



CNSNewsletter



HEAD'S LINES

It is simply impossible to believe that over half of the academic year has now been completed. The Year 7s are really settled and thriving and our Year 11 and 13 students make us proud with their commitment and readiness to be their best self in the examinations that are now getting nearer and nearer.

Across the school, every week, there are so many things going on: competitions, local and national visits, theatre trips, matches, tournaments, conferences, workshops and, shortly, a battlefields tour and a ski trip.

Every week I am asked to approve another opportunity for our students and continue to be so impressed with what's on offer and the willingness of my colleagues to organise and manage great experiences for your children. You will get a feel for all of this in our latest edition of the CNS Newsletter.

Mr Barry Doherty:
Headteacher

Careers Evening... A Great Success!

The first joint West Oxfordshire Learning Partnership Careers Event at Witney College took place on the evening of the 29th January. With over 400 students attending the event with their parents it was seen as a great success.

Last year the Careers Leaders from the seven schools that make up the WOLP (Chipping Norton School, Burford School, Marlborough School, Henry Box School, Wood Green School, Bartholomew School and Carterton School) decided to run a joint careers event to make sure that we could attract as many key local companies as possible to attend the event. Abingdon

& Witney College kindly offered to host the event at their Witney Campus and 64 companies had stands on the evening.

A wide range of career paths were represented including: agriculture and horticulture, veterinary practice, banking, accountancy and finance, construction careers including management, surveying and planning, civil aviation, retail management, hairdressing, emergency services, working with children, the armed forces, IT, law, hospitality and catering, careers in science, publishing, engineering and teaching.

Some of the employers represented included:

Nielsen, Diamond Light Source, Siemens, Thames Water, Cotswold Inns and Hotels, Aldi, Abbott Diabetes Care, the NHS – to name just a few.

In addition to the employers representing their professions there were also talks given on Post 16 options, degree level options and apprenticeships.

Due to the success of this event we are looking to build upon this experience to develop what we hope will become the leading career event for young people in Oxfordshire.

Mr Parker:
Careers Lead



Youth Speaks Zone Final



Year 12 students Luke Barnes, Ellie Lewis and Maddy Fisher joined forces to compete in this year's Youth Speaks zone final. Luke's powerful speech on 'saving ourselves from increased sexualisation' held the audience spellbound. He was supported by the eloquent words of Ellie, as team chairperson and Maddy, as proposer of thanks.

Although the team will not be progressing to the next stage of the competition, the standard and delivery of their presentation was extraordinary. As one audience member put it "Wow! The delivery of their speeches was so engaging that I entirely lost track of time".

Mr Ward: Head of RE

Key Dates in Term 4:

Monday February 25th:

Term begins

Thursday March 14th:

Battle of the Bands

Friday March 15th: INSET day

Friday March 22nd:

Deadline for Y9 options

Friday April 5th: End of term

Student Council News



Charity Fundraising

Our chosen charity for the non-school uniform day on 29 January was the Teenage Cancer Trust, a charity which relies solely on donations and who provide vital services for young people between the ages of 13-24 who are facing cancer with age appropriate wards and specialist staff within hospitals. They also run the Teenage Cancer Trust Education programme and Awareness campaigns. We were pleased to send them a cheque for £815.00.

Our next non-school uniform day is on Thursday 14 March and we will be raising money for Young Minds, a charity which supports young people who need help with their mental health.

Student Conference December 2018

The Student Conference, held before Christmas, was an opportunity to explore ways in which students at Chipping Norton School can be supported to go on their own journey towards greatness. Every student is a work of art in progress, in other words, an emerging human being who is finding out who they are and what they will become. The Conference provided an opportunity to talk about that personal journey of development or character education and students discussed questions such as 'What

makes a good character?', 'What kind of people do we need and want to be?', 'How can we feel more like a big family at CNS?' and 'What are the duties to ourselves, our families, our school and our local community?'

'The Student Conference was great. We discussed many matters and made some important decisions. It was a great reminder of our importance to the school.'

*Jessica Bradford,
Year 9 Student Council
Representative*

'We had a good day of putting forward ideas for the school and how to improve it, including discussing the charities that we want to support.'

*Kai Lloyd, Year 11 Student
Council Representative*

'We discussed potential changes and improvements for the greater good of Chipping Norton School. It was great for so many students to be involved in making some big decisions.'

