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Cannock Chase High School Newsletter- Summer Term 2019

Message from the Headteacher- Mr Iain Turnbull



I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support during this academic year. There have been so many examples during the course of the year of our young people excelling and developing into outstanding young adults. During this final week there are lots of events taking place that reward many of our students for the unique contributions that they have made to our school.

This year has seen a whole array of different events happening both in and out of school. We believe that all of these additional activities enrich the education and other opportunities that we offer students. They also enable us to develop the relationships between students, and between students and staff, which supports the mutual respect and the team agenda that permeates throughout our school. In numbers we have had 32 school trips involving 1380 students, awarded over half a million achievement points and had over 100 different employers, Higher Education and Further Education providers visit our school. What is most pleasing is the positive feedback we receive about our students' attitudes, skills and knowledge.

For September we have made a slight change to the timings of the school day and following consultation we have extended afternoon tutor time. We believe this will further strengthen our pastoral system with tutors delivering a more robust PSHE programme. Tutors will be the first point of contact for punctuality, attendance, uniform and behaviour.

Students will break up on Friday 19 July at 1.10pm and return on Wednesday 4 September. On Wednesday 4 September we will be operating a staggered start:

- Year 7 students and Year 11 Prefects - 8.40am (Lower School Hall).
- Sixth Form - 9:30am (Upper School Hall)
- Years 8/9/10/11 – 9:55am (Year 8- Lower School Hall, Year 9-Upper School hall, Year 10 and 11- report to tutor rooms)

We want our school to continue develop into a place where all members of the school community, students, staff, parents and governors all talk of 'our' achievement and everyone is focused on improving both our collective best and individual best. We want our students to be aware of their potential and that achievement is without limit if they combine effort, hard work and dedication to being the best in everything they do. This will be possible if all of us: students, parents, staff and governors are committed to learning and working together in a supportive manner. We are all immensely proud of the journey our school has been on over the last four years and we all need to commit to further improvements.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your support during this busy but productive academic year. We wish you all an enjoyable and relaxing summer break and look forward to seeing your child(ren) in September.

Mr Turnbull



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Cannock Chase High School – Whole School Events



Governors' Awards

Praise and rewards are an important part of school life in recognising the efforts and motivation of students in all subjects and aspects of school. Students are awarded Achievement Points by staff throughout the year. Conduct Points are then calculated by taking away any negative Behaviour Points that a student may receive. Students are then recognised for achieving high numbers of Conduct Points. Bronze (100), Silver (150), Gold (250), platinum (500) and student Achievement (750) Rewards certificates. When a student achieves 1000 Conduct Points, the school recognises this by inviting the student to receive their Governors' Award in a ceremony during which the Chair of Governors and the Headteacher celebrate their success with parents. Almost 170 students in the school have achieved 1000 points and received their award this year. Well done everyone!

Student of the Month

Every Month we recognise a student in each subject area and 2 students overall in each year group for their commitment, motivation, achievements or progress. Students are invited to receive the award from the Headteacher and also have their name and photo added to the subject 'Student of the Month' displays around school.



World Book Day

In March the school celebrated 'World Book Day' and students came to school dressed as their favourite character from a book. The day included competitions for the best bookmarks, best stories on the theme of dreams, designing a book cover or taking a photo reading in a very unusual place. Students in Year 7 did activities in the library during the day and Year 8 lessons all had a book theme.



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School Show- Wizard of Oz

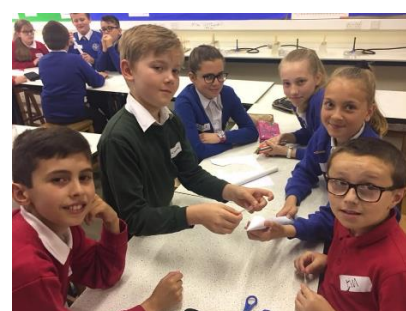
In February the students were involved in the production of Wizard of Oz. The show was performed over 2 nights as well as matinee productions to local primary schools and Year 7 and Year 8 students.



