



Countesthorpe Leysland  
Community College

# Magazine

## CELEBRATION

Our students are amazing - find out more about their successes and rewards

**Rugby Works**  
*National Success for CLCC*

**Day Trip to France**  
*Did they really eat snails?*

**Holding Court**  
*Guilty or not - we decide*

**Plus Much More!**





# WELCOME

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As the end of the year is almost upon us, it seems the right time to reflect upon the fantastic achievements of our students. It is also a time to thank all our staff who give so willingly of their time and all our parents who support the many events and activities our students take part in. We are incredibly proud of the wonderful accomplishments our students have achieved this year and the commitment they have shown to the College.

## *“Our Students rose to the challenge of a busy exam season”*

This term has been filled with the challenge for our Year 11 and 13 students of sitting their GCSE and A Level exams. This is never an easy time but our students showed their resilience and strength of character as they worked tirelessly to ensure every exam was sat in the knowledge they had worked hard and prepared in the best way possible. We wish all our students the very best of luck for their results in August.

I hope you enjoy reading about some the wonderful activities our students have taken part in and can join us in celebrating their successes. All of the students are a credit to us and we thank them for the part they have played throughout the year in making our college a special place to be! I wish you all a restful an enjoyable summer break.

*C.E. Aitchison*

Mrs C. Aitchison  
Principal

*Sports Day was a great success!*



# STUDENTS TO THE POWER OF AWESOME!



## Students pledge to save the planet

This term our students have been taking part in activities to help save the environment, instigated by the student council.

Through a number of activities, our students have been reflecting on how actions of humans across the globe have an impact on the environment. Students also had assemblies in which the environmental challenges the world is facing were discussed.

To bring about positive change, students were challenged to write "environmental pledges". These pledges outlined how students would do something differently and help save the environment. For instance, students pledged to recycle plastic and to reduce their use of electricity.

To help fulfil these pledges, students raised money through an environmental cake sale, with the money raised going towards student led recycling projects at CLCC. The council manned the stall and were really impressed by the high quality of design that went into the cakes.

The council also organised a litter pick to help keep the college site clean and to highlight the amount of rubbish that is thrown away in any one day.

We are really proud of the thought and care all of our students exhibited; we know the environment will be in safe hands.

**Mrs K. Morris**  
Tutorial Leader



This term, 35 students in Year 7 and 8 competed in the Junior Mathematics Challenge. A nationwide Maths competition which is designed to challenge even the most able mathematicians. They all performed at an outstanding level, many of them winning bronze, silver and gold certificates.

Particular congratulations go to Michael Dean and Ella Jarowicki for achieving Gold certificates and qualifying for the next round. Michael, in addition was the highest scoring candidate in Year 8, as well as overall in the school. And the highest score for Year 7 was achieved by Dylan Chandler, earning him a silver certificate. We will be looking forward to seeing Dylan's progress next year when he goes into Year 8.

Well done to all who took part.

**Mrs. Z. Cooke.**  
Maths Department.

# AWARDS EVENING

On Thursday 2nd May 2019, Year 11 students gathered, supported by their family and friends and many of the staff from CLCC to celebrate the end of their GCSE years here at CLCC. We know we have many awesome students and this was a night for highlighting all those who had consistently done the right thing, made the right decisions and tried their best. It of often a night that we all enjoy the most.

Many awards were given out on the night. Students were highlighted for their commitment across a range of subjects, across a period of time, for academic success and for their dedication in various subjects from subject teacher awards.

Heads of House also made awards for students that had represented College values. The Principal's Award was then chosen from these. This being awarded to Sonia Heer from Brunel House. Mr. Hayes had explained that whoever has worked with Sonia throughout her five years in secondary education have always responded with the same comments about her. Sonia is one of the most helpful, kind, considerate and hard working students that we have ever worked with. She always tries her best and will under take any task that is asked of her without any moans and always with the big smile on her face. Her attendance and behaviour have always be exemplary and I am sure that her exam results will reflect the effort that has gone into her studies.

Heather McCallum was also given the Stephen Lawrence Award for her persistent approach and the following was said, "For those of us who have worked with Heather throughout her time at CLCC have seen her develop into a wonderful young lady. She has overcome so many obstacles along the way but she has overcome each and every one of them to become the resilient, hardworking and kind student who is striving for success".

One of the awards given on the night was the Roger Lawrence award. This award was given to Callum Stew. On the night Mrs. Russell explained that this award is given to a student who is recognised for working hard and making a big commitment to Science and Technology. This award was donated by the family of Roger Lawrence who was a governor of the college for many years. As a governor Roger gave his time and the student we have selected this year is also being recognised for his voluntary contributions and general all round commitment as a member of the college.

This student is a quiet, respectful student who has a focus and drive that is nothing short of admirable. At most times between lessons, wherever he is, he is armed with a book to read (unless there is some revision to undertake) and his ability to blank out everything around him, from chatty year 11 girls to noisy, boisterous year 7 lads, is always impressive.

