



Be The Best You Can Be With CCSC

Week 32 - Monday 19th May 2025



What's on **THIS** week?

GCSE Exams Continue

Last week of half term.
Friday 23rd break up for
May Half term.

What's on **NEXT** week?

Half Term - 1 week

Important Dates

June

Wed 18th Y10 College Day
Fri 20th Y9 Work Place visit
Mon 23rd CLW & Y10 Work
experience
Mon 30th Staff Training

July

Tue 1st School Show
Wed 2nd Y6 Visit
Fri 4th Sports day Y11 Prom

Trips all on Parent Pay
CLW 2025

Year	Event logs	Conduct logs	Best pupil with most ELs
Y7	1406 ↑	150 ↑	Florescu, Daniel 7APR (18)
Y8	766 ↓	165 ↓	Buxton, Seve 8SB (13)
Y9	888 ↑	117 ↑	Knapper, Brendan 9LHI (19)
Y10	465 ↓	172 ↑	Boulton, Alfie 10YM (18)
Total	Event Logs = 3525 ↑ 2%		Conduct Logs = 594 604 ↑ 2%

	Zero Conduct Logs	100% Attendance	Attendance	Best form Attendance
Y7	149 ↑ (74%)	163 (80%)↑	93.7% ↑	7KMN 98.9%↑
Y8	145 ↑ (72%)	150 (75%)↑	94.4% ↑	8MK 97.2% ↑
Y9	110 ↓ (65%)	110 (65%)↑	89.5% ↑	9LH 94.1% ↑
Y10	110 ↓ (68%)	112 (70%)↑	93.5% ↑	10MO 98.4%↑
Total	514 ↓ (70%)	535 (73%)↑	93% ↑	

View our weekly outstanding work here
<https://shorturl.at/XZGVL>

**Check your
students progress
and grades on
iSams parent app**



HARD WORK beats **TALENT**
when talent DOESN'T WORK HARD

Look who made a **BIG** impression this week!

It hasn't gone unnoticed and we couldn't be more proud of you!

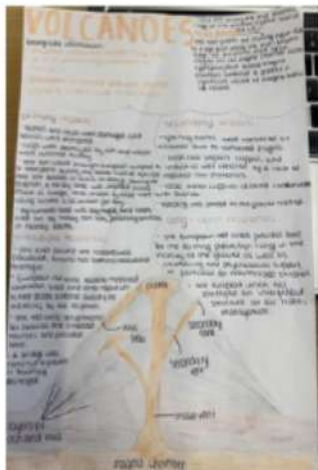
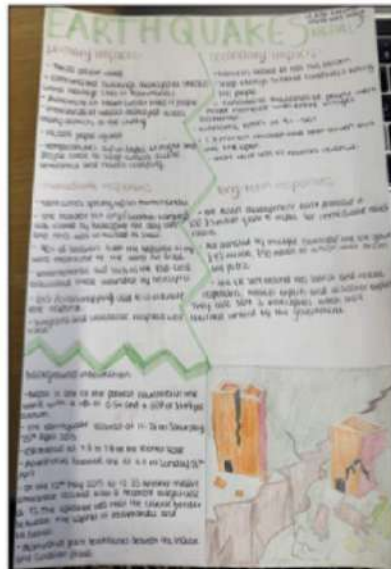
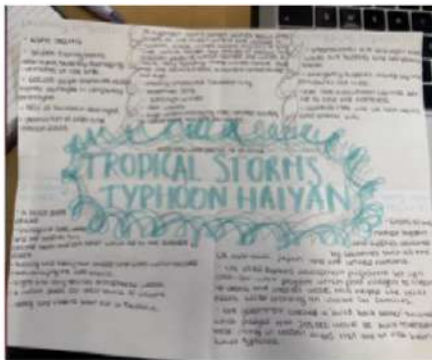
SELF-BELIEF & HARD WORK WILL ALWAYS EARN YOU SUCCESS

Foyle, Esmae	Barlow, Lois	Cosens, Tilly	Bayley, Will
Grand, Lexie	Garside, Noel	Dale-Matthews, Dion	Hilditch, Destiny
Hannon, Phoebe	Gerrity, Ruby-Grace	Hunt, Henry	Holdcroft, Demilee
Hood, Oliver	Nowakowski, Adam	Jones, Ava	Jepson, Angel
Jackson, Joshua	Powell, Harvey	Walford, Maci	Mayer, Stephen
Lowe, Ellen	Scott, Ella	Barker, Connor	Petrillo, Logan
Owen-Hollingsworth, Joshua	Simcock, Archie	Sherwin, Paul	West, Jade
Rigby, Jessica	Tait, Jj	Smith, Oscar	Wright, Jack
			Wright, Ruby

Outstanding Work

A HUGE well done to all the pupils featured in this week's 'Outstanding Work'! We love seeing this each week..... Check it all out using the link

<https://www.ccsc.staffs.sch.uk/index.php/news/556-outstanding-work-at-ccsc>



Chloe Barker

Year 10

Geography

HOY AWARDS

Y7

Ellen Lowe

Ellen's boundless enthusiasm and positivity really does make CCSC a brighter place. We could all benefit from being more Ellen!

Y8

Buddy Jones

A massive improvement across the board. I am really proud of the way he's conducted himself recently. Well done!

Y9

Agata Jastrzebska

Fantastic attitude to learning. Doing clubs before and after school and excellent attitude in lessons.

Y10

Sonny Wilshaw

Seen lots of him this week which has been great!

Y11

Charlie May Sargeant
&
Tilly Poole Locker

For excellent and constant dedication to their studies. Well done girls!

