



CAMPION SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



July/August 2023

Aspire - Engage - Achieve

Headteacher Review

This has been another exciting year for the school as it continues to grow and expand. The number of pupils on roll is at an all-time high and we continue to rationalise our site by developing the school buildings and utilising our available space.

Some of the exciting developments, which have arisen from this growth, are the many links that are being forged with our local community, including last September's re-launch of our Lettings Facilities. In this newsletter you will learn about some of the amazing opportunities for sport, team-building and skills development available on the school site through our letting opportunities both after school and at the weekend.

As summer fast approaches, I hope that you are as proud of yourselves and your children, as we are of our families and that you are able to have a good rest over the summer, enjoy some relaxation and come back ready to learn, play hard and work even harder in September. Keep up the good work.

The Lettings Team at Campion



The Lettings Team is ready to take bookings and welcome visitors to the school's out-of-hours facilities. Two familiar faces, Nick Hawkins, Assistant Head, pictured below, manages the team, and bookings are made through Chris Wills, Centaur House Learning Leader, pictured left, who is also on hand with advice and further information.

On arrival at school, clients are met by one of the Lettings Assistants; Keith, Ryan or Tomasz, who work from the Lettings office, sited next to the sports hall. They ensure the facilities are ready and clients have all that they need.

If you wish to make a booking, please email us at lettings@campion.warwickshire.sch.uk
We look forward to hearing from you.



INDUCTION DAY & INDUCTION EVENING

Monday, 10 July

Induction evening
6.00 pm or 7.00 pm start

Sports Day

Tuesday, 11 July

Year 7 Parents' Evening

Thursday, 13 July

Year 8 Languages Day

Friday, 14 July

SOCIAL MEDIA

www.facebook.com/campionsch

 [campion@campionschool](https://twitter.com/campion@campionschool)

Last Day of Term

Tuesday, 25 July

School finishes at 12:20 pm

First Day of Autumn Term

Tuesday, 5 September

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"If you spend too much time thinking about a thing, you'll never get it done." Bruce Lee

A word from our Chair of Governors

As another academic year draws to a close, I thought it would be a good time to say thank you to all the staff, pupils, parents and carers for all their support and hard work over the last year. The school has been through many changes over the last few years; we have expanded in numbers, weathered the Covid storm and seen major building work that's has given the school fantastic new facilities, sports hall, STEM and sixth form block plus major renovation work to the older buildings with more still to come. These outward signs of investment along with the continued push for academic excellence have promoted the profile of the school within our community, and first choice enrolment for new pupils is at an all-time high. With the growing numbers of pupils, we have endeavoured to maintain the small school ethos that Campion championed and while we deliver a full and varied curriculum our out of school activities have blossomed.

Governors have taken part in a range of monitoring events this year which included speaking with pupils on a range of topics, including safeguarding and bullying. Children report feeling safe in school and know who they can talk to if they have concerns. Governors have been impressed with the maturity of the pupils and have shared how well-behaved, polite and considerate pupils are around the school.

I would like to give a special mention for the brilliant production of Bugsy Malone at the beginning of this year, but also thanks to all the clubs and events that help pupils broaden their education and school experience. The school has opened up to the larger community, promoting bookings for sport and leisure, attracting an ever-growing list of clubs and organisations that are making us a true community asset. We are on course for great academic results this year and I hope all who are leaving or continuing to study with us pass their exams and fulfil their potential, going on to their hoped-for destinations. Wishing you a good summer and once again thank you to all for the encouragement and support you bring to Campion making us a unique school situated in the best of communities.

Mr. Fergus Durrant

Chair of Governors

For more information on our Governing Body and its members please see our website: <https://campion.warwickshire.sch.uk/governance/>

Lettings Spaces

These are the spaces available for letting for evenings and weekends.



