



## NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back and I hope you have had a restful half term break, as we begin to negotiate the autumnal weather, can I remind parents and carers to ensure that students are well equipped with hats and umbrellas if needed. Our Year 11 students have returned to mock exams this week and I am pleased to report that the students handled themselves well and were respectful, as usual.

I was extremely proud to see our Lead Practitioner in English, Ms Sinclair, present a session at a recent national education conference, talking about her experience of student transition from school to sixth form.

Another huge news event for our school recently was when Year 10 student Rhyal S met with West Brom forward, Brandon Thomas-Asante and brother of Cyrille Regis, to have an open and honest discussion regarding racism. The event was part of Black History Month and the Strike a Change programme, which some of our Year 10 boys are involved with. Well done to Rhyal for representing himself and the school so well. You can watch a clip on our Twitter account.

Well done to the Year 13 students who helped out with a local litter pick during the holidays, such great role model behaviour.

We have had a couple of trips out this week, firstly our new CCF students visited The National Memorial Arboretum at Lichfield. The students were a credit to the school and the CCF. Also this week, Some Year 13 students visited Gloucester University to take a look around the campus. Again, we had great feedback on students' conduct.

This week we also hosted a Year 7 settling in evening where parents and carers had the opportunity to come in and chat to teachers, they also learned about ClassCharts which we use to communicate with parents about homework and behaviour. Parents and carers of Years 8-11 are invited in for the same session on 10th November, please do try to attend.

Next week we are very much looking forward to hosting our regular Remembrance Service which the whole school will be involved with. We are without our regular bugler, so if you know of someone who plays the bugle, please ask them to get in touch with school. Please send some spare change to buy a poppy from our CCF sellers.

You may have seen an upcoming RSA (royal society for arts, manufactures and commerce) event taking place at Holly Lodge; our very own SENCO, Ms Richardson is leading an Inclusion event on 17th November and you can book tickets online.

We have some SEND cafés taking place in school soon, parents and carers are able to come in and chat to staff about any SEND issues or queries, please see the next page for dates and times.

Good luck to all students taking part in the Sandwell Dodgeball Competition in the coming weeks.



Best Regards

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Did you miss? Well done to staff who raised over £320 for @macmillancancer with a cake sale last month.  
#Community #Charity #cancersupport



✓ Campus Tour  
✓ Lunch

In for a UCAS Application and Personal Statement talk now...



9 of @HollyLodgeCCF RAF section completed the ground training for their Blue Wings today. Thank you to fantastic staff @632VGS for an amazing day. Hope to be back soon with more of our cadets. Hopefully we can find somewhere for them to get in the air very soon!!!



It was a pleasure to have Liam from @WestBromBC in school once again today delivering Basketball to our Year 9 boys! The sessions were great 🙌

#ambition #opportunity #community



@HollyLodgeCCF new recruits were taken to @Nat\_Mem\_Arb today. They were a credit to the @CCFcadets and @HollyLodge\_B67



Year 12 were also very busy in Edgbaston at the @UKUniSearch Fair. Lots of advice and information on hand from different sectors and from all over the UK.  
#opportunities



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- 07/11 Y11 GCSE Art Evening
- 08/11 Y10/12 Wolves Theatre
- 10/11 Y8-11 ClassCharts
- 11/11 Remembrance Day
- 14/11 Y8 and 9 SEND Parent Café 2pm
- 17/11 RSA Inclusion Event
- 21/11 Y10 and 11 SEND Parent Café 2pm