

Countesthorpe Academy Newsletter



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Pre-loved Uniform Donations

Do you have any spare uniform that your child has grown out of and is in a good condition?

The Uniform Hub in the pastoral office are looking for nearly new uniform to build up our stock so students can borrow the item for a day.

We are only looking for Skirts, Blazers, School Jumpers and Ties.

If you do have any uniform that you can donate to the Uniform Hub, please bring it in the **CA main office** or email keystageadminsupport@clcc.college and we can arrange for a collection.



OPEN EVENING

THURSDAY

18TH SEPTEMBER

5pm-7.30pm



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Mrs Aitcheson Headteacher

C.E. Aitcheson

Welcome!



As we approach the summer break, it's hard to believe we are almost at the end of another academic year at Countesthorpe Academy! Looking back on the year fills us with a great sense of pride in what our students have achieved. With exam season over and celebration events in full flow, we want to say a huge congratulations to our Year 11 and Year 13 students and wish them the very best of luck for results days in August.

Whilst GCSE and A Level exams have been all consuming for those in Years 11 and 13, the rest of the school has been busy living our core values and making fantastic contributions to the Academy. We have had several excellent events linked to future careers and aspirations, where our students have had the opportunity to explore their options beyond Countesthorpe.

Alongside this, we have taken part in some great sports, well-being and extracurricular activities. The students who took part in our Stephen Lawrence week and represented the Academy in events at De Montfort University were brilliant ambassadors and were able to highlight the work we have been doing to promote equality across the Academy.

This edition of our Academy Magazine gives you an insight into just some of the events and activities our students have taken part in. Thank you all for your continued support throughout this year, it is very much appreciated.



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Stephen Lawrence Day



Baroness Doreen Lawrence

This year's Stephen Lawrence Day was a wonderful showcase of the commitment and passion of our Stephen Lawrence Ambassadors.

Before Easter, our ambassadors launched the Stephen Lawrence Day programme by writing and recording a powerful assembly on anti-racism and the importance of being an up-stander. This theme of positive upstanding fed into our annual Citizenship competition, with each Crew looking at what being an up-stander requires and the situations when upstanding may be necessary. They then mounted impressive wall displays showcasing their work, some of which can be seen here.

Students across the year groups had a powerful anti-racism lesson in a special personal development Crew session for Stephen Lawrence Day. The session looked at the events surrounding Stephen's racist murder and his legacy of hope and creativity. Students undertook their own research and created some fantastic work on anti-racism. We also encouraged staff and students to dress up in orange to mark the day, celebrated across LIFE MAT.

Representatives from De Montfort University came in to interview our Stephen Lawrence Ambassadors, recording their experiences of championing race equity across the school and the skills they have developed as part of this pioneering work. The ambassadors attended the DMU Stephen Lawrence Symposium on 24th June where they interviewed a panel of headteachers and local councillors on the positive action being made to ensure racial justice in education. Our students were especially honoured to meet Baroness Doreen Lawrence, who attended the event to share her experiences and celebrate the amazing work being done by young people across the county. Her presence made the day even more meaningful and memorable.

We also had some fantastic entries for our Culture Comics and Art for Stephen competitions which showcased the creativity and talent of our students.

So lots going on - and a fantastic day of celebration of the enduring legacy of Stephen and his family, showing that something positive can come from such an appalling act, and that hope can triumph.





Aspire students visit Oxford University!

Our Aspire Programme students from Countesthorpe Academy & Hive Sixth Form had an incredible opportunity to experience a day in the life of an Oxford University student!

From engaging in thought-provoking seminars to exploring the historic campus, the visit gave our students a real insight into university life and the exciting possibilities ahead.

Raising aspirations, broadening horizons, and inspiring future success – this is what **Aspire at Countesthorpe Academy & Hive Sixth Form** is all about!

Applications for Hive Sixth Form remain open, but only for a short time, so please hurry as places are filling fast!

Please apply through PS16 or use the application form on our website: www.clcc.college/6th-form-curriculum/

For any queries about our fantastic Sixth Form please contact Mrs Challinor, Director of Sixth Form KChallinor@clcc.college



Classroom to Courtroom



We were honoured to welcome Lynsey Knott, a Criminal Barrister from 1 High Pavement Chambers, to speak to our Year 10, 11, 12, and 13 students as part of our ASPIRE programme.

