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YEAR 9 INTO 10 EVENINGS

This week, Year 9 students have been given further information about possible pathways for Years 10 and 11. These days, it's important that such choices are made with a view to choosing a pathway that will take each student through to the age of 19. There are now more pathways than ever and whilst some students will choose to take three extra GCSEs others will take advantage of the Diploma, College and Young Apprenticeship courses now available at CNS. These take place over one or two days each week and can provide for students a different shape to their week in Years 10 and 11 when compared to Years 8 and 9. In any case, it's important that each student thinks and plans carefully and that advice is taken from Connexions Advisers and from Mrs Kelly, KS3 Coordinator, and Miss Ricketts, KS4 Coordinator. We hope that the information we provide will lead to useful conversations taking place at home. Please do let Miss Ricketts know if you'd like additional advice at any stage.

ROAD SAFETY LAUNCH

Fifteen Y12 students took part in the launch of a new presentation aimed at teenagers who are approaching driving age. The presentation, devised by a partnership of Norfolk Police and County Council officers, aims to convey a familiar message in a new and powerful way. CNS students were invited to view and comment on the presentation before it is distributed more widely. Students included Jade Powell and Katherine Ball who confirmed that the presentation had affected them profoundly. They commented on the courage of some parents whose daughter had died as a result of poor driving and who made a moving input into one of the films that was featured. We were pleased to be invited by the County Council to participate in the launch.

YEAR 12 PARENTS' EVENING

On Thursday after half term, 21 February, we welcome parents/carers of Y12 students to meet with subject teachers. Appointments should be made by students with subject teachers over the next few days. The evening will take place in the Sports Hall with access through the Barn. This new venue for parents' evenings seems to work successfully and results in less time wasted in moving around and queuing. Further comments from parents on the arrangements for such evenings are, as always, welcome.

GUIDANCE DAY

On Friday 22 February, we have our third Guidance Day of the year. Many external groups and speakers are coming in that day to work with students in Years 7 to 11. The day will be a non-uniform day in aid of Ataxia. Students who bring in £1 will be entitled to wear their own clothes on that day.

POETRY LIVE

On Wednesday 30 January, 80 Year 11 students, accompanied by their English teachers attended "Poetry Live" at the Theatre Royal. It was a wonderful opportunity to hear internationally renowned poets, including Carol Ann Duffy, Simon Armitage, John Agard and Grace Nichols, read and talk about their poems. The poetry of these writers features in the anthology studied for GCSE English and English Literature. The Chief Examiner for these GCSEs was also there and gave a presentation, advising students on examination technique. Thanks to the students for their excellent behaviour at an enjoyable and informative event.

SPORTING ROUNDUP

Mon - Table Tennis (3.05 - 4.05)
Wed - Badminton (3.05 - 4.05)
- Rugby (3.05 - 4.15)
Thurs - Boys' Football Y7, 8 & 9 (3.05 - 4.15)
- Girls' Football (3.05 - 4.05)
Fri - Basketball (3.05 - 4.10)

New Club!! - With the premier league now in fall swing and champions league starting up again in a couple of weeks Mr King has got the Football bug and is introducing a Football club every Thursday open to the boys of years 7,8 & 9. Whatever your ability, bring yourself along and improve your skill level.

New Break & Lunchtime Sports!! - Badminton and Table Tennis are now available to play on your year group's given day. See the poster on your form notice board or poster in the PE changing rooms for details of which day you are allocated to.

Fixtures

Tues 19 Feb - U16 Football vs Costessey (H)
- U14 Football vs Hewett (A)
Thurs 21 Feb - U14 Netball vs Blyth Jex (H)
- U19 Football vs Wymondham College (H)

ONE WORLD CONFERENCE

Year 12 students will be participating in our annual One World Conference on 22 February. The day, organised by Norfolk Education and Action for Development (NEAD) is thought-provoking and challenging and has proved to be an enduring and popular element in the CNS Sixth Form experience.

HAPPY HALF TERM HOLIDAY!

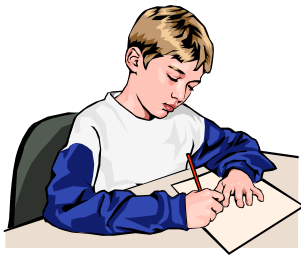
School will be closed for students all next week. We open again on Monday 18 February at the usual time.

**WE RETURN TO 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



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TO THE NEXT....



CNS PARENTS' FORUM

By request from parents this time our topic is

'Extended Learning' or Ex.l

which has replaced homework for some year groups.

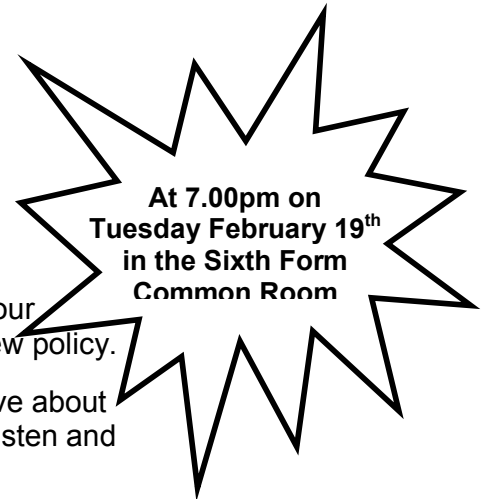
- Do you want to know more about it?
- Do you know how to support your child with theirs?
- What are your views or concerns about it?

Jean Tillyard, Assistant Head (Learning)

Will be coming along to tell us about Ex.l and answer your queries and listen to your views as the school reviews this new policy.

There will also be a chance to give us any ideas or concerns you have about general school issues. **Carol Dallas, Deputy Head** will be there to listen and answer any queries.

We look forward to seeing you there!



At 7.00pm on
Tuesday February 19th
in the Sixth Form
Common Room

Fantastic News!

Despite the icy weather last weeks CNSA Indoor Car Boot and Jumble made a whopping £557. PLUS, many thanks to Wendy Cleary for raising a further £67 on Monday's cake sale in school and £200 on stationery sales.

We've just about bought a stage light for the Arc.
Thanks to all those who supported the event.

CNSA QUIZ & CHIPS

FRIDAY 7th MARCH 2008

7.30 for 8pm start

Adults £6.00, students £4.00, 8 in a team

Prizes, raffle, fun and laughter!

Bring your own drink, nibbles

To book and any queries ring

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