Year 6 Transition Day and Year 4/5 Visits to Cannock Chase High School:

On June 26th and 27th 180 Year 6 students came for their Transition days. They were very nervous at first but soon got settled in and enjoyed a range of activities including: lighting Bunsen Burners in Science, launching rockets in Science, looking at the psychology of success at school, as well as team building activities and quizzes. We can't wait to see you all at summer school and/or in September.

The school has also opened its doors to Primary students in Year 4 and 5 over the summer term. Students have enjoyed Maths Challenge Days and Global Days. We hope to see you all at Open Evening on 24th September.





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Attendance Rewards

Students who achieved 99% attendance and above were rewarded with a fun inflatables session at the end of term.



France trip

In July a group of students went on a school trip to France. They enjoyed a trip to a boulangerie, sand surfing, high ropes course as well as a visit to an Arboretum.



SIMs Parent App:

We are very excited to announce the launch of our new SIMs Parent App which we will be rolling out in July ready for use in September for all year groups. The app will revolutionise the communication between home and school as through the app parents will be able to see live up-to-date information about their child's attendance, behaviour, achievements and reports, as well as being able to see all extra-curricular clubs and trips that their child has been invited to attend. There is also a message system in the App whereby the school can send out individual messages to parents or group messages to whole classes/years group. The school requires all parents' e-mail addresses in order to set up the app. Therefore, if the school has not got your e-mail address or it needs to be updated, please inform the school of this change/addition.





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Year 7 Highlights

Our Year 7 students have had a very busy year and we have been very proud of the hard work that they have done and of the amazing effort that they have contributed to the Year 7 fundraising events. Year 7 have had a real focus on protecting the environment during the summer term. Here are just a few things that Year 7 have been involved in.

Plastic Bottles

Year 7 have been very busy during the summer term collecting plastic bottles. We have joined forces with Reconomy, a local company who support recycling projects in schools. Year 7 had a challenge to collect 10,000 bottles. These bottles will then be melted down by a local firm to create a plastic bench for the school.

Year 7 students have been absolutely amazing and collected the bottles within a month. 7E were the tutor group winners, collecting over 3,000 bottles in their tutor group.

The aim of the competition was to not only provide the school with a lovely bench, but to also encourage students and staff at CCHS to recycle on a daily basis. The school will have bottle banks set up from September so that recycling at school becomes part of our daily lives.

Thank you to all those friends and family members who supported our mission to collect 10,000 bottles; it has been a real team effort.



The Big Battery Hunt



As well as plastic bottles, Year 7 also took part in the Big Battery Hunt, a national competition that is run by Duracell.

All Year 7 students were given a battery box to take home and fill. Year 7 worked really hard trying to collect as many used batteries as they could. Although we didn't come in the top three schools, we had lots of fun trying to compete whilst looking after the environment at the same time.

Please keep on collecting any used any used batteries over the summer and send in to Mrs Fisher, as we plan on entering the competition again in September.

Thank you to all those who have supported our Big CCHS Battery Hunt.

Eco Logo Competition

Year 7 students were invited to enter a competition to design the logo for the Year 7 Eco group. The winner was Ashleigh Harris-Davies in 7A.





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Year 7 Residential to the Brecon Beacons

In May we took part in our annual residential trip to Acorn Adventure in the Brecon Beacons. We had an action packed three days and the Year 7 students who took part really threw themselves into all of the activities. Many of the students completed activities that they had never done before, such as canoeing, archery and the unforgettable climbing wall that had lots of knees trembling. The trip really helped students to embed all of the school values and those that attended the trip found it very enjoyable and rewarding.



Above and Beyond Awards

Students have been busy collecting their evidence to support their 'Above and Beyond Award' criteria. At Cannock Chase High School we believe that acknowledging the talents of our students both in and outside of school is important. Year 7 have their awards ceremony on the 18th July and will be recognised for their fantastic efforts in going 'Above and Beyond' during their first year at Cannock Chase High School.

In Year 7 we have some very talented students who have represented clubs, organisations and charities outside of school and we want to celebrate and share these achievements.



