

Sixth Form Bulletin



City of Norwich School
Sixth Form

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Friday 15th December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers of 6th Form,

We have kept our message to 6th form very short this week and have left them with three bits of advice:

We have told them to:

1. Not do anything work related in the first week. Use this time to relax, spend time with friends & family and de-compress after a long term.
2. Enjoy the little things and revel in the joy that these bring might bring us over the winter break, whatever our holiday plans look like.
3. Come back with a can-do attitude. For Y13 Mocks this will mean actively engaging with the pressures of Mocks, for Y12 it's about embedding their learning points from the Mid Semesters and working with their teachers to maximise their progress; try to correct any crooked thoughts.

We wish you all the BEST Christmas and a wonderful holiday. See you all in 2024!

Kate Nichols

Director of 6th Form

Deputy Head Teacher

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Key Dates

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| Dec | 20 th | W | 6 th form finish at lunchtime |
| Jan | 12 th | F | Yr12 Mid-Semester Reports Sent Home |
| Jan | 18 th | Th | Ex-Year 11 GCSE Award Evening (for current Yr12s) |
| Feb | 14 th | W | Y13 Mock Results due on G4S |

Absence

If your child is absent, please ask them to notify their teachers and parents **MUST** contact Ms King c.king@cns-school.org (Yr12) and Ms Cooper l.cooper@cns-school.org (Yr13)

Weds 20th Dec – finish at lunch

As we do every year, 6th form will finish on Weds 20th at lunchtime. Get into the city, get your parents, carers and family presents, and have a fabulous Christmas.

FOOD BANK THANK YOU

A big thank you for everyone who contributed to the Norwich Foodbank Christmas collection. This will make a big difference to families in the local community, so your generosity is greatly appreciated. Happy Christmas!

Mr Westwood



Christmas Jumper day

Monday is Christmas Jumper day for the whole school, please feel free to join in wearing a Christmas jumper (and donating if you can!)



Links for help over the Christmas break

General Christmas help:

1. [Christmas coping tips – Mind](#)
2. [Supporting others at Christmas – Mind](#)
3. [If you're finding things hard this festive season | Samaritans](#)

Families at Christmas:

4. [Six tips for a stress-free Christmas | Relate](#)
5. [How to have fewer family arguments | Relate](#)

Specific help:

7. <https://lgbt.foundation/> or <https://switchboard.lgbt/>
8. [How to: get through... | Campaign Against Living Miserably \(CALM\) \(thecalzone.net\)](#)
9. [Christmas - Cruse Bereavement Support](#)
10. [The Trussell Trust - Stop UK Hunger](#)
11. [Christmas Sanctuary | Relate](#)
12. [Shout 85258 \(giveusashout.org\)](#)

UCAS – Choosing Firm & Insurance Choices

- You will be spoken to in January as part of the Y13 Morning Programme, about how to accept/reject offers.
- For now, you should wait until you have heard back from all 5 of your choices. (If universities are offering accommodation for firm choices and you are certain of your firm choice, the early bird does get better accommodation).
- You will choose a firm choice and an insurance choice by the 6th June. The other 3 choices will no longer be available and go out to clearing.

UCAS Accommodation

- Once you make your two choices, you can apply for student accommodation with the firm choice. You can also be looking now at what accommodation is on offer. (<https://accommodation.ucas.com/>)
- There will also be a session within the Y13 Morning Programme dedicated to discussing this decision-making process with you.

Eco Club

Please come and join us at Eco Club to do our bit in saving the world!
We meet at Monday week 1, Lunchtime in room 41 (Mr Brown's Science Lab)

BIKE THEFTS

You may be aware of recent bike thefts from the 6th Form compound at the front of the school.

With this in mind, please ensure students:

- c) Lock their bikes with a secure chain/lock
- d) Close the gate behind you on leaving the area.

Winter Concert 2023

Well done to the 6th form musicians who were FABULOUS in the winter concert last week. Especially Billy and Kumi who conducted orchestra!



