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PROGRESS REVIEW DAY

On Wednesday next week, we have our annual Progress Review Day. This is an essential part of our guidance of students and ensures that each student not only knows his or her targets and forecast grades or levels but also is clear on how to make further progress. **Target Grades** (for KS4 and Sixth Formers) and **Target Levels** (for KS3 students) are set for each student in each subject at the start of each Key Stage. They are set on the basis of information about how the student did in the previous Key Stage. We use information provided by the Local Authority as the basis for this. The aim is for each student to match or beat his or her target in each subject. Targets do not change through the Key Stage. At regular intervals during the Key Stage, and on the basis of work completed, teachers give students a **Forecast Grade or Level**. This tells students how they're getting on in each subject and whether or not they're on track to meet or beat their Target by the end of the Key Stage. Subject Next Steps are given to students by their teachers so that they know exactly what they need to do to take the next step in making progress. For Main School students, all of this information should be recorded on pages 25 to 27 in Student Planners.

Most students only come in to Progress Review Day to see their Tutor for a scheduled appointment. Parents/carers are welcome to come in at the same time. Students should spend the rest of the day at home doing the work described below and/or further Extended Learning and homework. Some students have been specifically invited to come in to school to **catch up on coursework** and they will be in school for much of the day.

JANUARY EXAM SEASON

Good luck to all in Y10, 11 and the Sixth Form in your forthcoming GCSE and AS exams.

BBC BITESIZE

The BBC Bitesize website provides a range of high quality and easy to access materials for students in KS3 and KS4. There are good materials on Citizenship for Years 7 and 8, revision for SATs for Year 9 and revision of GCSEs for Y10 and 11. GCSE Science teachers advise that the materials are not geared to OCR Science and therefore GCSE Science revision is always better focussed on materials provided by CNS. Bitesize at <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/revision/>

In lieu of work on lessons on Progress Review Day, students are asked to complete some work on BBC Bitesize and to completed this at some point between Monday 14 January and Friday 25 January. By Friday 25 January, students (other than those spending all of Progress Review Day in school on coursework catch-up) should have completed the relevant work. The fortnight is available so that students can choose to do the work using school computers (any day at break, lunch or after school) or at home. Further information about what is required of each Year Group will be on the CNS Gateway early next week. Students will be informed how to access this.

STUDENT AND PARENT SURVEYS

We need your views! In order to help us to evaluate our school and make plans for the future, we are asking all students and parents/carers to complete a short online survey over the next two weeks. Main school students will complete the questionnaire in ICT lessons and sixth formers can access it from the main student page of the Gateway. Parents should simply visit www.cns-school.org and follow the link from the top of the home page. The survey will take no more than 5 minutes to complete and the information we gather will be very useful. If any parents would like to use the school computers to access the survey this can be arranged by contacting Mr Laycock.

PEN PAL PROJECT

Some students in Year 10 are taking part in an exciting 'pen pal' project with the Haverford High School in Pennsylvania, in the USA. Around 30 students are taking part, and corresponding with students from the school in America. We hope that the project will be an exciting opportunity for the students to not only practise their writing skills but also develop their understanding of what student life is like in another country.

SPORTING ROUNDUP

Monday - Table Tennis (3.05 - 4.05)
Thursday - Cross Country (3.05 - 4.00),
- Boys' Football Y7 & 8 (3.05 - 4.05)
- Girls' Football (3.05 - 4.05)

Due to the use of the Sports Hall for exams, all other after school clubs will restart on Wednesday 23 January.

Fixtures

Mon 14 Jan - Norwich Schools Cross Country (Hewett)
Tue 15 Jan - U16 Girls' Badminton vs Hethersett (H)
Thur 17 Jan - U19 Netball vs Norwich School (H)
Cross Country - Good luck to all athletes for Monday!

NEXT WEEK IS WEEK 1 KS3 EARLY LUNCH, KS4 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 Suzanne Edwards 274054; Years 10 & 11 Ellen Ryan 274029; Years 12 & 13 Kym Blake 274060

CNSA

Jumble and Table-top Sale

**Saturday 2nd February
10am**

**Maybe you've been clearing out over the holidays or
have unwanted gifts!**

Please start collecting jumble



**For further details or to book a table please ring Jo Thompson on
01603 632416**