Izzy Dunn

For a kind and generous person. Izzy has shown real maturity and understanding to her friends this week. Beautiful to see

Owen Johnson

Had a spell where he was picking up CLs. But seems to have got his head on again and he is back on form!

Evie Patrick

Just makes me smile when I see her! She is always happy, kind, helpful and polite.

Farren Davey

For a real improvement in effort and attitude this half term. You've come on leaps and bounds and I'm so proud of you 😊

Lucky Dip Winners 19th May

Zero Conduct Log Winners

Y7 Latham, Isla 7PF

Y8 Hodgson, Finnley 8SB

Y9 Tihon, Paula 9LHI

Y10 Hancock, Taylor 10MH

Outstanding Work Barker, Chloe 10MO Geography

Event Log Plus
Scott, Ella 8EF

100% Attendance
Dunn, Imogen 9AHP

Be The Best You Can Be
Work hard and get
noticed!

£5 vouchers
OR
Front of Queue Pass to Canteen
OR
Free break food for a week!
PLUS entry into the BIG prize draw

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Please email Miss Edwards kedwards@ccsc.staff.sch.uk
With your choice of prizes from above.

Year 11 Hi Year 11. Can you fill this in for me please? This just helps so i have all of your details ready for the Summer. Don't worry of you change your mind on any of these - this is more so i have your email as a contact <https://forms.cloud.microssoft/e/7JuaZF2GAT>

The boys in their shorts looking lovely and smart! Summer uniform policy will be reviewed for next half term (and for future) but we are really impressed with the maturity of most of the pupils and the parent support in adapting to this welcomed change



8/4

massive praise to you all, excellent term, Mrs Williams so proud of their work and first-class behaviour!!

Child Development and Health and Social Care
Booster Timetable

Date	Staff/Room	Subject & Topic Area
Tuesday 6 th May	Mrs Baker / Room 27	Child Development Topic Area 1 & 2
Tuesday 13 th May	Mrs Baker / Room 27	Child Development Topic Area 3 & 4
Monday 19 th May	Mrs Baker / Room 27	Child Development Exam Technique
Child Development Exam Tuesday 20th May		

Date	Staff/Room	Subject & Topic Area
Tuesday 20 th May	Mrs Baker / Room 27	Health and Social Care Topic Area 1 & 2
Monday 2 nd June	Mrs Baker / Room 27	Health and Social Care Topic Area 3 & 4
Tuesday 3 rd June	Mrs Baker / Room 27	Health and Social Care Exam Technique
Health and Social Exam Wednesday 4th June		

All boosters run after-school until 4:00pm

THURSDAY Cont.

Simply Play TT Newcastle Family Hub
Free 10 week course for parents and children. Delivered in a Stay & Play format so you can enjoy quality time with your little one whilst learning about their development.
To book a place, email: Groupwork@staffordshire.gov.uk
1.00- 3.00

FRIDAY

Alice Charity Big Cup TT Newcastle Family Hub
Big Cup offers parents the opportunity to meet up with other local families. It offers the chance to discuss common concerns, to talk about the demands of a toddler and offers the space to smile and relax in a friendly surroundings.
09.30-11.30
FREE-Drop in
Email: info@alicecharity.org
Tel: 01782 614 638

Rhythm Time TT FPC Newcastle Family Hub
It's never too early to introduce your little baby to the wonders of music. Sessions can help with language development, eye tracking/balance, muscle development, bonding and relaxation, hand/eye co-ordination and speech development.
£20.51 per month
Toddlers: 10-45-11.15
Babies: 11.30-12.30
Booking Required
Tel: Joanne Downes 07947 525 751
<http://www.rhythmtime.tot197>



FRIDAY Cont.

Simply Play TT Maryhill Family Hub
Free 10 week course for parents and children. Delivered in a Stay & Play format so you can enjoy quality time with your little one whilst learning about their development.
To book a place email: Groupwork@staffordshire.gov.uk
10.00-11.30

Baby Moon Mum & Baby Yoga FPC

Maryhill Family Hub
A gentle flowing weekly class combining postnatal yoga, baby yoga, rhythm, rhyme, story and (baby) sensory experiences to aid your baby's development, your connection and have fun together! You will learn about easing infant ailments, aiding their development, adapting to your postnatal body and easing in to your new role. A chance to meet other new parents.
8 weeks - crawling
1.20-2.20
£20 for a 6 week course
Booking Required
Tel: Emma 07825 302 481
<http://www.bookwhen.com/babymoonyoga>



TUESDAY cont.

School Nurse-Community Drop in Sessions TT Newcastle Family Hub
Confidential health advice for children/young people/parents/carers. Home education or attending an Education setting.
5-19 years
9.00-10.00
FREE Drop in Session

Wiggle to Music TT FPC Newcastle Family Hub
Action packed, fun music & movement classes to develop little bright minds and grow confidence whilst stimulating the senses.
Toddlers: Confident walkers to 5 years
9.30-10.30 Booking required
Babies: 11.00-12.00 Booking required
£6.50 per child
£27.50 - 5 Class Pass
Tel: Kerry Holland 07729 192 880
<https://bookwhen.com/wiggle>

Children and families Single Point of Access (Café) Staffordshire

CAFÉ Staffordshire
CAFÉ Staffordshire is a free, drop-in service for children and young people with autism, learning difficulties, mental health issues, and those with other special needs. It provides a safe and supportive environment where children and young people can meet other children and young people with similar experiences, and where they can access a range of activities and support. CAFÉ Staffordshire is a free service for children and young people with autism, learning difficulties, mental health issues, and those with other special needs. It provides a safe and supportive environment where children and young people can meet other children and young people with similar experiences, and where they can access a range of activities and support.

