

The County Courier



County Upper School

Headteacher: Ms S Kennedy

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YOUR WEEKLY INFORMATION SHEET

10th December 2021

Update from Ms Kennedy

Please note that school will finish early on Friday 17th December following the Whole School Awards Assembly and students will need to be picked up at 2.50pm. Students that travel on buses can wait in the school hall.

This will be the last County Courier of this term. We would like to wish the whole school community a very Merry Christmas and a safe and healthy New Year.

School opens on Tuesday 4th and 5th January for COVID19 tests for all students (see letter sent by parentmail). Please remember to test your child before sending them into school for their COVID19 test. **Lessons commence for all students on Thursday 6th January 2022.**

The PTA needs YOU!

We would be very grateful for any help that parents can offer to support the school through the PTA. Please see this [link](#) to a form to register your interest in helping

Non-Uniform Day

On **Tuesday 14th December** the school will hold a non-school uniform day to raise funds towards our charity week. Please bring in £1 and festive jumpers are encouraged. Students are expected to wear clothes that are appropriate for a professional school environment. We ask that students refrain from wearing clothing that includes any offensive slogans or images. Vests, and vest type tops should not be worn and skirts/shorts should be of reasonable length. We also expect that students do not wear clothing that will cause a health and safety risk, such as large earrings. Please note that the final decision on the suitability of clothes and their compliance with this policy is with the headteacher.

Wellbeing for young people and support for parents

The psychology in schools team have informed us of some workshops for parents aimed at understanding of some key well-being issues (next week: anxiety and self harm). Please use the link below to access these webinars if they are of interest:

[Psychology in Schools Team - NSFT Events | Eventbrite](#) If you are unable to join the webinar live, you can still access a recording of this by registering your interest via the link.

If you have any concerns regarding these issues or indeed any other safeguarding worry, please feel free to contact us on: cu@safeguarding@countyupper.org

COVID Testing

We continue to follow the COVID precautions advised by the local authority. Further tests kits will be issued on **Monday 13th December**. Please ensure that students have a test left to take the evening before they return to school after Christmas on **Tuesday 4th January 2022**.

Year Group News

Year 11

We really hope that many of our Year 11 students will go on to study at our sixth form and the first steps are to complete this expression of interest form. [Expression of Interest](#)

Sixth Form

Arts and Media Careers

There is an opportunity to gain some filmmaking work experience through the British Film Academy, with more details if you click on this [link](#).

It is for 16-19-year-olds and would give you an insight into film production: from scriptwriting and design to cinematography and editing.

Charity Week

Thank you to everyone who has attended and taken part in events so far. We still have two days of events for you to support this week. **Please see the programme overleaf.**

End of School Parking and Pickup

We still have parents lining up outside the school gates from 3.25pm and causing a dangerous obstruction to the school and Beeton's Way. **Please do not attempt to enter the school until after the gates have opened at 3.40pm to collect students.**

Christmas Carol Concert

Parents who would like to attend the school Christmas Carol Concert at St. Mary's Church on the evening of **14th December** can register their interest [here](#).

County Upper School, Beeton's Way, Bury St Edmunds. IP32 6RF



YST INCLUSION SCHOOLS



CHARITY WEEK 2021

Day	Break	Lunch
Monday 6 th December	I'm a Celeb Challenges (yr11 and 6th form) HALL	Lip Sync Challenge (yr9 and 10) HALL
Tuesday 7 th December	Waxing (yr9 and 10) HALL	Dodgeball (all) SPORTS HALL
Wednesday 8 th December	Drop the Mic (yr11 and 6th form) HALL	Take Me Out (yr11 and 6th) HALL
Thursday 9 th December	Man vs Food (yr 11 and 6th form) HALL	Gladiators (yr9 and 10) SPORTS HALL
Friday 10 th December	Would I Lie to You? (yr9 and 10) HALL	Gladiators (yr11 and 6th form) SPORTS HALL
Monday 13 th December	Family Fortunes (yr9 and 10) HALL	County Fashion Show (yr11 and 6th form) HALL
Tuesday 14 th December	County's Got Talent (yr9 and 10) HALL	County's Got Talent (yr11 and 6th form) HALL

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about CRYPTOCURRENCY

What is cryptocurrency?

Cryptocurrency is software enabling the exchange and storage of digital 'coins' representing financial value. To monitor who owns which coins, systems have an online record of every transaction, called a 'ledger' or 'blockchain'. This is secured by 'cryptology', a set of methods for protecting sensitive information. Bitcoin, released in 2009, was the first cryptocurrency; other pioneers have since launched such as Ethereum, Xero and Facebook. As cryptocurrency becomes a more established part of digital life, young people are bound to encounter it - so it's vital that trusted adults understand its risks, and how it can be explored and used safely.

COMPLEX TECHNOLOGY

Like any new software, cryptocurrency comes with bugs, holes and weaknesses. As a result, it's important to be aware of security risks, which include: phishing, malware, ransomware, denial of service, and more. It's also important to be aware of the fact that cryptocurrency is not regulated, meaning you can't get any help from a government agency if you're scammed.

WIDESPREAD EXAMPLES

Cryptocurrency software for smartphones is often being used with links to scam sites. Emails with links to scam sites, often with a 'cryptocurrency' logo, are being used to trick people into giving away their money. Cryptocurrency is also used in a variety of ways, including for buying and selling goods and services, and for making payments. It's important to be aware of the fact that cryptocurrency is not regulated, meaning you can't get any help from a government agency if you're scammed.

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BEING LOCKED OUT

If you forget your online banking password, you can reset it by using an email address or a phone number. However, with cryptocurrency, you can't do this. If you forget your private key, you can't access your funds. It's important to be aware of the fact that cryptocurrency is not regulated, meaning you can't get any help from a government agency if you're scammed.

RISKY INVESTMENT

Private can be very volatile, and prices can rise and fall quickly. It's important to be aware of the fact that cryptocurrency is not regulated, meaning you can't get any help from a government agency if you're scammed.

Advice for Parents & Carers

AVOID IF UNSURE

If you're not sure about cryptocurrency, it's best to avoid it. Cryptocurrency is a complex technology, and it's important to be aware of the fact that it's not regulated. If you're unsure, it's best to avoid it.

CHECK CREDENTIALS

Be very cautious when you're buying cryptocurrency. Check the credentials of the person or company you're buying from. It's important to be aware of the fact that cryptocurrency is not regulated, meaning you can't get any help from a government agency if you're scammed.

Meet Our Expert

Dr. Sarah Jones, a leading expert in the field of cryptocurrency, shares her insights on how to stay safe when using cryptocurrency. She is a senior lecturer at the University of East Anglia, and has published several papers on the subject.

EXPECT EXPOSURE

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STAY CAUTIOUS, STAY INFORMED

Always be cautious when you're using cryptocurrency. Stay informed about the latest news and developments in the field. It's important to be aware of the fact that cryptocurrency is not regulated, meaning you can't get any help from a government agency if you're scammed.

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