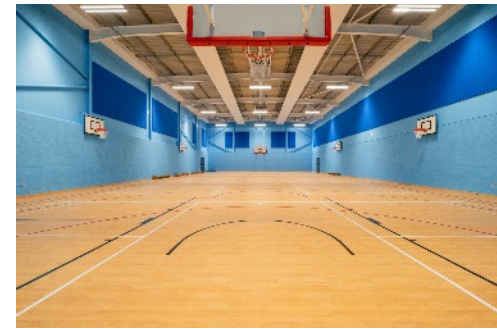
Multi-Use Games Area - 5-a-side



Multi-Use Games Area - 5-a-side



Gymnasium



Sports Hall



Sports Hall



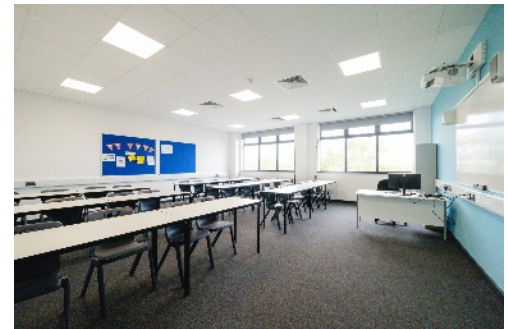
Refectory



Field



Field



Classroom



Drama Studio



Main Hall



Main Hall

WARWICK AND LEAMINGTON TAEKWONDO

Benefits

There are many benefits of practicing Taekwondo and being a member of our club.

Firstly, Taekwondo is a martial art that originated in Korea and is practised around the world. It combines self-defence techniques, physical fitness, and mental discipline, making it a comprehensive activity that can benefit you in many ways.



Physically, practising Taekwondo can improve your flexibility, fitness, strength, coordination and balance, and it is a great way to lose weight if that is your aim. It is a great way to stay fit and healthy while having fun. In addition, Taekwondo can be an effective way to relieve stress and improve mental health. The focus and discipline required to perform the techniques can help you to clear your mind and improve your overall well-being.

Moreover, Taekwondo teaches important life skills such as respect, self-discipline, and perseverance. These skills are not only important in Taekwondo, but they are also important in everyday life. Through Taekwondo training, you can learn how to set and achieve goals, overcome obstacles, and develop a strong work ethic.



As a member of our club, you will have the opportunity to train with highly experienced instructors who are dedicated to helping you reach your full potential. Our club is a welcoming community where you can meet new people and make friends while learning new skills.

Finally, Taekwondo is an activity that can be practised at all ages and levels of fitness. The club is a thriving community delivering family classes so parents and their children can train at the same time, but in a separate class environment, so the needs of each group are catered for. We take members from 10 years old and above, at our Leamington club, and 8 years old, and above, at our Warwick clubs.

In conclusion, practicing Taekwondo and being a member of our club can have numerous benefits for your physical, mental, and social well-being. If you are interested in joining our club, we invite you to come and see for yourself what Taekwondo can offer you.

Visit our website for more details and use the contact page if you wish to register for a free trial class www.tkdhub.co.uk



WARWICK AND LEAMINGTON TAEKWONDO

One Family's experience of the club:

For those of you who are looking to start a Martial Art, or are looking to try Taekwondo, then we would certainly recommend Warwick & Leamington TKD. The club caters for all abilities and provides excellent and well-structured instruction in a friendly environment.

As a family, all three of us have been part of this excellent club for nearly five years and have gained so much in terms of fitness, self-defence and a new skill in Taekwondo - alongside training with excellent friendly and supportive people. If you like sparring, competitions, self-defence, improved fitness, weight loss or just a personal challenge then this club has it all. Highly recommended!



WHAT AND WHEN?

Tuesday

@ St Nicholas Park Leisure Centre -
Warwick
7pm - 8pm

Thursday

@ Warwick School
7pm - 8pm

Friday

@ Champion School
6:30 - 7:30pm



Little Kickers®

We give your children a positive introduction to sport by teaching high quality football skills in a friendly, pressure-free environment.

There are four different classes tailored specifically to the needs of children between 18 months to eight years of age.

It is the perfect setting to ignite an enthusiasm for sport that will stay with them for life.



Benefits of Little Kickers include:

- Improves your child's social skills
- Introduces sharing and fair play
- Promotes parent-child bonding
- Instils teamwork
- Encourages mental resilience
- Most importantly - it's FUN!

Saturday mornings at Campion School

Little Kicks

1.5 to 2.5 years old
8.45am – 9.30am

Junior Kickers

2.5 to 3.5 years old
9.35 – 10.20am

Mighty Kickers

3.5 to 5.0 years old
10.25am to 11.10am

Mega Kickers

5 - 8 year olds
11.15am - 12:00pm

Why not try a free taster session for any of our classes - just email: warwick@littlekickers.co.uk to book.





Term Times on a Saturday -

Weekly performing arts classes offered on a termly basis in twelve-week blocks.

