

Campion Newsletter

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End of Year Reflection



As Christmas approaches, it is a good time to reflect and take a moment to be thankful for the year that will soon be coming to a close. For many of our families,

Christmas is a happy time, filled with love, good food and fun but, it is important to remember, this is not the case for everyone. Perhaps you, or a family nearby, could be struggling.

In 2022, prior to the cost-of-living crisis, around 14.4 million, or one in five people, were living in poverty in the UK and this figure will have risen through 2023. At Christmas, life can be tougher than usual as the

pressures and costs of creating a family Christmas mount up, causing upset and distress. Other families may be grieving or suffering a tough time for another reason and Christmas amplifies feelings of happiness as well as sadness.

At Campion we are thankful for our school community - we care about all of our families. This newsletter focuses on the charity and welfare work alive in the school - you can find out how the staff and children are making a difference and how you, too, might be able to help over the winter months.

This Christmas, take time to be thankful and consider if there is someone near to you who needs some kindness, food or even a smile.

Dates for your diary

Year 8 Parents Evening (online)

Thursday, 11 January
School finishes at 2:45pm

Post-16 Parents Evening (online)

Thursday, 8 February
School finishes at 2:45pm

Year 10 Parents Evening (online)

Thursday, 29 February
School finishes at 2:45pm

School Production *Oliver Twist*

Tuesday, 6 - Wednesday, 7 February

Non-Uniform Day for the Lily - Mae Foundation

In October, Campion staff and pupils organised a non-uniform day to raise money and awareness for the local charity, *The Lily-Mae Foundation*. The charity was set up in 2010 after Ryan and Amy Jackson tragically lost their daughter, Lily-Mae. The loss of a baby can be a taboo subject and parents are not encouraged to seek the support they desperately need.

The charity aims to support families who have suffered the loss of a baby, and wants to raise awareness of how regularly this tragedy occurs. Most people do not realise that Stillbirth, Miscarriage, Neonatal Death, and Medical Termination devastate more than 3,500 parents each year. *The Lily-Mae Foundation* wants to change that. The charity supports families through a variety of ways.

Why not tune in to their excellent podcast *Still Parents* which is particularly helpful for men. For more information please visit their website: www.lilymaefoundation.org

The school raised £800 for the charity, which is the largest amount raised for a non-uniform day. Thanks to everyone for their support.

Pictured below from left: Trustee, Jack Taylor; Chair to the Trustees, Geoff Heaps; Year 9 Ambassadors, Jess and Veenisha and Headteacher, Jassa Panesar.



Term Dates

Christmas Break

Monday, 25 Dec - Friday, 5 Jan 2024

Teacher Training Day

Monday, 8 January 2024

School closed to pupils

Social Media

www.facebook.com/campionsch



campion@campionschool

Food For Thought

'We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give.' Winston Churchill

Staff and students busy raising money...

Staff VS Sixth Form Basketball

On 22 November, the staff; Mr Macleod, Mr Dhesi, Dr Ahmad, Mr O'Hare, Mr Strain and Mr Coutts took on the Sixth Form Basketball team to help raise money for Warwick District Foodbank. Students paid £1 to watch. (see below)

The competition was fierce and tensions were high as the teams met each other in the Sports Hall. The PE Staff started well, but the sixth formers soon began to rally. At half-time the Staff were in the lead by just three points. Both teams played hard and by the time the whistle blew the Staff had held their three-point lead with a final score of 17-14. Over £63 was raised for the foodbank. Well done everyone!

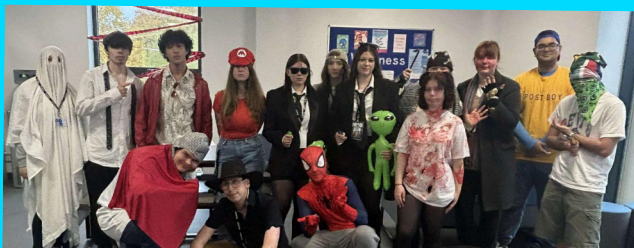


Post - 16 Get Spooky for Charity

A group of Post-16 students dressed up for Halloween to raise money for the local charity *Helping Hands*.