Now in terms of Science and Technology this award is not for the BEST in science – but it is for the determination shown by this young man in a subject he has not always found easy, it is for his enquiring mind – they will not just accept an answer but will need to understand it. He enjoys stretching his science knowledge. He was a natural at sharing his passion and knowledge with the rest of his class.

Mrs. K. Russell,  
Assistant Principal



# STUDENTS HOLDING COURT

In late June, the college was visited by Magistrates from Leicester Magistrates Court, to enlighten Year 12 students on the UK's criminal justice system.

As part of their 'Magistrates in the Community' programme, three visitors worked alongside Head of Sociology, Mr Rushin, to organise an activity that centred on a role play of a trial relating to a charge of common assault.

Prior to the role play itself, one Magistrate introduced his role and explained that around 98% of all crimes are processed by a Magistrates Court, but that the more serious cases are passed on to a Crown Court. Nonetheless, he explained that Magistrates, who are all unpaid volunteers with no legal qualifications but with lots of training, have powers to impose fines, community service orders and 6-month prison sentences.

With a dozen Year 12 students volunteering to adopt the roles of defendant, complainant, defence solicitor and others, participants acted out a script that reflected how crimes are dealt with by the court. Towards the end, whilst two students and a Magistrate deliberated on their verdict after hearing evidence, the audience reached a conclusion of 'not guilty' due to a shortage of credible evidence.

Afterwards, during a question-and-answer session, Magistrates were asked about their emotional responses to the cases they deal with. One visitor explained that they sometimes feel sorry for defendants stood before them, because some people's life choices can push them to make bad decisions; but expressed pleasure at being able to demand that some offenders attend treatment programmes, for drug dependency or anger management for example. Another explained their sense of duty in protecting law-abiding citizens by punishing those who violate society's rules.

The visit was a great success, and will be followed-up by a trip to the Court itself in the last week of the summer term, by a group of Sociology students who will receive a tour and an opportunity to observe real cases – as part of the Crime & Deviance module they will study in Year 13.

**Mr D. Rushin**  
Head of Sociology



# CHARITY FASHION SHOW

A big thank you to everybody who came along and supported us at our Fund-raising Fashion Show and Shopping event that took place in May.

We raised £500, an absolutely fantastic amount! The funds will be going towards recycling projects that the School Council are leading and Lutterworth & Villages Foodbank running costs

Our thanks go to all of the businesses that supported us including Next, Edmonds & Slatter, Boden, David Lloyd Clubs, Central England Co-op, Snowdome Tamworth, Asda, Fox's Confectionery, Britvic, Walkers Crisps and Twinlakes.

An especially big thank you to all our volunteers who helped us to put on the event, including staff and students at the College, Foodbank volunteers and of course, our models who were definitely the stars of the show!

Lutterworth and Villages Foodbank supports many local families in crisis through their Countesthorpe & Lutterworth Distribution Centres by providing 3 day's worth of emergency food. In 2018/19, they have donated over 13,500 meals to families in need.

They rely on the generosity of local people and businesses who support them with donations of both food and much-needed funds to cover costs including transportation and warehousing. They are extremely grateful to everyone at CLCC for their generous and continuing support.

Lucy Freeman and Sharon Bown



Raising money for  
good causes



## Festival on the Field

The 3rd annual Festival on the Field was held on Friday 28th June with more than 700 students invited to enjoy the day as a reward for their good behaviour and good attendance. The sun shone and it was a fabulous day with students able to enjoy a variety of fair-ground rides as well as ice-creams and candy floss. The event was bigger and better than ever. Some students who were not invited saw the fun that was being enjoyed and shared their determination to be invited next year. Others who enjoyed the day thanked staff for organising it.

**Mrs K. Russell**  
Assistant Principal



CLCC have now been working with Dallaglio Rugby works for two years and this year one of our students was awarded for "Most improved Young Person of the Year" quite an achievement considering this charity works in more than 50 schools nationwide. This organisation work with students who struggle in a mainstream environment. The small group of students who are selected to be part of this programme are supported through rugby to be resilient and respectful with the aim of them achieving success that might not be possible without this level of mentoring and guidance. Unfortunately the student was unable to attend the award event in central London at the BT convention centre on Thursday 27th July but Mrs Salmon and Mrs Russell represented the college and were delighted to accept the award from Lawrence Dallaglio himself.

**Mrs K. Russell**  
Assistant Principal

# VISIT TO FRANCE



On the 7th of June 2019, a group of over 50 Year students went to France.

We got on a bus from school and drove to Folkestone and from there we took the Eurostar Tunnel to Calais.

In France we went to a Snail farm where we learned about the farming of snails and (most of us) tried snails! There were 3 different versions: Garlic butter, Vinegar and Goats Cheese.

