

The County Courier



County Upper School

Headteacher: Ms S Kennedy

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YOUR WEEKLY INFORMATION SHEET

30th June 2022

Update from Ms Kennedy

Please be reminded that **Friday, 1st July is a PD day** at County Upper School and the school will be closed to students.

Change of weeks

Please note that last two weeks of term have swapped from A to B and vice versa to allow for Curriculum Enrichment Week which takes place during the week beginning Monday 4th July.

- **Monday 11th July - Week A (was B)**
- **Monday 18th July - Week B (was A)**

CU 'School of Rock'

Don't forget to buy your tickets for this year's performance. It will be shown over three days from **Thursday 14th July to Saturday 16th July at 7.30pm**. Tickets are available now at this [LINK](#)



Year 12/13 Oxbridge Programme

Building on our incredible 50% success rate for converting Oxbridge interviews into offers, we've some seriously high standards to live up to. Especially considering that the national equivalent success rate is only 25-33%, and this figure includes selective schools. With that in mind, it's been a busy but productive few weeks for our 'Oxbridge Club' students.

Two weeks ago, we were put through our paces by Dr Andrew Cates, Pembroke College who was able to share his tremendous expertise as an interviewer for Cambridge University. We look forward to seeing him again in October for practice interviews.

Last week, Pravahi Osman, Balliol College, Oxford ran an amazing session on writing great personal statements during which she was able to share some essential do's and don'ts as well as providing lots of advice on super-curricular evidence.

This week, for the first time we began looking into the exciting world of pre-application tests. It would be fair to say that everyone met their respective assessments with a mixture of terror and curiosity. But displaying great tenacity, by the end of the session everyone was getting into their groove and some were even enjoying the trials provided.

As we approach the end of this academic year we begin to look forward to our next cohort of extraordinary Y11 students who will continue our tradition and take up the challenge.

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Year Group News

Year 9 & 10

Curriculum Enrichment Week starts on **Monday 4th July** and all students will be on a revised timetable and should wear full school uniform when in school. You will have been notified of their allocated trips for Friday 8th July and payment must also be made in the 'shop' in parentmail. Consent for trips will be sent by email from our trip system, Evolve. Please check your junk email folder if you haven't seen this yet. Full details can be found [here](#)

Year 12

Curriculum Enrichment Weeks starts on **Monday 4th July** and all students will be on a revised timetable. You will have been notified of their allocated trips on Monday 4th, Thursday 7th and Friday 8th July and payment must also be made in the 'shop' in parentmail. Consent for trips will be sent from our trip system, Evolve. Please check your junk email folder if you haven't seen this yet. Full details can be found [here](#).

Art Exhibition 2022

Thank you to all who attended the annual art exhibition last night. Visitors enjoyed a huge, beautiful and thought-provoking display and we received many lovely compliments about the students work. We are already looking forward to next year's event.

Ice Cream Friday!

As students have enrichment activities on 8th July, lollies will be available for sale on the field at lunchtime for the final time this year on **Friday 15th July**. The 6th form hope that the students have enjoyed their lollies and thank you for your support.

2nd Hand Uniform & Study Books

If any parents have good quality 2nd hand uniform or study books/guides that they would like to donate to the school, they would be gratefully received at reception before the end of term please.

End of term information

All students will finish school for the end of this term earlier on Wednesday 20th July. Students will have lunch as normal and then return to their tutor group where they will be dismissed class by class from approx 2pm. If you would like your child to be supervised until 3.40pm, please complete the form in this [LINK](#). These students will be asked to report to Room 1 at 2pm.

We will welcome students back to school on Monday 5th September 2022 (further details to follow).

Special Menu – Monday 4th July

The following menu will apply on Monday 4th July in recognition of American Independence Day.



Chicken Hot Wings & Slaw
Po'boy Bag (Crispy Quorn Burger & Mayo)
Philly Cheesesteak Sub
French Fries

Baked Blueberry Cheesecake

Monday 4th July

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