

Principal's Report

This has been a long and difficult term for the Centre School, but I think we have managed really well and have still given students some great experiences which you will be able to read about in this newsletter. The staff have remained tirelessly enthusiastic and positive; collectively they have done a great job.

We have seen huge progress in reading this term and, hopefully, all students will continue to do a little bit of practice over the holidays. We have notified some students about the Summer School and look forward to this being a great success and also providing an opportunity for incoming students to meet some of the staff and students.

I hope that you all remain well over the holidays and that we can look forward to a positive start in September.



Sue Raven



There are lots more photos and info on our Facebook page, Twitter feed and Instagram page. You can get to these from the home page of the Centre School website.

The school website is www.astreacentreschool.org

Art visit



Moyse's Hall Museum in Bury St Edmunds has got an amazing exhibition of modern art running this summer. CLM visited with a small group of students, and then Laura organised two trips for her Art groups. Dan, the curator, led two brilliant tours for the groups, explaining the artwork and telling stories from behind the scenes. Don't miss out — go visit!



Leavers' Advice!

What have you enjoyed at The Centre School?

"I have enjoyed coming here for two years. I have made some friendships and had a great time here. Although the main Centre can get a bit loud, I usually go to the Atrium as it's much quieter in there." (EB)

"The lessons are not too long." (GH)

"At the Centre School, I have enjoyed doing NCS and going out to do activities. I also enjoyed doing Art. At the start of my time here, I did hairdressing, so after I leave I've decided to continue that at CRC. While I was here, I made some really good friends who I will definitely be staying in touch with." (NW)

"Afternoons have been pretty good!" (GH)

"For Extended Curriculum, I used the play snooker and go out on walks. I also liked the activity where we used to look for disused railway lines, and looking for historic buildings in Cambridgeshire and Suffolk." (EB)

"I've enjoyed playing football in the park, going to Extreme and footgolf." (GH)

What advice would you give to those still here?

"I'd say this for those starting, make some friends that will hang out with you and help you. Also, go to every lesson - they really aren't as bad as you think!" (NW)

"Come to school and be respectful." (GH)

Joe H



Joe Hinson was a student at the Centre School ten years ago. Apart from Art, he really wasn't interested in any lessons; he only wanted to skate-board. Staff kept saying, "You are going to need a job— you can't earn money skate-boarding." Well, he proved us wrong! He has been a professional boarder for some years, sponsored by board manufacturers, and he competes at the very highest level. Students met up with him recently, kindly organised by Kilo, and Joe signed a broken board as a souvenir for school. What is so special about that broken skate-board?

It's only the one he won the British Championship on....!



Extended Curriculum — golf, ice skating, and pool

The Extended Curriculum, which takes place in the afternoons, provides a welcome break from classroom lessons for most students. This is the time when the relationships are built between students, and with staff. It's where the trust and respect is developed, which plays such an important role in improving student confidence. This then leads, hopefully, to improved attitude to school and better academic levels; it also allows students to try new things and move outside their comfort zones!



DT



We don't get to share many photos from the lessons going on at the Centre School, but here are a couple of images from DT lessons earlier this term.

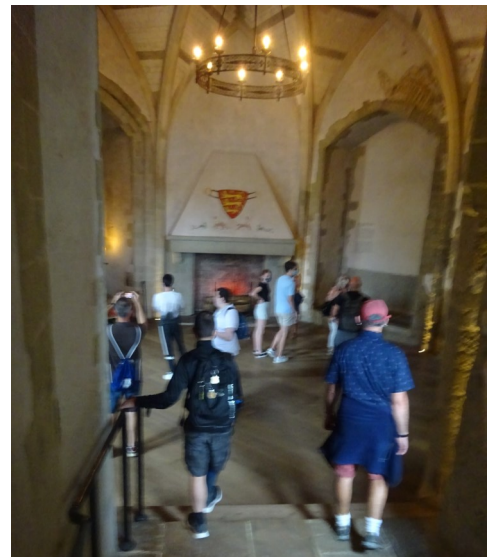
Jack and Zack are experimenting with finishes on the stools they have made.



Tower of London visit



Members of the History Groups finally got to the Tower of London recently, on a trip planned for April 2020! An amazing day absorbing 2000 years of history on this site.



NCS

Sixth-Form students have taken part in the NCS programme this year. They have worked hard on a Community Action Project and attended the NCS Residential.

We are very proud of the Team who held a bake sale raising £110.00 for Jimmy's, Cambridge. Students made a variety of cakes including Ben's Victoria sponge which sold very quickly.

Students also organised a donation drive for Jimmy's collecting a variety of sanitary items and basic food items for the homeless. Jimmy's said they were absolutely over the moon with Centre School donations and how much our students achieved in such a short period of time. Jimmy's was very complimentary about the group and their support, and the NCS team appreciated what Jimmy's do.



The NCS crew also attended a fantastic four day action-filled residential at Gratham Water Activity Centre with Ryan and Rose. During this time they participated in various activities including High Ropes, Archery, Raft building and bush craft. Students pushed themselves beyond their comfort zones, overcoming fears building confidence. The whole group worked very hard with amazing effort in teamwork. Evenings were spent by the fire and lake walks, friendships were built.

A very well done to our young people – The NCS 2021 Group!!

Cam: 'Teamwork is dreamwork'. During Bushcraft skills

Ben: 'Come on princess!' encouraging Olivia

Mark: 'Don't stop Believing'!

Noah: 'Don't be afraid to try new things'

Lysander: 'Strong alone, stronger together'



Blue House Wells Trip



Chris Dunkley's lucky Blue House students had an end-of-year treat — a trip to Wells-next-the-Sea in North Norfolk.

Fish and Chips, bit of crabbing, what's not to like? Well deserved trip Team Blue!



Fishing

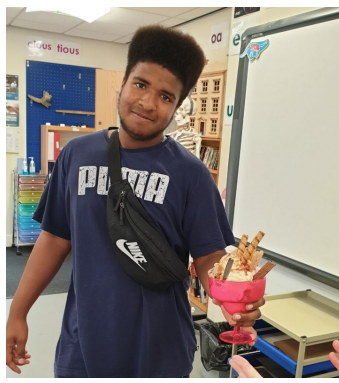


Fishing continues to be an important activity for many of our students. The fishing residential fell foul of Covid, but the annual match went head. Kia achieved a PB carp at 12lb 2oz, and Freddie caught his first fish!



Ice-cream!

Tiffany, our brilliant cooking teacher, is always looking for new ideas for lessons. Recently she came up with a popular plan —
Ice cream!



Dates for next term

There is a Training Day at the beginning of the Autumn Term, and our staff will be coming out for Home Visits on **Friday 3rd September** .

Times of meetings, and the staff coming to see you, will be on the letter sent with this newsletter.

Training Day: **Thursday 2nd September 2021 (closed to students)**

Parent Visits: **Friday 3rd September 2021 (closed to students)**

Term Starts: **Monday 6th September 2021**

Half-term: **Monday 25th October to Friday 29th October 2021**

End of term: **Friday 17th December 2021**