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How our students keep
themselves and others healthy

Let's Talk

Students helping others

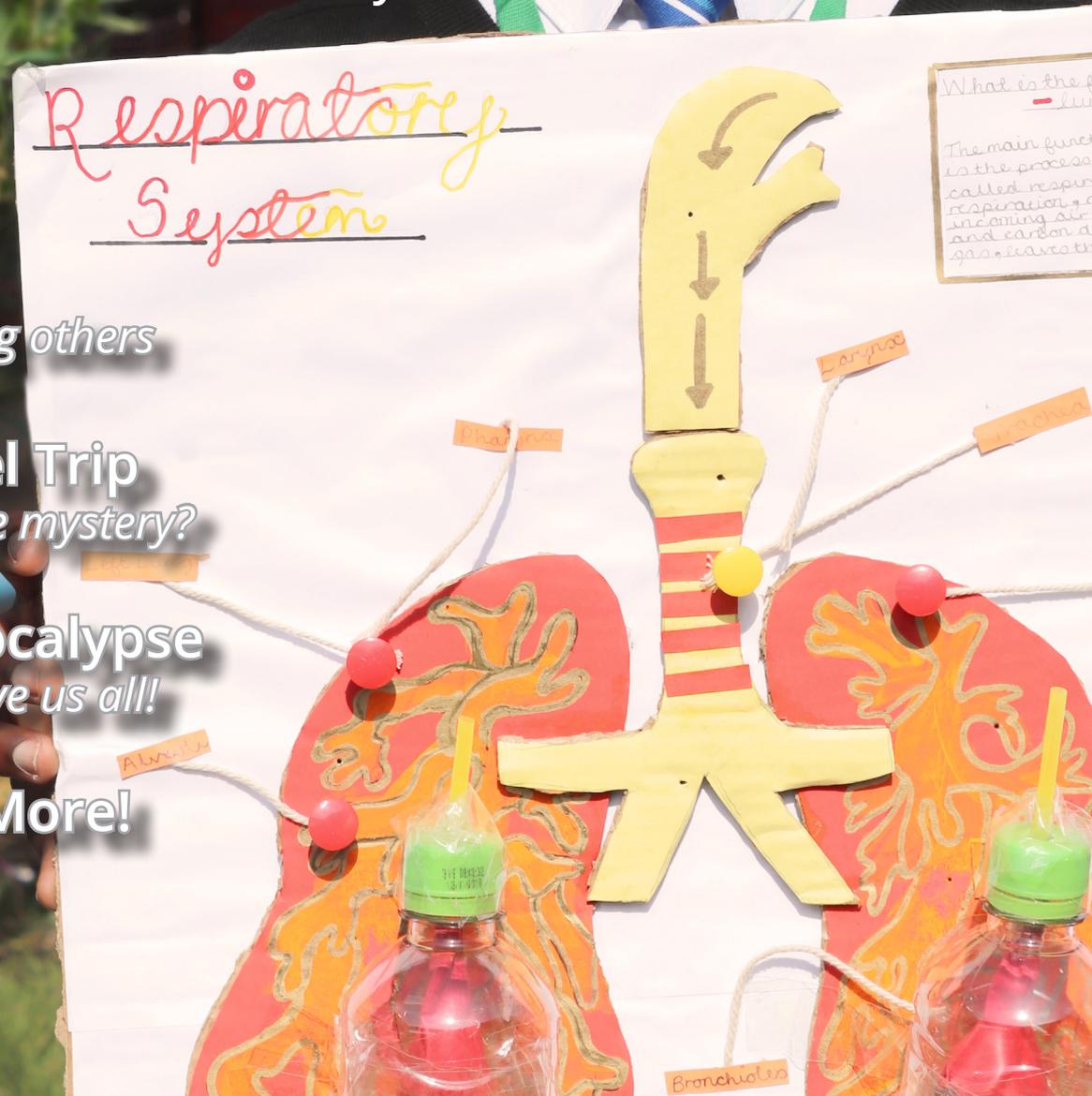
Whitechapel Trip

Did we solve the mystery?

Zombie Apocalypse

Science club save us all!

Plus Much More!





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As the Spring Term comes to an end, we wanted to share with you some of the fantastic work our students have been involved in. Our extra curricular and enrichment programme is a strength of the college and you will see the many and wide ranging events our students have taken part in this term. We are extremely proud of all our students and hope you enjoy reading about their experiences.