*Lydia Harding, Year 13 Student
Council Representative*

The Big Conversation

This term our focus is on The Big Conversation.

Student Council representatives are being given huge leadership responsibility to facilitate conversations in every tutor group, with the support of their Form Tutor. We want to develop student participation in the key decisions that affect them. The Big Conversation will take place between 11 February and 1 March and Student Council representatives are being asked to gather views on a range of topics that relate to their life at school. These topics will include rewards and recognition, behaviour and sanctions, school reports, homework and revision, school uniform and the House system.

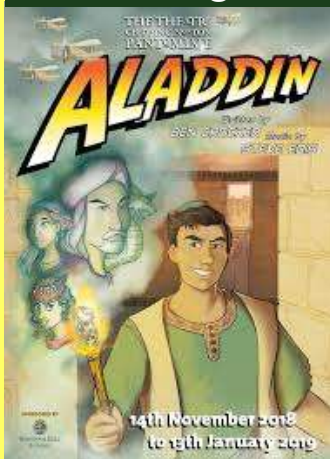
Once they have gathered views from their tutor groups, they will be asked to bring these back to the Council for broader discussion with Mr Doherty and the Leadership Team.

Mrs Thomas would like to thank the Student Council for their positive contributions to the school community.

**Mrs Thomas: School
Improvement Leader**



Performing Arts News



On 11th of January 60 Year 7 students from Chipping Norton School descended through the sleepy town with a hubbub of excitement for the ensuing day. We were on our way to Chipping Norton Theatre to see their annual pantomime 'Aladdin' - Oh yes we were!

The students spent the morning taking part in 3 different workshops designed to help them understand the conventions of pantomime and the skills required from the performers.

We explored different characters within panto, experimenting with our gait and body language, creating our own cat walk of characters who were sassy, evil and extremely generous. From this we were able to create our own section from the classic, *Cinderella* as we stitched the groups together to see a 3 minute version of the full play.

Students practised mime techniques, comic timing and clocking the audience in another workshop. We learnt the key rules behind making a mime believable and humorous, starting with opening a door before going through, capturing the audience's attention and opening a very 'fizzy'

bottle of pop causing each character to stumble out keeping the focus on them for as long as possible.

Finally we were given the opportunity to explore how actors build in audience participation during a pantomime, from "he's behind you!" to "SWEETS!". We looked at how a director might place these common phrases within a script to get the audience excited and keep them entertained.

The day was wonderfully brought together with a matinee performance of *Aladdin* which was, as expected, hilariously funny and full of energy. The feedback from the students was wonderful to hear with one mentioning, "... it's made me feel really confident and I can't wait to try using more mime in lessons."

The Performing Arts department has three more very exciting opportunities coming up with letters for all available via In Touch or from Mr Franklin:

-The world famous physical theatre company Frantic Assembly will be running a workshop for students in Year 9 who have an interest in taking either Drama or Dance as one of their GCSE options. We run these workshops each year for free so students have an opportunity to work with industry professionals to build on their creativity. This makes a huge difference to their work in both Performing Arts subjects.

-Frantic Assembly presents their new production 'The Unreturning'. This is for students in Years 9-13 and promises to be another exciting piece of performance.

- 'The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time' has already had huge success winning a range of Olivier Awards and is now going back to London. This is available to students in Year 7 and 8 and will also be for students taking GCSE Drama as part of their exam.

Mr Franklin:
Head of Drama



Create and Cook Competition



On Wednesday 30th January a group of Year 9 students attended a food demonstration and tasting session. The cook from the local Co-op in Chipping Norton came and cooked a selection of local foods. She started by cooking a lovely meat steak and served it with a very tasty blue cheese and sautéed broccoli with parmesan cheese. There was a lovely display of other local food products such as honey, jams and bread made from local flour.

The visitors also introduced the 'Create and Cook' competition which is running at the moment. Please have a look at their website for more information. It would be lovely to have some students from Chipping Norton School enter this competition. Please look out for meetings.

Mrs Brown:
Food and Nutrition



Celebrating students in the Mathematics Department

We would like to celebrate the hard work and effort of our students during the Autumn term. Mathematics is like any endeavour in life, in order to make progress and be successful, it requires hard work and commitment. Approaching every new challenge with a growth mindset and a desire to succeed will ultimately result in triumph.

