DEPUTY REFLECTIONS - CHARACTER EDUCATION

Let's encourage investment in discovering opportunities and taking ownership for a rich, fulfilling life. The Arbor Portal keeps a record of Character development. Click 'Statistics', 'Character Points' - expand menu.

"You give your all and yet you always feel as if it costs you nothing." Simone de Beauvoir

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!

You can also show your rounded character and achieve your Character Benchmarks Certificate. Click below, read the instructions to build your evidence in 10 benchmarks.

Leisure Pursuits

Competitive Team / Individual

Volunteer

Community Work

Artistic

Performing

Sporting

see Cultural Capital

Build your Character Benchmarks Certificate

Jacob W (y8) purposeful community work: coach of the Ashton on Mersey FC Under 6 Team.

This year for Christmas at North Cestrian on large glass entrance, GCSE Artists Olivia S, Emily H,



Debating

Amanda C, Amal Z, Dantai S-O have painted Christmas scenes from 4 different movies: Narnia, The Polar Express, The Grinch and Elf.

Freya C (Y7) generosity of spirit: appearing on BBC's Children in Need. Rory B (Y11) purposeful Competitive Individual: He lifted 87kg snatch (a personal best), 101kg clean and jerk for a 188kg total, becoming British Under 15 Champion. Rory has been weightlifting for 4.5 years and trains four times a week at Altrincham Weightlifting Club. He was selected for British Weightlifting's Regional Youth Squad for the North

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in 2021, and his next goal is to earn selection for the British National Youth Squad in 2023.

Click the image for this week's Character Development Opportunities.

Pop/Chamber Choir KS3 - Thursday lunch (5a) from 13:00 - 13:30

KS4 - Thursday lunch (5b) from 14:00 - 14:30



PLEASE SPEAK TO MR PULLEN IN L11

ROYAL SOCIETY YOUNG PEOPLE'S BOOK

Y7, 8 + 9 are the judging panel on Fri lunch 13:30 to 13:40 in S3

Science Library - Friday lunchtimes. Outside S4. Borrow and return books. Quiet reading.

Business passion? Year 9 Wed / Friday break. Must attend to prove your option choice!



Come to lunch with Stuart Maconie....

Author, BBC Broadcaster and Guardian/NEM music journalist, Stuart Maconie, will be coming to school on 8th December. If you are interested in journalism, music or writing and would like to join him for a free lunch, please send Mrs Ritchie 50 words explaining why ou would like to have lunch with Stuart.





Reading + in S1 at break



Do you know someone who is building their character? Click to nominate a pupil. **Investing in character** development together!

Tharshika A Y9 has worked with Mr Cliffe to bring you...



Email m.bell@northcestrian.co.uk to secure your place at the session led by Tharshika's club coach!

Read the News / Write the News 12:50 to 13:20 Gold Wednesdays. Y7 -9 try out your skills as a journalist. The Write Way is at 12:50 to 13:20 on Blue Wednesdays. Write stories, poems and scripts. See Mrs Ritchie.

Gardening Group Thursdays 3.30-4.15 In the Garden Area

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DEPUTY REFLECTIONS - CULTURAL CAPITAL

Cultural Capital is the essential knowledge that we need to be educated citizens. It is the best that has been thought and said, and helps to grow an appreciation of human creativity and achievement.

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

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." Churchill

Pupils are guided in the acquisition of cultural capital both in lessons and beyond school. It may be the origins or foundations of thought. It may be the deeper broader details or the where next and what ifs. It may be beyond the lesson or exam but yet essential to kindle passion, discover purpose, broaden horizons and enable sophisticated discussion.

Plan to take these opportunities that build your cultural capital. Then make use of it. When you do this in lessons, teachers will award points. They will guide your next steps to go deeper and develop further. They will test your sophistication - is it genuine, relevant and significant? rounded character. **Subjects will use lesson based cultural capital opportunities.**

An update of the pupils who won the £20 investment from Half Term 1 Character Development and Cultural Capital Leagues: Arabella D (Y10) is investing in the Duke of Edinburgh Award costs! Arabella is also busy with her Stem Club at NCS. They have created a project to experiment with 'what makes your hand steady?'. They built a a steady hand game and now we are ready to test the school, teachers vs students, dominant hand vs non dominant hand, male vs female! Modupe A (Y9) came up with the idea for all Key Stage 4 Options Subjects to have cultural capital opportunities.

Click the <u>underlines</u> / images below for beyond lesson, topical and contemporary cultural capital. Pursue what you are most curious about. Email me with your reflection on the source material. Write 100 words summarising the main points. Then 100 words analysing why it is important? Why is it cultural capital? Are you inspired? Teachers guide next steps.

Food: we use the best theory,

watch the best skills, then

create amazing products!