As we move into the Summer Term, external and internal exams are our key focus. On our website you can find a range of useful revision support materials - look under the Curriculum menu and then Revision Support.

"Student Well-Being is Critical to Success"

We have also developed a 'Power to Perform' well-being programme for Year 11 and 13 which helps students think about not just managing their academic studies but also how they can ensure a healthy work- life balance of sleep, eat and exercise. We know this time of year leads to increasing levels of anxiety and stress for all involved so hope this programme of activities will help. We also know that this is an area that all students and parents want to find out more about so we will be putting on some parental sessions which focus on well-being and developing resilience. Look out for more information on this in the Summer Term.

Good luck to all of our students in their upcoming exams and many thanks to staff and parents for the constant support that is given through the exam period. I would like to wish you all a peaceful and restful Easter break!

C.E. Aitcheson

Mrs C. Aitcheson
Principal



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Duke of Edinburgh's Award

During March 42 of our Duke of Edinburgh's Award Students took part in a camping practice at Beaumanor Hall.

Practicing for their Bronze Award Expedition, the students had to complete a series of gruelling challenges including 10 hours of walking over the two day camp!

The students who took part learnt a number of valuable skills, such as how to read ordinance survey maps, and how to plan and navigate a route across country.

We are also pleased to announce that one of our students, Silver Award holder Penelope Milner, has been selected as a Duke of Edinburgh's Award Ambassador for our area - an extremely prestigious honour! Penelope will represent our school at official functions including an event at the Leicestershire Constabulary's Head Quarters.

Mrs J. McDonald-Brown
Duke of Edinburgh's Award Leader

AWARD WINNING ARTIST



During March Countesthorpe Leysland Community College hosted Active Arts and their Annual Art Exhibition.

Now into its 28th year, the exhibition includes a wide range of work from both amateurs and professionals including; ceramics, oils, watercolours and sculptures.

Robyn, a Year 8 student studying at Countesthorpe Leysland Community College entered two pieces of work "Focus" and "Grandpa". Despite some tough competition Robyn won the people's choice award that took place on the Saturday afternoon with her picture "Grandpa". This is a fantastic achievement!

More information on the events run by Active Arts can be found on their website www.activearts.info

MEET THE HOUSE

"Faced with global catastrophe, he built a computer to turn cipher into song, and mystery into music..."

Chris Packham's compelling speech on the importance and legacy of Alan Turing which led to him being named the greatest icon of the 20th Century. Something we all in Turing House wholeheartedly agree with.

Who was Alan Turing?

Alan Turing, born on 23 June 1912 in Maida Vale, London, was an English mathematician and pioneer of theoretical computer science and artificial intelligence. Turing attended King's College, University of Cambridge, in 1931 to study mathematics and graduated in 1934 with a first-class Honours degree. In 1939, Turing was asked to join the Government Codes and Cypher School, a British code-breaking organisation.

Turing's most notable achievement at Bletchley was cracking the 'Enigma' code. The Enigma was an enciphering machine used by the German armed forces to send messages securely. Together with fellow code-breaker Gordon Welchman, Turing developed the Bombe, a machine which from late 1940 was decoding all messages sent by the Enigma machines. Turing together with his 'Hut 8' team at Bletchley, succeeded in decrypting more complex German naval signals as well in 1941, which contributed to Allied victory in the Battle of the Atlantic. In 1945 Turing was awarded an OBE for his services to the country and in 1949, was made deputy director of the Computing Laboratory at the University of Manchester. After these events, Churchill said that he had shortened the war by two years.

Last year, we were delighted to have won the first inter house championship. We all tried really hard to make sure we won and we have created a set of expectations for members of Turing House.

What we expect from students in Turing House

- Respect for peers and teachers
- Resilience- don't let something difficult stop you from achieving the best.
- Good work ethic- always try your best no matter what.
- A mind to be kind- even if it's a small thing, open a door or say thank you.
- Be polite to all
- Work well as part of a team

We really enjoyed getting our reward of a non-uniform day last year for winning and are determined to win again this year.

The Turing House Values

We have a large student leadership team in Turing House. There are about 20 of us. We all take on different responsibilities such as organising displays, teams for interhouse competitions, charity work and making links with the community.

We have worked with our Head of House, Mrs Rashleigh, to come up with our set of Values. These are things that we hope will make us better people.

Creativity ~ The use of imagination or original ideas to create something to benefit the lives of others around you.