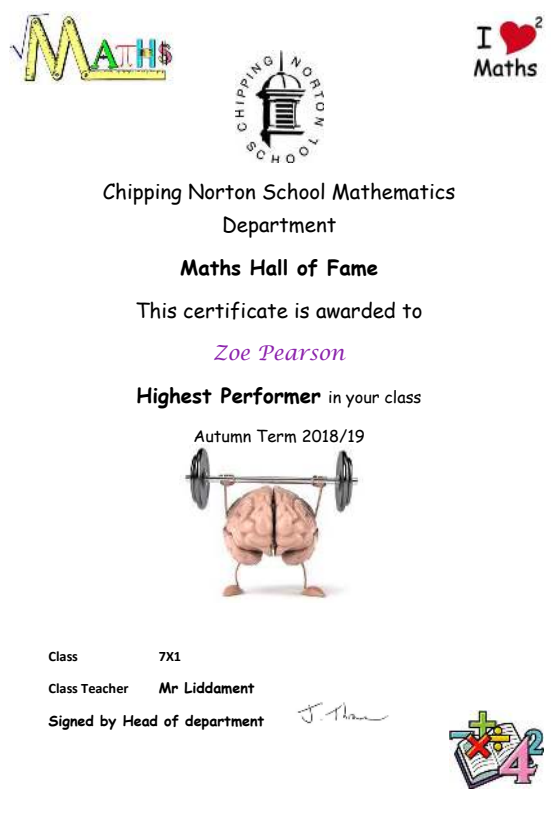
All maths teachers have nominated students from each of their classes for the following categories:

- Highest Performer
- Most Progress
- Outstanding Commitment and Effort

Students have been given a certificate by their class teacher to recognise their hard work and effort. Well done to you all and we challenge other students to strive to be recognised for their hard work and effort during the Spring Term.

Mr Thrower: Head of Mathematics

Year	Highest performer	Most progress	Effort & commitment	Effort & commitment	Effort & commitment	Effort & commitment
7	Zoe Pearson	Fergus Kingsley-Bates	Samuel O'Shea	Cameron Ogilvie	Lara Woodward	Liz Maclean
7	Della Brooke	Tahlia Davidson-Wright	Daisy Algar	Jacob Pollard	Alfie Harding	Ella Shorley
7	Nicole Bancila	Mim Rafiq	Erin Massey	Noah Sim	Rosa Cavana	Evie Willoughby
7	Freddie Smith	Naomi Coleman	Gemma Webb	Alfie Thorpe	Sam Weedon	Emily Ridgway
7	Rosie Petre	Adam Steele	Ellie Newby	Charlie Sinfield	Bella Knight	Jesscia McStocker
7	Katie Willoughby	Ashleigh Sweetingham	Morgan Williams	Finn Rooney	Lilly-Anna Day	Lewis Adams
8	Abigail Nunnely	Victoria Sladen	Morgan Wollerton	Aidan Hergt	Bethany Oliver-Hall	Sammy Jenkins
8	Alex Williamson	Harry Thomas	Pheobe Keenan	Connor Wallace	Olly Weaver	Ben Miller
8	Imani Brooke	Amber Clandfield	Jess Hester	Kieran Pratley	Lexi Morris	Harley Coggins
8	Thomas Adnams	Charlie Sampson	Cadence James	Charlotte Nunneley	Abigail Walker	Finn Bradbury
8	William Gofton	Jaimee Dillon	Hazel Ford	Josefine Henricks-Tierney	Lulu Housby	Abby Humphries
9	Flo Mantell	Archie Blundell	Eden Nash	Charles Jennings	Vivek Kumar	Imogen Bissett
9	Leah Jakeman	Shafrin Jannat Ahmed	Matthew Haldane	Lucy Hornblow	Emily Stevens	Charlie Yates
9	Cerys Lehmann	Andrea Tudor	Chloe Goldup	Danielle Kerr	Hayley Hambidge	Gracie Hotson
9	Jessica Bradford	Ewan Luc	Jessica Parsons	Peter Cunningham	Robbie Stonehouse	Lucy Evans
9	Blake Pierce	Jake McIlroy	Lola Dunn	Sophie Jackson	Dijonay Walker	Beau Ratcliffe
10	Oli Ball	Aaron Bennett	Polly Woodward	Rory Hlustik	Rowan Moss	Bella Wigzell
10	Beth Simpson	Karina Graham	Esme Jefferson	Eleanor Butler	Orla Truelove	Martha Harding
10	Carys Silverthorne-Wright	Elliot Stockford	Abby Chapman	Luke Wild	Jake Petyt	Amy Shayler
10	Ben Reeves-Smith	Elliot Sabin	Liam Bunce	Harry Mix	Enrica Diaz	Lydia Lewis
10	George Kelly	Issy Hart	Will Bowles	Merlin Brown	Natasha Harvey	
10	Sam Hurst	Jamie Youngson	Holly Evans	Lucy Willis	Carrie Smith	
11	Catriona McCleery	Felix Webb	Katherine Brock	Katie Blundell	Charlie Hill	Elliot Rux-Burton
11	Josie Summers	Tilly Clifton	Tia Hall	Tristan Peissel	Santi Kenneford	Aiden Ebdon
11	Thomas Cashman	Emma Reed	Erik Fledderus	Sarah Jarvis	Ebonni Whitton	Beth Blackwell
11	Thomas Adams	Isabelle Pearce	Emily Dix	Eva Silvester	Matthew Humphrey	Tanya Morgan
11	Rudi Rowbotham	Emily Mayne	Alfie Taylor	Josh Townsend	Clemmie Wesson	Luke Wilkinson
11	Casian Rowbotham	Ellie Cockerton	Georgia Collins	Angel Kaye	Tiago Boeing	Grace Schofield
12	Felix Wigzell	Ethan Bennett	Matthew Mann	Robert Woolcock	Megan Kyte	
12	Harry Smart					
12	Alexander Blackmore-Sly	Felix Wigzell	Harry Smart	Ellis Hewins	Tom Ashton	
13	Rowan Woodell	Miranda Edwards	Luke Briggs	Jake Darby	JJ Simpson	
13	Bea Jacobs	Bel Lovell	Joe Frater	Jacob Beck		
13	Rowan Woodell (Further Pure Maths)		Jake Darby	Luie Glover	Ceyhan Sam	Oliver Tailby