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WEDNESDAY

Everyone Health Clinic Maryhill Family Hub
A FREE drop in clinic for Adult Weight Management, NHS Health Checks and Stopping Smoking.
9.00-12.00
FREE Drop-in-no booking required

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Family Hub Staffordshire
Staffordshire County Council
Free Pass Card

- Do you live in Newcastle-under-Lyme?
- Do you have a child/children aged 0-4?

Thank you to eligible attend some of our sessions for free!

Free Pass Card Scheme for eligible families to support with the financial barrier of attending sessions.

Contact your local Family Hub or ask the practitioner working with you for more details.

Right help, Right time, Right place.

Find us on Facebook for updates and information for Newcastle and Maryhill Family Hub



HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT FUND
Funded by UK Government
We are offering you financial support to help you with your household bills.
Eligible people...
If you are eligible you can apply for a grant to help you with your household bills.
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THURSDAY cont.

Home-Start Together-Lunch & Play TT Maryhill Family Hub
Join us for daily play activities for your little ones, including make and take crafts, messy play, and a singing song for all to join in. Our stimulating bonding and early development sessions start off with a FREE children's lunch while parents have tea and toast.
0 to 4 years
12.00-1.30
FREE-Advance booking
Email: info@mhuh.org.uk or call us at Tel: 01782 639912

Jump into Parenting Sensory Play FPC Newcastle Family Hub
Sensory Toddlers - from active crawling to preschool
A follow on class from Sensory Babies. Different stations each week for your little ones to explore, from colour, maths, physical area, felt board and much more.
9.30-10.30 Booking required
£5.50 per child, £3.00 sibling

Sensory Babies - from birth to active crawling
From babies to lights, fabric to music, all your baby's senses will be given the opportunity to develop and learn through play with Mum's & Dad's.
11.00-12.00 Booking required
£5.50 per child, £3.00 sibling
<https://bookwhen.com/jumpintoparenting>
Tel: 07341 482 587

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Miss Corn

For always being there for me when I need help or if I'm struggling with my work she is the best teacher that I have ever had

thank you

Mr Morgan

Mr Morgan has always helped me even when I have done something correct he shows me different ways of doing it. He has always been there for me since the start of Year 7

thank you

Miss Wedgewood

Fantastic form teacher great English teacher loves to read a Christmas carol,

A SMALL ACT OF KINDNESS CAN GO A LONG WAY.

Miss Evans

Amazing , kind , gorgeous how other can I describe her , : she is a heartwarming woman who is strict when she needs to be . Thank you! miss Evan's you always listen and care and not like some other teachers and you help me learn my favourite lesson THANK YOU . You deserve it for all you do , you do a lot and don't get enough credit for it ! (Yr 7 student)

Thank a teacher

From your lovely feedback last year parents and students have suggested a way to nominate a teacher to recognise them for an act of kindness, support or hard work.

If any student or parent would like to anomalously recognise a teacher then please use the link to fill out the form.

<https://forms.office.com/e/rBW6B67Kwy>



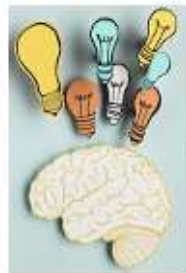
A BIG THANK YOU!

