

Court Fields School

Parent Weekly 'What's Happening' Bulletin



Message from Mrs Matthews

Friday 4th March 2022

Thank you for all your support this week. In the last week or so, students have gone to London on the CPA, Law and Frozen trips, and completed fantastic dishes in their Food exams. It was also brilliant to hold a face-to-face Futures Evening. World Book Day was an amazing success on Thursday and it was lovely to see so many students and staff dressed up as their favourite book character. Today, we have raised an incredible £1050 for Madagascar and Ukraine, with students wearing the colours of these nations' flags to show our support at this time.

I hope you have a lovely weekend. Don't forget PPEs start next Wednesday so we will be on early lunch from Wednesday 9th to Friday 18th March. This is a slight change to the dates previously advised as we wished to lessen the impact on double Food lessons on Monday.



Choir Returns

Choir will be restarting next week. All students from any Year are welcome. There will be a meeting next Tuesday lunchtime in the Music room, to set a time for rehearsals.



Dance Auditions

If your child is a talented and enthusiastic dancer, they may be interested in the auditions from Swindon Dance Centre on 13th March, to join their Exeter Contemporary programme from September 2022. Register your interest online here: <https://www.swindondance.org.uk/how-to-apply-cat/>



Temporary Change to School Lunch Break



We will be making a temporary change to the timing of the lunch break for the whole school from Wednesday 9th March to Friday 18th March. This change is to support Year 11 who will be taking exams during this time. **From Wednesday 9th March to Friday 18th March, lunch will be 12.30 – 13.00** (instead of the usual 13.30 – 14.00). All other times will remain the same.

Bug Club

Bug Club is now on again in B3, Monday and Friday lunchtimes. All welcome.

Chess Competition

Our annual chess competition starts in A3 next Tuesday lunchtime, anyone who wants to take part please just turn up and bring your lunch. You don't need to be a regular attendee to join in the competition, all are welcome and any abilities. Any questions, please find Miss Murphy.



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NCS Parents' Evening

This year Activate, your local NCS provider, are back to run their NCS Parents Evening for those who might have heard about the National Citizen Service, but would like a little more information. NCS is a great way for teens in either Year 11 or Year 12 to spend two weeks of their summer developing new skills, meeting new friends and finally having some fun after a challenging couple of years.



NCS helps teenagers to: Gain skills most valued by employers and universities, including key volunteering experience; develop confidence and independence; get out and about over summer; network with new people from across the South West; tick off Duke of Edinburgh requirements (residential and volunteering). But most importantly it is a **fun** and **exciting** way for young people to try new things and get out of their comfort zone in a **safe** environment.

They will be holding online information evenings on the following dates:

- 9th March 2022 6-7pm (virtual)
- 17th March 2022 6-7pm (virtual)

To book your attendance, please [CLICK HERE](#). When you have registered, they will be in touch with a link to attend.

These evenings are exclusively for parents who are looking for summer opportunities for their children in either Year 11 or 12, and want to hear a little more about how NCS can help. **If you have already signed up** - you are welcome to join, however they will be holding face to face information evenings for you and your teens at the end of May.

To secure your place on NCS, you can head online to wearencs.com and register your interest now. *Please note that payment and completion of the medical form are the only way to completely secure your place on their programmes. **Places cost £50 as a standard admin fee, or can be reduced to £10 via bursary if your teen has free school meals, an EHCP or is a young carer.**

GCSE Food Exams

These have taken place this week and the food has been extraordinary. The students have cooked at such a high standard, they have excelled themselves. Thank you so much for the support of all parents for letting the students practice at home and for providing the ingredients, all your efforts are worth it.



Year 7 & 8 Netball vs Heathfield

The girls displayed some gripping end-to-end netball against well-matched Heathfield sides. The 7s won 3-2 and the 8s sadly lost, but definitely showed spells of their potential! A big well done to all involved.



Wed 9th - Fri 18th March

- Year 11 exams
and temporary change to lunch break



Tues 8th March

- Year 9 Netball Tournament at Castle
- Year 8 District Cup Football away vs Minehead Middle

Wed 9th March

- Year 7 Netball Tournament at Bishop Fox's
- Year 10 District Cup Football at home vs Heathfield
- Year 10 County Netball Tournament at Taunton Vale

Thurs 10th March

- Year 10 Netball CVL at home

Fri 18th March

Red Nose Day - Non-uniform day

London CPA Trip

The London trip during the half term for Year 10 and 11 Art, Drama and Music students, was a big success. Students had a really packed 3 days, taking in the sights with a walking tour organised by Mr Reed, as well as seeing the city from the London Eye. They visited the Tate Modern, Victoria and Albert Museum, Camden Market and Covent Garden, as well as watching the West End musical Wicked at the Apollo Theatre. On the final day students took part in a performance workshop where they met one of the cast and tried out their acting skills. A great time was had by all!



Pancake competition

Enter our fun competition to make the most unusual pancakes or the best pancakes - can you make your own homemade pancakes (not using the pour and shake!!)

5 house points for each picture entry. Email your pancake pictures to your food teacher, Mr Waterton (rwaterton@courtfields.net), Ms Murphy (mmurphy@courtfields.net) or Mrs Kennett (vkennett@courtfields.net).

Competition ends Sunday 6th March - Top 3 will win brilliant kitchen prizes!!

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