CNS welcomes visitors from the People's Republic of China



In the week beginning the 21st January 38 students from the People's Republic of China visited Chipping Norton School. Students from Year 7-11 were hosting our visitors during the school day. The 38 students and five teachers from China had a great experience at our school, seeing everything from lesson activities, break and lunchtime including school dinners and assemblies and lunch clubs.

The students from Chipping Norton impressed with their warm welcome and ability to give the youngsters from China a truly memorable week.

"My friends and I really enjoyed having them here. We taught them a lot and learned a lot from them. We still talk to them daily on "WeChat" and hope we can see them again. We wish them well and thank them for the gifts."
Sophie (Year 9)

"We all had so much fun with them when they came to visit us for a week. The week passed too quickly. We got gifts from them and learnt some of their language and we taught them ours."
Vicky (Year 9)

Mrs Brocklebank:
Head of Modern Foreign Languages



Extra Time Clubs at CNS



We are delighted that so many students from Year 7 – 12 have signed up for the after school Extra Time Clubs. The clubs cover a wide range of activities including LAMDA (London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art), Hockey, Table Tennis, Squash, Healthy Cookery and a First Aid Club for Year 10 supporting them with their Duke of Edinburgh Awards.

We know that any child taking part in school clubs, revision sessions, fixtures or any extra-curricular activity helps to enrich and extend learning, supporting children to reach their potential. If you are interested in doing a club, please sign up for Summer Term clubs. The programme will be out after February half term.

UII Netball Tournament



Congratulations to all the primary netball teams who took part in the tournament. This is led by Year 12 Leaders who umpire, score, support and coach our primary netballers. We know that all of the primary pupils take a lot of time to train and prepare for the tournament, and this really showed in the quality of their game play. As always they are supported by their enthusiastic and committed

teachers who spend lots of time working with them.

The winners' teams were:
Big Schools: Kingham
Small Schools: Great Rollright.

Well done everyone, and a big thank you to all the primary staff and our hard working Year 12 Sports Leaders.

As always, the tournament was brilliantly led and organised by Mrs Fisher.



