



The COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL Leftwich

Achieving Excellence

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Dear Parent/Carer,

After a busy half-term we have lots to celebrate. The new build is progressing well, without disturbing learning, though the drilling was a bit of a challenge at points! Thank you for supporting our requests to ease congestion on the roads around school. Students and staff have Achieved Excellence in many ways and can be seen on our media platforms and on this [sway](#). Details of the planning for the upcoming strike days and events in the term ahead are shared below.

Aspiration

There have been lots of points where students and staff have aimed high and excelled:

- Years 7 and 8 led the way with the largest majority of the 160 silver and 350 bronze Achieving Excellence awards which were given out in assemblies.
- Year 9 completed their ST1 exams and future scientists visited the Catalyst Discovery Centre.
- Students from Years 9 and 10 competed in the UKMT Maths Challenge.
- Year 11 are working hard on their ST2 exams after revision masterclass assemblies.
- Staff have been completing learning walks, quality assuring the teaching in our classrooms.
- Teaching staff looked at impactful assessment and feedback to help students progress.
- Support Staff have begun their performance management meetings, celebrating the many ways in which they achieve excellence and support our success.

Kindness

We have focused on showing care for ourselves and others in a variety of ways:

- Year 6 Explorers from Kingsmead and Leftwich have joined us to get a taste of life at CHSL.
- We completed the fire drill safely following changes to routes because of the new build
- Years 7, 8 and 9 had their flu nasal vaccinations.
- Our out of uniform day raised £613 for Year 8's charities: support for the earthquake relief efforts in Turkey and Syria and Mind, the mental health charity.
- The Leftwich Consultative Group met to discuss staff and student wellbeing and school values.
- Staff training this half-term focused on Inclusion and how our Working Together Programme, can develop our communication and work with parents/carers to best support our students.

Pride

We have been proud of who we are and the success of others in lots of ways:

- Year 11 had their whole-school photograph to capture a key moment in their time at CHSL.
- Students loved watching the dress rehearsal of Little Shop of Horrors at Sir John Deane's 6th Form College.



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- We celebrated lots of sporting success in table tennis, cross-country, football, hockey and netball.
- Year 7 and Year 10 parents/carers met with subject teachers at Progress Evenings.
- WOW awards, for staff who went above and beyond, were presented to Miss Delaney, Mrs Taylor, Mr Boylan and Mrs Bowen.
- Mr Webster and Mr Smith completed their NPQ qualifications and Mrs Turner became a Specialist Assessor for exam access arrangements.
- We welcome Mrs Martin, Miss McDougall and Miss Younis who have joined us as LSAs.

Advanced Notice

On **Tuesday 28th February** school will be affected by the national dispute between the NEU and the government over pay and conditions and its effect on retaining the best staff in the profession to teach our students. After careful review and risk assessment, the following arrangements will be in place:

- School will be **open** as normal for all **Year 11 students**. School will be closed to Years 7, 8, 9 and 10. For identified students who require additional support, we will contact those families directly regarding arrangements.
- Year 11 students will be taught GCSE booster sessions and be completing their mandatory NEAs.
- Students in Years 7-10 will follow their timetable at home. **Live lessons** will be provided on Teams and students can access resources on Google Classrooms or Teams.
- Further strikes are planned for the 15th and 16th March. We plan to try to have additional year groups in school.

More detail about arrangements will be provided on **Monday 27th February**.

Coming up Next Term

- Learning Leaders from across the Foundation will meet to discuss leadership and legacy.
- World Book Day will be celebrated on 2nd March.
- Year 9 have their Progress Evening on the 9th March and Options Information Evening is 14th March.
- Year 10 Junior Leader applications and interviews take place in March and Mock Interview Day with employers is on the 20th March.
- Years 10 and 11 are on a Blood Brothers trip on the 16th March.
- Our first Drama Showcase is hosted on the 22nd March.
- Year 11 have a Progress Evening on the 23rd March, following ST2. This will be in-person and will focus on the steps needed for GCSE success.
- We enter the Lego robot competition on the 27th March.

While next half term will be one of our shortest, we look forward to the purposeful and exciting opportunities we have planned for our students and staff to continue to work together to Achieve Excellence. Thank you for your continued support. Have a lovely break.

Yours faithfully,



Mr R Warburton
Headteacher