Year 7 Student Achievement Awards

Congratulations to Tia Walker and Charlie Young who received the Year 7 Student Achievement Awards last week at Awards Evening. Both students are an absolute credit to the school, demonstrating the school values on a daily basis. Well done!!

Thank you! As I prepare to hand over the current Year 7s to their new Director of Year Miss Jinks, I just wanted to take this opportunity to say how proud I have been of the current Year 7s. We have had a busy year, with lots of fun and I hope we have made a lot of memories that will be treasured in years to come.

Thank you for your support and have a lovely summer. **Mrs Fisher**



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Year 8 Highlights

A group of our Year 8's have taken part in a renovation project with VIY and Wickes where they spent three days improving the boys' PE changing rooms. Throughout the three days students engaged in construction related activities including sanding, filling and painting and decorating. They developed their team work, communication and leadership ability. The changing rooms are looking amazing! Well done to all involved!



At Easter, Harry Edge organised a raffle as well as a number of cake sales in Aid of Guide Dogs for the Blind. We have raised over £200 so far this year in aid of our year group's chosen charity. We are aiming to boost this figure over the coming weeks at Chase Fest and Sports Day. In December a number of students took mince pies and some festive cheer to the elderly residents of a local care home. They sang some carols, accompanied by Arran Spriggs on the violin.



We have some very keen charity workers; Libby Neucterlien won an award for independently raising £44 selling badges for Guide Dogs for the Blind, Olivia Dale raises money for cancer as did Kayleigh Burn Reader who, along with her brother is a keen member of Army Cadets.

We also have a number of talented musicians and performers. Molly Westwood is a free style dancer, Daisy Nixon and Ellie Stanfield love their drama and especially taking part in our school show the Wizard of Oz. We are looking forward to next year's production of Annie. Leya Paige Onions, Kaycee Evans and Grace Bowers are all key board players, whilst Elizabeth Bate has achieved her grade two on the guitar, Ruby Baker has reached grade two on the violin, Carla Bishop has won a singing competition and Sarah Meek sang in the "Community Spirit" at Symphony Hall in Birmingham. Wow Year 8, you really are building some impressive CVs (Don't forget Mrs Hale, when you're all rich and famous!)

Students took part in "Thank you" Friday a few months ago where many students took this opportunity to say give genuine thanks to their tutors and teachers. We would particularly like to thank Mrs Regan who has dedicatedly covered 8E during Mrs Sieradzki's maternity cover and Mr McCarthy who has been a much valued tutor but sadly is leaving us for pastures new. We wish you both the very best of luck. Stay in touch!





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Year 8 have been involved in many sporting events in recent months. Our netball team won the league, whilst the rounders team came third in the county and our trampoliners gained first place! Well done everyone. We are so proud of you! Many students are involved in sporting events outside school. Phoebe Grant is a talented swimmer who trains at five thirty in the morning twice a week, three times a week after school and took part in the British Nationals Training Competition over Easter. Skye Bate meanwhile is a keen showjumper, with events taking place most weekends. She has won over sixty awards and spends a considerable time looking after her five horses! Libby Neuchterlien is talented in mixed martial arts, having secured her blue belt, which is two belts away from her black belt. Aaron Spriggs and Lewis Bullman play for the under eighteens at Cannock Cricket Club and have won the league two years in a row. Chloe Wilson is a kick boxer, Ellis Allen and Mitchell Hucker are footballers as well as Josh Perkins and Cai Richards who won awards at the end of the season, whilst Jack Horton's team won the league. Kaitlyn Gough's another keen horse rider and Phoebe Brunskill has taken up sailing! These are just a few of our talented sports people!



Topics covered in PSHE in recent months have included careers, with all students having been provided with a Unifrog account which they can access at home to look at career choices and hopefully this helped to inform their option choices for year nine. Another topic has been rail and water safety. Recently a group of students watched a live broadcast by the Rail Safety Network and learned about the dangers on the railway as well as the importance of behaving in a respectful manner whilst on public transport. These students then reported what they had learned back to their tutor group in order that all students receive these very important safety messages. Other topics covered have included physical and emotional safety as well as the dangers of smoking and vaping. Assemblies take place on a weekly basis and last term 8B delivered an assembly on the importance of sleep whilst 8C focused their assembly on addressing prejudice.

