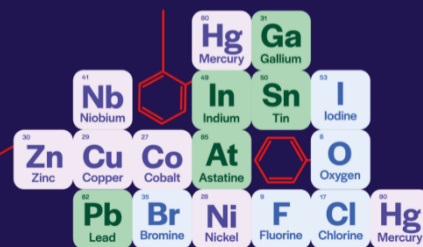


CUC NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN, WEEK 14



It has been a wonderful wintery week in the building, although bitterly cold outside. We have enjoyed a fantastic Christmas Lunch prepared by our catering team. A big thank you to Dion and the catering team for making this such a joyful event. This is our last newsletter of 2022. We wish you all a very happy and healthy winter break and look forward to seeing you in 2023.

Non-Uniform Day: Tuesday 20th December £1 to participate. Funds raised will go towards supporting local families this Christmas with food, toiletries and gifts.

International Bebras Computing Challenge: Students had the opportunity to participate in the international Bebras Computing Challenge. 9 students reached the top 10% in their age group nationally and have thus earned the fantastic opportunity to join the Oxford University Computing Challenge next term. The Ignite students were James (best in school), Adrian, Isobel, Joseph and Teodor. The GCSE students were Lewis (best in school), Jarvis, Sam and Domantas. A huge congratulations to all who took part.

Arabic Programme: As part of the Arabic Programme, Ignite students had the opportunity to participate in workshops by Saied Silbak, a Palestinian oud player, singer songwriter and educator.



Creatives Pathway: Year 13 had mock interviews in preparation for their university interviews. They had a formal interview, a portfolio review and a session on scanning and photographing physical work.



Year 11 GCSE Art, Graphics and photography students have a deadline of the 5th January for all coursework.

GCHQ Christmas Challenge: Lewis, a year 13 programmer solved the GCHQ Christmas challenge in just under two hours. It is not too late if you want to have a go yourself. <https://www.gchq.gov.uk/files/The%20GCHQ%20Christmas%20Challenge%202022.pdf>



University of Liverpool: This week, a number of Year 11 students have completed their Merseyside Young Life Scientist sessions at the University of Liverpool. Students have diligently followed this course since Year 9. It now leads onto a pathway which will help students to secure reduced UCAS offers and Bursaries to study at the University of Liverpool.

Student Leadership Team

Our newly appointed team met with Jill on Thursday to discuss some ideas to implement in January. Yasmin is our new Student Literacy Lead, Elliot is our Student Experiences Lead, Karl and Kyle are our joint Charity and Well-being Leads, Salma is our Diversity and Inclusion Lead and Shan is Student Editor. The Christmas appeal is in full flow this week with many of our student leaders wrapping gifts and helping to organise everything. After Christmas we are taking donations of-(new or near perfect) **Hats, Scarves, Gloves, Ladies black tights (unopened), Coats (can be second hand), Men's formal wear such as suits, shirts and ties suitable for teenage boys, Any books suitable for teenagers ages 13-18.** These can be brought to reception.

Thank you so much for all your kind donations so far, it has enabled us to buy a huge number of families the essential items they need for over Christmas.



Last Day of Term: 20th December
Return to School: 5th January

Sixth Form Pathway Taster Evenings:

Year 11 students are invited to join us for Sixth Form Pathway taster sessions in January.

Tuesday 10th January - 5-7pm

- Life Sciences
- Applied Science
- Creative
- Engineering

Wednesday 11th January - 5-7pm

- Medicine, Veterinary, Dentistry
- Health
- Technology
- Social Sciences

Students are welcome to attend both evenings if they would like to explore more than one pathway option.

Word of the Week: PARADIGM

Definition: an outstandingly clear or typical example.

Usage: *Many regard science as the paradigm of true knowledge.*

Zero Tolerance of Abuse of Staff

The NST has a zero-tolerance approach towards abusive language, violence, aggression or harassment towards our employees, Governors and volunteers.

