

CUC NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN, WEEK 15

We have reached the end of 2023, and despite the dark nights, the building has been a-glow with opportunity and excitement. Students have shown exceptional commitment this term to their academic studies, building skills and supporting their school community. We are so proud of them. All that is left for me to say is that I wish you a wonderful time with family and friends celebrating your festivals be that Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Zarathosht Diso, or Milad un Nabi. Stay safe and well and I look forward to seeing you in January 2024.

PBL Groups Help Santa this Christmas

It's Christmas time in the labs and Santa has given the reindeer some time off this year. Instead, our students have been tasked with using a chemical reaction to power Santa's sleigh. In small groups the students must experiment with different proportions of bicarbonate of soda and vinegar in order to find the optimal fuel to power Santa's sleigh. The target is to propel the sleigh over 11 metres across the innovation lab, can our students meet the challenge? Either way it will smell like a fish and chip shop in here by the end of the day!



Unifrog Homework Deadline - 04/01/2024

Ignite: What are my interests? Task

Year 10: Exploring Possibilities: Dream Jobs Task

Year 11: Post-16 Choices, Choices Task

Year 12: Setting Career Goals Task

Year 13: Continue Personal Statements



Word of the Week - TREPIDATION

Definition: A feeling of fear or anxiety about something that may happen.

Usage: *"the men set off in fear and trepidation"*

Mock Results Day

This week, our fantastic year 11 & 13 students celebrated their mock exam results. This was an important opportunity for students to understand the significance of the forthcoming summer exam series, and to consider how to improve their grades moving forward.



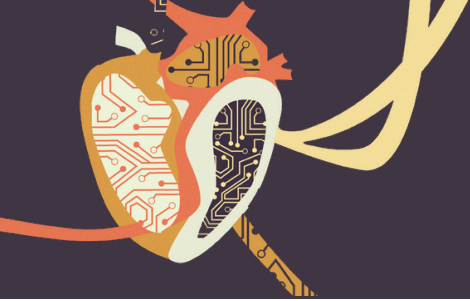
Arabic Language Webinar

On Monday, year 10 and 11 students of Arabic GCSE were involved in a webinar with 3 external speakers who discussed their own Arabic learning journey, the other languages they have studied, the skills that learning languages can bring and how they use languages in their work. The aim of the session was to inspire secondary pupils to continue studying Arabic as an option.

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.

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





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A Reminder of the Impact of Knife Crime

On Friday, Rob Jackson an A&E Nurse from Salford Hospital who previously worked at our sponsor, the Royal Liverpool University Hospital visited our year 9,10 and 11 students. Rob frequently visits schools and delivers workshops around the impact of knife crime. During his visit Rob presented graphic images of what he has witnessed over the years and had to deal with regarding knife crime. This was an important reminder to our young people of the dangers of carrying a knife and a chance to reflect on how to stay safe over the Christmas period.

If over the Christmas Period you or someone you know requires support, please see below.

- If you are a child or young person in crisis, you can call the Alder Hey CAMHS crisis care line 24/7 on 0151 293 3577 or free-phone 0808 196 3550, or Email: CrisisCare@alderhey.nhs.uk
- If you are a parent or carer of a young person aged under 18 please click on the following link to access emergency advice <https://www.liverpoolcamhs.com/emergency-advice/>
- If you are 18+ and in distress or crisis please call Mersey Care Urgent mental health support contact number: 0151 296 7200 or access support through the following website <https://www.merseycare.nhs.uk/urgent-help>
- If you have Immediate concerns for your safety or someone else's safety, need medical treatment or are struggling to keep yourself safe, please go to your nearest A&E.
- YPAS City Centre Hub Alternative to Crisis Drop-in is available - view the calendar here <https://www.ypas.org.uk/whats-on/>



Visit from alumnus, Daniel Worden

Daniel Worden, a former student of The Studio and now a 3D environment games artist, recently visited to provide insights into the gaming industry. He delved into the artistic intricacies that gaming artists must navigate to ensure top-notch quality in every aspect. Additionally, he discussed the requisite skills, expectations and time frames that gaming artists contend with in their profession.

Year 12 Volunteer Classroom Assistants

We appreciate that it can be challenging for young people to build and demonstrate the skills future employers and university admissions teams are looking for so we have recently launched a scheme where Year 12 students can work to support our younger students as Volunteer Classroom Assistants. The role of the volunteer assistants is to facilitate independent learning, help younger students to achieve more autonomy, higher academic standards, greater social awareness and feel part of the whole school community. Our volunteers have recently completed their training to commence these important roles and are now going into lessons during the school day to offer support.

Aged 14-18 and Interested in construction and built environment?

Want to take part in free creative workshops? Fancy developing your skills learning about careers and making new friends? Check out the ten workshops in the school holidays between February and July 2024, open to 14-18 year olds in Liverpool and Wirral.



Scan the QR code to APPLY NOW!
www.placed-academy.com/partnership-academies
Deadline: Friday 12th January 2024