Bex Capelen, Carla Bishop, Evie Parkhouse and Lily Macdonald are an invaluable support to Mrs Potts as library assistants. At the Library Awards Celebration Tea Party last week, Evie received her Library Assistant badge and certificate (she trained a year later than the others).

Yvette and Nicole Yankova are library ambassadors. Both girls have continually turned up in the library each week, performing their duties both on a lunch time and after school. They have both attended the EMERGE workshops each week as well as taking part in the EMERGE Festival.



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Year 9 Highlights

Chester Zoo Trip:

Year 9 pupils were rewarded for their attendance and good behaviour with a trip to Chester Zoo.

Pupils experienced the dark mysteries of the Fruit Bats and had to face their fear of the dark when entering the caves. We observed quite a few screams as the bats darted past pupils. Pupils had free time to explore the zoo which allowed them to learn about the animals and their environments.

The year group was also attended a seminar in which the zoo staff presented pupils with information and an interactive learning experience educating them about the threats and dangers animals experience and how pupils could help.





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Green Pioneers

In conjunction with Midlands Co-op, Cannock Chase High School Green Pioneers were invited to attend the Annual General Meeting at the Chateaux Impney, Dretwich. Pupils entered the competition and were successful in securing a place in the final.

Pupils were welcomed into the conference with competitions and key speakers, including Doctor Hilary from GMTV and Good Morning Britain.

Later in the day, pupils were asked to present their work on trying to reduce plastic pollution in school. This was in front of a judging panel and older pupils from other schools. The pupils who took part in the day were a credit to the school showing their understanding of the issues around plastic pollution and the fact they want to make a difference.





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Year 10 Highlights

Career Ready

A group of Year 10 students were selected at the end of last year to take part in the Career Ready Programme. They have met with employers from the local community once a month for the whole year to develop their understanding of the skills they will need as employees of the future. The Career Ready Programme aims to develop the confidence and 'soft skills' needed alongside academic qualifications to prepare them for the world of work.

The Career Ready mentors have commented on the professionalism confidence of our wonderful Year 10 students and very much enjoyed working alongside them. Some students have even used this opportunity to network for future employment opportunities!



We are very proud of our yr 10 students who will be going to Peru this summer Aleasha Lancaster and Anna Scott. They have been busy raising money all year to fund the trip, and will complete a range of community projects and charity work. They will be accompanied on the trip by Miss Horner. Good luck!

Keele University

As part of their careers' education, the whole year group were able to visit Keele University for the day which was fully funded by Higher Horizons.

Students experienced a tour of campus, heard about the experiences of a university student and learned about student finance and how a university education is accessible and affordable for everyone.

The highlight of the trip was the psychology lecture delivered by a PhD student when students took part in experiments on perception.

The staff and students at Keele University commented on how amazing our students are and that they were the best group of year 10 students to visit campus!

Workplace Visit to BT

As part of the Career Ready Programme, students were able to go on a work place visit arranged by one of the Career Ready Mentors.

Students were able to see the types of roles available at this business and experience a real working environment first hand.



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Achievements and Awards

Year 10 students have worked extremely hard this year and have impressed their teachers with their dedication to their studies. This was particularly evident in the run up to the mock exams this summer. Many students completed additional work both in school with their teachers and outside the classroom to help them achieve their best.

This commitment to their studies was rewarded through achievement points and we are thrilled that eleven students have achieved the Governors' Award for earning over a thousand achievement points this academic year! Well done to everyone and thank you for all your hard work this year!



Prefects 2019/2020

Following the departure of our Year 11 students, Mrs McLean, Mr Turnbull and Mrs White launched the recruitment campaign for our new school prefects. This was an extremely robust and challenging process and all those who applied embraced this. Students were required to write a letter of application, support with Year 6 Transition, prepare a presentation in relation to their vision for helping to improve our school and take part in a panel interview.

