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PARENTS' EVENINGS

Once again we had a very successful parents' evening this time for Year 9 students. Attendance was very good but, like school, we are always aiming even higher. I believe that such evenings are really important in a number of different ways. Firstly, you get up to date information on your child and their progress at CNS but crucially, you also get the opportunity to chat with various teachers and get any queries clarified. Secondly, it emphasises the importance of schooling to your child and helps to motivate them. We are all working as a team for the benefit of your child and these evenings are an important part of it. Please come along as both you and your child will benefit.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to all the Year 11 students who did so well in their Maths modular exam, getting the best ever results of 81% A*-C grades. What was particularly pleasing was the exceptionally high - and record breaking - number of students who achieved A* and A grades. Well done to you all.

ATTENDANCE

As I wrote last week, I have decided to get personally involved in working with some students and parents whose attendance is not what it should be, especially those with 80% attendance or less. 80% means having one day off a week and if we as adults did that in our job, what would happen? I strongly believe that it is every student's right to attend school and attend well and no-one has the right to stop that from happening. As has been mentioned on the news lately, there is a very strong link between attendance and attainment and further strong link between attainment and life chances.
Jim Nixon

SAFEGUARDING OUR STUDENTS

In order to comply with safeguarding directives and to ensure the safety of our students, we remind you that all visitors to the school must only enter the school via the main reception. There visitors will be asked to sign in, show some form of ID - preferably photo ID, and will be given a badge to wear for the duration of their visit to be returned to reception as they leave.

POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICER

The next visits from our Police Community Support Officer will be on Wednesday 3 February and 10 February, when she will be in the Skinner Centre 1.20 - 2.00pm.

YR 7 PROGRESS REVIEW DAYS

This week parents/carers have been coming in to school at their appointed time to speak with teachers. Thanks to all who came in for this very worthwhile exercise.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

- Mon - Table Tennis (All Years)
- Basketball, Netball (Year 11/6th Form)
- Tues - Rugby (Year 10), Badminton (All Years)
- Dance (All Years) lunchtime
- Wed - Rugby (Years 7,8,9)
- DodgeBall (Years 10 & 11)
- Fri - Basketball (All Years)

Norfolk Cross Country Championship - 4 CNS athletes qualified to represent Norfolk at the Anglian Championships next week. Alex Mckibben (2nd), Mabel Beckett (4th), Esme Salmon (6th) & Bruce Beckett (8th). Great solo performances from the much improved Alex & Bruce were matched by other CNS students like Ashy Piggot who all ran very well in extremely cold conditions.

Year 9 Rugby Quarter final: CNS 54 - 17 Cliff Park Joe Tennant starred in a matched dominated by CNS although the plaudits go out to the whole squad including Jacob Revell and Raf Ali who all played their part. Semi-final opponents - King Edward VII School.

Year 10 Rugby Quarter final: CNS 46 - 7 Hellesdon Another dominant performance saw star man Henry Petch and his teammates march on to the next round. Kallum Morris and Callum Widdrington also played their part as did every CNS player. Semi-Final opponents - Thorpe or Reepham.

Inter-house competitions (Boys' Football & Girls' Dance) taking place next week. Form Tutors have the information so make sure you know the rules and the day your competition starts!!

CNSA MEETING

There will be a meeting of the CNSA on Tuesday 9 February at 7.30pm in the Skinner Centre to organise the Jumble and Table Top Sale on Saturday 13 March. Please do come along to join in and help make this a successful and enjoyable event. Further details and contact numbers can be found overleaf.

FORTNIGHT FOCUS

"Luck is what happens when Preparation meets opportunity." *Seneca*

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

CNSA JUMBLE AND TABLE TOP SALE

Saturday 13th March 2010

Canteen/Sixth Form Common Room

10:00-12:00 Everyone Welcome

Entrance 30p

To include clothing, second-hand uniform, books, bric-a-brac, toys & games, raffle, refreshments, cake stall & stationery

Come along to a CNSA Meeting to help us organise; Tuesday 9th February 7.30pm, in the Skinner Centre

TABLE TOP SALE: Tables are £5 in advance or £6 on the day. Book early as tables are limited.

DONATIONS:

We are looking for CLEAN dry clothing, fabrics, second-hand uniform, books, bric-a-brac, toys & games. Please do not include anything that is not in a saleable condition i.e. broken toys, chipped plates, etc. Take all donations to the school office from Monday 8th March. On Friday 12th March from 3:00 to 5:00 please deliver donations directly to the Canteen. Please bake biscuits and cakes and deliver them on the Friday evening or Saturday morning.

VOLUNTEERS:

We still need people to help with the following: sorting after school on Friday the 12th from 3:30pm onwards, help will be needed on the day in one hour slots between 9.30am and 12.30pm to set up, sell jumble and bric-a-brac, sell refreshments, and clear up.

If you are able to help with any of these things or would like to book a table please contact Jo Thompson on 01603 632416 or email jthompson70@red.esinet.org.uk subject: jumble sale

Did you know that CNS is part of a Cluster? (not a sweet chewy bar) but a group of schools:

Avenue Junior, CNS, Colman Infant, Colman Junior, Eaton Hall Specialist College, Eaton Primary, The Parkside School, Recreation Rd Infant, The Clare School

We try to deliver the best opportunities to all our students, families and also the wider community. This is achieved by sharing resources, planning events together and most important of all finding out the needs of all our students, parents, carers and other people in the community so we can really develop the work within our cluster. The more we join together the better our schools can be used as a shared resource for the whole community.

If you have any needs or ideas that you think we could work on then please do contact us.

We need your help to make the best of the service we are offering.

Veronica Richards and Diane Bennett are the Extended Schools team who would be very pleased to hear from you. Tel 01603 274050 or email v.richards@cns-school.org

At the moment we are running:

Archery Club (Thurs 15:15 to 16:45), Music and Drama club (Sat 09:00 to 12:00) and Ski classes (Wed 16:00 to 17:00).

Watch this space for more clubs which we hope to start later in 2010 - Dance, Fencing, Cookery....