



# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 10TH MAY 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

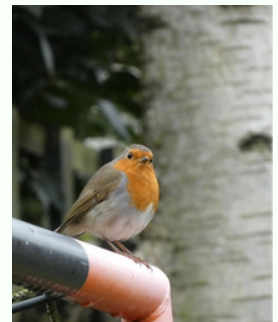
What a fantastic week it has been! The sun has been shining and our school community has been buzzing with energy and positivity.

Firstly, we would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations to our Year 11 students for their exceptional behaviour and attitude during the first week of their GCSE exams. Their hard work and dedication will pay off, and we are thrilled to hear that they felt confident and prepared. I have just been speaking to the students who have just taken their GCSE Biology exam this morning, they were so happy that questions that we had just revised in revision lessons had come up! A huge thank you to our incredible Year 11 teaching staff for their unwavering support and commitment, going above and beyond to provide additional revision sessions and support for our students at break, at lunch and after school.

A gentle reminder to ensure your child is equipped with all necessary exam materials. While we do have a limited supply of spare equipment, it is essential that every student comes prepared to avoid any unnecessary stress or disadvantage during exams.

As Year 13 prepares to embark on their own exam journey starting next Tuesday, I want to acknowledge their incredible efforts over the past two years. We have every confidence in their abilities and I know they will approach these exams with the same determination and resilience they have demonstrated throughout their time with us.

We would like to take a moment to recognise the outstanding achievements of our students beyond the classroom. Congratulations to Elliott R for securing first place in the Nuneaton Festival of Arts U16's photography competition - a remarkable accomplishment!



Our school's success extends beyond academic achievements. The recent Nuneaton and District Athletics results showcase the incredible talent and dedication of our students. Well done to all participants and best of luck to those who will represent the district at the county championships!

I also want to express my gratitude to our Geography department for organising a successful trip and to our visitor Joe Krauth for delivering an inspiring talk on pursuing a career in policing as part of our Aspire programme.

As we continue to prioritise the well-being and academic success of our students, I kindly remind parents and carers of our school policies regarding mobile phone use and uniform standards. Mobile phones are not allowed to be used in school and they need to be switched off and placed in bags. Skirts must not be rolled up to make them shorter. Your cooperation ensures a safe and conducive learning environment for all; thank you.

Lastly, I encourage you to share your feedback with Ofsted through their "Big Listen" initiative.

[survey.natcen.ac.uk/TheBigListen](https://survey.natcen.ac.uk/TheBigListen)

Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership in your child's education journey. Wishing you all a wonderful weekend filled with sunshine and relaxation.

Warm regards,

Michael Gannon  
Headteacher

# BULLETIN BOARD

## **Year 10 Student Progress Evening – Thursday 16th May. 3pm – 8pm.**

These will be online video appointments. Please see details on how to book appointments in letter emailed home on Wednesday 1st May. Booking opens: Wednesday 8th May 6pm.

School will close at 2.15pm on Thursday 16th May due to Year 10 Student Progress Evening.

## Dates for your diary

**Tuesday 14 May Year 9 Personal Development Day 2**

**Thursday 16 May Year 10 Student Progress Evening - online**

**Monday 20 May Year 10 Work Experience (all week)**

**Thursday 23 May Year 12 Student Progress Evening – face to face**

**Monday 27 May HALF TERM HOLIDAY BEGINS**



**52,469**



**53,765**



**51,433**

**Please note: details of all these items are on the Able & Ambitious Google Classroom pages and they will also be communicated through Sharepoint where necessary.**

# Able & Ambitious

## **Years 7, 8, 9, 10 & 12: Aspire Programme:**

- Our final Aspire speaker of the year came in on Thursday 9th May, and he was a great way to finish the programme. Joe Krauth, an ex-HLS Head Boy, spoke brilliantly about how he became a police officer and some of the adventures he's already had in the two years he's been on the force. As always, our students' focus and manners were impeccable and they asked some very searching questions.
- The deadline for getting all 5 Aspire tasks completed and uploaded onto Unifrog is July 5th. All details are on the Aspire Google Classroom page.

## **Years 7-9:**

- Design a Meal for Team GB Competition: Can you design a healthy, balanced meal to fuel a Team GB or Paralympics GB athlete at Paris 2024? Your design could win £1,000 for your school and a family trip to the Olympic Games!

## **Years 7-10:**

- Teach the Teachers: What is the skill or knowledge your child has that others don't? Do they know how to perfectly curl a football? Can they complete a Rubix cube? Do they know which Pokemon types are strong or resistant against other types? Is this something they could teach some members of staff. Fill in the survey on Google Classroom and get involved with teaching the teachers!

## **Year 8:**

- As you may be aware, there is an exciting opportunity to compete in the first ever HLS Y8 French spelling bee.

## **Years 10 & 11:**

- Leicester Uni are running a summer school project for students in Years 10 and 11 to find out what life at University is like.

## **Years 12 & 13:**

- Multiple opportunities and open days at Oxford University.

