



HLA News

Friday 22nd September 2023



Dear Families,

3 weeks in and all of our students are very settled and engaged.

This week we were featured on ITV Anglia coming in to film a piece about new starters to special schools and the pressure of places within specialist provision. The report was great and I hope you managed to watch it. Also thank you for the lovely comments following the broadcast, it is nice to hear we are making a difference to children and their families.

This week we had some musicians visiting our school from Jessie's Fund. They came in to work with the students on a variety of musical projects as well as giving our staff some valuable CPD opportunities. The engagement in the sessions was fantastic and they are coming back to do some more sessions next week. They kindly did the work with us for free which we are extremely grateful for. It was lovely to move around school hearing music and everyone being so happy.

In order to maintain our extra-curricular activities such as food technology and creative arts where students can keep what they have made remind all parents for a payment of £7.50 per term. We understand that times are tough at the moment but would appreciate any payments so that we can maintain this great provision. This can be processed via Parent Pay. If you have not set up your account yet please do speak to Laura in the main office.

This week some of our students in Year 11 had their second visit to CRC. This is part of their transition to college and adulthood. They were all very proud to get their ID badges and took pleasure in telling me they visited Costa (to apply preparing for adulthood skills of course!). It is great that we can give our students these valuable opportunities and help them to progress. Our students will be attending on rotation so if your child has not attended yet there will be lots more opportunities later in the year.

Our first parents evening of the year is taking place on Wednesday 27th September between 3.30 and 6.30. This will give you an opportunity to discuss priorities for the year with your child's class teacher. You can choose between meeting at school in the hall or via Teams/telephone call. Letters have been sent out so please return your slip to choose your preference of a 10 minute slot. Teachers will then message to allocate appointments and organise Teams meetings.

Our school council organised a Jeans for Genes event today. Lots of students took part and came to school wearing their jeans. We are busy adding up the totals and will let you know how much we raise soon!

With all best wishes,

Yvonne Skillern

Head of School



Important Information



- Don't forget to ensure your child's belongings are all named so that they get back to the correct owner if mislaid.
- Parents evening is on Wednesday 27th September between 3.30 and 6.30. Teachers will be arranging slots and booking Teams meetings shortly. If your child has an annual review this term please **DO NOT** book a slot.
- Don't forget to contribute £7.50 per term if you are able towards our extra-curricular activities. This can be done via Parent Pay as we are a cashless school.
- We have the Flu Vaccination Clinic being held at school on 25th September. Forms should already have been returned as today was the deadline.
- There is a school nursing clinic being held at school on 2nd October. If you wish to discuss any health issues the nurses are available. Please book via ccs-tr.snsn@nhs.net or call 01223 218061.
- We are a nut free school so please do not send in any products containing nuts.

School Attendance

This week's whole school attendance was **94.5%**. We want to promote high levels of attendance and punctuality as when pupils are not at school they are missing out on valuable learning. Another great improvement on last week, keep it up! Thank you for continuing to work collaboratively with us.

Just a reminder that requests for absence for holidays in term time will not be authorised.

Online Safety Tip of the Week:

Privacy!

- ◆ Always make sure your settings really ARE private so YOU choose who can see your account
- ◆ Don't give out any personal details
- ◆ Don't discuss your problems online
- ◆ If you think your account's been hacked, report it and change it

Emotion of the Week:



Our emotion of the week is **ANGRY**. We will be working with the students to recognise this emotion, how it feels and what induces it. We will also be teaching strategies to manage emotions appropriately.

Mental Health Tip of the Week:

Tell someone you appreciate them.

And accept the compliments that come your way.