- *Early Stages (4 - 6 years old): 9am, 9.30am, 10.45am and 11.15am. These all run for 1.5 hours each.*
- *Main School (6 - 15 years old): 10am and 2.30pm and Further Stages (15 - 18 years old): 2.30pm. These all run for 3 hours each.*

All sessions are focused on the three musical theatre skills of dance, singing and drama to develop a child's creative and expressive confidence, as well as their social confidence amongst their peers. Early Stages have a combined session, with an emphasis on learning these skills through play and fun, while Main School and Further Stages have three separate 50-minute classes for each discipline. These classes are taught by a specialist teacher and work in a more structured way to our Educational Framework. Each term has a different theme or goal, whether that is ending with a performance to friends and family, or developing skills and techniques using specialist external teachers for a master class.

We offer a 'Discovery Day' on 9 September, which is essentially a taster session with a condensed version of a normal week's classes that the children can participate in with our regular teachers. All are welcome and the session is free!

Next term runs from 16 September - 9 December (with 28 October - 1 November off for half term.)

More information here - <https://www.stagecoach.co.uk/about-us> and here <https://www.stagecoach.co.uk/leamingtonspa>





School holidays - Holiday clubs or workshop programs.

This summer we are staging The Bee Musical (for 4 - 6 year olds) and Matilda (for 6-18 year olds) from July 31st to August 4th. Sessions are 9.30am - 12.30pm (The Bee Musical) and 10am to 4pm (Matilda), with the Friday running later as there is a performance to parents at the end of the week. Wraparound care is available at an extra cost.

Open to all children (not just Stagecoach students), these workshops are designed to learn a show in a week, so each day is focused on different parts of a show with the goal of putting everything together by Friday! Every child will have a chance to sing, dance and act - and hopefully make new friends along the way.

More information at - <https://www.stagecoach.co.uk/holiday-workshops> or <https://www.stagecoach.co.uk/leamingtonspa#workshops>

Our thoughts

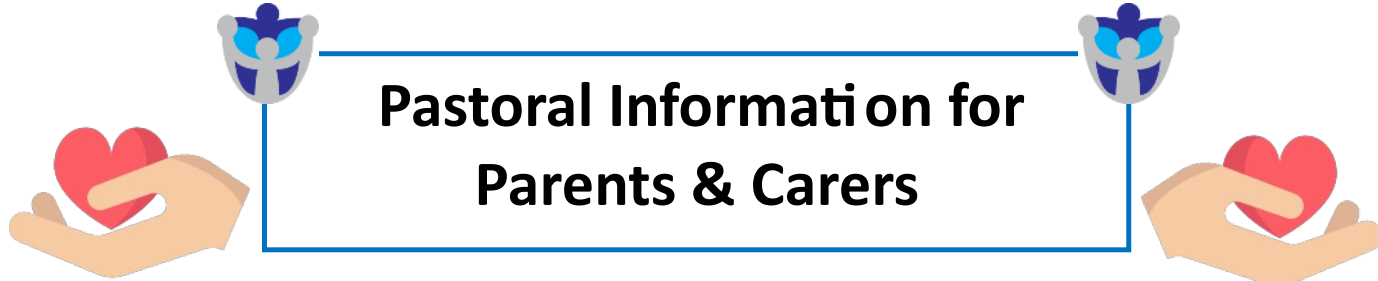
As well as specialised training in performing arts, and the opportunity to perform on stage, Stagecoach classes are designed to give creative courage to each child and a chance to explore their talents and opportunities in performing. We hope that each child gains the resilience and self-belief to become more sociable and imaginative, both whilst with us at Stagecoach and away from us around their friends and family too. All of our teachers and staff are Enhanced DBS checked and the children are supervised at all times.

Feedback

"Firstly, I wanted to say congratulations on Saturday's showcase. The performances were wonderful and the children looked like they were loving every minute. Having a background in community theatre myself, I appreciate all the hard work from you and your team in striking a wonderful balance between quality performance, inclusion and fun."

"Earlier today I sat in awe of the spectacular performance of everyone at Stagecoach Leamington Spa. The staff are always incredibly kind, helpful and efficient at bringing out the talent in all of the children, but this particular performance was outstanding. My daughter is on the spectrum and started off very shy. Today she was on stage with a significant role and for that transition to happen, I can only imagine the hard work behind the scenes. Thank you!"

"Just wanted to congratulate your whole team on a mega show yesterday that filled my eyes with tears and not just the bits with my kids in. You're such an awesome bunch and I wish every child had the opportunity that Stagecoach brings x"



Pastoral Information for Parents & Carers

Find out more here: online courses, events, external visits and general dates for your diary.

