



THE ECHO



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NEW SCHOOL YEAR

For this school year Ian Bloom will be Headteacher at CNS. He has been seconded from his post as Headteacher at Downham Market High, another large school. To support him through the year Mr Frost will be acting as Deputy Headteacher and Miss Ricketts and Mrs Kelly as Acting Assistant Heads along with the other Assistant Headteachers. The Senior team continues to be very experienced and largely remains unchanged.

EXAM RESULTS 2008

Well done to all our students on their exam results!

Firstly, congratulations to last year's year 11 students, many of whom are now beginning their sixth form careers here at CNS. This year group achieved our highest percentage 5A*-C result ever: 72%.

Eleven students achieved a complete set of GCSE grades at A* and A, and many more have exceeded their target grades. Ben Allen received a personal distinction in Edexcel GCSE Geography by being one of the top ten performing students out of a staggering 13000 in the whole country!

Everyone is aware of the issues surrounding the marking of SATS tests this year, so we were very pleased to find our own year 9 students' hard work had not been compromised and the vast majority met or exceeded their target levels. In specific cases where we do feel the level achieved is unrepresentative, we are requesting re-marks as normal.

Once again, despite being the largest school sixth form in Norfolk, CNS was oversubscribed. Students here continue to achieve very high standards: at 'A' level, we saw a rise in the percentage of A-C grades (76%) and the number of overall passes (97%); an astonishing 61 students achieved the requisite grades to be awarded the prestigious title of "Norfolk Scholar".

This record breaking set of results shows just how much work and effort our students and their teachers have put in over the last two years.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Thank you for your support. The vast majority of students looked very smart and in correct uniform.

Trousers are to be of the tailored variety. Black jeans, skinny legged trousers, moleskin trousers or trousers that have metal rivets or double seaming are not permitted. Skirts should be of a reasonable length and appropriate for school. Denim material is not

permitted. Shorts may be worn if tailored and knee length. Footwear - dark sensible shoes are required, trainers, including black trainers and boots are not permitted. Jewellery - students are allowed to wear one item of each piece of jewellery. Ear rings should be either small studs or small hoops. Students will be asked to remove any jewellery considered to be a risk on health and safety grounds.

In order to maintain high stands at CNS, we will be sending home any student who is not dressed in the correct uniform so that they can put on the correct attire. All students are aware of the school uniform rules which are clearly set out on Pages 9-10 of the School Planner. We do appreciate that there are occasions when a student is unable to wear their uniform owing to unforeseen circumstances and in these instances we ask that parents/carers put an explanatory note in the student's planner. If, for any reason, you cannot meet the school uniform requirements, please do not hesitate to contact the school and we will try to help.

INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS

All instrumental lessons start next week from Monday 8 September. Temporary 2 week timetables will be available through Form Tutors and on the music department notice board by the practice rooms. Year 7 and new starters have been given a timetable during this morning's meeting. If you have applied for lessons and haven't heard anything, please don't worry, you will find out if you have a place or if you are on the waiting list by the 22 September.

NASA ASTRONAUTS VISIT

On Monday 8 September we will have a visit from two NASA astronauts who were part of the crew of their latest mission in June. Some of our students will have the opportunity to hear about their voyages and talk with them.

RETURN OF PHOTOGRAPHY FORMS

Photography annual consent forms were issued before the summer holidays and these need to be signed and returned in order that individual school photographs can be taken on 17 September.

SPORTS HALL EVENING AVAILABILITY

We have some free slots on Mondays and Fridays in our Sports Hall for this term. Please contact Diane Bennett at the school for further detail on 01603 274050 or d.bennett@cns-school.org.

**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 Susie Butchers 274029; Years 12 & 13 Kym Blake 274060

After School Clubs

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We are pleased to announce the following study support clubs for this term.

Monday:	Drama	3:15 - 4:45
Tuesday:	Touch Typing	3:15 - 4:15
	Capoiera	3:15 - 4:45
Wednesday:	Film Club	3:15- 4:15
Thursday:	Archery	3:15- 4:45
Friday:	Warhammer	3:15- 4:45
Saturday:	Parkour	10:00 - 12:00

To book a place in any of these clubs, please pick up a leaflet and return the forms to Room 7a.

Still to be arranged: Book Club and Creative Writing

And for adults only Singing Squad will be returning on September 29th for 6 weeks. Contact Diane Bennett on 274050 to book a place.