Y11 GCSE Exam Timetable

Day	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7	P8	P9	P10	P11	P12	
Week 1													
Thursday 8th May 2025	Drama Written Paper 1hr 45mins exam				Normal Lessons				Lunch	Citizenship Studies Paper 1 1hr 45mins exam			
Friday 9th May 2025	Edexcel GCSE Business Paper 1 1hr 45mins exam				Normal Lessons				Lunch	Normal Lessons			
Week 2													
Monday 12th May 2025	English Literature Paper 1 1hr 45mins exam				English Lit Paper 1 - dispensation 2 group Normal lessons				Lunch	Computer Science Paper 1 1hr 30mins exam			
Tuesday 13th May 2025	RE Paper 1 - 45mins (7)				Biology Paper 1 - dispensation 2 group Normal lessons				Lunch	Biology Paper 1 Triple - 1hr 45mins exam Combined - 1hr 15mins Exam			
Wednesday 14th May 2025	Geography Paper 1) 1hr 30mins exam				Normal Lessons				Lunch	Maths Prep Sessions			
Thursday 15th May 2025	Maths Paper 1 1hr 30mins exam				Maths Paper 1 - dispensation 2 group Normal lessons				Lunch	Citizenship Studies Paper 2 1hr 45mins exam			
Monday 2nd June 2025	Italian Listening and reading Foundation 1hr 20 mins Higher 1hr 45 mins				Normal Lessons				Lunch	Afternoon Study leave - if appropriate			
Tuesday 3rd June 2024	Maths Prep Sessions				Normal Lessons				Lunch	Afternoon Study leave - if appropriate			
Wednesday 4th June 2025	Maths Paper 2 1hr 30mins exam				Maths Paper 2- dispensation 2 group Normal Lessons				Lunch	Health and Social Care- 1hr 15 mins Afternoon Study leave - if appropriate			
Thursday 5th June 2025	History Paper 3 & 4 2hrs total				Normal Lessons				Lunch	French Writing Found 1hr, Higher 1hr 15 mins Afternoon Study leave - if appropriate			
Friday 6th June 2025	English Language Paper 2 1hr 45mins exam				English Lang Paper 2 - dispensation 2 group Normal lessons				Lunch	Geography Paper 2 1hr 30 mins (53) Afternoon Study leave - if appropriate			
Week 4													
Monday 9th June 2025	Biology - Paper 2 Triple - 1hr 45mins exam Combined - 1hr 15mins Exam				Biology Paper 2 - dispensation 2 group Normal lessons				Lunch	PE Paper 2 - 1hr 15 mins Italian writing 1hr 15 mins I media exam - 1hr 30min			
Tuesday 10th June 2025	Spanish Listening and Reading Foundation 1hr 20 mins Higher 1hr 45 mins				Normal Lessons				Lunch	Maths Prep Sessions			
Wednesday 11th June 2025	Maths Paper 3 1hr 30mins exam				Maths Paper 3 - dispensation 2 group Normal Lessons				Lunch	Geography Paper 3 Prep Sessions Afternoon Study leave - if appropriate			
Thursday 12th June 2025	Geography Paper 3 1hr 30 mins (53)				Chemistry Prep Sessions				Lunch	Hospitality and Catering 1hr 20 mins Afternoon Study leave - if appropriate			
Friday 13th June 2025	Chemistry - Paper 2 Triple - 1hr 45mins exam Combined - 1hr 15mins Exam				Chemistry Paper 2 - dispensation 2 group Normal lessons				Lunch	Physics Prep Sessions			
Week 5													
Monday 16th June 2025	Physics - Paper 2 Triple - 1hr 45mins exam Combined - 1hr 15mins Exam				Physics Paper 2 - dispensation 2 group Spanish Prep Sessions				Lunch	Music Exam - 1hr 15 mins Afternoon Study leave - if appropriate			
Tuesday 17th June 2025	Spanish Writing Foundation 1hr Higher 1hr 15 mins				Leavers Assembly - study leave starts				Lunch				
Wednesday 18th June 2025	Design & Technology Exam 2 hours exam								Lunch				
Tuesday 10th June 2025	Combined - 1hr 15mins Exam Spanish Listening and Reading Foundation 1hr 20 mins Higher 1hr 45 mins				Normal Lessons				Lunch	I media exam - 1hr 30min Maths Prep Sessions			
Wednesday 11th June 2025	Maths Paper 3 1hr 30mins exam				Maths Paper 3 - dispensation 2 group Normal Lessons				Lunch	Geography Paper 3 Prep Sessions Afternoon Study leave - if appropriate			
Thursday 12th June 2025	Geography Paper 3 1hr 30 mins (53)				Chemistry Prep Sessions				Lunch	Hospitality and Catering 1hr 20 mins Afternoon Study leave - if appropriate			
Friday 13th June 2025	Chemistry - Paper 2 Triple - 1hr 45mins exam Combined - 1hr 15mins Exam				Chemistry Paper 2 - dispensation 2 group Normal lessons				Lunch	Physics Prep Sessions			
Week 5													
Monday 16th June 2025	Physics - Paper 2 Triple - 1hr 45mins exam Combined - 1hr 15mins Exam				Physics Paper 2 - dispensation 2 group Spanish Prep Sessions				Lunch	Music Exam - 1hr 15 mins Afternoon Study leave - if appropriate			
Tuesday 17th June 2025	Spanish Writing Foundation 1hr Higher 1hr 15 mins				Leavers Assembly - study leave starts				Lunch				
Wednesday 18th June 2025	Design & Technology Exam 2 hours exam								Lunch				

REVISE

How To Revise/Recap

**1. Summarise**

- Read a topic/chapter/page and summarise into 5 bullet points.

2. 5 Questions

- Read the topic/chapter/page and write your own 5 questions with answers.

3. Definitions

- Pick 5 keywords and write the meaning.

**4. Picture**

- Draw a diagram/picture and label it to explain what it shows

5. Video

- Watch a SHORT video on YouTube on a topic/keyword/concept and pause it at appropriate times to make 5 bullet points.

**6. Quiz**

- Find 10 questions on kahoot, booklet or educake, answer them and make notes on anything you learn or need to remember.

QUIZ!**7. Mind Map**

- Pick a topic and draw a mind map explaining 10 key points.

**8. Copy**

- Pick a topic and read the crucial knowledge.
Copy 5 sentences that you don't remember or understand.

**9. Memory**

- Look at the crucial knowledge for 30 seconds. Cover it up and write down everything you can remember in 30 seconds. Repeat 3 times.

10. Flash Card

- Pick a topic/chapter/page and on the front of the flash card write 5 keywords/phrases or pictures and on the back write what they mean.

**11. Exam Questions/Past Papers**

- Pick a topic and answer exam questions. Ensure you use a mark scheme to check your answers. Past Papers can be found online and downloaded.

12. Worksheets/Workbooks

- Pick a topic and complete a placemat or worksheet on that topic. Ask your teacher and they will print/send you lots. Use your memory first and then use other resources such as the crucial knowledge to help you.