Helping Hands is a Leamington charity which reaches out to those affected by the causes and effects of homelessness; such as vulnerability in housing, domestic abuse, addiction, isolation, mental health challenges, and poverty. It provides breakfasts, meals and a catering van, along with accommodation, donations of furniture and white goods, counselling and one-to-one support.

The sixth Formers, pictured right, raised more than £45.



HOUSE HEAD
CONTACTS

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Griffin: Liz Gayton
Pegasus: Yvette Brown
Phoenix: Angela Burden
Unicorn: Shearon Williams



Growing a Mo!

Last year, Campion Staff raised £837 for Movember by growing a Mustache and by running and walking, to raise money for this charity which is focused on men's health. This year staff have already broken their record with over £1,270 raised. Movember was created for a simple reason: to promote men's health as men are dying, on average, 4.5 years earlier than women and for largely preventable reasons.

A growing number of men – around 10.8 million globally are facing life with a prostate cancer diagnosis. Across the world, testicular cancer is the most common cancer among young men and 69% of males account for all suicides, with one man committing suicide each minute of every day. Movember is uniquely placed to address this crisis globally and the charity funds ground breaking projects to encourage men to engage in the benefits of preventative health and to inspire change.

Pictured above: mustaches on display.

Keep on walking

In October, Lisa Fletcher, maths teacher, joined the National 100 Miles Challenge walk, with her sister, in aid of cancer research. While her niece entered the 100 Skips A Day Challenge – both efforts raising £648 for the charity. Inspiring.

Lisa walked: at weekends and in the evenings; to, and from, school; laps of the field at break time, and to Asda or along Sydenham Drive at lunch break. Fantastic work Lisa!

Lisa was keen to point out, that the walking itself had not been the biggest challenge, but finding the time in a busy term had.



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Pastoral Information for Parents & Carers



Courses available via Zoom December 23 - February 24

Understanding and Supporting School Aged Children Who Self-harm

Tuesday, 5 December, 10.00am to 12.00pm

Understanding Sensory Needs in School Aged Children

Tuesday, 19 December, 12.30pm to 2.30pm

Understanding Low Mood in Children and Young People

Wednesday, 29 January, 12.30pm to 2.30pm

Places are subject to availability - please email
risecommunityoffer@covwarkpt.nhs.uk for more information.

Langar Aid Food Donations and Langar Outreach

To Sikhs, the convention of Langar is where food and drink are given to all, regardless of social or religious background.

Langar Aid, a Coventry charity, kindly provides Campion with regular donations of bags of food, for which we are incredibly thankful. If you, or someone you know, might benefit from a bag, on a regular basis, please do call the school or drop a note into reception and we would be happy to speak to you.

Langar Outreach is another local, Sikh, community-focused charity, which provides freshly-prepared hot meals and drinks on Monday evenings outside All Saints Church, Leamington Spa for anyone who wishes to partake.

BIFFA - New Toys Donations

BIFFA, the waste management company, is appealing for new toys to donate to families this Christmas. If you have unused toys that a child has grown out of, but are in new condition, please bring them to school no later than Tuesday, 4 December – you could make a child smile this Christmas.



Warwickshire and Solihull Blood Bikes *Practical Presents Drive*



This dedicated group of volunteers, who provide an essential and life-saving service to our local hospitals in Coventry, Warwickshire and Birmingham, are motorcyclists with a purpose, using their passion for riding to serve a greater cause. Equipped with specially adapted motorcycles, they navigate through traffic and reach their destinations swiftly, often delivering life-saving supplies in record time. Over the festive period they have expanded their regular drive to include delivery of hygiene products to children, young adults and vulnerable people. Campion School is due to receive some of their Christmas parcels in December. If you, or someone you know would benefit from this - please get in touch with Angela Burden, another member of the House Learning Leader Team or our main reception.

CENTRAL WARWICKSHIRE SPORTS PARTNERSHIP NEWS

Girls Football at Campion

Campion School is a Barclays FA Girls Football School Partnership and are able to access some great opportunities through this initiative.



