



# THE ECHO



## City of Norwich School Weekly Newsletter

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### FOOD FESTIVAL COMPETITION

During Food Technology lessons, eighty eight Year 10 students took part in a cooking competition based on "Ready Steady Cook". Alex Saunders, Ben Meade, Krystal Summers and James Hyde won the in-school heat and represented CNS in the final at City College on 18 October. They worked extremely hard to produce a healthy two course meal of lemon chicken kebabs with rice and potato wedges, strawberry tart and a smoothie. Congratulations to all of you for coming third!

### YEAR 11 MATHEMATICS COURSEWORK

All year 11 students are now starting their first piece of mathematics coursework after half-term. This piece of coursework will contribute 10% towards the final mathematics grade. This must be undertaken within lessons, under supervision. It is therefore important that students do not miss any mathematics lessons, as it is unlikely that we will be able to make up any lost time. Please can all involved ensure that attendance is maximised during this crucial time.

### SAFE CYCLING ON DARKER EVENINGS

We ask that students take extra care whilst cycling to and from school and to take particular care around the Colman Schools area. This is a notorious area where CNS students are often criticised for cycling too quickly near primary school children. There are good reasons for not cycling on the busy main road but cycling on the pavement directly outside Colman School is prohibited. To avoid accidents, please avoid this part of the pavement.

### ENGINEERING EDUCATION SCHEME

On Wednesday this week, CNS hosted the launch of the Royal Academy of Engineering's annual Engineering Education Scheme. This prestigious scheme gives opportunity to A level students who have interests in Engineering, to undertake a real design task. One of the attractions of the scheme is that students are tutored throughout the four month project by a practising engineer. The CNS team looks promising and, as in the last few years, we are being supported by May Gurney. Partnership work of this kind helped us to gain recognition as a finalist in this year's EDP Business Awards.

### CHOOSING COURSES: YOUR NEXT MOVE

This week, Year 11 students have been involved in further research into possible courses for next September. Obviously, success at GCSE and other Year 11 courses is vital in order to move in the desired direction. It is also important to have clear plans about what direction this will be. On Guidance Day last month, all of our Year 11 students were given further information about the process and about some of the possibilities available. This Thursday, presentations of what is on offer at the CNS Sixth Form were made. The range of A levels on offer - 36 at present - provides a great choice and more possibilities are available through OpenOpportunity, our partnership with other High Schools and City College. The Sixth Form prospectus and information about OpenOpportunity is available from the Sixth Form office (274060), on [www.cns.school.org](http://www.cns.school.org) and [www.openopportunity.org](http://www.openopportunity.org)

### SPORTING ROUNDUP

**All years Badminton** - Fixtures to start in next couple of weeks so get yourselves down to Wednesday's after school club if you wish to represent the school.

**U14 & U16 Basketball** - Fixtures start next week The teams will be selected after Friday's after school club. No show No play.

**Sixth Form Badminton** - Trials for this years Badminton team to take place during the Sixth Form Open Evening on Tuesday 6 November (7.30 - 9.00)

#### Fixtures

Mon 5 Nov - U16 Netball Tournament (UEA)

Tue 6 Nov - U16 Basketball vs Thorpe (H)

Tue 6 Nov - U14 Basketball vs Framingham Earl (A)

Wed 7 Nov - U14 Netball vs Blyth Jex (H)

Thu 8 Nov - U15, 16 & 19 Netball vs Notre Dame (A)

Thu 8 Nov - U16 Basketball vs Framingham Earl (H)

### NEW FOR 2008

Much has appeared in the press about the new Diplomas, to be introduced next September. These are brand new qualifications that will link the worlds of school, college and business. OpenOpportunity has been granted permission to offer these new qualifications from the very start and so in September, students in Year 12 and students in Year 10 will be able to take, as part of their courses, a Diploma in **Creative and Media** or one in **Construction & the Built Environment**. For Year 12 students, we are also offering the possibility of taking the **International Baccalaureate** as an alternative to A levels. Look out for more details at Sixth Form evenings and, for Y9 students, at the Spring events about Key Stage 4 Choices. Miss Ricketts and Mr Frost can provide more information at any stage.

## 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

# Parents'/Carers' Forum

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2007**  
**7.00pm in the Sixth Form Common Room**

Do you need new ideas on how to support your son/daughter's learning? Are you finding that the parenting of a secondary school age child brings new challenges? We are very fortunate to have.....

**Sandra Nunes Vaz from Hand In Hand Learning**

to come to talk to us. So, why not come along to the Forum and you can get an insight into how your child's brain is developing, how they will learn best and ways to talk to your child about their learning.

In addition, this is an opportunity for you to ask governors and Ms Dallas, our Deputy Headteacher about any general issues which concern you, to tell us what you think is going well in the school or to give us your ideas on ways to improve.

All welcome. We look forward to seeing you there!

## Greenscheme Quiz - November 2007

Try your knowledge of the environmental issues that face us all - as the world becomes more crowded. Answers will be printed in the ECHO next week. No prizes but we would like to hear how well you do! Contact Thea Abbott - [t.abbott@cns-school.org](mailto:t.abbott@cns-school.org) to find out more about the Greenscheme at CNS and how we are working to make CNS a greener community.

1. How many glass bottles and jars do we use year?  
A) 1 billion B) 4 billion C) 6 billion
2. How many double decker-buses would be filled by all the waste paper buried in a year?  
A) 52,050 B) 103,448 C) 249,275
3. How big would a forest have to be if we grew all the trees we need for paper in Britain?  
A) As big as Wales B) As big as Scotland C) As big as Italy
4. How many nappies does an average child use in its lifetime?  
A) 3,870 B) 5850 C) 7515
5. Enough rubbish is produced in Britain at Christmas to fill how many double decker buses?  
A) 200,000 B) 400,000 C) 600,000
6. The average global temperature has risen by how much in the past 100 years?  
A) 10° C (18° F) B) 2° C (4° F) C) 0.6° C (1° F)
7. How many countries have currently ratified the Kyoto Protocol?  
A) 15 B) 76 C) 164
8. How much water is wasted by a running tap for 1 minute?  
A) 20 litres (5 US gallons) B) 6 litres (1.5 US gallons) C) 1 litres (0.3 US gallons)
9. How long to it take for a tin-can to break down in a landfill?  
A) 5 years B) 50 years C) 100 years
10. Which country has the highest CO2 emissions?  
A) United States B) United Kingdom C) India
11. How much CO2 is created by a 747 flight from London to Sydney (Australia)?  
A) 300 tonnes B) 1,700 tonnes C) 5,000 tonnes