



# THE ECHO



## City of Norwich School Weekly Newsletter

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### YEAR 8 PARENTS

On Thursday evening we welcomed parents and carers of Year 8 students to meet with subject teachers. We hope that this was useful and it was certainly helpful for teachers to make further contact with families as Year 8 students complete what has been a very smooth and successful induction to High School. If there are further issues that need to be discussed, please make contact with your son or daughter's Form Tutor so that concerns can be passed in the right direction.

### YEAR 9 SATs

Next week, starting immediately on Tuesday 6 May after the Bank Holiday, all Year 9 students will be taking Standard Assessment Tests (SATs) in the core subjects. These tests are taken by all 14 year olds in the country and they provide a standardised indication of how students are progressing in the basic skills. These cannot be taken at any other time so it is vital that students attend school each day. It is important that students work hard to prepare for their SATs. Advice on this from subject teachers will be helpful and our aim is to allow each student to meet or beat his or her Target Level. Good luck Year 9! Do your best!

Tues 6 May	am	Mathematics Paper 1
		Mental Mathematics
	pm	Mathematics Paper 2
Wed 7 May	am	English Writing Paper
Thurs 8 May	am	English Reading Paper
	pm	English - Shakespeare
Fri 9 May	am	Science Paper 1
	pm	Science Paper 2

### STUDENT SUCCESS

Ben Dilks 11FW has been offered a place for a Summer residential course in London at the National Youth Theatre. Congratulations to Ben and good luck!

### POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICER

Our Police Community Support Officer will be in school at lunch time on Wednesdays, 1.30 - 2.00 in week 2 and will be based in the Community Area. This is the opportunity to get your property marked; mobile phones, bikes etc; air problems and ask advice.

### PARENT GOVERNOR BALLOT FORMS

All ballot forms need to be returned to school by 3pm on Friday, 9 May which is the time of the ballot count.

### ENJOY THE BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND!

School is closed on Monday - open Tuesday as normal.

### PREPARING FOR GCSEs

Year 11 students are now in the last weeks before the final GCSE papers. Most of these are after the half term holiday although a few take place in the week before half-term. It is absolutely vital that each student knows his or her exam timetable and that there are no disasters with students turning up at 1pm for an exam that started at 9am. All the information is displayed in Form Rooms and on the Exams noticeboard under the covered way. Information will be posted nearer to each exam about which room candidates need to report to. Getting ready for final GCSE papers is difficult! Not only do students need to revise all that they need in a range of different subjects but they also need to be adaptable enough to do exams in different subjects very close to each other. The preparations so far are going extremely well and students are on track to meet or beat their Target Grades. For those who have not quite settled to hard work, now is the time to get everything completed. Although it is possible to re-sit a GCSE, in practice few people do this. Now is the time to get things right and to achieve the very best. We all hope that our Year 11 students do well and, if help is needed, please ask.

Lessons for Y11 students will continue as fully as possible until half term. Thereafter, the main emphasis will be on preparing for and sitting the exam papers.

### SPORTING ROUNDUP

After School Sports Clubs - All usual clubs running

**U14 Cricket vs Thorpe St Andrew** - The first league game of the season was always going to be tough but against the county champions our task was made even harder. After the Thorpe minibus turned up and county player after county player stepped off CNS boys took to the challenge. After a poor display last week Mr King's expectations were low but after a superb batting display we finished on 98 for 5. It was down to our bowlers to up their game and they did so ten fold. CNS won by 5 runs at the end of play in a thrilling encounter which we truly deserved. The whole team gave 100% commitment in the field. 2 wins from 2, the U14s continue to impress. Well done fellas!

**Needed** - Any old trainers or blue/black tracksuit bottoms you may have unused at home please donate them to the PE department. Credits available for all donations made.

#### Fixtures

Tues 6 May - Y9 & 10 Rounders vs Costessey (H)  
Thurs 8 May - U13 Cricket vs Alysham (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 Suzanne Edwards 274054; Years 10 & 11 Vanessa Wilde 274029; Years 12 & 13 Kym Blake 274060



**PARENTS' FORUM**  
**Wednesday May 7<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm**  
**in the V1th Form Common Room**

**Targets? Forecast grades? Forecast Levels? CONFUSED??** Why not come along to hear Mr Laycock, our Assistant Head (standards), who will make it all clear and explain how parents and carers can use these to help their children achieve.

**Information Pilot** - Parental access to student data on the school management information system. Come and find out how you can be part of the pilot to give parents and carers access to some information about their children on the school Gateway.

Please bring any other general comments, ideas or questions about school.

**LOOK OUT IN THE ECHO** for details of the Sixth Form Parents' Forum later in the Summer Term on applying to university and UCAS forms.

**CNSA FAMILY TREASURE HUNT AND BBQ**  
**Evening of Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May**

Get a team together for our NEW EVENT. Look for the answers to the clues on a walk in the vicinity of the school ending up at the school for a BBQ, drink and prizes!

Entry £2 per team (max 6)

Look out for details coming up in the Echo

*The Spirit of the Age*  
*Music from Renaissance Europe*



with

**Minstrels Gallery**

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2008 at 7.30pm

In the Arc

Tickets £8/£5 on the door (including wine and snacks)

[www.minstrelsgallery.com](http://www.minstrelsgallery.com)

Contact Thea Abbott for more details on 274050 or email [t.abbott@cns-school.org](mailto:t.abbott@cns-school.org)

**Elvis Tribute Night**



**21<sup>st</sup> May 6.00-9.00pm in the Arc**

**Tickets £4 in advance - £5 on the door available from the Finance Office**

**All proceeds in aid of Cystic Fibrosis**

**Great acts, raffle with fantastic prizes, Elvis accessories on sale.**

**Contact Thea Abbott or Liam Archer-West for more details**