**GIRLS' FOOTBALL
SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS**
Supported by **BARCLAYS**

The girls' football team trains on Tuesdays after school each week - all year groups and abilities are welcome. The teams enter into the under-13 and under-15 local school games competitions. This term both teams have played in two tournaments against local schools. There is also a team of 24, trained Girls Football Activators from Year 8 to 10 who visit local primary schools to inspire other girls to play football, have fun and be active. As well as running a football festival for primary schools earlier this year, the team has just been into Sydenham Primary School to deliver football fun to all the girls in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. One of our Activators, Summer, is pictured below with girls from Sydenham Primary School. Well done Activators!

*We are looking for twelve new activators
Applications will be available from January*

**If you would you like to be involved -
follow these simple steps:**

- 1) Speak to a member of the PE Team
- 2) Apply for a place
- 3) Get Full Training - both virtual and face -to-face
- 4) Help run an event at a Primary School.



Progress 8 Score Explained

"Campion School's Progress 8 scores were above average."

What does this statement mean?

Progress 8 is a measure of the progress children make between the end of primary school and the end of secondary school. It is designed to encourage good quality teaching across a broad curriculum.

What is the national average score?

The average Progress 8 score of all secondary schools nationally is 0.

A school's Progress 8 score is usually between -1 and +1. A score of +1 means that pupils in that school achieve one grade higher in each qualification than pupils in other schools nationally. A score of -1 means they achieve one grade lower.

What was our score last year?

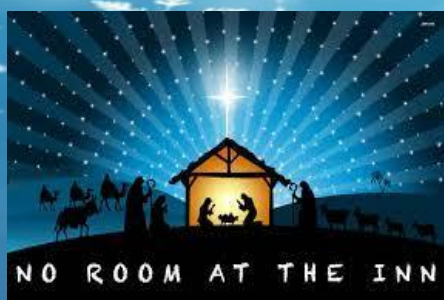
Our score for 2022/23 was 0.31 showing that children at this school make above average progress.



December Dates



Fri 8th	<p>Final date to contribute your tins of food/labels for the Christmas Services at St. Mary's Church</p> <p>All students will receive a Christmas label from your Tutor and you need to write something you are thankful for and these will be placed on the Church Christmas tree.</p> <p>Please contribute tins of food to go to the Church food bank.</p>
Fri 8th	The Riot Act (Year 9)
Mon 11th	<p>Christmas Services at St. Mary's Church</p> <p>AM – Year 7</p> <p>PM – Year 9</p>
Wed 13th	Oliver Twist (Year 7) at The Albany Theatre
Thurs 14th	Upper School Presentation Evening
Mon 18th - Fri 22nd	<p>Christmas jumper week (You can contribute £1)</p> <p>(No blazers needed if you are wearing a Christmas jumper)</p>
Mon 18th	<p>Christmas Services at St. Mary's Church</p> <p>AM – Year 8</p> <p>PM – Year 10</p>
Tues 19th	<p>Christmas Services at St. Mary's Church</p> <p>AM – Year 11</p> <p>PM – Post-16</p>



Christmas Events

Christmas Shoebox Appeal 2023

For the 9th year, we are now collecting for our Christmas shoebox appeal, with donations being given to the homeless and vulnerably housed adults in Leamington, Warwick and Kenilworth this Christmas.

The shoeboxes are always greatly received by our clients and always spread a little festive cheer.

Please fill a wrapped shoebox with any of the following items;

TOOTHBRUSH/TOOTHPASTE - HATS - HAIRBRUSH OR COMB -
SCARVES - SOAP - GLOVES - FLANNEL - SOCKS - NOTEPAD/PEN
- DEODORANT (no aerosols) - HANDWARMERS - POCKET GAMES
- COFFEE AND MEAL VOUCHERS (can be purchased from
Greggs/Costa ect) - SANITARY PRODUCTS - CHOCOLATES AND
SWEETS - CLOTHES VOUCHERS (can be purchased from our
lighthouse charity shop)

Please keep the lid separate and attached with an elastic band, clearly marked whether it's for a male or female

Last date to donate is Monday 4th December

Donation points The Lighthouse (Charity Shop), 12 Gloucester Street,
Leamington CV31 1EE and 9a Althorpe Street (Head Office), Leamington CV31
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Christmas Donations