Clubs & Boosters



Clubs (2024-25)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Break Time	Library (all years) Borrow & Return Books	Library (all years) Borrow & Return Books	Library (all years) Borrow & Return Books	Library (all years) Borrow & Return Books	Library (all years) Borrow & Return Books
Lunch P7		Peer Mentoring (Year 7)	Spanish Drop-In (Year 7) Rm. 3	Library (Years 7)	
Lunch P8	Spanish Drop-In (Years 8 + 9) Rm. 3			Library (Years 8 + 9)	Peer Mentoring (Years 8 + 9)
Lunch P9		Peer Mentoring (Years 10 + 11)	KS4 French Club (Rm. 3) Library (Years 10 + 11)		
After School	Library (until 3:35pm) Borrow & Return Books	STEM Club - Rm. 22 Girls Football (APR) all years Boys Football (PS) - Year 8 Swim Club (GF) - all years Basketball (LEH) - Year 7 Library (until 3:35pm) Borrow & Return Books Pokémon Card Club Room 20	Lifesaving (LEH) Year 9 (invite only) Rock Climbing (APR) Yr 10 & 11 (invite only) Handball (PS) Years 9, 10 & 11 Pokémon Card Club Room 20 Dance Club Dance Studio (LHi)	Badminton (GF/APR) - all years Book Club (all years) Library Boys Football Fixtures (PS/LEH) - Yr 8 Book Club (all years) Library Library (until 3:35pm) Borrow & Return Books	



Boosters (2024-25)



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School		Geography Booster (Rm. 28)			
Lunch P9			French Booster (Rm 3)		
After School	Music & Drama Drop-In D&T iMedia Drop-In (SH/LTa)	Science Booster (Science Dept.) English Booster (see rota) Child Dev. / Health & Social Cwk Drop-In (Rm. 27 - BB) Business Booster (Y11) D&T iMedia Drop-In (SH/LTa)	English Booster (Invitation Only) German Booster Rm. 4 D&T iMedia Drop-In (SH/LTa)	Spanish Booster Rm. Rm. 1 + 2 Maths Booster Rm. 10 Higher Rm. 11 Foundation Religious Studies (Rm. 34 KO) Business Booster (Y10) D&T iMedia Drop-In (SH/LTa)	Italian Booster Rm. 3 History Booster Rm. 24 Geography Booster (Rm. 28) D&T iMedia Drop-In (SH/LTa)



2024-2025 Summer Term 1 PE Extra Curricular Timetable



Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 7, 8 & 9 Lunchtime	Astro	Astro	Astro	Astro	Astro
Year 10 & 11 Lunchtime	Astro	Astro	Astro	Astro	Astro
After School (3:05-4:00pm)	Staff Meeting Night Boxing (GF) – Invite only	Rugby (LEH) – Year 7 Girls Handball (PS) – Year 9 & 10	Dance (LHi) – All Years Girls Rounders (APR & GF) – All Years Boys Handball (PS) – Year 9 Lifesaving (LEH) – Invite Only	Boys Football Fixture (PS/LEH) - Year 7 Girls Rounders Fixtures (APR & GF) – All Years	

How poetry can save your soul and the world.

But does it make us better people? Alien to many and unfamiliar to most, this ancient art form claims deep and mysterious powers. Today, we examine what they are.



There is no doubt: words are powerful. UNESCO Director-General Audrey Azoulay says poetry can "open doors to others, enrich dialogue and is more necessary than ever in turbulent times".

We find poems in every culture, going back to the dawn of civilisation. They tell sweeping stories like the *Epic of Gilgamesh*, the world's oldest poem. Or they can convey the intimate truths of the human heart, from Shakespeare's love sonnets to Rumi's mysticism.

And they make history. Last year, Amanda Gorman became the youngest poet to speak at a US presidential inauguration, aged 22. Her books skyrocketed to the top spots on Amazon and she was the first poet to be invited to perform at the Super Bowl.

Despite all this, poetry is often viewed as inaccessible, foolish and pointless. "Many more people agree they hate poetry," says critic Ben Lerner, "than can agree what poetry is". So is this *metrophobia* justified, or is there a compelling case for poetry today?

people are turning to poetry, says Susannah Herbert of the **Forward Arts Foundation**: "There is a hunger out there for more nuanced and memorable forms of language."

But are they "the best words in their best order"? And do they breathe and burn? These are not frivolous questions. UNESCO believes poetry can help bring peace, dialogue and "human progress" to the world.

But does it make us better people?

Well-versed

Its biggest critic was the ancient Greek philosopher Plato. He denounced poetry as "the mother of all lies" for trying to persuade with emotions instead of logical argument. He threw the poets out of his ideal state, along with playwrights and painters.

The Tudor satirist Stephen Gosson agreed, lumping poets in with "pipers, players and jesters", immoral entertainers who waste their time corrupting society. His attack inspired *An Apology for Poetry*, a vigorous defence of literature by poet Philip Sidney.

Poetry can "teach and delight", wrote Sidney. Its supporters say reading and writing poems helps us understand ourselves and other people. It shows us that we share the same complex feelings with people we have never met, or who are long dead.

"Poetry improves us," says poet Brad Leithauser, by making us "slow down". We pay attention to the sound and rhythm of words. We become calmer and happier, more empathetic and less judgemental.

In 1922, the American writer Edmund Wilson asked: *Is Verse a Dying Technique?* Ever since, critics have lamented the "death of poetry" and plummeting book sales. The truth is the exact opposite. In the UK, readers spent £12.35m on poetry in 2020 – an all-time high.

Young readers and young poets are driving the new boom. Instapoets like Rupi Kaur use social media to share their work. In times of crisis and uncertainty,

Yes: Reading poetry makes us attentive and performing gives us the confidence of public speaking. Memorising poems trains our focus and memory. Writing them helps us understand and communicate our feelings.

No: Poetry encourages us to stay wrapped up in our emotions. It celebrates vague and obscure language when we need clarity and purpose. Instead of messing around with words, we should learn practical skills.

Or... Poetry is pointless and that's the point. We spend too much of our time trying to improve ourselves and the world. But something doesn't have to be useful to be valuable and give us pleasure.