All the staff who were involved in this process were hugely impressed by the calibre of applicants and their dedication. We hope that students have found this process valuable and it has helped them prepare for interviews they will have in the future.

Following this competitive process, the following students have been selected for the role of Prefect for next academic year:

Lucy Tebbett, Shannon Main, Harry Lewis, Anna Scott, Lewis Cantrill, Grace Davis-Whittaker, Keira Blyth, Nicole Horton, Shai Alvarez, Charlotte Plumb, Angel Krastev, Chloe Bennett, Eloise Adshead and Kara Bird.

Congratulations on your appointments. Both Mrs McLean and the Sixth Form Leadership Team look forward to working closely with you next year.



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Year 11 Highlights



In May Paije Hodgkiss was nominated for the Cannock Chase District Council's prestigious 'Youth Endeavour Award 2019', which she subsequently went on to win. Paije attended the awards ceremony during the half term break from school to receive her trophy. Not long after the ceremony Paije received a letter from the MP for Cannock Chase district; something to keep forever. Paije has undertaken so much voluntary work and has become involved in helping so many people, both young and old, and is the epitome of Y11. Well done Paije. We are all very proud of you.



Many Y11 students were recognised for their excellence in the classroom. This is a regular event on the school calendar and one which sees different students being recognised throughout the year for their hard work and dedication to their studies, and school life in general. Well done to every Y11

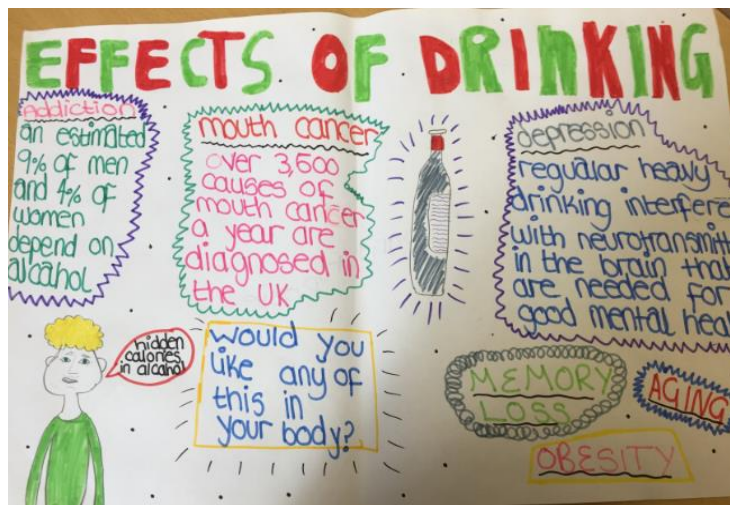
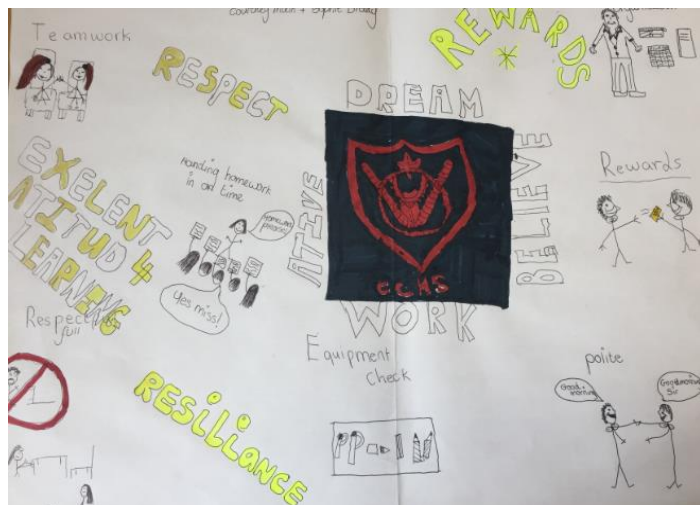


The week commencing Monday 01 July saw Y11s return to school for Sixth Form Taster Week. The students attended taster lessons in their chosen subjects for next year and also experienced life in the Sixth Form Centre and freedom from school uniform! It was really good to see so many students return to school. Many of them spoke excitedly about all of their hair / nail / make up / dress fitting appointments for the Prom at the end of the week.