Campion Courses available via Zoom - August 2023

The Recovery and Wellbeing Academy is offering free online courses about how best to support adults and children suffering with poor mental health. If you would like to attend a course below, follow the link below to book and to browse more courses. There is limited space so ensure you book soon!

Book here: www.recoveryandwellbeing.co.uk/enrolment

Wednesday, 2 August - Sleep - 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Tuesday, 8 August - Healthy Mind, Skills and Practice - 10.00am - 11:00am



Parent/Carer Courses 2023

Sleep Workshop for children over 1- Monday, 24 July 1pm- 3pm Kingsway CFC

Sleep issues are common for children and young people and can have a huge impact on the quality of family life. This two-hour interactive workshop looks at the importance of sleep, understanding of sleep science, causes of sleep issues and strategies to help.

If this course interests you, follow the URL link below or scan the QR code to find the event and book your space.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/warwickshire-children-and-families-17595309993>



Online Safety and Social Media

With the increasing presence of social media and the internet in the lives of our students, we want to ensure that we update you with the latest information so that we can work together to protect them. We always encourage our students to approach us about anything upsetting or disturbing they might see online and we will continue to promote this message.

This link to the NSPCC website offers help and advice for parents and carers to keep you updated on the dangers our young people face and how we can lower the risk to them:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Parents Protect also offer some fantastic, easy-to-understand guides for parents and children downloadable here:

<https://www.parentsprotect.co.uk/internet-safety-handouts-for-parents-and-children.htm>

If you are concerned about something your child has seen on the internet or social media - please get in touch with your HLL.

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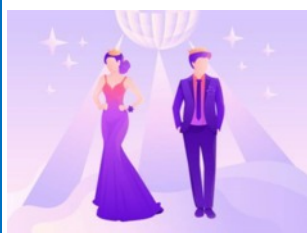
SUPPORT AND EXTRA-CURRICULAR

Keeping Students Safe In and Out of School

In Warwickshire, there has been an increase in the level of violence between students both in, and out, of school. Our policy is to keep students safe, which is why we have a strict, no tolerance, policy towards violence and we would like to reiterate that behaviour of this nature will result in the exclusion of any students who are caught fighting or inciting a fight. We are also aware that fights in Leamington, and the surrounding area, are being organised in schools and on social media, and any incidence of a Campion student involved in fighting, inside or outside of school, will be investigated by the school and exclusions will be applied where appropriate.

As a school, we will continue to endeavour to tackle this issue, but you can help us to promote the message of anti-violence to your young people at home by speaking to them openly about the dire consequences of fighting, both as a young person and as an adult. If you have any questions or concerns about this then please get in touch with your House Learning Leader.

Year 11 Prom



Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to help run a fabulous prom for our Year 11 pupils. For the second year running the prom took place at Campion and it was a huge success. Amongst the entertainments we enjoyed were: music from a renowned DJ; delicious catering; lawn and poker games; a sweet stall and a magic, selfie-mirror. The students, dressed in an array of fabulous clothes, arrived in style in a number of ways, including via a double-decker bus, an ice-cream van and even a police car. After which, they enjoyed walking up the red carpet laid out for them.

We are so proud of our students who have worked incredibly hard this year and were delighted to be able to give them the send-off they deserve. Huge thanks especially to Carol Jones, Tracey Twomey and the catering team, along with Olivia Butt, who sang and played guitar beautifully. Also, to Louise Farr-Voller, Jessica Anderson and Angela Burden who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to make everything run smoothly on the night.

Attendance Ladder

How close is your child to 100%?

0 days off school	100%	Perfection
Equates to 2 days off school each year	99%	Excellent
Equates to 5 days off school each year	97%	Good
Equates to 10 days off school each year	95%	Slight Concern
Equates to 20 days off school each year	90%	Concerned
Equates to 30 days off school each year	85%	Very Concerned