6th Form Council

Agenda:

| Item | discussion |
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| Mid-Semester Feedback | Yr12 mid-semester feedback: Please can the invigilators address issues quietly with individuals as it makes a lot of noise for other students working. Please can staff not set lots of HW on exam weeks, we seem to be overburdened with it this week. |
| Ms Nichols reminded students: | Study Hall etiquette No eating and drinking, No moving of chairs Silent study area only The area is currently being abused and students will be removed if this is the case. There are plenty of nice classrooms students can use, barn and common room can also be used. |
| How should 6th form be rewarded? | Vouchers for café Certificates Assemblies – rewards Queue jump tickets Badges Kinder Bueno |
| What should 6th form be rewarded for? | Semesters – after each assessment period, whole years group reward – form breakfasts! Keeping community spaces clean – actively clears Good attendance – authorised counting for good Extra curriculars Good grades Progress Effort |
| Form Feedback | Prom – Yr13 update from Tayla Posters nearly ready – Rev de Cuba – closed venue £600 (CNS only) £20 for food and drink Fund raising – 6th form only 6th form raised poor lower school behaviours in the community, throwing off balcony. Lower school transition (screaming) – corridors, especially the balcony are not safe and calm – Ms Nichols will ask on call to help monitor the space. Teachers setting A LOT of HW – Yr13s – overwhelmed, please consider how much is setting. |

Yr9 Mentoring:

If you feel you would be able to support a Yr9 student who struggles with school or is currently finding it hard to get motivated or choose their GCSEs, then please sign up here.

If you would be able to mentor a Yr9 student once a week during a free registration, please sign up here:

<https://forms.office.com/e/fZspxUD34W>

Prefects:

If you would like to contribute more to our community, develop your leadership skills and make CNS a better place, sign up here: <https://forms.office.com/e/7gkx24UJrL>

Helpers Wanted – Y11 Parent Evening (11th Jan)

We're looking for volunteers to help at the Y11 parent evening on Jan 11th, ensuring parents can find staff members and being ambassadors for the Sixth Form community at CNS.

Dinner will be provided for those helping.

Please sign up using this quick form by the end of term: <https://forms.office.com/e/AgvHSnKbHw>

Any questions – see Mr Etheridge

Yr13 Mock Exams – 15th – 23rd Jan 2024

Location: Gym and room 24

Reading Week: YES: 15th – 22nd (Normal lessons on Tues 23rd Jan unless you have an exam) Students will not be expected in school or in classes when they are not in an exam. Students only need come in for exams and can leave immediately afterwards. Any students wanting to study in school can of course use the study centre, study hall and library if they need to, just tap in as usual.

Assessment Model Guidance:

| Date/Timeframe | Reading Week? | Format | Content | Guidance | Grading |
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| w/b 15 th Jan 24 Results embargoed and released on 15th January | Yes | Full Exam papers up to 2 per subject and 3hrs in length. | All content covered so far. | Use of full past papers. Students must revise full content. Faculties to guide what content will be found in each paper. This is preparation for a real exam. | A-Level Grade Mock Papers MUST be retained by the school, copies/photos should be fed back to students. |

Actual Exams - Health and Social Care

Wed 10 Jan – U2 – 12 Students – Room 24

Fri 12 Jan – U3 – 3 Students – Room 24

Mon 15 Jan – U4 – 8 Students – Room 23

Access arrangements – Room 24

Absence - Any absence through genuine illness must be authorised by parents. Without this, any missed exam will not be available to be resat and will be awarded a U grade.

Art and Photography Exams

- **Fine Art** - Mon 8th & Tue 9th Jan (10 hours), room 28 and 29
- **Photography** - Wed 10th & Thurs 11th Jan (10 hours), room 76

Exam Clashes – Any clash student will sit clash papers in morning/afternoon session of the same day, or the next available slot.

