



Charity Support

Wednesday was the final House fundraiser for this year and Cambridge's Blue Day. The total raised so far for Cambridge Nazareth Trust is £650 and we're still counting. This is a superb achievement and follows three very successful days from the other houses. Despite difficult times economically in the country, our students have raised an impressive amounts this year for their various charities. This is commendable and something of which we are all proud.

Not quite what it seemed...?

Last week I wrote about the government's decision not to force all schools to become academies, saying that I felt it was right that each school make its own decision. Since then there has been quite a bit of discussion nationally about the announcement and this has led to a growing concern that enough exceptions have been left in place for the original intention for all schools to be an academy by 2022 to still happen.

This is because the government has reserved the right to force schools to become academies if most schools in the Authority have, or if results in the Authority are below a level which has yet to be announced.

The good news is that this means nothing is going to be forced to happen very soon and so we can continue to make our own decision. As I said last week, governors will discuss this at their meeting on 22 June and I will let you know what they agree via the newsletter.

Year 13

The Leavers' Liturgy will be next Friday morning, after break, and this will be the last formal gathering of our senior students before they commence Study Leave. I will say more about that next week.

Most of these students are already 18 and so I would hope that they have registered to vote in the EU Referendum on 23 June. Last year there was a move to extend the voting age down to 16 but that was not successful. It is therefore important that those students that are old enough to vote do so, but first they must register. This can be done easily at

www.gov.uk/registertovote in just a few minutes. Students will need to provide their National Insurance number, date of birth and address. To vote in the referendum they need to register to vote by midnight **7 June 2016**. If they can't vote in person on the day they can apply online for a postal vote. They can also register at the address where they will be living on 23 June if this is different to their term time address.

Parents' Evening

Thank you to those parents who attended Parents' Evening on Tuesday. I hope the session was useful for you. Several teachers were booked up early so please do make appointments online as soon as the invitation is received.

Sean Hayes



Merits

I am delighted to announce that during the school year almost 82,000 merits have been awarded, which means an average of 100 merits per student – how many do you have?

Following a review of the policy you told us that you would like to be awarded with vouchers that you can spend and our first presentations will take place to Year 11 and 13 before they leave us next week. We have agreed to present Queensgate vouchers which can be redeemed in most shops in the Queensgate Centre in Peterborough.

In addition we now have 7 members of the school who have qualified for the St John Fisher Award having collected over 400 merits. Well done to those students who will be invited to our special Celebration of Achievement award in July.

There are a few more weeks left for you all to work hard and be recognised by your teachers and gain a few more merits before the system closes for the year and all the vouchers will be awarded at assembly.

Remember the Bronze Award of 100 merits will get you a voucher of £5, the Silver Award of 200 merits will get you a voucher of £10 and finally the Gold Award of 300 merits will get you a voucher of £15. A special reward trip is currently being organised and further detail will follow.

Remember you need to have your planner in all lessons so that merits can be awarded and all your merits go towards the overall House Award and the results so far indicate that Cambridge House is out in first position.

Keep up the good work.

Mr Van Lier

Learning Leaders

Congratulations go to Year 9 students Amber Sultan and Chinazo Okeke, who have been awarded Learning Leader status in Science.

Ms Wilson

Duke of Edinburgh's Award News

Expedition 21 and 22 May

This weekend sees our current batch of D of E Bronze participants going away for their Bronze practice expedition. This will involve walking all day Saturday and Sunday, with fully loaded rucksacks in unfamiliar territory using maps and compasses. The group will also set up camp near Rutland Water and will cook all their own meals - with not a pot noodle in sight!

They will learn to work together and deal with all manner of problems. These skills they learn will set them in good stead for adult life.

All of our current D of E participants are presently contributing to our school community and the wider neighbourhood by being reading buddies, attending after school clubs such as rounders and badminton clubs and several are helping with local charities as well. Our school community is very proud of our DofE participants. Well done.

Mr Jones and the DofE Staff Team

Sports News

In PE lessons we have been doing a lot of Athletics over recent weeks. This week has mainly been the High Jump event. The year 9 boys have produced some fantastic results. Last Tuesday Zac Findley equalled the Year 9 record which had stood for over 10 years - the previous record holder was called Darnell Haughton who recorded a jump of 1.50m in 2004. With this in mind my other Year 9 group were up for the challenge of trying to beat it! Dario Balde produced one of the best jumps I have seen with a superb effort of 1.55m to beat the record by 5cm, much to the cheers and applause of the class. Well done Dario - a fantastic achievement!

Frederico Francisco in Year 10 also equalled the school record for year 10, which again has stood since 2004. Freddie had an unorthodox technique in that he was going over forwards, despite this he achieved a staggering 1.80m. Another fantastic effort! Well done.

Mr Plane

Exams next week

A full timetable is on the website and students have personal timetables. Parents are asked to check at least the day before to ensure students know what exam they have, when and that they have the right equipment.

	Hot Tips Sessions	Morning (09.00)	Afternoon (13.00)
Monday 23 May		Economics (AS level) English Language (A & AS level) English Literature (GCSE)	Psychology (AS level) Religious Studies (GCSE)
Tuesday 24 May	8.10 – 8.30 Media / Rm 101	Media (GCSE) Physics (AS level) Sociology (A & AS level) Physical Education (A level) Spanish (A level)	Geography (GCSE) Business (AS level)
Wednesday 25 May	8.00 – 8.30 Business / Rm 103	Portuguese (GCSE) Business Studies (GCSE) Maths (A level) Polish (A level)	Physics (GCSE) History (A level)
Thursday 26 May	8.00 – 8.30 Maths / Maths rms	Maths (GCSE)	Biology (AS & A level)
Friday 27 May	8.00 – 8.40 English / Rm 112	Chemistry (AS & A level) English Literature (GCSE)	General Studies (A level)

Revision Sessions will be running over half term as follows:

Subject	Staff	Room	Tuesday 31 May	Wednesday 1 June	Thursday 2 June	Friday 3 June
English	Mrs Wilmore	402	Year 12			
Maths	Mr Adebusuyi	201	Year 11	Year 11	Year 11	
Science	Mrs Shaw	307		Year 11	Year 12	
Science	Mrs Elliott	311			Year 12	
Drama	Mr Burgess	501		Year 13		
RE	Mr Reilly	207				Year 13
Business	Mr Echendu	103		Year 11	Year 11	