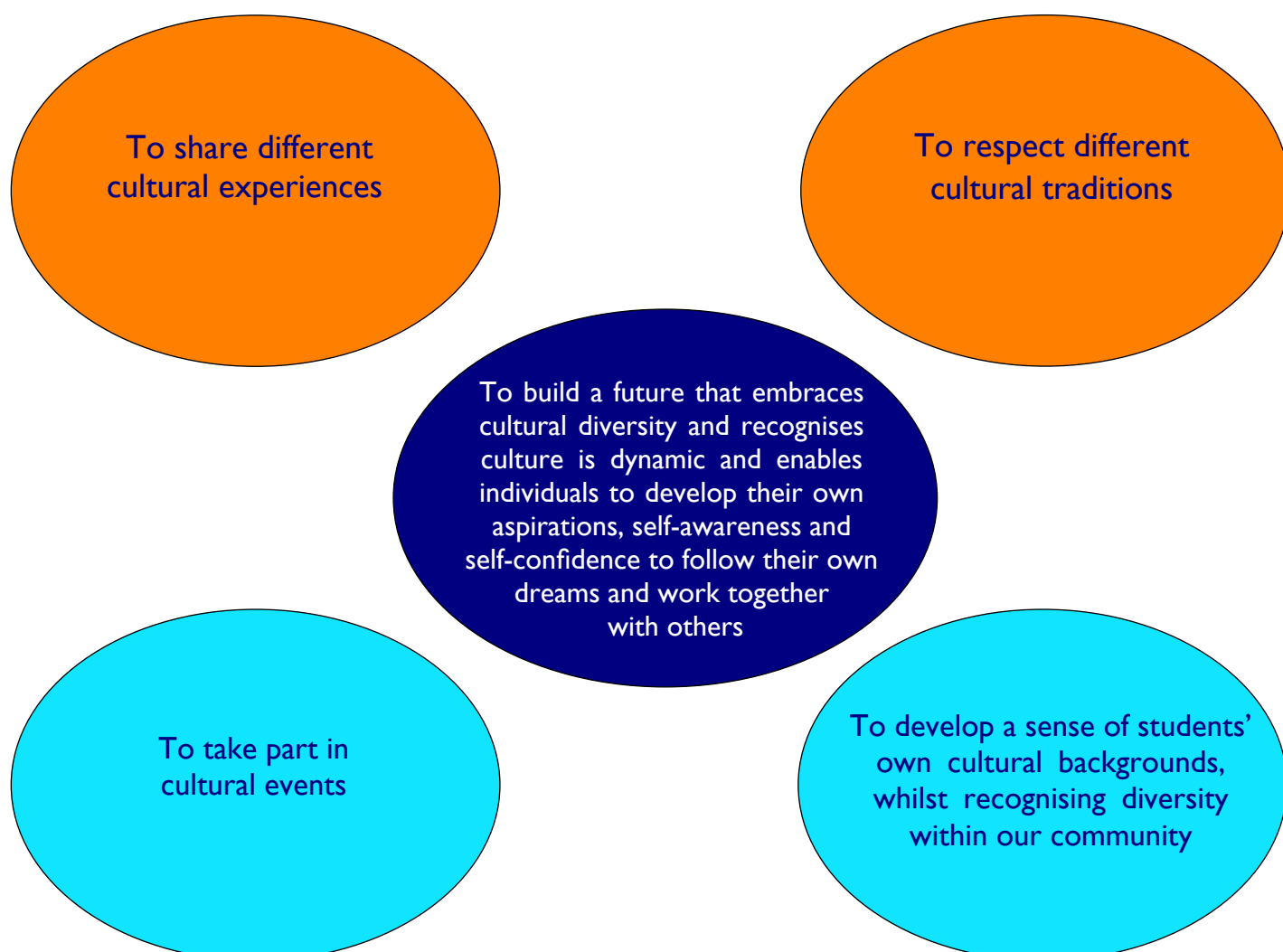


WHAT IS SMSC? HOW DOES IT AFFECT ME?

Over the next few newsletters we will look at this important subject in more detail. SMSC stands for Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Development. It is promoted through all the subjects of the curriculum, through the ethos of the school, where the development of positive attitudes and values is key, and the shared celebration of progress, success and diversity is important.

Cultural Development

Cultural development links developing a sense of personal identity, whilst acquiring awareness, understanding and tolerance of the cultural traditions and beliefs of others. Campion is a school where cultural diversity is shared and celebrated.



CAMPION FREE SCHOOL MEALS & COST OF LIVING SUPPORT

Uniform Exchange

Donate and request used uniform through our Facebook site or by contacting the school.



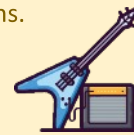
Hardship Fund

Request financial support for small items. We do not provide cash.



Peter Rossiter Foundation

Request help with musical instruments or cost of lessons.



Breakfast Club

Free toast and a drink before school for children entitled to free school meals.



Food Parcels

Request a fortnightly food parcel from Langar Aid through the school.



Uniform Grant

We can sometimes help with the cost of uniform if your child is entitled to free school meals.



Free School Meals – Here to Help!

Do you want your child to eat healthily and save money?