Year 13 EXAM timetable:

| | 08:45 (arrive) Exam starts: 09:00 | 13:15 (arrive) Exam starts: 13:30 |
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| Wed 10 th Jan | EC3 H&SC:U2 Equality Diversity & Rights | |
| Fri 12 th Jan | | EC3 H&SC: U3 Health safety & Security |
| Mon 15 th Jan | Psychology Paper 1 Computer Sci Paper 1 FashionTextiles Paper 1 | EC3 H&SC: U4 Anatomy and Physiology History Paper 1 French Paper 1 Chemistry Paper 1 + 1 Fashion Textiles Clash |
| Tues 16 th Jan | Business Paper 1 English Lit Paper 1 + 1 Economics Clash | Biology Paper 1 Economics Paper 1 Ph'phy + Ethics Paper 1 Product Design Paper 1 +1 Business Clash |
| Wed 17 th Jan | Film Studies Paper 1 (<i>will be a paper 2</i>) French Paper 2 German Paper 1 Env Science Paper 1 + History Paper 2 Clash | History Paper 2 PE + Sports Sci Paper 1 Physics Paper 1 Music Paper 1 +French Writing Paper 2 Clash |
| Thurs 18 th Jan | Geography Paper 1 Sociology Paper 1 Chemistry Paper 2 | Mathematics Paper 1 Core Maths Paper 1 Politics + Gov Paper 1 FashionTextiles Paper 2 + Sociology Clash |
| Fri 19 th Jan | PE & Sports Sci Paper 2 Physics Paper 2 Law Paper 1 German Paper 2 | Business Paper 2 English Comb'd Paper 1 (<i>will be a paper 2</i>) Food and Nutrit Paper 1 Further Maths Paper 1 + 3 PE & Sports Sci Paper 2 |
| Mon 22 nd Jan | Mathematics Paper 2 Politics + Gov Paper 2 Theatre Studies Paper 1 | Biology Paper 2 Ph'phy + Ethics Paper 2 Further Maths Paper 2 |
| Tue 23 rd Jan | Env Science Paper 2 Law Paper 2 | |

Loan Applications

In 2 forms times in the spring term, we will look at how you make your applications for the tuition and maintenance loans, how you manage the debt through your careers and how to live on a budget.

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The importance of registering to vote:

Many Year 13s will be 18 by the 2024 General Election - It is paramount that we register to vote.

Here's why:

Accountability and Civic Responsibility: By registering to vote, we hold our elected officials accountable for their decisions and actions. It is important that we express our opinions of our current government. This participation in the electoral process empowers us to shape the policies that will impact our future.

Not registering is abstaining from the democratic system, whereas choosing not to vote on the night is abstaining due to the available candidates. For young people it is very important that we are registered so that we at least have the option of going to vote.

Although there may not be a candidate who represents your beliefs, you should consider who would be elected if you choose not to vote. This "Best bad option" is useful if there is a candidate or party that you don't want to be elected as it takes a percentage of the vote away from them.

Remember, registering to vote is more than a civic duty; it's an opportunity to actively shape the future. It's a chance to stand up for our beliefs, advocate for positive change, and hold our leaders accountable.

Registration is open now. Every voice matters. Don't miss this opportunity.

Register to vote today and make your influence count!

Richard Harrison

STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

Looking for a Summer JOB?



We have a number of job opportunities for our summer season here at Eaton Vale.

We are looking for all different abilities to join our team, so if you don't have a qualification, that shouldn't stop you from applying, you may even be able to gain one during employment.

All the jobs and how to apply can be found at <https://www.eatonvale.co.uk/vacancies/>

You will need to download and fill in an application form and send to office@eatonvale.co.uk the deadline for applications is 18th January

FILM PEOPLE WANTED!

If you are interested in filmmaking either as a hobby or career, CNS in partnership with the film club, is planning to produce a short film over the course of the new year which is in need of talented creative people to help out all the way through coming up with the initial concept of the film, to shooting, to editing the finished product! Working on practical projects such as these provides incredibly beneficial experiences for anyone looking to go into the creative industry, especially for those doing A-level Film Studies where making a short film will serve as vital practice for when you come to create your NEAs in Yr13 (although you do not need to be a film student to help out!).

So if you are at all interested in:

- Writing
- Acting
- Videography
- Costume Design
- Sound Recording
- Editing

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Please email one of the contacts to express your interest and get involved!

Master Classes

Are you interested in studying Linguistics at university? UCL are running a masterclass on the subject. Linguistics is a subject that may appeal to students doing A level English or Psychology and can lead to a range of careers. If you want to sign up, click here:

<https://www.ucl.ac.uk/widening-participation/learners/year-12-and-13/information-advice-and-guidance/masterclasses>

Need help? See Mr Rootham (They're also running a range of other masterclasses too, click on the link to find out more).