WE ARE ONCE AGAIN AIMING TO HELP LOCAL
FAMILIES THAT MAY BE STRUGGLING THIS
CHRISTMAS AND ARE APPEALING FOR DONATIONS
OF THE FOLLOWING:

NEW TEDDIES/SOFT TOYS

NEW GIFTS (ALL AGES)

PRE-LOVED GIFTS AND TOYS

ADVENT CALENDARS

CHRISTMAS SELECTION BOXES

CHRISTMAS FOOD ITEMS
(NON PERISHABLE)

Please bring any donations
before 8th December



BRUNSWICK HUB,
98-100 SHRUBLAND STREET,
LEAMINGTON SPA, CV31 3BD

SYDNI

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS

LUNCH

WEDNESDAY
13TH
DEC

ARRIVE FROM 12 NOON
LUNCH SERVED AFTER 12.30

TRADITIONAL TURKEY LUNCH WITH ALL
THE TRIMMINGS
CHRISTMAS PUDDING OR WINTER BERRY PAVLOVA

Music, Quiz, Games, Carols.
Christmas hats or jumpers optional

Call 01926 422071 to book your place



LOTT CHRISTMAS FAYRE

SUNDAY 3rd DECEMBER

10am - 4pm

THE BAND FACTORY

ALTHORPE STREET, LEAMINGTON SPA, CV31 2AU

FESTIVE
STALLS

CHILDREN'S
DECORATION
WORKSHOP

SANTA'S
GROTTO

CAROLS FROM
ST. PATRICK'S
SCHOOL
CHOIR



Napton WI
Christmas Food Fayre
Saturday 16th December
Napton Village Hall

10:30 am - 4:00 pm

Home Baking!
Local Produce!
Refreshments
Roasted Chestnuts
Mulled Wine
Xmas Stalls
Visit Santa
2.00 - 4.00 pm
£1 entry under 16 free



Christingle
The Children's Society

**Let's come together
to celebrate
Christingle**

Christingle is a great way for communities everywhere to get together this Christmas to catch up, make some special memories, and have fun.

Come and join us!

Location: All Saints' Parish Church, Victoria Terrace,
Leamington Spa, CV31 1AA

Date: Saturday 23 Dec **Time:** 3.30pm

To find out more, contact:

parishoffice@allsaintschurchleamington.org.uk 01926 429169

christingle.org

The Children's Society 2023. Charity Registration No. 221124. 2023468n/0723, XTC008D_23

Scan the
QR code
to find
out more.



**FRIEND'S OF ST JOHN'S
CHRISTMAS FAIR
FRIDAY 15TH DECEMBER
3.15PM-4.30**

**STALLS • HOT CHOCOLATE • RAFFLE
FESTIVE CHEER**

M e r r y C h r i s t m a s



Benn Partnership Centre

Railway Terrace, Rugby, CV21 3HR

Tel: 01788 553033

Email: info@bennpartnership.org.uk

Website: www.bennpartnership.org.uk



Monday 25th December



FREE CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER

Each year Benn Partnership Centre offers a free Christmas Day Event for members of the community who would otherwise be alone.

Do you have family who will be working Christmas day?

Or will you struggle to cook a Christmas dinner?

If so, please call or email before Friday 1st December to book your place and advise us of your dietary requirements.

Arrive at 10:30am with dinner at 1:00 pm and stay until 4:00pm. Please note that the numbers are limited so it will be on first come first served basis.