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Prior to Y11 students leaving, we took a look back at some of the vital life skills we had learned through PSHE time over the years. Students were amazed to see how their work has improved but, more importantly, they remembered most of the information they had discussed 4 years ago with their tutors in PSHE time. Let's hope they continue to remember it for many years to come!



And then Y11 said 'farewell' to their tutors. It was difficult to get all the Y11 students together in the hall without their tutors, but we managed it! Miss White kindly took some videos of individual students and small groups of students saying 'thank you' for the support, guidance, and friendship they have received from their tutors over the last few years. The videos were then edited by Mrs Nolan to be shown in our Leavers' Assembly on June 14.



Students sat their last public examination on 14th June (except for Robert McLardie who had 2 more exams to go the following week!) and were dismissed from Cannock Chase High School only to return later that afternoon for their Leavers Assembly where awards were again given out by Mr Turnbull. I shall never forget 1 particular student's video of how to take a selfie. Thank you Matthew Lester!

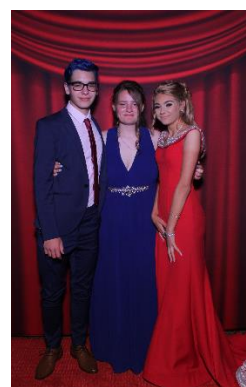
Then came the time many students had looked forward to for weeks, months, terms or even years, June 14 2019; Y11 Leavers Day! Memories were shared in the Y11 Yearbook which students will hopefully look back at in a few years' time with many happy thoughts.



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Photo Gallery – Yr 11 Prom





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Photo Gallery – Awards Evening





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Photo Gallery





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School Terms & Holiday Dates 2019/2020



AUTUMN TERM 2019

Staff:	Monday 2 September – Friday 25 October
Students:	Wednesday 4 September – Friday 25 October
Holiday:	Monday 28 October – Friday 1 November
Staff & Students:	Monday 4 November – Thursday 19 December*
Holiday:	Friday 20 December* – Friday 3 January

SPRING TERM 2020

Staff & Students:	Monday 6 January – Friday 14 February
Holiday:	Monday 17 February – Friday 21 February
Staff & Students:	Monday 24 February – Friday 3 April
Holiday:	Monday 6 April – Friday 17 April
Easter Sunday:	Sunday 12 April

SUMMER TERM 2020

Staff & Students:	Monday 20 April – Friday 22 May
Bank Holiday:	Friday 8 May
Holiday:	Monday 25 May – Friday 29 May
Staff & Students:	Monday 1 June – Friday 17 July**
Holiday:	Monday 20 July** – Monday 31 August

Staff Training Days (School closed to students):

Monday 2 & Tuesday 3 September 2019

* Friday 20 December 2019

Friday 3 July 2020

** Monday 20 July 2020

September 4th – First day arrangements/timings

8:45- Yr 7 (Lower School Hall)

9:30- Sixth Form (Upper School Hall)

9:55 (P2) - Yr 8 (Lower School Hall), Yr 9 (Upper School hall)

Yr 10/11 report directly to tutor rooms.



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Timings of the School Day

8.45 – 8.55	Tutor	
8.55 – 9.55	Period 1	
9.55 – 10.55	Period 2	
10.55 – 11.10		<i>Break</i>
11.10 – 12.10	Period 3	
12.10 – 13.10	Period 4	
13.10 – 13.50		<i>Lunch</i>
13.50 – 14.50	Period 5	
14.50 – 15.20	Tutor	Monday – Thursday
14.50 – 15.00	<i>Tutor</i>	<i>Friday</i>
15.20 – 16.20	Twilight	Monday – Thursday
15.00 – 16.00	<i>Twilight</i>	<i>Friday</i>

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