English Department

What is Sora?

Sora is our online reading platform - it means that you have access to thousands of ebooks, audiobooks and graphic novels for free!



Using Sora

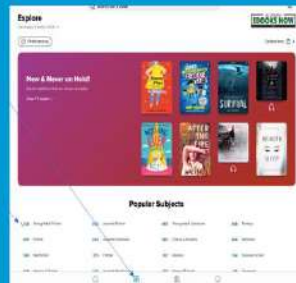
Go on either: <https://soraapp.com/welcome> or look for Sora in the App Store.

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Press the green button under the Sora logo and select our school from the list.



Press the 'explore' tab at the bottom of the screen to show the titles that are available.



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English Stars of the Week!

Mrs Parton - Jade West - she is a super star. Consistently contributing to classroom discussion and showing a wonderful enthusiasm for the subject.

Miss Egan - Archie Lovatt - Archie has been amazing this week, it has been lovely to see him take pride in his work and give 100% effort!

Miss Wedgwood - Ella Scott 8/2Y - has produced some amazing essays over the year and has improved so much!! Really proud of how you are getting on Ella.

Miss White - Maci Walford - for producing amazing annotations of our Power and Conflict poems, and working incredibly hard in every lesson 😊

Mrs Allen - Daniel Gater - for his enthusiasm and contributions to our lessons this week. Well done!

Mrs Durrant - Lilly Petrillo for her beautiful contributions to learning this week by reading the part of Lucy in Dracula 😊

Week		Tuesday	Wednesday
1	Date	29th April	30th April
	Staff	KW	KM
	Focus	Lit P1	Lit P1
2	Date	6th May	7th May
	Staff	EW	NE
	Focus	Lit P1	Lit P1
3	Date	13th May	14th May
	Staff	AP	KMn
	Focus	Lit P2	Lit P2
4	Date	19th May (MONDAY)	22nd May (THURSDAY)
	Staff	Lit P2	GA
	Focus	Lang P1	Lang P1

MFL Department

Miss Moscatti's Stars of the Week
Holly Lea and Naomi Riley for excellent work this week on the new topic of Holidays.

Mrs Knight's Star of the Week
Lois Bartlow for her amazing participation and leadership qualities

Mrs Orton's Star of the Week
Demilee Holdcroft for her brilliant work during her Writing exam. She tried her best and I was very proud of her efforts. Keep up the good work!

Miss Corn's Star of the Week
Destiny Hilditch for the outstanding effort she has put into preparing her German General Conversation questions this week

Mrs Rutter's Stars of the Week
Will Bayley and Stephen Mayer for their improved attitude and hard work preparing for their French speaking assessments

Miss Mendez's Star of the Week
Kristina Lawton for completing all the work that was set for cover during her Spanish lesson with me this week. Really well done, Krissy, you are amazing!

Miss Mosteiro's Star of the Week
Hishw Nabaz really good work at Spanish this week, she is really hardworking and brilliant in lessons. Well done.

Mr Whitehead's Star of the Week
Oscar Smith (11/3 Spanish) for creating a great piece of writing in the lesson.

Fill the gaps with the verbs

- el pelo rubio.
- En mi ciudad visitar los museos.
- En mi colegio muchas aulas y un comedor nuevo.
- una persona deportista.
- Los fines de semana natación.
- En el futuro ser abogado.
- Cuando hace calor a la playa con mis amigos.
- Cada sábado el partido de futbol con mi padre.
- Suelo comer ensalada ya que sana.
- Si hace buen tiempo al baloncesto en el parque.

Tengo
 Soy
 Juego
 Veo
 Hay
 Es
 Se puede
 Hago
 Voy
 Quiero

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Top 10: Past tense

Jugué	I ate	Fui	It was	Lo encontré
I went	Comí	There was/were	Había	I bought
Vi	I visited	Era	I did	Hice
I found it	Compré	I played	Visité	I watched

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Top 10: Future Tense

Wordsnake	Future Tense verbs	Translation
Voyair	Voy a ir	I am going to go
Voyacomer		
Voyahacer		
Voyaser		
Voyavisitar		
Voyabeber		
Voyaver		
Voyajugar		
vaaser		
vaatener		

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FRENCH BOOSTERS TIMETABLE

Monday and Wednesday

TERM 2.2

24/02	Theme 1 recap
26/02	Theme 2 recap
03/03	Theme 3 recap
05/03	Mini mock listening exam prep
10/03	Mini mock reading exam prep
12/03	Mini mock writing exam prep
17/03	Topic - students' choice
19/03	General conversation practise
24/03	Role Play practise
26/03	Photocard practise
31/03	Final speaking exam prep
07/04	Reading exam prep
09/04	Listening exam prep

German Boosters Timetable

WEDNESDAY

TERM 2.2

26/02	Celebrity Culture recap
05/03	Travel and Tourism recap
12/03	Translation skills
19/03	General Conversation catch up
26/03	Listening and reading practise
02/04	Writing practise
09/04	Speaking practise

Spanish Boosters Timetable

THURSDAY

TERM 2.2

06/03	Final Speaking Exam prep - Y11	MM/MO/MMZ/CM
13/03	Final Speaking exam prep - Y11	CK/IR/NC
20/03	Final Speaking exam prep - Y11 -	HF/MM
27/03	Final Speaking exam prep - Y11	All

ITALIAN BOOSTERS

FRIDAY ROOM 3

24/01	Listening and Reading - Theme 1
31/01	Listening and Reading - Theme 2
07/02	Listening and Reading - Theme 3
14/02	Translation skills
28/02	Speaking practise - GC
07/03	Speaking practise - GC
14/03	Speaking practise - GC
21/03	Speaking practise - GC
28/03	Speaking practise - GC