Lynsey Knott, a Criminal barrister with almost 20 years experience, spoke to our students as part of our ASPIRE programme. This series of seminars is designed to inspire students by introducing them to a variety of career paths they might not have considered. Today, was our last seminar of the Academic Year.

Lynsey provided an insightful talk on what it means to be a barrister, detailing her role as a criminal barrister. She explained the intricacies of representing clients in court, preparing legal arguments, and the importance of upholding justice.

What made Lynsey's visit even more special is that she is a former Countesthorpe student herself! She demonstrated that this career path is accessible to all young people, sharing her journey from our classrooms to the courtroom.

Well-being Ambassadors

This year, our Well-being Ambassadors have run a series of mindfulness events for students in Crew-time.

These events have ranged from the incredibly popular Lego-themed 'Bricks of Well-being' event', where more than sixty students had a session of Lego-building, colouring and watching The Lego Movie, to the beautiful nature walks where we photograph the seasonal changes on our campus, capturing flowers, birds, trees and sky. The events have supported students who feel the need for quiet time, and exposure to the beauties of the natural world, and have been incredibly popular, with sign-up exceeding places on every occasion.

The ambassadors also organised the exam-support scheme where Year 7 and 8 students wrote personal messages of exam support for Y11 and Y13. One Year 11 student said: 'I found it really touching to receive a postcard just at the time I was feeling most stressed. It made me smile and I loved the way it was personalised, so it made me feel special.' Big thanks to the ambassadors for supporting the mental health and well-being of their peers so well.



Let's Listen

Empowering Youth Voices

On Monday 19th May, Countesthorpe Academy students from all key stages came together for a meaningful 'listening session' to share their thoughts and feelings on critical issues such as mental health, housing, homelessness, and votes at 16.

This session was a platform for students to express their concerns and ideas, highlighting the importance of youth perspectives in shaping our society.

In an exciting follow-up, ten of these passionate students will participate in a Citizens UK event this July, where they will have the unique opportunity to discuss these pressing issues directly with a Government minister. This event promises to be a significant step in empowering young voices and fostering dialogue between the youth and policymakers.

Stay tuned for more updates on this inspiring journey!

Let's Talk

Empowering future leaders

24 of our amazing Year 7-10 students took part in the annual Youth Conference at Blaby District Council!

Morning Sessions:

- Hands-on resuscitation & first aid training
- Eye-opening cyber security insights
- Powerful knife crime awareness workshop & performance

Afternoon Debate:

- Our students joined local councillors to discuss how the council can better support young people in our community. Their voices were strong, their ideas were inspiring, and their leadership shone through!

They left with valuable communication, citizenship, and leadership skills - and they were fantastic ambassadors for our academy.



Box Clever Theatre brings Shakespeare's Macbeth to life for Year 11 students

Macbeth

Box Clever Theatre captivated Year 11 students at Countesthorpe Academy with a dynamic production of Shakespeare's classic tragedy, Macbeth.

The performance, tailored specifically for the students, aimed to deepen their understanding of the play's themes and characters while making the experience both engaging and educational.

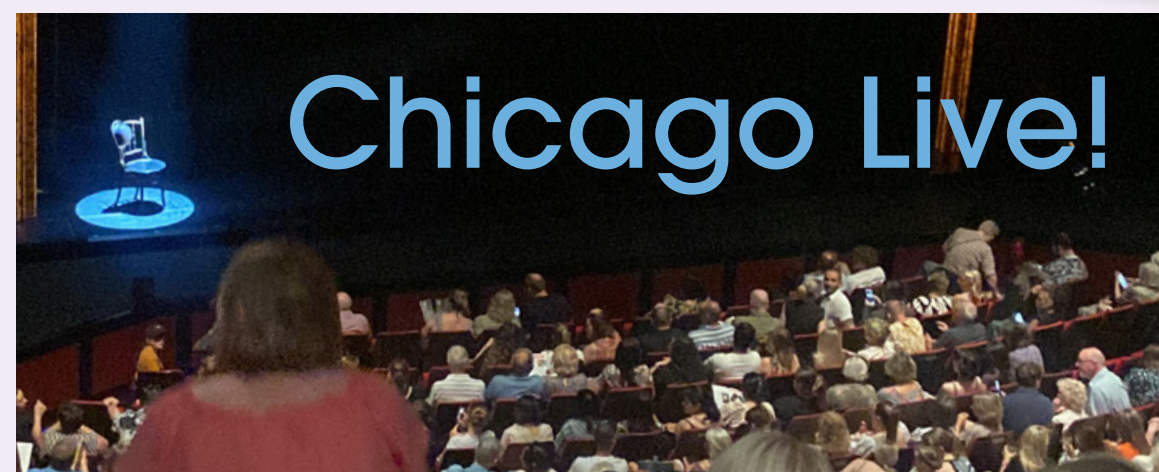
Adding an interactive twist, the theatre company invited students to participate in the production, allowing them to step into the shoes of Shakespearean characters. This hands-on involvement not only made the performance more immersive but also helped students connect with the material on a personal level.

