



THE ECHO



City of Norwich School Weekly Newsletter

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FROM MR NIXON

I mentioned attendance in September and would like to do so again. The time spent in lessons from Year 7 through to Year 11 is crucial in determining your child's future and every day missed has to be caught up. Attendance figures can be misleading as if you attend 90% of lessons, a figure that seems good, you are in fact missing a lot of school. The chart below gives you an idea of just how much time is missed:

% Attendance	Weeks missed over 5 years at CNS
95%	9 weeks, 2 days
90%	19 weeks
85%	28 weeks 4 days
80%	38 weeks

The 80% figure means that those students are missing one whole year of high school education which is why, regrettably, we have had to pass some names onto the attendance team who have then set court dates for parents whose children are missing too much school.

To those parents whose child's attendance is not good, if you have a job, what would your employer do if you missed that amount of work? Also, as mentioned in an earlier Echo, the impact on your child's exam results is considerable. My thanks to those many students, who with the support of their parents, attend school every day.

The programme of events is included below for your information - it promises to be a fun-filled week! Please encourage your child/children to take part in as much as they are able.

- Monday - Staff Auction - Entry Free
- Tuesday - Battle of the Bands - Entry £1
- Wednesday - Man O Man (Y10 - Y13 only) - Entry £1
- Thursday - Sports matches: Donations welcome - Staff Football, Staff vs Students Netball, Sixth Form Rugby.
- Friday - CNS's got Talent - Entry £1

GUIDANCE DAY

We had an excellent Guidance Day last Thursday with all students involved in exciting, inter-active activities. Year 7 spent their day discussing personal safety including work with Eastern Counties bus drivers and our school Community Police Officers. Year 8 were involved in anti-bullying workshops. Year 9 were discussing KS4 choices and looking at the world of work and career pathways. Year 10 showed their entrepreneurial skills in uniform design and a Dragons Den activity. Year 11 were looking wonderful in their interview attire and worked with many business mentors from the local area on interview skills and techniques. Our business mentors were very complimentary about the conduct and skills of our students. Year 12 and 13 were involved in academic workshops with some of our Health & Social Care students doing an outstanding job working with Year 9 students in a Health & Social Care careers workshop.

CHARITIES WEEK 2009

30 NOVEMBER - 4 DECEMBER

IN SUPPORT OF



HELP for HEROES

Next Week is Charities Week and the students have decided to raise money for Help for Heroes. There will be a number of events taking place during the week ranging from break time stalls selling cakes etc to our famous CNS's Got Talent event on Friday lunchtime. There will also be a non-uniform day on Friday with a House Colours theme (Cost £1). We are hoping to beat last year's total of over £6000.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The concert takes place in the Arc on Tuesday 8 December at 7.30pm. Tickets will be on sale next week from the Finance Office. Do come along to enjoy a variety of music in a range of musical styles. Refreshments, including mince pies will be served in the interval.

SPORTS FIXTURES

- Thurs 3 Dec U14 Netball v Norwich High (H)
- U16 Girls' Badminton v Thorpe House (H)

FORTNIGHT FOCUS

'If you take risks, you may fail, but if you do not take risks, you will surely fail. The greatest risk of all is to do nothing.' Roberto C. Goizuet

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

HATHA YOGA FOR OVER 18's

Thursday evenings 6.30 – 7.30 p.m.

In the Arc at CNS – Room 213

For more information please either contact Maria Widdrington on 01603 455993

ADULT SINGING SQUAD

Monday evenings
7.30 – 9.00 p.m.

In the Arc at CNS – Room 213

For more information please contact Diane Bennett on 01603 274050 or d.bennett@cns-school.org

MUSIC & DRAMA CLUB

Saturday mornings (term time)
Keyboard, Guitar and Recorder Lessons
+ Musical Theatre

9 a.m. – 12.00 noon

In the Arc at CNS

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