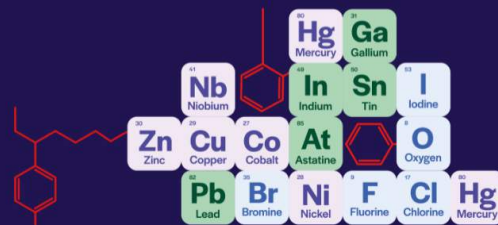


CUC NEWSLETTER

SUMMER, WEEK 12



It is hard to believe we are again at the end of term. It has been an incredible year and I am so grateful to staff and students for their hard work. We have had some wonderful visits, projects and achievements at the Teen Tech Awards and the Big Bang Fair. We have secured amazing destinations for our leavers. We have grown as a family and it has been a pleasure to be by your side through it all. I wish you a safe, relaxing and happy summer break and very much look forward to seeing you again in September.

Reminder - Monday 17th July - Students will work from home on Monday 17th July. Students have been assigned work to help them prepare for September. You can also access the website here

<https://sites.google.com/view/cuc-think-ahead/home>

Student Leaders - We would like to say a huge thank you to all of the StLT who have made a huge impact on our school life this year. There are so many plans, suggestions and conversations that go on behind the scenes that lead to exciting opportunities for all our students. Thank you to those who have led important assemblies, created resources and competitions for students to raise awareness and to those involved with open evenings, parental tours and organising huge events such as our Christmas appeal and the Prom. In September, we will celebrate the 10 year anniversary. Kieran has organized a whole school writing competition in honour of this with prizes available. Entries to be submitted by 8th Sept.

Parenting Newsletter - The latest Parenting Newsletter from Liverpool's Parenting Network is available here:

<https://sway.office.com/ADqTdYICEUHNZkjj?ref=Link>

Summer Wellbeing - If you need additional support over the summer, please check out this list of mental health agencies in and around Liverpool below.

<https://www.thelivewelldirectory.com/Services/721>

Useful Dates -

- 14th July - Building closes to students
- 17th July - Students to work from home
- 17th August - A Level Results Day
- 24th August - GCSE Results Day
- 1st September - Building reopens

Word of the Week - ENDEAVOUR

Definition: To try hard to do or achieve something.

Usage: "In spite of our best endeavours, it has proven impossible to contact her."

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 & volunteers.

Winner of Elevator Studios Commission

- Ellis Campbell, has been awarded a commission by Elevator Studios for his piece of work which beautifully captures the rich history of the building and our beloved Baltic Triangle. Ellis' work is now on display at Elevator Studios, well done! We were blown away by all the entries. There is so much talent in our year 12 group!



Kenya Trip - Year 12 have had a life changing experience in Kenya, visiting the magnificent Lake Nakuru National Park and the awe-inspiring Amboseli National Park. They enjoyed an exhilarating safari trip, getting up close and personal with incredible wildlife. The Maasai Mara left students in awe, immersing them in the wonders of nature and the vibrant Maasai culture.



Bushcraft Camp - Year 9 and 10 have enjoyed an amazing few days learning survival skills, including fire building and first aid. They camped out overnight and built survival shelters. This was an amazing team building experience in preparation for Year 10.

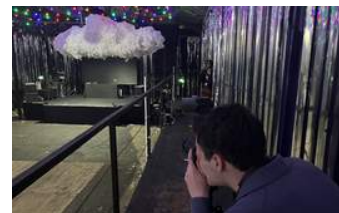


Celebrating Progress – This week, we have celebrated the immense progress of our Ignite Literacy form. In their seven months together, the average progress in reading age has been TWO AND A HALF YEARS! Their attitude of dedication and perseverance has been exemplary. Ms Mallo has played an integral role supporting with weekly Literacy Lexia sessions. Ms Balan presented a special Sparx Maths award to Mark Rodrigues for his phenomenal progress.



Art Week

Visit to FACT - Year 12 students visited LuYang Arcade Liverpool at FACT for an exhibition tour and AI art workshop. LuYang, known for using their body as an avatar in games, explores self-expression and control beyond human limitations. Their work combines Buddhist teachings, neuroscience, and digital tech to question the distinction between physical and digital existence.



Celebrating Diversity - Our Creative Ambassadors have produced posters to promote creatives from diverse backgrounds, to celebrate some of their inspirations as part of Art Week.



Photography at Camp and Furnace - Our amazing year 12 creatives were tasked with capturing photos of the famous Furnace at Camp and Furnace. These photos will be used to promote the venue. We were beyond stoked as this opportunity will give students valuable hands-on experience and a chance to flex their skills and talents in a real professional setting.



Korean & Art Week - Year 9 students enjoyed creating masterpieces on Korean culture and language.

English & Art Week - In English, Year 10 have been continuing the study of a poem, 'My Last Duchess' about a painting. They looked at use of language for description and reflected on the Duke's perspectives, beliefs and actions. Students then crafted a short story about the events from an alternative view point.



Sociology & Art Week - Students analysed images and attached links to Sociological concepts. They explained how the image represents the concept and in doing so acknowledged that others may view the image differently. Students also created a "hidden message poster". Students were allocated a term and designed an image to represent it. Students did not directly disclose their message as it was up to the person looking at the image to uncover the meaning.

PBL & Art Week - Year 10 contributed to art week by making designs based on their bacteriology work.



Engineering - We were delighted to welcome Sophie Cotton, a Graduate Plan Engineer at Ford to host a drop down day for Year 10. Ford has invested £250 million in its Halewood plant as part of its commitment to an all-electric vehicle range. The Halewood plant will produce technology that will power 70% of the 600,000 EVs that Ford plans to sell in Europe by 2026. The investment will secure 500 jobs and provide employees with skills for the future. The team at Ford asked students to spend the day planning what it's like to implement a new factory.



Summer Immersion Project - As part of our partnership with the British Council and Qatar Foundation International a group of IGNITE have been offered the opportunity to take a Summer Arabic Immersion Programme at the University of Warwick. Our students will be able to boost their Arabic Knowledge as well as experience the life of a student.

Korean Programme - After our success with the Public Speaking Competition and the Public Reading Competition and thanks to the British Korean Society funding, we launched Korean Theme Writing Competitions. Ignite students took inspiration from reading bilingual versions of Korean traditional folklore stories from our Little Library and composed their very own Korean short stories. Over 40 students participated, so Miss Choi had a very hard task to choose the most creative and inspiring ones. After a long consideration, we were very pleased to present the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th place winners to Teodor, Ellie-Mai, Dale Stanely, Lennon, Ben Miller and Afnan. Well done!



Ignite Engineering - Ignite have finished off the year by building elastic powered cars; they have been working on improving precision recently... the more accurate the build, the straighter the car will run!

Sociology - We had the pleasure of hosting Rachel from the Red Umbrella project and Sarah, a Merseyside Hate Crime Police Officer, to speak to our Year 10 Sociologists. The Merseyside Violence Reduction Partnership and the Merseyside Police Crime Commissioner's Office support the Red Umbrella Project to provides non-judgmental and confidential outreach services and support within the criminal justice system for individuals involved in sex work. As a result, there has been a significant increase in convictions for violent and sexual offenses. Merseyside is the only police force globally that recognizes and treats this violence as a hate crime.



Social Science Pathway - We have had an exciting two weeks of placements. Ruby enjoyed her time at St Andrews exploring Psychology and Art History (as well as learning Scottish dances!) Karl is at the University of Nottingham this week and four students have been at St Teresa's Primary School in Sutton working with different year groups.