Following the performance, Box Clever Theatre hosted a workshop where students learned how to embody the characters they had seen on stage. Through practical exercises and expert guidance, students explored the nuances of acting, gaining insights into character development and stage presence.

Overall, the production was a resounding success, leaving Year 11 students at Countesthorpe Academy inspired and more confident in their understanding and appreciation of Macbeth.

Box Clever is an award-winning, writer-led theatre company dedicated to the creation of contemporary theatre for young people, their commitment to educational enrichment through the arts continues to make a significant impact on young learners.

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Chicago Live!

Our dance students had the amazing opportunity to see Chicago live at The Curve in Leicester - and it was nothing short of spectacular! From the iconic choreography to the unforgettable music, the show left us all truly inspired.

And as if that wasn't exciting enough... we even bumped into some famous faces along the way - including the fabulous Craig Revel Horwood himself! A real treat for our aspiring performers! Huge thanks to the staff who organised and supported this memorable trip, and to The Curve for an incredible experience.



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Rocks with GREASE

What an incredible show!

Our talented students brought the rockin' 1950s to life with dazzling performances, energetic choreography, and unforgettable tunes.



Months of hard work, dedication, and teamwork paid off, and the audience was blown away!

A huge thank you must go to Mrs Richards for her incredible directing skills, bringing this production to life with her vision and dedication. A special thanks also to Mrs. Ford for her outstanding vocal coaching, ensuring every note was pitch-perfect, and to Mrs. Howden and Mr. Green for their brilliant choreography, which made the dance numbers truly unforgettable.

Thank you also to our amazing backstage crew for all of their help behind the scenes, the show wouldn't have been a success without them.

Until next time - keep rockin' and rollin', Rydell style!



“ A breathtaking performance!

Grease performance has truly gone above my expectations from the school and delivered a breathtaking performance!

I can't wait to be in a future show!

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Students Excel at the 57th International Chemistry Olympiad

Countesthorpe Academy is proud to celebrate the achievements of our 6 Chemistry students who participated in the first round of the 57th International Chemistry Olympiad.

These students faced a challenging two-hour paper, applying their A-level Chemistry knowledge to unfamiliar contexts.

Since September, they have been preparing diligently, attending a weekly lunchtime club to enhance their skills. Their dedication has led to impressive results: one bronze, three silver (top third of entrants), and one gold certificate (top 8%).

The accomplishments reflect the students' hard work, intellectual curiosity, and passion for Chemistry.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to all participants for their exceptional performance and for representing Countesthorpe Academy with distinction.

Well done to all our students!



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ITV News are the latest national news agency to visit our school to report on our Esports Provision.

Our Esports provision continues to impress everyone who visits with ITV News being the latest to be wowed by our exceptional facility, innovative course, and exciting after school clubs.

Arun Lal from ITV news and his crew visited our esports centre to report on the exciting world of esports and how our school is delivering a BTEC course to help develop the next generation of Esports professionals.

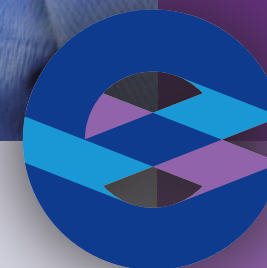
Our BTEC course helps students learn about the business elements of Esports, marketing skills, shout casting and a range of other transferable skills, all through the media of competitive gaming.