Business: CEO Secrets - Which Cestrian character traits can you identify?

Thinking of Business for GCSE? Drop in to U3 Wed/Fri break

English: November is the month for remembrance,

 Research a war poet and present your exploration of their life, experiences and works. (Wilfred Owen, Siegfried Sassoon, John McRae, Rupert Brooke).

 Record or live present a poem from memory showcasing dramatic expression. (Anthem for Doomed Youth by Wilfred Owen, The Hero by Siegfried Sassoon, In Flanders Fields by John McCrae)

Write your own war poem.

Choose Your
Influential
Musicians

Humanities Breakfast Movie Club Wednesday's 8am. Sign up on U12 Door

Statistics: Is the collective

wisdom of a crowd smarter

than an individual expert?

Humanities in the News: See the Cultural Capital on the corridor.

Know someone building their cultural capital? Click to nominate.

Nominated Achiever Zach P (Y7) Sophistication and cultural capital - I went to Sale Chamber Orchestras concert. They played many songs including from

composers Vaughan
Williams, Frederick Kelly and
J.S. Bach. I enjoyed the music
and learned lots of new

things.

What is your

worldview? Where

do you stand?

North Cestrian Prayer Room

Break

Tuela N (Y10) - Sophicated to celebrate the start of the

to celebrate the start of the NCS100 look at Tuela is already achieving: "I'm building my own cultural capital in my own way by reading every day. I am trying to read at least half an hour a day which contributes to how many books I have read this year and my yearly goal, which is 85 books, I am already at 75 books and hoping my reading everyday

adds more books to the

Can you make Art History?

Computer Science: Share and discuss articles, videos & podcasts that you find that support legal, ethical, cultural & environmental aspects of technology.

pile."

Email me with how you are building your cultural capital in your own way



Curie-osity Club - discuss big science in T2 KS4 lunch Gold Thursdays



MFL: topical challenges every month - win tapas, restaurant visits and certificates

How do scientists allow us to celebrate Diwali and bonfire night?

Psychology

Tomorrows engineer's week watch the video and write an article reflecting on the role of engineering in our future.

What festivals are happening in 2022? Identify the religion, the celebrations and any diversity of traditions that exist.

Reporting and Assessment

Teachers are currently completing Data Capture 1. All pupils will be get a report via Arbor at the end of term.

This will include the 5 AtL categories and a progress indicator of 1-4 (see table below).

These criteria are on the inside front cover of the pupil **Learning Journal**. They are the key characteristics of effective, independent learners.

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	Role Model	Resourceful High quality and output of work Clearly presented and organised	gh quality and output of ork improve performance • Proactively identifies or seeks areas for improvement		Resilient, proactive independence, takes risks to further learning Responsibility, recognizes that success is due to their own efforts Frequently demonstrates learning from mistakes	Sophisticated contributions Active, thoughtful participation Supports peer development	Passionate and purposeful, Consistently promoting conscientious attitude to learning, maximizes learning time Cestrian Way A&B Role Models Successful use of prep & retrieval throughout lessons	
O LEARNING	Positive	Sometimes resourceful Most work is completed to a good standard Clearly presented and organised	Demonstrates hard w improve performance Can independently ide some areas for improve Consistently acting on feedback to improve of work with some guida	entify vement n current	Developing resilience and independence to start to take risks to further learning Developing responsibility for own success by linking to their own efforts Sometimes demonstrates learning from mistakes	Purposeful, responsive contributions Consistent engagement with learning Collaborative	Developing passion and purpose Demonstrates positive attitude to make effective use of learning time Follows Cestrian Way Successful use of prep & retrieval throughout lessons	
ATTITUDE TO LEARNING	Developing	Not yet resourceful, over reliant on support Inconsistent quality of work, reminders needed to improve quality and output Work presentation and organisation is inconsistent Not yet working hard enough to sustain improvement Limited purple pen improvements without significant guidance Not making links between feedback and improvement		Not yet confident to try independently Not linking effort to success, needs to take greater responsibility for learning May recognize, but repeats mistakes	Contributions only when asked Emerging engagement, needs to improve focus in lessons Missing opportunities	Not yet demonstrating passion and purpose Missing opportunities to maximize learning time Needs reminders to follow the Cestrian Way Not yet using prep and retrieval strategies effectively		
	Hampering Progress	Not yet resourceful, frequently needs intervention Limited and low quality work Limited clarity and poor presentation, disorganized	improvement ervention wited and low quality ork mited clarity and poor improvement Needs frequent teacher /LSA support to improve work struggles to record and reflect on teacher feedback		Limited effort, fear of failure hampers ability to start or complete tasks Lack of responsibility, no confidence in own ability to succeed Repeats mistakes	No contribution, even when prompted Needs support to develop confidence. Inappropriate conduct is affecting learning	Not yet found passion and purpose Frequently missing opportunities to learn Disregard for Cestrian Way, regularly needs support and reminders Often chooses not to prepeffectively	
		Progress						
	1	Exceeding expectations for	this year 3	Not ye	t meeting expectations for this year	Academic expectations are based on a <u>National</u> progress model that relates pupils' outcomes at KS2(Y6) to their final GCSE performance at		
	2 Meeting expectation for this year 4 At		At	risk of not meeting expectations	KS4(Y11). The progress grade indicates how well pupils are doing with respect to this expectation in the current academic year.			

