

CUC NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN, WEEK 3



It has been a very busy week, we have definitely packed five days into four. Opportunities are starting to appear more widely in all sectors as life settles down after the pandemic - which is brilliant news for our CUC6 students who are working hard on personal statements.

Online Surgeries: Parents are invited to join us for our Online Surgeries on **29th September between 5-6pm**. Sessions will take place for each year group with the Head of Year and Senior Team. Please do drop in to ask any questions, share ideas or just to have a listen. Links will be sent by email.

Supporting parents and carers

Neurodiversity, Teens and Mental Health

Live Webinar

Professor Sean Duggan OBE, Chief Executive for the Mental Health Network

Tuesday 4th October 2022

10am - 11am (including Q & A)

Book your place at www.witherslackgroup.co.uk/teens-mentalhealth

Opportunities for Students

Arabic Club: Join us 4-5pm on Thursdays to build your skills in Arabic.

Engineering Work Placements: We will be offering new work experience placements at Surface Transforms and Sellafield. Please contact Dan Howard if you are interested in these opportunities.

Join the Comics Youth CIC Youth Board: Comics Youth have opened applications for young people to apply for their Youth Board. The Youth Board have input to decisions about policy, pay, the type of programs they run, the ethics they support, how they run their young person led publishing house and more! This is an excellent opportunity to receive guidance and mentoring from the Board. <https://comicsyouth.co.uk/comics-youth-news/2022/9/8/youth-board-recruitment-2022>

Film Competition: Students are invited to submit a group or individual short horror film (60 seconds). This will be judged by a staff and student panel and prizes will be given. Live action or animation submissions are accepted. All entries to Laila by Friday 14th October.

Student Leadership Team: This week, Year 10 and 11 Student leaders met to discuss their plans. They have some fantastic ideas. Next week, our CUC6 leaders will deliver an assembly on tolerance, use of language and homophobic bullying. On Thursday 29th September we will hold a cake sale to raise money for Macmillan during first breaks. We will soon launch our Christmas 2022 Appeal to support families in our school community this winter. If anyone has any donations of gifts, tins or packets of food they will be much appreciated. We are also collecting shirts suitable for age 13-18 including men's sizes in any colour. Please leave any donations in Reception.

A massive thank you to Bionow for organising a training session this week ahead of the launch of our mentoring programme. We were staggered by the incredible team who are keen to offer their time, knowledge and experience to support our young people. We will shortly be inviting students in Year 12 to apply to join the programme.

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- Income based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income related Employment Support Allowance
- Housing Benefit
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit – as long as you have a yearly household income of less than £16,190 and do not get Working Tax Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit.

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Word of the Week - SYCOPHANT

Definition: someone who praises powerful or rich people in a way that is not sincere, usually in order to get some advantage from them:

Usage: *The president of the company is surrounded by sycophants.*



Health: CUC6 Health Pathway students have this week visited the University of Birmingham to experience a day with the Health and Social Sciences teams. Ignite have been looking at the impact of diet on health and wellbeing and the impact of smoking in pregnancy. Year 10 have been discussing the purposes of health and social care services and the main role that the CQC have in regulating our provision. Year 12 have been looking at pregnancy and the role of a Midwife in supporting and empowering women.



Visit from UCLan: Sarah Crotty (Schools engagement Officer at UCLan) came to speak to year 12 students about the UCAS process, university and the importance of starting personal statements early

Robotics Workshop with the MTC: 18 students had the chance to participate in a robotics workshop with Harriet Burniston, Jayne Higham and Alex Cleaver who are engineers / computer scientists at the Manufacturing Technology Centre (MTC). They talked to Year 12s about how technology is being used in the future of manufacturing. They also worked with Year 10s on a design challenge to develop a robot to help support with natural disasters.



Computer Science: This week, year 10 started their journey of learning C# and familiarisation with the IDE. This is an incredibly valuable skill and will help them to better understand some of the core programming principles. Students will now get to use programming software that is commonly used in industry to make Mobile Applications, Websites, and video games.

Psychology: Year 10 have been learning about Murdock's Serial Position Curve to develop their understanding of memory. Year 11 have been working on the nature vs. nurture debate of depression. Students enjoyed exploring the research evidence to support both views. Year 12 have been studying the behaviourist approach this week and working hard at essay writing. Year 13 have been learning the free will vs. determinism debate.

PBL & Enrichment: Ignite have been learning how to perform serial dilutions using micropipettes. During enrichment they have started researching Industry Partner, Unilever in preparation for the Inspire programme and a brand new industry brief from Unilever focussing on natural preservatives.



Film: Ignite have embarked upon the Bronze Arts Award in Film. They've been planning a Sixty Spooky Second short for an end of term film competition. This will allow students to develop filmmaking skills before their individual projects!

Art and Graphics: Our Year 10 graphics students have been learning how to produce portraits using grids and their results are brilliant. This week, Year 12 creatives have visited the Lady Lever Gallery In Port Sunlight and also the Totemy sculptures designed by Alicja Biala. This is always a great opportunity for students to get to know each other and see some of the amazing arts experiences in the region.

60 SPOOKY Seconds
Film Competition October 2022



Engineering: Year 10s have started their first design project developing a new set of TV remote designs. We have been looking at different techniques for different concept sketches. Year 12s have picked up from where they left off at the end of year 11 and have continued with excelling in their digital design skills. Check out Joe's remodelled Mersey rail train!

Chemistry: This week, Year 10 have focused on reviewing states of matter, and honing the language we use to describe changes of state. Year 11 have been exploring key groups in the periodic table, and the trends they show in their reactivity. Year 12 have been exploring atomic structure and the use of mass spectrometry and Year 13 have started to explore pH, and how it can be quantified for acids and bases.

History: Ignite have been looking at early migration to Liverpool and the Irish, Welsh and Chinese settlers. Year 10 have focused on the work of medieval doctors. Year 11 have been enjoying studying The Roaring Twenties. Year 12 have been exploring Henry VII and the Battle of Bosworth field as well as the early colonies. Year 13 are investigating Edward VI and the wars of independence.