## **Ofsted - The Big Listen - we want to hear your views!**

The National Centre for Social Research (NatCen) is carrying out a short survey on behalf of Ofsted. We want to hear from parents/carers of children who are under 18 years old. It should only take around 10 minutes to complete. We are interested in views of, and any experiences with, Ofsted, including Ofsted's inspection, regulation and reporting practices. We really want to hear from a wide range of parents and carers, even if you don't have strong opinions about Ofsted, or haven't had much experience of Ofsted.

Please click on the following link to find out more or take part in the survey:

[survey.natcen.ac.uk/TheBigListen](https://survey.natcen.ac.uk/TheBigListen)

You can look at our Taking Part webpage for more information about the research, and our Privacy Notice for what will happen to any information you give. Links to these webpages are also included in the survey.

## **Who we are**

The National Centre for Social Research (NatCen) is responsible for carrying out this research with parents and carers. NatCen is Britain's largest social research organisation. We have delivered research for many government, regulatory, and public bodies, and have expertise in carrying out research with the public to inform strategic decision-making in policy and practice. We are a non-profit organisation, independent of government departments and political parties.

## **Contact us**

If you have any questions about the research NatCen is conducting as part of the Big Listen, or have trouble accessing the survey, please contact the research team via email at [thebiglisten@natcen.ac.uk](mailto:thebiglisten@natcen.ac.uk).

If you would like to confirm the authenticity of this research please see Ofsted's webpage detailing the two organisations commissioned to help with Ofsted's Big Listen:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/ofsted-big-listen/independent-research-surveys-providers-and-settings>

Thank you so much for your help with this vital independent research as part of the Big Listen.

Kind regards,

The NatCen Big Listen research team



An exciting FREE event for anyone interested in a career in the video games sector!

Saturday 11 May, 9:30am to 4:30pm  
Royal Spa Centre, Leamington Spa

There's something for everyone in games



@int\_futures #IntFutures Organisers Newcastle City Council Newcastle City Council Funded by UK Government

- Meet some of the biggest names in video games from the Silicon Spa cluster of studios with Ubisoft, Third Kind Games, Playground Games, Maverick Games, The Sumo Group, EA Sports, Lively, Lighthouse Games, Game Dev Group and Fresh Seeds all taking part.
- Find out why there's a career for everyone in video games from artists and UX to operators and coders and how the sector is committed to inclusion and diversity across its workforce.
- Hear from people starting out in the industry and the different pathways they took to get there.
- Discover what's changing in the world of game development, and why there is a role in games for everyone.
- Chat to local colleges and universities offering Games Development and Creative Media related courses.
- Studios will also be offering CV & Portfolio reviews.

➤ Visit [interactive-futures.com](http://interactive-futures.com) to register for your free ticket.

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Join NHS Cadets today

Reach your potential with NHS Cadets and learn the skills you need to support vital healthcare teams across the country.

**NHS Cadets** is a Programme created by St John Ambulance in partnership with the NHS. It's designed to provide you with the opportunity to explore roles in healthcare and prepare for volunteering.

The programme consists of two pathways: Foundation (for 14–16-year-olds) and Advanced (for 16–18-year-olds). You'll learn about a range of exciting healthcare topics, develop your leadership and communication skills, and gain insight into volunteering within the NHS.

It is a free programme consisting of 2-hour weekly sessions over 36 weeks. You'll be supported throughout your journey by our NHS Cadets Team.

#### Who can get involved?

Our Cadets come from a diverse range of backgrounds - there is no 'typical' NHS Cadet. If you identify with one or more of these statements, our programme would be a good match for you.

- I'm from a minority ethnic group
- I consider myself part of the LGBTQI+ community, or I'm questioning
- I'm not in education, employment or training, or I'm at risk of this
- I'm struggling with my progress at school or college
- I live in care, or I've recently left care
- I provide regular care or support for someone
- I receive free school meals
- I have mental health concerns
- I consider myself to have a disability or impairment
- I consider myself neurodivergent, or I have special educational needs
- I am seeking asylum, or I'm a refugee

If you're unsure whether you fit into one of these categories or wish to discuss something else, please don't hesitate to email one of our friendly team at [nhscadets@sja.org.uk](mailto:nhscadets@sja.org.uk)

#### How do I get involved?

New programmes are opening all the time and even if we don't currently have one in your area you will be added to the waiting list ready for when we have one close enough to you. Or we may be able to put you on a virtual group so that you can take part from the comfort of home.

To learn more, find your local programme and apply, please visit <https://nhscadets.sja.org.uk/join-today/>.

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Get ready to explore the world of engineering with the Royal Air Force. During the event we will showcase the latest innovations and technologies that power our skies. Whether you're an aspiring engineer or simply curious about aviation, this event is for you!

This is a great opportunity to discover the various career paths available within the Royal Air Force, as well as to gain insight into the lifestyle and travel prospects on offer.

- Explore interactive 360° global operations, delving into the world of RAF support worldwide through informative videos and insights to help you find your ideal RAF career
- Jump into 10 different themed chat rooms to find out more about specific professions and topics.
- Connect with a friendly RAF recruiter directly online. Our experts will answer all your inquiries about career paths, RAF lifestyle, sports opportunities, benefits, and how to embark on your RAF journey.

CLICK HERE TO BOOK YOUR FREE TICKET NOW!