Tel: 01788 553033

Email: info@bennpartnership.org.uk



M e r r y C h r i s t m a s

SAFELINE'S PARENT WORKSHOP

**HOW TO KEEP YOUR CHILD SAFE ONLINE,
IMPROVE THEIR MENTAL HEALTH AND
LEARN HOW TO DEAL WITH BULLYING.**

Join us on Zoom Meeting ID: 765 294 7590

Internet Safety

Monday 27th November 5pm - 6pm

Mental Health

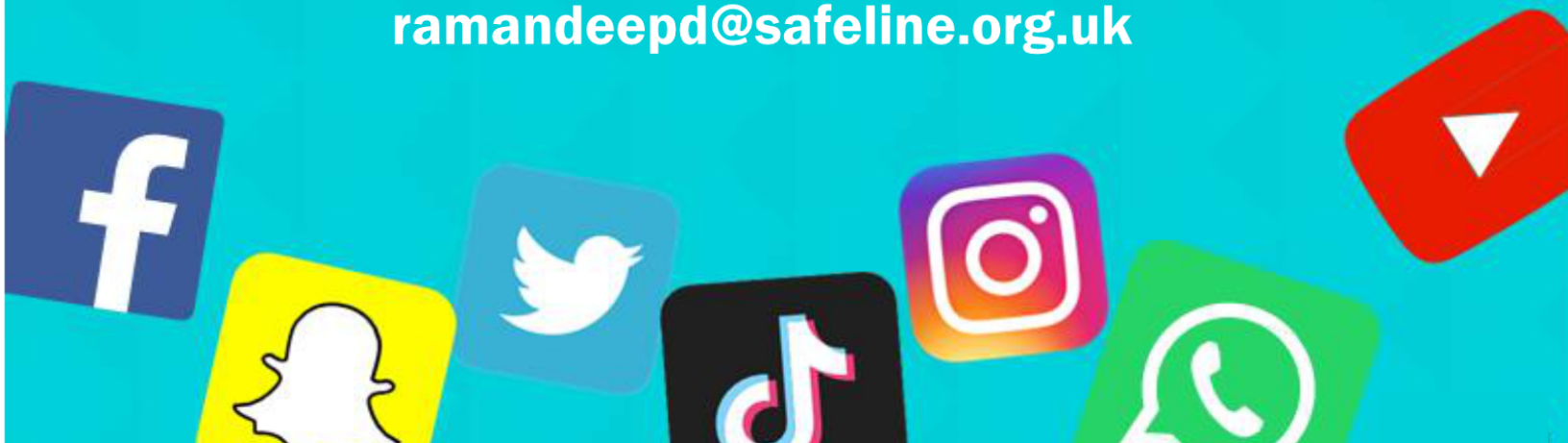
Monday 4th December 5pm - 6pm

Bullying and Sexual Harassment in Schools

Monday 11th December 5 - 6pm

**We recommend attending all 3 sessions to
gain a deeper understanding into your child's
welfare.**

**Please confirm attendance via email at:
ramandeepd@safeline.org.uk**





UK Government

Help for
Households

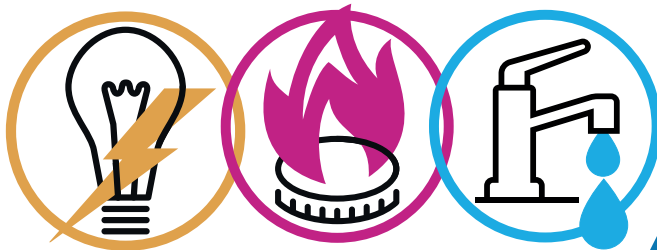


Help to pay your household bills

Are you, or is anyone you know, struggling to pay utility bills?

If you, or someone you know, is unable to afford to pay their utility bills, please call the Local Welfare Scheme in confidence on **0800 4081448** by 8 December 2023.

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/localwelfarescheme



This support is provided by Warwickshire Local Welfare Scheme and funded by the Department for Work and Pensions' Household Support Fund.

Term Dates 2024

- Training Day Friday, 1 December
- Term ends Friday, 22 December 2023
- Training Day Monday, 8 January 2024 (school closed to pupils)
- Term starts Tuesday, 9 January 2024
- Half Term Monday, 12 February - Friday, 16 February 2024
- Term begins Monday, 19 February 2024
- Training Day Friday, 22 March 2024 (school closed to pupils)
- Easter Hols Monday, 25 March - Friday, 5 April 2024
- Term starts Monday, 8 April 2024

