



Update from Ms Kennedy

We are half way through the mock exams and all Year eleven and thirteen students are working hard to do their best. Well done everyone, keep going!

Anti-Bullying Week, 15th-19th November

We will be completing activities to raise awareness of bullying and its impact throughout the week and we will start the week by taking part in "odd socks day" on Monday. Students will need to come in normal uniform except for odd socks of any colour and description! The aim of the day is to have a visual reminder that we do not tolerate bullying at CUS and want to work together to eradicate it. Flyer overleaf.

FLU Vaccines

Please remember that any consent or non-consent forms for the nasal flu immunisation, on Monday 22 November (morning only) and Friday 10 December (all day), need to be returned to your child's tutor by **Wednesday 17 November** at the latest. If no paperwork is received your child will not be able to receive the immunisation.

Calling all budding Computer Scientists....

The Bebras challenge is a preliminary round of the Oxford University Computing Challenge (OUCC). Only the top 10% of Computer Scientists who enter the competition will be invited through to the Oxford University Computing Challenge proper. Any students, in years 9-13 who would like to enter the Bebras Challenge should get in touch with Mr Haysom to register their interest. dhaysom@countyupper.org

Charity 2021

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we have to change one of the charities we are supporting this year. Therefore, this year's charities are Parkinson's UK, Cancer Campaign in Suffolk, and the East Anglian Air Ambulance.

Christmas Lights Switch On Event

Students are doing a bottle tombola for the in Bury town centre on the **18th November**. They need lots of donations of bottles to be won as prizes. The bottles can contain anything; wine, fizzy pop, shampoo, mouthwash... the weirder the better!
All donations to Reception by **Tuesday 16th November please**.

Safety at the Gates

Please can all parents refrain from stopping in the main vehicular entrance to the school. The gates are in constant use and must remain clear, for emergency vehicles, at all times. Please also note that parents cannot enter site to wait for students until after the gates have opened at 3.40pm. Please park elsewhere if you arrive at school early.

Theatre Trip

Due to high demand for the trip to London to see The Woman in Black production, we are aiming to run the same trip again in January. If your child missed out on a ticket this time and you would like them to go, please complete this [google form](#) to express an interest.

COVID Testing

We continue to follow the COVID precautions advised by the local authority. Please ensure that your child continues to **bring a mask** to school to wear in all shared areas. Please also ensure that students **continue to test themselves** regularly at home. Tests kits have been sent home with all students this week.

Design a Christmas Card

Students are invited to submit creative designs for a Christmas Card Competition. Full details are on the flyer overleaf.

Year Group News

Year 11

Due to the advice regarding Covid and restrictions on visitors to the school, we have unfortunately had to postpone our Sixth Form Open Evening on the 23rd November. We have rearranged the evening to take place on **18th January 2022**. However, as an alternative, to help Year 11 make choices for the next stage of their education, we are holding a **Step into Your Future Fayre on the 24th November**. During periods 5 and 6, Year 11 students will have an opportunity to discuss the A level choices available at our sixth form and the advantages of staying on in our wonderful school. They will learn about apprenticeships, talk to current sixth form students, learn about university and talk to representatives from West Suffolk College and industry. We hope that the event will enable students to make informed choices as they look ahead to life beyond their GCSEs. We will also be releasing our application form for our sixth form and will send out the link to this, to parents, on **22nd November**.



Design a Christmas Card for County Upper School

Students across all year groups are invited to submit creative designs for a Christmas Card competition.

Closing date for entry is the 1st December 2021.

Your design must fit on an A5 template (148mm x 210mm portrait or landscape) or might be resized to fit. Will your design be in black and white or colour? The competition will be judged by the senior members of staff and the winning design will be printed as our Christmas card for 2021.

Be as creative and imaginative as you like!

Entries can be emailed to elacey@countyupper.org.
Hand painted or drawn designs can be submitted in person to Miss Lacey during registration in Room 01.

We'll be wearing odd socks with the **Anti-Bullying Alliance** and their patrons, **Andy and the Odd Socks**, on **Monday 15th November** for **Odd Socks Day**. Will you?



Odd Socks Day

#AntiBullyingWeek
#OddSocksDay