Tenacity~ The quality of being very determined to accomplish your goals.

Resilience~ The capacity to recover quickly from difficulties and never give up.

By The Turing House Year 9 Student Leaders

MURAL BY: Ellie Clarke, previous Sixth Form and Turing House Student, who is now studying at Cambridge University, and next year, will be living in the same house Alan Turing did!



"Sometimes it is the people no one can imagine anything of who do the things no one can imagine" - Alan Turing

GREAT BIG DANCE OFF

On the 15th February CLCC competed in the 'Great Big Dance Off' at the Albert Hall in Nottingham.

Ms. Burley and I accompanied two Year 11s (who choreographed their own piece) and 8 Year 8 and 9 girls (who had worked with us on Monday nights since October half term) to Nottingham to compete in the regional finals.

Unfortunately the Year 11 students didn't place, but performed with such grace and determination and made us all so proud.

The Year 8 and 9 group placed 4th, narrowly missing out on qualifying for the national finals by just 1 point.

They all performed with real emotion and were exceptional. Myself and Ms. Burley are a little disappointed with the results but absolutely amazed yet again by the talent our school has to offer.

However, as a little bonus prize, CLCC are going to be awarded with some certificates for reaching the regional finals 5 years in a row and have competed at the national finals on three occasions now!

How amazing is that?! Bring on next year!

Again I'd like to publicly thank Ms. Burley for her consistent contribution and support to the dance club and our students!

Mrs L. Myles
Dance Teacher

Showing grit and determination, our CLCC dancers made us all proud at this national competition

LET'S TALK

We are the Let's Talk Team! We are a group of year 12 students who have set up a one-to-one mentoring programme for years 7 to 11. There are currently eight mentors in our team - Ava Coltman, Ben Andrews, Elise van Dijk, Ethan Doore, Eve Burniston, Flo Thompson, Isobel Savory and Joe Patterson. We created Let's Talk because we are all passionate about providing the best possible support network for pupils.

As most of us have attended CLCC since year 7, we understand what school can be like. We hope to use our experience to advise students on any issues they may be struggling with. In addition to this, we have all been well trained, and each specialise in certain areas of difficulty. These areas include but aren't limited to anxiousness, behavioural issues, bereavement, bullying, family issues, feeling down, friendships, loneliness, relationships, rumours, school, self-confidence, sexuality and gender, stress, trauma and bad experiences.

Please note, we have a responsibility to safeguard our mentees. Therefore, a teacher will be told if anything suggests that someone is, or has potential to be, in danger.

"I've really enjoyed and benefited from talking to you." - A former mentee

The way our system works is as follows:

1. Email us at 'letstalk@clcc.college' to self-refer.
2. Our response will include a few questions for you to answer.
3. A suitable mentor will email you and arrange a 20-30 minute meeting (we try and let you choose whether meetings are held in morning registration, break, lunch or tutor period).
4. After four meetings, we will have a review together to plan the next steps.

There will always be someone for you to talk to, The Let's Talk team.

For more information or to schedule a meeting, please contact: letstalk@clcc.college

Eve Burniston

Students helping Students

A CHILLING TRIP TO WHITECHAPEL



Our Year 11 students travelled to London's Whitechapel in preparation for their GCSE History exam in the Summer term. We hoped it might bring the content to life and enable students to recall more of it in the exam.

Whitechapel today is a bustling hipster area with unique shops and eateries but it once was the poorest, filthiest, and deadliest place to live. It was where Jack the Ripper stalked and killed his prey.

We roamed the Whitechapel streets, being guided by ex-police officers who used to walk the beat in the area and who were equipped with the tools they had at the time to give the students a more authentic feel.

They were well versed in the content needed for the exam and as we toured around the winding roads, they had interesting tales to go with the buildings, items, and streets we were viewing.

Overall, it was a great experience.

Mr Z. Fox
History Teacher

FOOD BANK THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone at CLCC for your fantastic support. Through your generosity in 2018, you supplied us with over 250kg of food from your Harvest and Christmas donations plus your permanent donation point. That was approximately enough food to provide 225 meals to our local clients. You also helped us to raise funds to help cover our running costs by hosting a fashion show too which I am thrilled to announce will be hosted again this year!

Who are we?

We are a project facilitated by St Mary's Church, Lutterworth and we are part of the nationwide network of over 400 Trussell Trust Foodbanks. We work with many local individuals, partners, businesses and Churches to help alleviate food poverty in our communities.