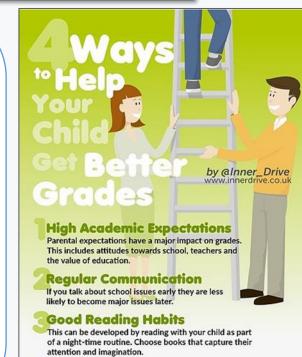
Year 11 have been issued their estimated grades this week. These are

based on the continuing assessment evidence that teachers have gathered over the course and, represent the likely grade that would be achieved if pupils continued to apply the same effort and engagement as at present.

Pupils are being well supported and encouraged to take responsibility for their own outcomes. Via briefings and the learning journal, they have a wealth of advice and strategies to make the most of their remaining study time at North Cestrian. **Mock Exams will take place after February half term 21**st **Feb – 3**rd **March 2023**.

Parents can help too. The new page 39 – **Cestrians are Responsible for their Learning** is a great place to start! There are also revision strategies and advice on pages 31-33. How many of these strategies can you support and monitor to ensure that pupils have the best opportunities to succeed?

Make your appointments for Y11 Parents consultation Evening via School Cloud 4-7pm - Tuesday 13th December 2022



Homework Rules

Have clear rules to deal with how your child divides their time between homework and socialising.

Source: Castro et al (2015) Parental involvement on student academic acid



Cestrians Are Responsible for their Learning

- READ through the lists of actions that you could take, in school and at home, to improve your learning and independent study habits.
- Discuss with your parents for improved impact and support.
- Every 2 weeks select 1 or 2 that you can focus on. Find out more about it and have ago! Do that here or in the ABC boxes on your date page.
- The more you repeat it, the more it becomes a routine that you don't need to think about. You are improving your learning habits!

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	Act on the advice on pages 20 and 21 in the Learning Journal to develop your revision strategy?	20-21, 31	
	Know how to effectively schedule revision activities & make a timetable?	20-21, 31	
	Have several revision strategies and activities (see examples below)	31, 32, 33	
R	Can you turn your notes into good test questions?		
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п	Have access to suitable <u>test materials</u> to judge the effectiveness of your revision? E.g. past papers,	29	
0	work books, quizzes (NOT revision guides)		
m	Attend the Guided Revision Class on Monday and Friday from 3.20pm, F1?	21.00	
	Revise in a quiet, well-lit room, with a comfortable chair and desk?	21-22	
е	Make sure that your phone and all digital / media devices are switched off and not in the same room	25	
	as you whilst you are working?		
	Make sure that all equipment is easily available? For example: knowledge atlas, paper, pens, books,		
	questions.		

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas.....

We are **extremely** pleased to share our 'FESTVE WINDOW MURAL' with you all. Created and designed by our super talented Y11 GCSE Art students, (I-r) **Emily, Olivia and Amanda**.







YEAR 7 - MR BAILEY

Over the past two weeks, in Personal Development, Year 7 have been exploring Finances. Our Personal Development lessons are focused on "real life" skills – and over the past two weeks Year 7 have been learning about the difference between Credit and Debit cards and what Debt is. At North Cestrian we believe it is important that students are taught these skills. Not only so that they can be aware of the impact of saving and spending, but hopefully they can appreciate that we all have a budget to manage and no-ones wealth is limitless. The message of value is incredibly important as we enter December, and start to panic about the Christmas shopping we've yet to do (or is that just me?!). I hope your young person puts a value on the time and love you can share together as a family during the festive period, and not the endless presents we're often told we need.

As we enter the final two weeks of term, we will start to explore Positive and Healthy Relationships. For Year 7 this is crucial as they have often have build some excellent friendships since starting in September – but it's important that they recognise what a good and healthy relationship looks like and acts like.

Can I take this opportunity to ask again that you monitor your young persons social media use. Again, this week, issues have arisen through poor use of social media. Please be aware of the groups your young person is in – do they know each individual "in real life"? Do they know how to block other users and walk away when frustrations are rising? Consider the dangers of apps such as SnapChat – an app that allows messages and pictures to be sent and distributed, quickly, to individuals and groups, often automatically deleting after a set period of time. Far too often, children make comments that they would never dream of saying

in "real life", hurtful and spiteful comments that can have a lasting impact on their intended target. Help your young person stay safe and happy online. If you're looking for that final Christmas present – you can buy non-smartphones at a very reasonable price!