Extra-Curricular Timetable 2023/2024

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
			Football (All Yr's) Boys	Fields	RAS/MOH/CAC/SDH/
			Netball I (All Yr's)	Courts	REH/RAW/ELG/ZB
		Young Carers		A12	LJR/RPJ
			School Production Rehearsals	Hall	HC
		'Quiet' Lunch Club		A4	JMM
		Debating Club (All Yr's)		E3	NAA/MBR/APP
		Duke of Edinburgh		E1	REH
			Drama Club	Drama Studio (B12)	MLI
		Gaming Club		A23/A25/B4	SRZ/VDF/CDS
			English Language Boosters (All Yr 11 students: 3-4pm)	English Block	English staff
Tuesday	Breakfast Club		Access Team - Hwk Club (3.10 - 4.10 PM)	EAL Room	JMM
	Computer & Homework Club			Refectory	RAS
			Computer & Homework Club (3.10 - 5 PM)	Library	LWM
			Girls Football (All Yr's)	Field/MUGA	AK/JIP
			Basketball (All Yr's)	Sportshall/Gym	Coach/SDH
			Dance (Yr 7 & 8)	Dance Studio	REH
			Rugby (All Yr's)	Field	MOH/CAC
			Eco-Club (All Yrs) (Week 1 only)	E6	JKT/VG/SVH
			Access Team - Hwk Club (3.10 - 4.10PM)	EAL Room	E16
			Science Surgery (3-4pm)	E16	SLS
		'Quiet' Lunch Club		A4	JMM
		Chess Club (Girls & Boys)		B9	CMD
Wednesday	Breakfast Club		Rotary: Rotakids/Interact Clubs	A16	SM/JG
	Computer & Homework Club		GCSE Music	Music Block	EPR
			Gaming Club	A23/A25/B4	SRZ/VDF/CDS
			Bike Club	E-Block (Courts)	GDB
			Classics Club (Week 2 only)	A19B	SVH/RPJ
	Student Choir (8.30-9.00)			Imac Room	EPR
	Breakfast Club		Computer & Homework Club (3.10 - 5.10PM)	Refectory	RAS
	Computer & Homework Club			Library	LWM
		'Geog Geniuses' Club		A12	JS
			Science Year 7 'Labrats' (WK2 only)	E14	MA/GDB
		Movie Club		A17	LJA
			Gymnastics	Gym	ELG
Thursday			Hockey	Courts	SDH
			Badminton (Yr's 7 & 8)	Sports Hall	ZB
			Endurance Running Club (3.25 start!)	Outside PE Block	JR
			Chess Club (Girls & Boys)	Refectory	RAR/CMD/AJ
			Gymnastics (All Yr's)	Gym	ELG
			School Production Rehearsals	Drama Studio	HC
		MFL Film Club		C6	MAB/CA
			Crest Club (Science ASPIRE Yr8 students)	E6	AMH
			Psychology: Yr's 7-11 (Week 2 only)	E7	HAS
		'Quiet' Lunch Club		A4	JMM
			Access Team - Hwk Club (3.10 - 4.10PM)	EAL Room	JMM
			Psychology: Yr's 7-11 (3.15 PM)	E7	Harmin
Friday	Breakfast Club		Gaming Club (Yr's 8,9 & 10)	A23	SRZ
	Computer & Homework Club			Refectory	RAS
			Computer & Homework Club (3.10 - 5PM)	Library	LWM
			Cross Country/ Fitness (All Yr's)	Fields/Fitness Suite	RAW
			Badminton (Yr's 9,10, 11)	Sports Hall	REH
		Chess Club (Girls & Boys)		B9	AJ
		'Quiet' Lunch Club		A4	JMM
		Local Humanities Heroes		A13	BJG
		Gaming Club		A23/A25/B4	SRZ/VHF/CDS
			Snooker/Pool Club (3.10 - 4.10PM)	B10	JSP
		'BTEC & GCSE Art (Yr's 9,10 & 11)		B7	DJT
			Access Team - Hwk Club (3.10 - 4.10PM)	A4	EH
Friday	Breakfast Club			Refectory	RAS
	Computer & Homework Club		Computer & Homework Club (3.10 - 5PM)	Library	LWM
		Crossteach Club		A16	WH
		'Quiet' Lunch Club		A4	JMM
		Gaming Club		A23/A25/B4	SRZ/VHF/CDS
		Origami Club		E3	NAA/CH/SSO
		GCSE Music		Music Block	EPR
		Politics (12.30-1pm - week 1 only)		A20	RPJ
			Chess Club (Girls & Boys)	Refectory	RAR/CMD/AJ

LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME

UPDATED INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Supreme Court has clarified the law on unauthorised leave, including holidays, during term time (Platt v Isle of Wight 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.