



# THE ECHO



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### MY WELCOME TO CNS

I would like to start my first ever piece for the Echo by publicly saying thank-you to everyone for making me feel so welcome. It is a real pleasure and honour to lead CNS and I am looking forward to working along side everyone associated with the school and the local community.

This year we achieved our best ever GCSE results with 74% of our students achieving 5 A\*-C grades and 59% with English and Maths. At A level we achieved 72% at grade A-C and 48% grade A-B. I would like to offer my congratulations to all our students, and thank staff, parents and carers whose hard work and support played a major role in these achievements. In addition I would also like to thank Ian Bloom who led the school last academic year.

My approach has always been to celebrate success and learn from what has been done well so I am confident that these results will provide a good foundation for the future in our drive to make CNS an even better school. I look forward to working with you over the coming years for the benefit of your child and the whole community.  
*Jim Nixon*

### RAPID ENTERPRISE COMPETITION

Four teams of Y9 students attended the finale of the inter-schools Rapid Enterprise Competition on 12 July. The teams were asked to design, market and pitch a TV remote control with features that would appeal to a specific group of end users. Having attended workshops covering creative design, finance, marketing and presentation skills and also a 2 day work shop at Hethel Engineering to produce a proto type of their product, the teams presented their ideas to a panel of judges in the 'Dragons' Den' at the new Open Youth Venue on Bank Plain. Local MP Charles Clarke and also the Lord Mayor called in to offer encouragement. Congratulations to 'Equipe' (Marianne Aubin-le-Quere, Martyn Bowman, Nicola Burt & Dylan Joseph) winners of the Families category and also to 'Connect' (Stephanie Davies, Nicholas Fogarty, Lily Goff and Alex Richardson) who were highly commended in the Oldies category. Well done also to Anna Ross who bravely faced the dragons on her own when the rest of her team were unable to attend.

### CNSA

You will be warmly welcomed at a meeting to plan the Pet Show next Tuesday, 15 September at 7.30pm in the Skinner Centre. See over for details of the Pet Show.

### YOUNG APPRENTICE OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to Jake Howell (former Y11 student) who was awarded 'Young Apprentice of the Year 2008-9' at the EAGIT awards evening at the end of July. Jake is continuing to pursue a career in engineering after this very promising start.

### HPV VACCINATIONS

HPV vaccinations take place in school on 15 and 16 September in the Arc. Any outstanding consent forms need to be sent in to school immediately. Students in Years 8, 10 & 11 will be informed of their appointment time for Tuesday 15 September by their Form Tutors. Years 12 & 13 will be given their appointment times for Wednesday 16 September via the Sixth Form Common Room. Any catch up appointments will be given out on an individual basis.

### SPORTING ROUNDUP

**Clubs Start from 14 Sept (3.15 - 4.15 approx)**

- Mon - Table Tennis (All Years)
- Tues - Rugby (Y10), Badminton & Dance (All Years)
- Wed - Rugby (Yrs 7,8,9), Netball (All Years)
- Thurs - Trampolining (Yrs 7,8,9)
  - Rock-it Ball (Yrs 9,10,11,6<sup>th</sup> Form)
- Fri - Girls' Football (Yrs 7,8,9), Basketball (All Years)

**A Wimbledon Tennis Star is born** - After beating the best Norfolk had to offer, Gina Palffy (9BE) qualified for a competition at Wimbledon itself. Gina made it to the semi finals where she narrowly lost to a girl ranked in the top 20 of the country! Gina played on court 18 and practiced with none other than Tim Henman. Gina felt like a real pro and CNS hopes one day she may become one. To read about Gina's Wimbledon adventure in full, log on to the PE site on the school's gateway.

**CNS Shine at English Schools** - Clieo Stephenson and Stephanie Burt went to these Athletics championships with high hopes and they did not disappoint as Stephanie finished an impressive 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Javelin while Clieo blew her competitors away in the 100m finishing way out in 1<sup>st</sup> place. While recording a PB, Clieo can now officially call herself the fastest girl in England under the age of 15. Her amazing achievements and post race interview were on Sky Sports where she looked poised and focussed on both the track and camera!

#### Fixtures

- Tues 15 Sept - Y7 Football vs Taverham (A)
- Thurs 17 Sept - Y9 Football vs Notre Dame (A)
  - Y11 Football vs Taverham (A)

## NEXT WEEK IS WEEK 2 KS4 EARLY LUNCH, KS3 LUNCH AT 1.35 ABSENCE LINE

Y7: ☎ 274017, Y8: ☎ 274068, Y9: ☎ 274069, Y10: ☎ 274070, Y11: ☎ 274071, Y12/13: ☎ 274072

### PASTORAL SUPPORT LINE

Years 7, 8 & 9 Jane Allen 274054; Years 10 & 11 Susie Butchers 274029; Years 12 & 13 Kym Blake 274060



# Come to CNSA's PET SHOW Friday 25th September 6pm

There will be BBQ with 'Hot Dogs', Raffle, Games and refreshments.

City of Norwich School Association would like to welcome you and your family to this popular annual event. The show is open to everyone at the school; students, staff, governors and their families and friends. There will be a choice of **fun categories** for you to enter your pet, such as 'The Pet with the Most Apt Name' or 'The Pet with the Most Magnificent Set of Whiskers' and 'The Pet Most Like Its Owner'. There will be prizes for the winner of each category and a prize for the 'Best in Show'. Our new Headteacher, Mr Nixon, will be there to welcome you and the judging will be by local vets.

You may enter any pet except for horses, ponies, dogs and after much discussion goats!! **You do not need to own a pet to come along and enjoy the evening.** You can just be a spectator or enter 'The Most Unusual Pet' category. Past contestants for this category have included a cuddly toy lion, a Pet Rock, a garden snail and a plastic spider. Why not see what you can come up with!

We hope to have Mr Colin Ware of the Eastern Herpetological Society who brings along an array of **REPTILES** for you to handle and learn about. **Look out for further details in next week's Echo.**

**We look forward to welcoming you to your first CNSA event of the year.**

**Any enquiries or offers of help to Jo on 632416 or [jthompson70@red.esinet.org.uk](mailto:jthompson70@red.esinet.org.uk)**

## EXTENDED SERVICES AT CNS Presents

### ADULT SINGING SQUAD

Starting Monday 21 September in the Arc from 7.30 - 9.00 pm

Friendly and relaxed sessions for anyone who sings or who would like to sing. All music is taught by ear and sung in a group - there is no pressure to sing on your own. £5 per session

### AFTER SCHOOL SKIING

Tuesdays starting 29 September at Whitlingham dry ski slope  
Transport to and from school by minibus. Beginners and improvers  
£48 for 8 sessions

### SATURDAY MORNING MUSIC CLASSES

Recorder and Guitar classes will be restarting on Saturday 19 September in the Arc. Times and prices vary

If you are interested in any of the above please contact Diane Bennett or Myra Vogwill on 01603 274050, email [m.vogwill@cns-school.org](mailto:m.vogwill@cns-school.org) or come and see us in Room 7A.