Educake



14,167 questions in total have been answered w/b 3rd May
Well done, CCSC



Y8 – 5,491 questions

Y7 – 3,522 questions



Y9 – 2,794 questions

Student	Year	Class(es)	Qs Answered	% Correct	Student	Year	Class(es)	Qs Answered	% Correct
1 Mohammad Khan	8	SCI - 8/1y CD	799	91%	1 Ava Haley	7	SCI - 7/1y EF	239	40%
2 Leah Johnson	10	SCI - 10/1y SS	248	78%	2 Aimee Tsui	7	SCI - 7/1x SS	206	90%
3 Ava Haley	7	SCI - 7/1y EF	239	40%	3 Jade West	7	SCI - 7/5 PF	145	73%
4 Aimee Tsui	7	SCI - 7/1x SS	206	90%	4 Paige Meredith	7	SCI - 7/5 PF	135	74%
5 Ebonnie Watts *	8	SCI - 8/2y MC	184	97%	5 Anderson Turner	7	SCI - 7/1y EF	129	81%
6 calixta issa	11	SCI - 11/1y EF	183	75%	6 Joshua Milner	7	SCI - 7/1y EF	120	99%
7 Kasie Pinnock	10	SCI - 10/1y SS	152	76%	7 Doxa Adesomoju	7	SCI - 7/1x SS	113	61%
8 Jade West	7	SCI - 7/5 PF	145	73%	8 Harvey Hibbs	7	SCI - 7/4 KE	109	72%
9 Paige Meredith	7	SCI - 7/5 PF	135	74%	9 Lexie Grand	7	SCI - 7/4 KE	108	58%
10 Liam Carter	9	SCI - 9/3 PF	134	72%	10 Ayush Valand	7	SCI - 7/5 PF	107	78%

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2 Ebonnie Watts *	8	SCI - 8/2y MC	184	97%	2 Layton Hollingsworth-Bowen	9	SCI - 9/3 PF	124	45%
3 Scarlett Wilson	8	SCI - 8/1y CD	120	62%	3 Sean Taperek	9	SCI - 9/3 PF	122	61%
4 Maisie Woodcock	8	SCI - 8/1y CD	76	79%	4 Maddison Harrison	9	SCI - 9/3 PF	104	47%
5 Dylan Jones	8	SCI - 8/1y CD	72	88%	5 Alfie Lovatt	9	SCI - 9/3 PF	96	92%
6 Nyal Hughes *	8	SCI - 8/1x MP	63	49%	6 Logan Wilton	9	SCI - 9/1x KE	90	84%
7 Lottie Lee *	8	SCI - 8/1y CD	54	91%	7 Michael Vennall	9	SCI - 9/4 KE	90	56%
8 Angel Colton	8	SCI - 8/1y CD	54	65%	8 Cara Daley	9	SCI - 9/1x KE	70	69%
9 Tobias Lindsay	8	SCI - 8/1y CD	54	61%	9 Amika WEERASINGHA	9	SCI - 9/1x KE	66	71%
10 William Longstaff	8	SCI - 8/1y CD	54	74%	10 Emilia Ruggieri	9	SCI - 9/2y CD	66	92%

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3 Evie Patrick	10	SCI - 10/1y SS	128	59%	3 Lennon Booth	11	SCI - 11/1x PF	56	75%
4 Isabelle Timmis	10	SCI - 10/1y SS	92	58%	4 Brooklyn Winsper	11	SCI - 11/2y KE	43	91%
5 Swayze Washington	10	SCI - 10/2w KE	66	98%	5 Lucy Taylorcottam	11	SCI - 11/4 CD	40	45%
6 Maisie Woodward	10	SCI - 10/2w KE	57	74%	6 Casey Colclough	11	SCI - 11/2y KE	31	87%
7 Skye Powers	10	SCI - 10/2y CD	55	78%	7 Sonny Dyer	11	SCI - 11/2y KE	24	63%
8 Mia Murphy	10	SCI - 10/2w KE	45	78%	8 Lewis Cornwell	11	SCI - 11/4 CD	21	38%
9 Charlie Burns	10	SCI - 10/2w KE	45	49%	9 Pappy Blackshaw	11	SCI - 11/2y KE	18	61%
10 Lewis Shaw-Phelan	10	SCI - 10/2w KE	45	76%	10 Erin Mountford	11	SCI - 11/1x PF	15	80%



- PSCHE – Exploring pathways
- Opportunities with Higher Horizons begin
- Parent Workshops – Helping your child with their future choices
- Business and Enterprise Day
- Careers Week
- Employer Encounters in Lessons
- Careers Links on the Newsletter

- PSCHE – CV Writing and Applications
- Opportunities (apprenticeships/training) advertised on Teams pages
- Parent/Pupil newsletter sent out regularly
- Careers Interviews continue
- SLT Interviews
- College/University Taster sessions
- College/University/Training provider assemblies
- Careers Evening
- Contact continues after Year 11



- PSCHE – Start Programme
- Creative Learning Week
- BUZZ Quiz
- START Programme
- Assemblies and Topic of the Week
- Careers Week
- Employer Encounters in Lessons
- Careers Links on the Newsletter

- PSCHE – Employability
- Options Process/Options Evening
- START Programme
- Assemblies and Topic of the Week
- RAF, Cadets and STEM opportunities
- Big Bang Event
- Careers Week
- Option Taster Sessions
- Employer Encounters in Lessons