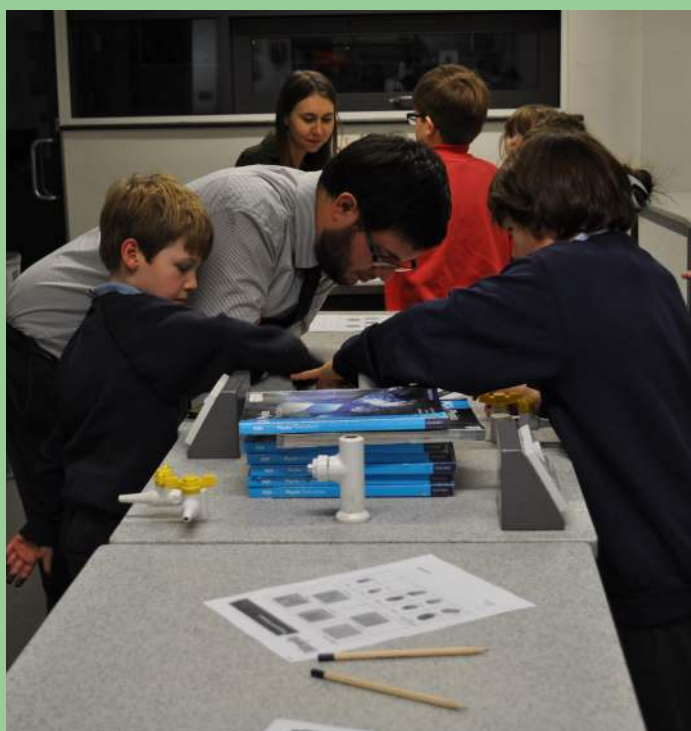
Year 4 & 5 Extra Time Science Club



Over 5 weeks of Term 3 we have been delighted to host a Science Club for our Year 4 & 5 primary pupils. The topic of the club was 'Crime Scene Investigation'. Each week the pupils took part in a specific task designed to help them solve a crime in week 5. They have learnt about Bunsen Burners, how to use them safely and what they can be used for; why finger prints are taken and the information you can get from them; how to use a microscope and what you can see with it and Chromatography.

We were so pleased with the positive and interested responses from the pupils. They were so excited to come into the laboratories, use the equipment and meet the teachers. Well done to everyone who came along, you definitely impressed your teachers and we know that this club supports the Science already taught in your own primary schools.

Thank you to Mrs Heath, Mr Prentice, Mr Turvey, Mrs Eakins, Miss Bennett and Miss Fenner.



Family Focus: Year 4-6 Family Learning Workshops at CNS



home having had the opportunity to learn and take part in new activities.

Drama looked at pantomimes, their heritage and characters. During the workshop our families acted out a small segment of *Cinderella*, using costume and props, and then each group acted out their part creating a finished panto.

We were delighted to be supported by Chipping Norton Amateur Astronomy Group (CNAAG) at our Astronomy workshop. Families learnt about the night sky and the universe and had the opportunity to use the CNAAG telescopes to observe the night sky. As always, the clearer the night the better the view. They also took part in classroom workshops led by teachers from the Science Department.

Carol Hicks, our Extra Time Hockey Coach, taught families the basics of hockey, showing them some skills and tactics. This event was supported by Chipping Norton Leisure Centre who generously allowed us to use the Sports Hall.

The last workshop was Art where families were encouraged to come along

and create a 'Partnership Tree'. Everyone created their own personal leaf to hang on the tree; this could have been their pet, hobby, holiday, anything they liked. We now have our very own Chipping Norton Partnership of School 'Learning Tree', which we will display in school.

Thank you to all the families who took part. We are delighted you took the opportunity to try something new and work together. You don't need any experience or knowledge of the subject, just enthusiasm. The outcome for everyone was so positive. We look forward to seeing lots more families when we offer our summer workshops in June.

As always a big thank you to all the staff from our Drama, Art and Science Departments here at Chipping Norton School and Robin, John and colleagues from CNAAG and Carol Hicks who gave up their time and shared their expertise to make these workshops so worthwhile.

Mrs Fisher: Community Learning Lead

Over the last two weeks of Term 3 we have been pleased to host our Family Learning Workshops. The workshops offer the opportunity for shared adult and child learning; an excellent way to boost family well-being. We were delighted that all of the

workshops were filled to capacity offering Drama, Astronomy, Hockey and Art. Each workshop was run by teachers and coaches from Chipping Norton School. They devise the workshops so they are fully inclusive for all and everyone goes

AIM Art Workshop



Twenty-eight pupils from ten primary schools were nominated to come along to our Pop Art Workshop. Mr Nolan, one of the Art teachers at Chipping Norton School talked to the pupils about famous Pop Art artists and some of their popular works. He encouraged the pupils to look at a 'potentially' boring item and think about how it could be transformed as a work of art in the Pop Art style.