Our school meal deal is just £2.50, offering a hot meal, dessert and drink

Is your child eligible for a free school meal?

Not sure? Check it out

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>



Campion Cost of Living Support

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new ZUMBA

All fitness
levels welcome!

No need to book.

STARTING WEDNESDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER!

CAMPION SCHOOL

7pm – 8pm

£6.50 PAYG

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on all our classes or personal training.



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MJPL U9 - U13

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WE'RE STILL LOOKING TO ADD PLAYERS TO OUR SQUADS
COMPETING IN THE MIDLAND JUNIOR PREMIER LEAGUE

Uefa B Head Coach

FA Qualified Coaches

Weekly training session

Player progress reports

Goalkeeper specific Training

veo Camera for Match analysis

To Register interest follow the
below link or scan the QR code
<https://forms.gle/SveDMVtZviDoLXoDA>

Or contact Matt Turner on
Leambrakes@Gmail.com



SCAN ME

ONE CLUB ONE COMMUNITY

WARWICK & LEAMINGTON TAEKWON DO



"I started for
the excitement
& the self defense.
The camaraderie &
dedication to
excellence keeps
me coming"

Martin, Member



WARWICK &
LEAMINGTON
TKD

Taekwon Do is an excellent way to get in shape, make friends
and an effective way to:

- Get fit • Be healthy • Be safe

CAMPION SCHOOL SPORTS HALL: FRIDAY 6.30PM - 7.30PM

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A PLACE TO



SING, DANCE AND ACT!

**FREE
DISCOVERY
DAY**

DISCOVERY DAY

Leamington Spa

Explore the world of performing arts through our free taster sessions in singing, dancing and acting for 4 - 18 year-olds.

Date / Time: 09 Sep 2023 10:30 - 12:30

Venue: Champion School, CV31 1QH

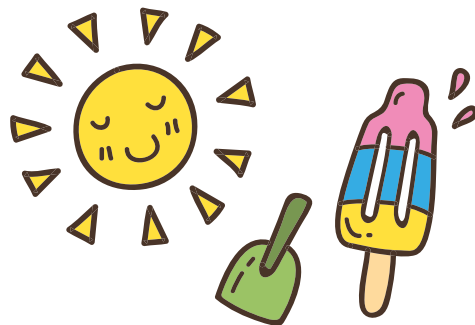
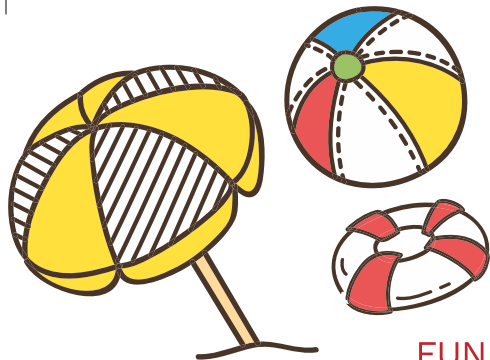
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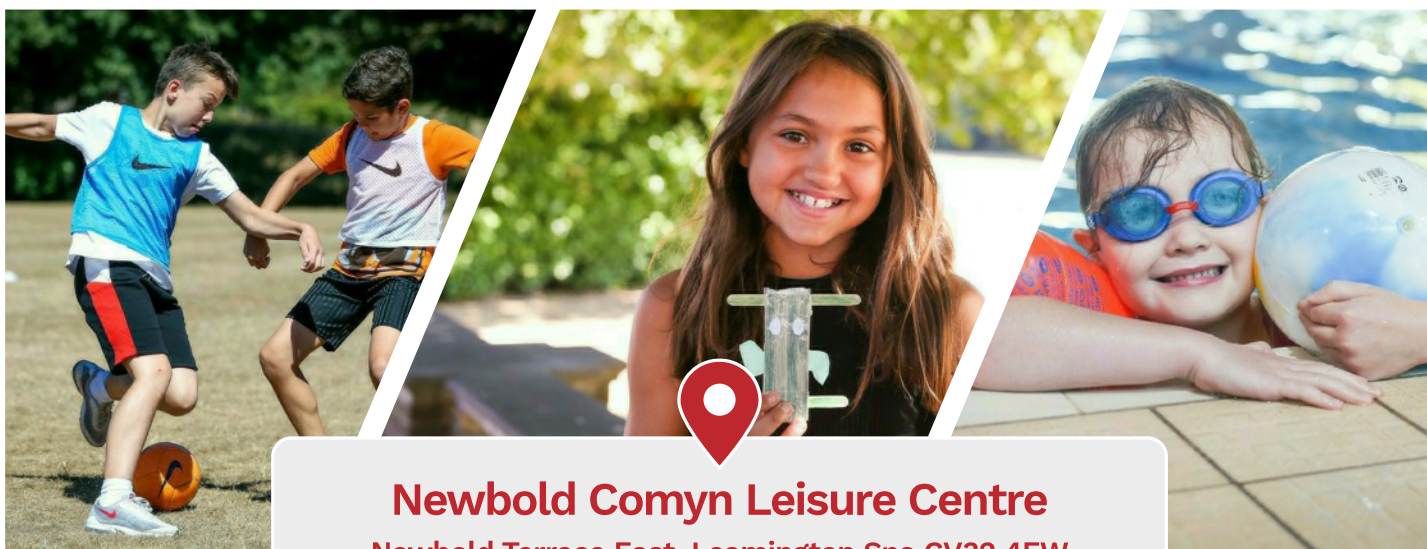