What do we do?

We provide 3 days of emergency food to clients who are referred to us in crisis from across the Blaby and Harborough Districts. We operate two distribution centres in Countesthorpe and Lutterworth which are run by volunteers who offer a welcoming, confidential service to our clients; providing a hot drink and a listening ear plus an opportunity to be signposted to other agencies who may be able to help alleviate their problem.

If you, or someone you know is in need, please do not suffer alone. We work with many local agencies such as GP's, Blaby DC Residents Team, Local Area Coordinators, local schools and Church ministry teams who can support you and may be able to refer you to our services.

Fundraising Fashion Show – Tuesday 21st May 2019

Those of you who came to our joint Fundraising Fashion Show last year, hosted by CLCC, will remember that it was a really fun night and a great opportunity to grab some bargains ready for summer. You will be pleased to know that CLCC are kindly hosting the event again on Tuesday 21st May from 7pm. Tickets are available if you have a child at CLCC on Parentpay or through the following link <https://lutterworth.churchsuite.co.uk/events/cd6rm5qy> Don't miss out!

Thanks again for your support. Don't forget to follow us on our social media pages so that you can be kept up to date with all things Foodbank!

Lucy Freeman
Project Manager, Lutterworth & Villages Foodbank



Students collected over 250kg of food!



Student Leadership Team

Our Student Leadership Team have been busy this term. Here's an update!

This term, I have been focussing on running a blood drive for the Sixth Formers. To ensure people are informed, I have created a display in the Sixth Form corridor to raise awareness of giving blood at 17. As well as this, I presented an assembly to all Sixth Form students to enlighten them on the benefits of giving blood.

Following on from this, I have recently been creating designs for the school Houses which are going to be made into large hanging house banners.

In addition, I presented my GCSE top revision tips to parents at the Power to Perform evening and have worked alongside the school council to deliver the recycling scheme. I am going to be further supporting this with an assembly on climate change alongside Holly and Violet, Turing Leadership students.

Penelope Milner
Deputy Head Girl

Top Merit Achievers

Do the right thing, in the right place at the right time. It is a simple enough idea, and it is what we expect. We made a decision that students who do this every day deserve to be recognised. Teachers award merits based on punctuality, attendance and completing quality work. Additional merits can be given at the teacher's discretion for outstanding work or effort, or showing kindness, consideration, empathy and initiative.

Students are awarded Bronze, Silver and Gold certificates for earning merits, but we thought a special "shout out" to the top merit earners in each House was in order!



BRUNEL
Sienna 8SBU
341 Merit Points
Spring Term 2019



HAWKINS
Jake 8HKA
315 Merit Points
Spring Term 2019



LAWRENCE
Poppy 10SHO
300 Merit Points
Spring Term 2019



SPENCER
Bekki 7NPA
342 Merit Points
Spring Term 2019



TURING
Michael 8GBR
325 Merit Points
Spring Term 2019



WILBERFORCE
Leilah 7MDA
329 Merit Points
Spring Term 2019



Science club has been busy!

We've been working on a project since January, in which the students are using their Science knowledge to survive a zombie apocalypse! We've made pressure pads that light up when a zombie steps on them, created neck protectors, built circuits to help send Morse code and engineered shoe covers so that they can tread lightly and sneak away from zombies!

The students have been working incredibly hard, pulling together their science knowledge, as well as a bit of design and engineering, to survive this awful outbreak! From this, the students will receive a nationally recognised CREST award.

These students, along with some others nominated by their teachers, are visiting the Big Bang Fair on the 13th March to explore more of the world of STEM subjects.

Miss Brookes
Science Club Leader

Have you heard about ... **Discovery Club**

Discovery is your Student Christian Union, open to pupils of all ages and we meet at Tuesday lunchtimes in SF5C.

We are a support group setup to share faith and enjoy one another's company - oh and sweet treats too! You don't have to be a Christian to come along, maybe you have questions about faith, or just want somewhere friendly to shelter from the hustle and bustle, everyone is welcome to join us.

Currently, we have pupils in years 8 - 12 from CLCC and also from Birkett House Seniors and the group is led by Miss Santiago (Psychology teacher) and myself Sharon Plant - Youth Worker at St. Peter's Church, Whetstone and member of the Reality Youth Project team.

We look forward to meeting you soon!

Sharon Plant
Discovery Club Leader

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