The pupils were asked to draw either a pineapple or melon in the Pop Art style, and then create a word to explode across it. The end result of each picture was very individual to each child. Well done to everyone who took part, you all worked very hard and had the opportunity to learn about some important cultural artists, and thank you to Mr Nolan for running the workshop.



Good Luck to Kitty!



Good luck to Kitty Hitchens who will be competing at the English Gymnastics Championships again this year on 1st - 3rd March. In the run-up to this event she has a pre-comp on the 15th February in Wiltshire and podium training on the 29th. Unfortunately last year she was injured so was unable to compete as much as she should have.

Well done Archie!

Congratulations are due to Archie Street (8SW) who represented Chipping Norton School at the Oxfordshire School Cross Country competition at Radley College on February 1st. Due to a mix up with the marshalling, the U15 runners actually ran 5.3km rather than 4.4km. Despite the longer course, Archie finished really strongly, sprinting in against an older boy to hold his 16th place out of 50.

This is a fantastic result for such a young athlete and should give Archie confidence that he has the ability to qualify for the English Schools finals in the near future.

Year 11 trip to the Tate Modern



Exposing students to art outside of the classroom is an important tool to assist in creating exciting and thoughtful responses to art themes - and so every year we take the Year 11 Art students to the Tate Modern in London as the start of their exam unit (Reflections). This year we had a fantastic experience seeing many new and thought provoking pieces, as well as going

on the Millennium Bridge and walking along the Embankment by the river Thames. Students were able to be inspired by the stunning views from the viewing tower, 10 storeys high, on a cold but sunny winter's day. The trip has given the artists lots of ideas to bring back into the classroom and inspire them in their exam unit.

Mrs Corley: Head of Art



What's on at CNS

TERM 4 2019

FEBRUARY

Wk 22 B

Mon 25 TERM BEGINS

**Thurs 28 Y11-13 School Photos
Y9 Options Evening in
Main Hall 7:00 pm**

MARCH

**Fri 1 History Battlefields trip to
Belgium (until 4th)
Sun` 3 DofE Gold Training day at
Henley**

Wk 23 A

**Mon 4 Y11 Spires Trip (tbc)
Y11 English Language
PiXL wave exams this
week**

**Y7 Tenner challenge
begins (ends 29th)**

**Weds 6 Y11 Drama Performance
Exam**

**Thurs 7 World Book Day—'Stop
and Read'
Y9 PTC 4.45-7:00 pm**

**Fri 8 Y8 Citizenship Day
Move it Dance trip**

Wk 24 B

**Wed 13 CNPS Y1 Dance Festival
1:45-2:45 pm**

**Thurs 14 Student Council non-
uniform day
Y9 Inoculations
Battle of the Bands
7:00 pm**

**Fri 15 Staff Training (no students
in school)**

**DofE Bronze Training day
A**

Wk 25 A

**Mon 18 GCSE MFL Mock all week
Y10 Citizenship Day
Y12 Inside Diamond trip
this week
Y10 Woodlands trip
departs 4:00 pm
(returns 22nd)**

**Wed 20 Tudor Hall German play
CNPS Y1 Dance Festival
1:45-2:45 pm
Drama Performance
Evening**

**Thurs 21 WOLP Apprenticeship
event at Marlborough
School**

**Fri 22 Deadline for Y9 options
forms**

Wk 26 B

Tues 26 Y13 MFL speaking mock

**Wed 27 ChipLitFest Schools Day
CNPS School Olympics
Y2&3 1:30-3:30 pm**

**Thurs 28 Y13 Drama Performance
Exam**

**Music Concert 7:00 pm
Fri 29 Y10,12&13 Progress
Report home**

Wk 27 A

Mon 1 House match week

**Weds 3 CNPS School Olympics
Y2&3 1:30-3:30 pm**

**Y12&13 Invitation PTC
Thurs 4 Dance Showcase 7:00 pm**

**Fri 5 Y11 Celebration awards
Y11 Progress reports
home
END OF TERM**



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