FUN | INCLUSIVE | EDUCATIONAL

SUMMER FUN WEEKS

MULTI SPORTS, CLIP 'N CLIMB, SWIMMING, PERFORMING ARTS, ARTS & CRAFTS, NERF WARS, LASER TAG, POOL TABLE, BOUNCY CASTLE, ESPORTS, LEGO BUILDING & MORE!

Open between Wednesday 26th July – Friday 1st September



Newbold Comyn Leisure Centre

Newbold Terrace East, Leamington Spa CV32 4EW

9.00am – 4.00pm

Early drop off from 8am, late pick-up until 5pm

OPEN TO CHILDREN AGED 5 (SCHOOL YEAR 1) - 12

FROM £25 PER DAY!

No additional costs for early drop off & late pick up. Discount available for booking 5+ days.

Discounts for siblings & full week booking – please see booking page for details.

We accept Childcare Vouchers, Tax-Free Childcare & we are OFSTED registered!

Please bring: Lunch, Snacks, Waterproof Clothing & A Refillable Drinks Bottle.

Also accepting HAF bookings if your child is eligible for free school meals.

For more information,
call 01344 508008 or email letmeplay@play-sport.co.uk
Book online: www.letmeplay.uk





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EXPLORE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH /
SNACKS / GAMES**



**FRIDAY
LUNCHTIMES**

**All Year
Groups
A7**

TERM DATES - SUMMER 2023 - AUTUMN 2023

Last day of term

Tuesday, 25 July 2023 - Finish at 12:20pm

(For free school meal pupils - lunch will be available at break time)

Staff Training Day

Friday, 1 September 2023

Staff Training Day

Monday, 4 September 2023

Pupils return

Tuesday, 5 September as follows:

