



Centres of Education for Adolescents Requiring Support  
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## **CEDARS Newsletter – Spring 2020**

### **Happy New Year! Welcome back to Spring Term 2020**

Thank you to Kerry Widdowson, who left at Christmas, for 13 years' service to the pupils and parents of Cedars – we wish her well. Welcome to Rebecca Blumstein who joins the team this term!

### **GCSE Biology trip to Chester Zoo**

On 15<sup>th</sup> October 2019, as part of their GCSE Biology course, year 11 visited Chester Zoo to take part in a conservation genetics workshop: Living with Tigers. Students used genetic fingerprinting to find if the local tiger population was responsible for taking livestock from a village in Nepal.



### **Bush Craft at Red Hall Farm**



Red Hall Farm is a working cattle farm owned by Mr and Mrs Beresford. On their farmland, they have several acres of woodland and three fishing ponds, which they have kindly allowed us to access. While in the woods, Key Stage 3 pupils have been learning how to use tools such as folding saws, bow saws and knives.

The students have used folding saws to trim branches and a knife to whittle pegs and create other helpful equipment. They have been learning how to make shelters from the natural resources around them and how to create and sustain a fire in different ways. In the future, we hope to introduce the preparation and cooking of wild food such as rabbit and pigeon over an open fire. In the coming months when these skills have been honed, there will be the opportunity to fish in one



of the three pools to those willing to put the effort in.

## The Allotment

During the autumn term, pupils have been developing the school's new Allotment! The Acres Allotment site in Silverdale has kindly allowed the school to use a plot to grow fruit & vegetables over the coming years.



The aim of the project is to help pupils understand where their food comes from and how to grow and maintain produce.

Allotment gardens often begin in a bit of a mess. Pupils have worked hard to clear away lots of overgrown weeds and rubbish to make space for planting areas. Pupils have so far prepared the soil and built some wooden planters on one half of the garden. They have been successful in planting winter onions and garlic, which will be ready to harvest in June 2020.

Over the remaining weeks, pupils have been putting down weed suppressant and creating paths between planters which have really improved the overall look and feel of the garden.

WELL DONE! To all pupils who have contributed - some fantastic progress has been made in one term!

## McMillan Coffee Morning

Over £79 was raised by pupils, parents, carers and neighbours at our annual McMillan Coffee Morning. Thank you to everyone who baked cakes and came along on the morning of 24<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

**“Intellectual growth should commence at birth and cease only at death.” Albert Einstein**

## How do I revise? Top Tips

<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/articles/zw8qpbk>

- ✓ Make sure you know which topics you need to revise for each subject. Use your exam board specifications as a revision list
- ✓ Make your revision active. Don't just read notes. You could make flash cards, mind maps or use post it notes
- ✓ Watching videos online can really help to bring your notes alive!
- ✓ Test yourself by completing past papers or asking a friend to test you! This will identify areas of strength and weakness
- ✓ Build in rewards for your revision eg: your favourite snack or using social media

## Dates for your diary~

<b>JANUARY</b>		
Monday	06.01.20	CEDARS opens for students
<b>FEBRUARY</b>		
Week beginning	10.02.20	Praise Assembly
Week beginning	10.02.20	KS4 Art Trip
Friday	14.02.20	CEDARS closes today
<b>HALF TERM 17.02.20 - 21.02.20</b>		
Monday	24.02.20	CEDARS opens for students
<b>MARCH</b>		
Monday	02.03.20	Staff Inset
Wednesday	04.03.20	KS4 Parents' afternoon 2 – 6pm
Week beginning	09.03.20	Year 11 GCSE Art Exam
Week beginning	16.03.20	Year 11 GCSE Art Exam
Week beginning	23.03.20	Year 11 GCSE Art Exam
Week beginning	30.03.20	Year 11 GCSE Art Exam
Week beginning	30.03.20	Praise Assembly
<b>APRIL</b>		
Friday	03.04.20	CEDARS closes today
<b>EASTER HOLIDAY 06.04.20 - 17.04.20</b>		

### School Meal Cost Increase

There will be an increase in the cost of school meals at CEDARS from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020.

School meals will increase to **£2.40** a day, which includes a hot meal or sandwich, drink and a dessert.

School meals can be paid for daily or weekly in advance by cash or cheque. Please make cheques payable to Staffordshire County Council.



# OPEN DOOR

Stoke-on-Trent

## Drop in at The Salvation Army Bridge Street, Newcastle

Every Tuesday and Thursday 9am till 1pm

## Drop in at Christ Church Cobridge

Every Friday 9am till 1pm

# EVERYONE WELCOME!

We aim to provide:

- Non-judgemental, safe environment
- Friendship & information
- Support & advice
- Refreshments served!

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