

CUC NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN, WEEK 13

Although the end of term is fast approaching, it is still a very busy time of year. Well done to students who finished mock exams this week. Students are also working hard to raise funds for our Christmas Appeal. We are so grateful for your support in raising funds to help those in need in our school community. We hosted a wonderful 6th Form Pathways evening last week to welcome potential students to the building to show them what we are all about. Thank you to all the students and staff who supported us in welcoming our future students.

Parents Notice: Rob Jackson Knife Crime Visit - Friday 15th December

On Friday 15th December we have Emergency Nurse Clinician, Rob Jackson, visiting us for the day. Rob Jackson is renowned in Liverpool for his thought-provoking Knife crime talks. He will deliver an hour long workshop to ALL KS4 students.

We are conscious that some students may be sensitive to this, either due to family being affected by knife crime or finding it difficult in general. If any parent feels that they do not want their child to be part of it the session, please inform student services so we are aware and can remove them.

Mental Health Championship Training

On Thursday, Colleen Nolan and Grace McConnell from One Goal visited to help our Ignite and Year 10 student volunteers to complete their training to become CUC Mental Health Champions. The team worked hard discussing the four stages of mental health along with the habits and strategies that can promote good mental health. Special shout-out to Francesca Olteanu who approached all activities with enthusiasm and compassion. The team are keen to take on their roles of Mental Health Champions and look forward to supporting their peers in both Liverpool Life Sciences and The Studio School.



Word of the Week - TRANQUILITY

Definition: the quality or state of being tranquil; calm:

Usage: *"passing cars are the only noise that disturbs the tranquillity of rural life"*

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.

Last day of school before Christmas break.

On the last day 21st December – Year 9 and 10 will finish at 2.30pm and Year 11 at 2pm.

Christmas Appeal

On Tuesday, students will host a bake sale to raise funds for our Christmas Appeal, please add the QR code for the JustGive page.

Christmas Appeal

We are raising £1000 to support families in our school community who need food parcels and gifts this Christmas.



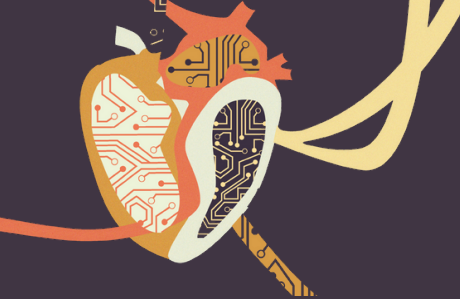
Christmas holiday YPAS message

YPAS City Centre Hub will be offering a limited service of the Alternative to Crisis Drop-in over the holiday period for children and young people aged 5-25 as well as parents and carers to support mental health and wellbeing. Please follow this link to view our calendar <https://www.ypas.org.uk/whats-on/>

If over the Christmas Period you or someone you know requires immediate 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
- You should only present to Accident Emergency Department if you need medical treatment or are struggling to keep yourself safe.
- 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, please go to your nearest A&E.





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Ripstone Visit

Ripstone, a Liverpool headquartered games developer and publisher visited The Studio this week to review individual synoptic presentations from our year 13 students that they are preparing to produce as their final year project. We welcomed Jenny, the Head of People and Poppy, one of our former students who now works at Ripstone. They generously supported us by spending time with students going through their work and giving them personalised industry feedback. They also offered them some great tips about entering the games industry and what Ripstone are looking for. The feedback was very positive and our students really appreciated the time that Ripstone gave them.



Travelling for Independent Learning - Well Done Phoebe!

Phoebe Morris, a Year 12 Health & Social Care student independently purchased tickets to two revision Health & Social Care conferences and travelled to Birmingham & Manchester to attend them last week. Phoebe said, "I am very glad I went as I feel like it refreshed my knowledge on the units and it was a good experience". The organisers of the conferences said, "Liz and I met Phoebe today she was great! She answered lots of questions and was really engaged. She did so well getting the train and bus to the venue! Looking forward to seeing her tomorrow in Manchester too". Phoebe's teachers said, "We are very proud of Phoebe's commitment and dedication to her studies and we are sure she will do extremely well in January's exams".

Airineers

In an inspiring collaboration between budding innovators and cutting-edge technology, students in Year 12 have soared to new heights through the Airineers project. Sponsored by industry leader Autodesk, utilising the powerful Fusion 360 platform, these bright minds have embarked on a transformative journey into the world of drones. Fuelled by creativity and guided by technological prowess, these young enthusiasts have not only learned the intricacies of drone construction but have also honed their skills in design, engineering, and problem-solving. Their journey is more than just assembling flying machines; it's about fostering a mindset of innovation and pushing the boundaries of what's possible. Through this captivating venture, students have not only gained hands-on experience in aviation technology but have also cultivated teamwork, critical thinking, and adaptability.

Focus on Social Sciences

Psychology - Ignite and Year 10 have started the topic of memory. Both year groups have made a very positive start and are enjoying the topic. Ignite have had the opportunity to learn about an extraordinary man who could never forget, which students have thoroughly enjoyed. Year 10 have looked at the multi-store model in great detail this week and next week will begin their first key study. Year 12 have made a very positive start to their A Level journey. Students are studying the Approaches Topic in Paper 2. This lays the foundation knowledge students will need for all other topics they will cover. They learned about the origins of psychology, how it emerged as a science and about some significant behaviourist psychologists including Pavlov, Skinner and Watson. Students have developed an understanding of this approach by learning about classical and operant conditioning. Next they will learn about Social Learning Theory and the Cognitive Approach.

Sociology - Year 12 have started their first topic: Education. Students have considered the external factors that influence educational achievement and applied this knowledge to their first exam question. Year 12 are transitioning brilliantly to the new topic and new level of learning.