



CUC NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN, WEEK 4

Our thoughts and prayers today are with the young people and families involved in the school bus crash on the M53. It reminds me how life can change in an instant and how very lucky we are. Please do give your children an extra tight squeeze this evening.

We have had lots to celebrate again in school this week. Massive congratulations go to Selma who was announced as the Best Researcher of the Year by the Institute for Research in Schools. Our PBL programmes really do help our young people to stand out. Make sure you check in with your young person about what they are currently doing in PBL. It is an opportunity to build key employability skills and secure an incredible destination at the end of their time with us.



Celebrating our CCF

Captain Chris Bate received a Lord Lieutenant's Commendation, for his outstanding service as both a regular serviceman and for his contribution to Cadet Forces in Merseyside, not least to our Contingent to which he is the driving force, and linchpin.

PI (formerly Cadet Company Sergeant Major) Liv Hughes received the Lord Lieutenant's Certificate of Meritorious Service for Cadets for her unrivalled service to her ACF unit, and her outstanding contribution to our Contingent - Liv is a founding member of our Contingent and continues to be a shining example to all of us; Liv placed 3rd in her SCIC and completed the Master Cadet course at CTT Frimley, receiving an outstanding report - something each and every one of you should aspire to.

Open Evening - 12th October 2023

Our next in person Open Evening is on the 12th October - if you have family or friends who are keen to join us, sign up online to come along.

Careers Support for Parents

Check out this useful digital magazine for parents and carers of young people. It has lots of valuable career resources and insights into different career opportunities. Visit for more: <https://careermap.co.uk/careermag-parents-carers-guardians/>



Winner of the IRIS award for Best Researcher of the Year.

Congratulations go to Selma who was announced this week as the IRIS Best Researcher of the Year. Selma's groundbreaking work involves the creation of a cutting-edge nano-dentist robot that has the incredible ability to restore tooth enamel through the use of DNA Origami technology. What an amazing piece of research. We can't wait to see what the future holds for Selma.

Word of the Week - INCONSPICUOUS

Definition: not easily or quickly noticed or seen, or not attracting attention:

Usage: "This type of bird is very inconspicuous because of its dull feathers."

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Focus on Creatives

A reminder that our Year 13 Exhibition opens on Friday 29th September at 4pm at the Arts Bar Baltic. The work was commissioned by Elevator Studios in response to The Baltic Triangle area past, present and future. Work will be on display throughout the month of October.



Focus on Engineering

This week we have had a delivery of some tamper proof push buttons from our partner Bulgin. Our Year 12 students will be testing them both physically and virtually on our simulation environment with Autodesk Fusion 360. Sometimes it's good to test things in real life, but doing it digitally is much more sustainable.



Free Safety Guide | Dangers of Vaping

This safety guide focusses on the dangers of vaping. Download our FREE safety posters for schools, parents and carers today.

One in five 11- to 17-year-olds in the UK has tried vaping. Concerned parents might find the above guide useful in helping children to understand the potential risks.

<https://nationalcollege.com/guides/vaping-dangers>

Vaping – We would like to remind you that we do not allow students to bring items such as cigarettes, lighters, matches or e-cigarettes/ vapes into school.

Entering and Leaving the Building - Sixth Form

A reminder for our Sixth Form students that it is really important that you arrive on time for your sessions. You must be in for 9am for lessons in period 1 and 2. Please also ensure you are following the sixth form dress code. More details online

- For lessons 1 and 2, doors will be open from 8.45 until 9.00 (you must be in by 9.00)
- For lessons 3 and 4, doors will be open from 11.05 until 11.30 (you may leave at this time if you have no further lessons)
- For lessons 5 and 6, the doors will be open from 1.30 until 2.00 (you may leave at this time if you have no further lessons)

Zero Tolerance of Abuse - The NST has a zero-tolerance approach to abusive language, violence, aggression or harassment towards employees, governors and volunteers.