Have a wonderful Christmas break, and I hope you can cherish some valuable time together.

Mr Bailev

Head of Year 7



Dear students and families.

I'm pleased to tell you that the votes have been counted, the responses scrutinised and book choices been thoroughly considered - the NCS100 is now ready to launch!

This is the list of 100 books that staff, students and families have voted on as a must read list - we challenge students (and families!) to read as many as they can before they leave NCS.

In the coming days, students will receive the full list to stick into their planner, in form time.

When they read one of these books, they tick it off, write a 50 word review and get a teacher, adult in school or older reading buddy to sign it, all in the learning journal.

We review progress half termly, and award prizes for every 10 books (let me know of your ideas

for rewards!)

I have attached a link to the full list here - with descriptions of what the books are about and genre.

Books highlighted in yellow are also the Y7/8 BookBuzz texts, books highlighted in Blue got over 100 votes in the survey.

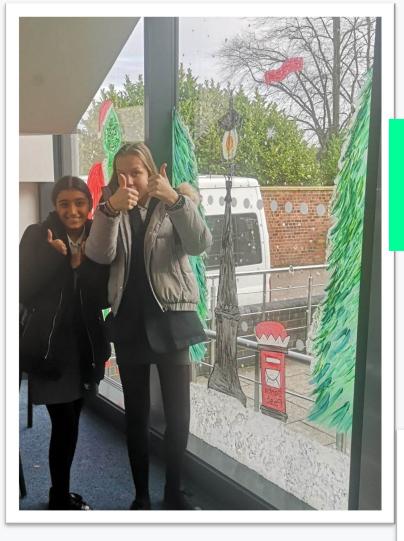


NCS 100 FRi 18th Nov final edit to 100.xlsx

Happy reading!

Mrs Johnson - Whole School Literacy Lead





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** KS3 IMPORTANT NOTICE **

LITERACY FAMILY WORKSHOP

Miss Johnson will be hosting a virtual family Workshop on **Tuesday 5 December** for all Y7, 8 and 9 parents/carers.

More information will be sent on Monday next week, so please keep an eye on your emails!

NOTICES

Year 11 students Safa and Darcy showing their appreciation and approval of the 'FESTIVE WINDOW' display.



Get a

permission

slip from Miss Johnson Open to all

years : film is a

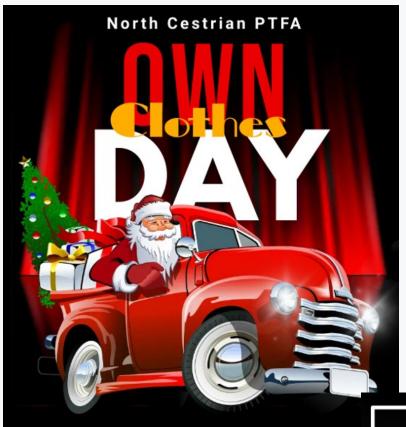
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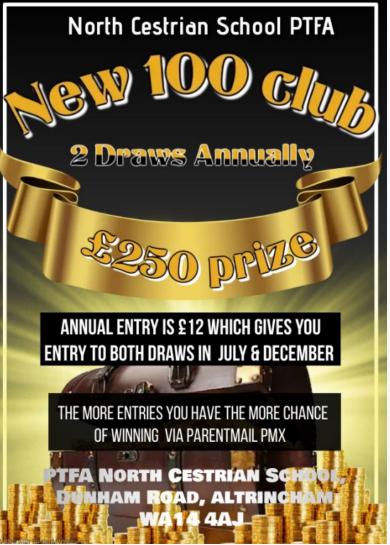
PTFA NEWS



Friday 9th December 2022

£2 Via ParentMail PMX this also gets you a free entry into the Christmas Raffle!

For more information: 0161 928 1856 / visit us: www.northcestrian.co.uk / @northcestrian pta





**** Star prize of an IPAD ****

- *Alibi Altrincham 1hr 45min Karaoke session for 8-16 people Value £100
- *Altrincham Garrick Playhouse 4 Complimentary tickets to a main stage production In spring / summer 2023
- *Manchester Storm Family ticket (2 adults & 2 children) to watch a Manchester Storm Ice Hockey Match
- *Waterside Arts 2 tickets to Sherlock Holmes: The Valley of fear for 3rd March at 7.30pm
- *Atlantic Bow I- 5 game passes (2 adult, 3 children for bowling)
- *Awesome Walls Stockport Climbing taster session for up to 4 people
- *Total Ninja 2 x 1hr passes
- *Good Life Skates 2 x 1hr skate session
- * Annual Gym membership -