Y7 8.40 am to Form Rooms

Y12 9.30 am to Hall

Y8 11.20 am to Form Rooms

Y9 11.20 am to Form Rooms

Y10 11.20 am to Form Rooms

Y11 11.20 am to Form Rooms

Y13 11.20 am to Form Rooms

Extra-Curricular Timetable 2023

Day	Morning 7:30-8:30	Lunchtime 12:20-13:00	After School 15:10-16:30	Venue	Staff
Monday	Breakfast Club			Refectory	RAS
	Computer & Homework Club		Computer & Homework Club (3.10 - 5 PM)	A4	YBE
			Netball/Football (All Yr's)	Courts & Fields	PE Staff
		Young Carers		A12	LJR
		'Quiet' Lunch Club		A4	JMM
			Science Surgery: All Yrs (3.20 - 4.20PM)	E15	KS
			Creative Media & Homework Club (KS4/5)	A25	ABN
			Art Club	B5	VAB
		Chess Club (Girls only)		B9	AYSHEA
			Access Team - Hwk Club (3.30 - 4.30 PM)	EAL Room	JMM
Tuesday	Breakfast Club			Refectory	RAS
	Computer & Homework Club		Computer & Homework Club (3.10 - 5 PM)	Library	LWM
		Rotary 'Interact Club' (Yr 11)		A16	JG
			Badminton Club (All Yr's)	Gym	PE Staff
			Eco-Club (All Yrs) (Week 1 only)	E17	JKT
			Access Team - Hwk Club (3.30 - 4.30PM)	EAL Room	
		'Quiet' Lunch Club		A4	JMM
		Chess Club (Girls & Boys)		B9	CMD
			Creative Media & Homework Club (KS4/5)	A25	ABN
		GCSE Music		Music Block	EPR
Wednesday	Breakfast Club			By Basketball Nets	GDB
	Computer & Homework Club			Imac Room	EPR
		'Geog Geniuses' Club			
			Science Year 7 'Labrats' (WK2 only)	A12	JS
			Creative Media & Homework Club (KS4/5)	E14	MA/GDB
			Softball/Rounders Club (All Yr's)	A23	SRZ/JAR
		Languages Blooket Club		Gym	PE Staff
			Chess Club (Girls & Boys)	C6	MFL Staff
			Crest Club (Science ASPIRE Yr8 students)	Refectory	RAR/CMD/AJ
		'Quiet' Lunch Club		E16	AMH
Thursday	Breakfast Club			A4	JMM
	Computer & Homework Club		Access Team - Hwk Club (3.30 - 4.30PM)	EAL Room	JMM
			Psychology: Yr's 7-11 (3.15 PM)	E7	Harmin
			Book Club	E7	Harmin
			Gaming Club (Yr's 8,9 & 10)	Library	LJA & MJR
			Duke of Edinburgh	A23	SRZ
		Lego Robotics Club (Yr's 7-8)		E1	MCR
				E1	EA
	Breakfast Club				
	Computer & Homework Club		Computer & Homework Club (3.10 - 5PM)		
Friday			Athletics/Cricket Club(Yr 7-11)	Library	RAS
		Chess Club (Girls & Boys)		Field	LWM
		'Quiet' Lunch Club		B9	PE Staff
		Local Humanities Heroes		A4	AJ
				A4	JMM
			Tabletop Gaming Club (3.10 - 4.10PM)	A13	JMM
			Endurance Running Club (3.25 start!)	Refectory	BIG
				Outside PE Block	JSP
					JR
		'BTEC & GCSE Art Catch-Up (Yr's 9 & 10)			
Friday	Breakfast Club			B5	DJT
	Computer & Homework Club		Access Team - Hwk Club (3.30 - 4.30PM)	A4	EH
		Crossteach Club			
		'Quiet' Lunch Club			
		GCSE Music			
			Chess Club (Girls & Boys)		

LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME

UPDATED INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Supreme Court clarified has clarified the law on unauthorised leave, including holidays, during term time (Platt v Isle of Wright 2017). The Supreme Court has made clear that attending school 'regularly' means that the children must attend school on every day that they are required to do so. As such, the parents of any child who is absent from school without authorisation for any length of time are likely to be considered as committing an offence under s444 of the Education Act 1996.

The regulations regarding Leave of Absence (The Education (Pupil Regulations) (England) Regulations 2006 as amended by Education (Pupil Regulations) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013.) advise:

Head teachers **shall not grant any** Leave of Absence during term time **unless they consider** there are **exceptional** circumstances relating to the application.

If the leave is granted, Head teachers are able to determine the number of school days a child can be absent for.

It is for the Head teacher to decide what is 'exceptional' and it is at their discretion if the circumstances warrant the leave to be granted. When making an application for Leave of Absence in advance parents are advised to give sufficient information and time to allow the Head teacher the opportunity to consider all the exceptional circumstances and to notify parents of their decision. It is advised that if the resident parent has not received notification or a response regarding the leave of absence application, it is their responsibility to ascertain if the leave is authorised prior to the start of the leave.

The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent ie the parent with whom the child normally resides.

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child will be required to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence, which may result in legal action being taken against the parent(s), by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice.

Where a leave of absence is requested, but additional days taken either prior to or after the request may be considered as part of the leave of absence and could result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to the parent(s).

Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case-by-case basis and on its own merits.

Leave of Absences which are not made in advance cannot be authorised in line with legislation. This will result in the absence being recorded as 'unauthorised'. This may result in legal action against the parent, by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice. All matters of unauthorised absence relating to a Leave of Absence will be referred to the Warwickshire Attendance Service, part of Warwickshire County Council.

It is important to note, Fixed Penalty Notices are issued to each parent of each absent child, (for example 2 children and 2 parents, means each parent will receive 2 invoices in the amount of £120 each, totalling £240 for both children, this is reduced to £60 per child if paid within 21 days).

Where a Fixed Penalty Notice is not paid within the required timeframe as set out on the notice, the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal proceedings under S444 Education Act 1996.

Fixed Penalty Notices are issued in accordance with Warwickshire County Council's Code of Conduct for Penalty Notices.

Your child's progress academically as well as socially is our shared priority

Warwickshire School pupils recorded 96,366 half day sessions of absence due to holiday in the Academic year 2021/22.