Then we went to Boulogne-sur-mer, where we had the chance to visit cafes, shops and restaurants.

After that we went to a chocolate factory, called Cachet, where we learned about the different processes involved in making chocolate and got to style our own chocolate bars.

It was a fun trip that everyone enjoyed!

**Michal Pietrzak**  
Year 9

# CITIZENSHIP PROJECT



For the past eight years, Countesthorpe Leysland Community College, and our family of schools, has run a competition between tutor groups to produce a Citizenship display on a topic chosen to reflect what is happening in the world that particular year. The project seeks to improve understanding of the life of local, national and global citizens. In doing this we can appreciate the diversity of experiences and lifestyles around the country and the wider world, with the idea that understanding breeds tolerance and community cohesion.

This year's Citizenship Competition was entitled the 'Respect Project'. Tutor groups were given a wide range of suggestions for their project, including:

- Tolerance and fighting prejudice
- The language we use, how language can offend and the language of respect
- Anti-social behaviour and how to challenge it
- Knife crime, causes, effects and solutions?
- Respect for the environment- saving the planet

Tutor groups were asked to research the topic, and create a vibrant display for their tutor room, over a series of tutorials and registration periods. The entries were very diverse and of an excellent standard. Winners from each House were judged by Heads of House, with the Student Council selecting the overall winner.

The winning entry, from \*SMA, researched knife crime; looking at the increase in knife crime over the past decade and including memorable testimony from victims and relatives of those affected. The council selected it as the overall winner due to the brilliant presentation and diverse forms of research, including facts, statistics, graphs, images and testimony.



# SPORTS DAY 2019

On Thursday 4th July Years 7, 8 and 9 took part in the annual College Sports Day organised by Mr. Bullivant and the PE Department.

The morning was spent on a carousel of activities from shooting hoops to taking penalties. There was also a wide range of field events and long distance events that took place. Students were enthusiastically earning House points for their House. There was also a hive of activity in the College building as students created House banners to support their team for the afternoon of races.

After lunch everyone went out to watch the track races. We all watched as students ran a range of distances from 300m to 100m relay with hundreds of students taking part.

There was a real buzz in the air and many students absolutely gave their all. The College motto of 'Being the best you can be' was certainly evident.

A huge well done to each and every student who contributed in anyway.

**Mr D. Bullivant**  
**PE Department**





# CIPFA Management Games

On Wednesday this week, a team of Year 12 students took part in the annual CIPFA 6th Form Management Games at De Montfort University. The students undertook a challenge which saw them roll playing the Senior Management Team of a fictitious local authority 'Lychester'.

They were given the task of making recommendations relating to the management of local services and associated budgets for the coming year. They presented their strategic proposal and budget plans to Directors of Finance from local government.

CLCC won second prize - a fantastic achievement in the face of very tough competition indeed. The students involved were Aaron Britain, Charlie Wood, Eve Burniston, Ellise Van Dyke, Ross Smith and Ave Coleman. A huge 'congratulation' to the team. You are a credit to the college!

**Mr. Lee**  
Head of Business Studies

# 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**  
Jamie  
247 Merit Points  
Summer Term 2019



**HAWKINS**  
Morgan  
207 Merit Points  
Summer Term 2019



**LAWRENCE**  
Megan  
170 Merit Points  
Summer Term 2019



**SPENCER**  
Joshua  
265 Merit Points  
Summer Term 2019



**TURING**  
Marty  
227 Merit Points  
Summer Term 2019



**WILBERFORCE**  
Leilah  
218 Merit Points  
Summer Term 2019



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# PARS Project

On Thursday the 6th of June 2019 Maisy, Josephine, Lucy and Tara in Year 8 represented the school at the Salters Festival of Chemistry that took place at the University of Leicester.

This is an annual competition which takes place at various sites across the country. Our students competed against teams of students from other schools from around Leicester, Leicestershire, Peterborough and Nottinghamshire.

They had to take part in two challenges which tested their Chemistry skills, as well as general problem solving, team working and organisation. Although, we did not come away with any prizes, they worked very well together as a team, represented the School exceptionally well and had great fun taking part.

**Dr. C. Francis**  
Science Department

A group of Year 8 students have been attending The Positive Activity Referral Scheme (PARS) in collaboration with Blaby District Council Health and Well Being Team. The sessions have taken place at Enderby Leisure Centre. The scheme aims to provide a sport and physical activity pathway for young people and families to improve self-efficacy, physical activity levels and reduce anxiety, whilst using self-help resources to maximize the likelihood to an active lifestyle.

The scheme includes a 6 week support program whereby students attend a weekly session at the local gym with a view to increasing their knowledge and understanding of health and fitness whilst improving their health and well-being. Ms Burley and Mrs Hunt have been pleased with the progress students have made and will look to run further sessions over the next academic year.

**Mrs A. Hunt**  
Senior Teacher

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