- PSCHE – Work Experience, Myth busting and Stereotypes
- Careers Interviews (Mark Stubbs)
- Work Experience
- Post 16 Week
- Mentoring with Career ready
- Careers Ambassadors
- Higher Horizons – curriculum opportunities
- College/University/Training provider assemblies
- Careers Evening
- Careers Week
- Employer Encounters in Lessons

CCSC Careers Programme

Colleges

Newcastle College

<https://nscg.ac.uk/events/newcastle-openevents>



Stoke on Trent College

<https://www.stokecoll.ac.uk/open-events/>



Cheshire College

<https://www.ccsw.ac.uk>



Cheshire College South & West

STOKE ON TRENT COLLEGE

Reaseheath College

<https://www.reaseheath.ac.uk>



Stoke 6th Form

<https://www.stokesfc.ac.uk>



Alsager 6th Form

<https://www.alsagerschool.org/alsager-6th-form/>

Kings 6th Form

<https://thekings.staffs.sch.uk/welcome-1/>

PM Training (Achieve training)

<https://www.achievetraining.org.uk/events>



Equality Training

<https://equality.training>

Martec Training

<https://www.martectraining.co.uk>



OPEN EVENTS 2024/25

Pre-registering for the events via the college website is highly recommended. Please check college / provider websites for further information and any last-minute changes

Newcastle College (NSCG) 01782 715111

<https://nscg.ac.uk>

9th October 2024	5:30pm – 8:00pm	14th November 2024	5:30pm – 8:00pm
25th January 2025	10:00am – 12 noon.	5th April 2025	10:00am – 12 noon

Reaseheath College 01270 625131

<https://www.reaseheath.ac.uk>

28th September 2024	10:00am – 2:00pm	19th October 2024	23rd November 2024
18th January 2025		08th February 2025	22nd March 2025
26th April 2025		14th June 2025	

Cheshire College 01270 654654, (Crewe campus)

<https://www.ccsw.ac.uk>

09th October 2024	5:30pm – 8:00pm
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(More to be announced)

Stoke-On-Trent College 01782 208208, (Burslem & Caudon)

<https://www.stokecoll.ac.uk>

16th October 2024	5:00pm -7:30pm	27th November 2024	5:00pm -7:30pm
5th March 2025	5:00pm -7:30pm	10th May 2025	10:00am – 1:00pm
25th June 2025	5:00pm - 7:30pm		

Stoke Sixth Form College 01782 848736

<https://www.stokesfc.ac.uk>

08th October 2024	5:00pm - 7:00pm.	20th November 2024	5:00pm - 7:00pm
25th February 2025	5:00pm - 7:00pm		

Buxton & Leek College 0800 074 0099

<https://www.blc.ac.uk>

05th October 2024	10:00am – 1:00pm	21st November 2024	5:00pm – 7:00pm
13th February 2025	5:00pm – 7:00pm	29th March 2025	10:00am – 1:00pm

Visit websites below for information / forthcoming events at:

MARTEC Training	https://www.martectraining.co.uk
E.Quality Training, (Newcastle, Hanley, Stafford centres)	https://equality.training

School 6th Forms:

Alsager School	https://www.alsagerschool.org
The King's CofE Academy (Kidsgrove)	https://thekingscofecacademy.org
Trinity 6 th Form	https://www.saintjohnfishercc.co.uk/sj-f-sixth-form
St Joseph's College (Trani Vale)	https://www.stjosephstrentvale.com
Blythe Bridge 6 th Form	https://www.bb-hs.co.uk

Westwood College (Leek)

<https://www.ttitl.org.uk>

BEES

There are over 250 species of bee in the UK.

- There are 24 types of bumblebee.
- We have just one type of honeybee.
- Around 90% of all species are solitary bees: a huge group that includes mason bees, mining bees, leaf-cutter bees and countless more.



Bees are vital to the UK's ecosystem and food production due to their role as pollinators. They facilitate the reproduction of many plants, including crucial food crops, and support the wider biodiversity of wild plants and wildlife. Honeybees, in particular, contribute to the pollination of a significant portion of the UK's insect-pollinated crops. If bees were to go extinct, it would have devastating consequences for ecosystems and human food supplies. A recent study analysed species-level trends between 1980 and 2019; they found that a third of species have decreased in that time, the situation was especially bad for solitary bees that had decreased by 32%.

5 ways to help bee populations (and in particular those solitary bees).

<p>Grow bee-friendly plants</p> <p>Bee's favourites are purple flowering plants like lavender and buddleia. They reflect UV light which bees use to see.</p>	<p>Make a bee hotel</p> <p>There are lots of fun project ideas on the internet. Water trays should have pebbles or stones to enable bees to access and egress.</p>	<p>Install a bee brick</p> <p>Include it as part of your bee hotel? Make one with help from an adult?</p>	<p>Plant a wildlife meadow</p> <p>Most of us don't have a meadow so just use a small area of garden or even a tub or pot.</p>	<p>Don't use pesticides.</p> <p>Most people no longer use pesticides in their garden, already. Do not use anything containing neonicotinoids.</p>

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Bees

(Walk To School Week
20 World Bees Awareness, 22 International Day of Biological Diversity)
(Week beginning 19th May 2025)

<https://www.unifrog.org/teacher/resources/sort/know-how-student-launch-video-11-14>



Theme of the week

REMEMINDER

Bees

Don't forget to check you emails and Teams DAILY to complete your homework quizzes/assignments!

Have an idea, event or news that you want to share in next week's edition please email

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