ITV interviewed our BTEC students and also interviewed our after school Esports club students. All remarked on how impressive our arena is and how it shows them that Countesthorpe Academy means business when it comes to Esports.

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Creative Writing Competition

The Secret kingdom of Aethoria
By Chloe 708H

Chapter 1 - The mysterious portal

As I trudged wearily through the crunching gravel of the school's playground, the warm sun beating down on my freckled nose, I couldn't help but feel an overwhelming sense of boredom. That's when I spotted it- a shimmering, iridescent light radiating from behind the rusty old swings. My curiosity piqued, I hastily excused myself and made my way towards the mysterious glow. As I reached out a trembling hand to touch the sparkling light, I felt an odd tingling sensation, like a thousand butterflies dancing on my skin. Suddenly, I was in a blinding flash, and everything went dark.

Chapter 2 - The enchanted realm

When my eyes fluttered open, I found myself standing in the midst of a lush, vibrant forest, surrounded by towering trees with trunks as wide as houses and leaves that shimmered like emeralds. The air was filled with the sweet scent of blooming wildflowers, and the soft chirping of birds. A warm breeze rustled my hair, carrying the faint whisper of ancient magic. As I wandered through the forest, I stumbled upon a winding path paved with glittering silver

FIRST PLACE!
The Secret Kingdom of Aethoria

Chapter 3 - The kingdom of Aethoria

The palace gates swung open, revealing a grand courtyard filled with people dressed in elegant attire. They parted, allowing me to pass, and I felt a sense of wonder as I approached the throne. Seated upon it was a wise king, with a kind face and piercing blue eyes. "Welcome young traveller" he said, his voice warm and gentle. "I am king Arin of Aethoria. You have been brought here for a purpose, one that only you can that only you can fulfill." As the king spoke, a dark shadow loomed in the distance, threatening to destroy the peace and tranquility of Aethoria. I knew that I had to act, to use my courage and wit to save this enchanted realm.

Chapter 4 - Fighting for Aethoria

And so, my journey in Aethoria began. With the help of new friends and allies, I embarked on a quest to defeat the darkness and save the kingdom. Though the road ahead was uncertain, I was ready to face whatever challenges lay in store. For in Aethoria, I had discovered a new sense of purpose, and a home where magic was real. As I stood before the palace, I felt the warm sun of my face and the gentle breeze in my hair. I knew that this was just the beginning of an incredible adventure.

SECOND PLACE!
Red Rose

Red Rose.

The moment we locked eyes, I knew he was the one.

Before.

His name was Jack, he worked in the coffee shop across from my home. I didn't know his last name, the only reason I knew his first was because of the name tag, placed on the right side of his dark blue apron, which was the uniform of the shop. He was tall, blonde and handsome. Some how he has known my name, and always did. I don't know how, but I liked to keep it as a secret, I liked him as the mysterious boy from the coffee shop across the street.

I am sat at the back of the room, drinking a latte, like I always did on Thursday afternoons, which was the only day Jack worked here. I loved the way he smiled at me, the way he'd look at me, thinking I never noticed. I noticed. Every. Single. Time. This time, he was different. We didn't just look and smile at each other. He walked up to me, smiling, with something held tight in his hands.

"I made this, for you." He breathes, after standing beside my table, so awkwardly, for 5 seconds in silence. He pulls out a rose, not a real one, a paper rose. Folded so gracefully, so neat and tidy. I don't know what to say. Its so delicate, so small, so gorgeous.

"For...me?" I say, finally letting the words out of my mouth.

"Your name is Rose...right?" He blushes, looking down while fiddling with a cross necklace tied around his neck. I want to say thank you, and pull him into a tight hug, but I can't. I haven't even met this man, I don't even know his favourite colour.

"Yes—yes it is." I smile, laughing a little. He has a small grin on his face, and as he looks up at me, his cheeks turn into a light pink.

"Well, if you open it up, there's a small surprise. I hoped you would like it, but I haven't even really, well...met you? I mean I would love to, I always see you sat here, drinking your latte. I've never really talked to you." He smiles, running his fingers through his blonde, curly, hair.

"A surprise? For me?" I smile, looking at the rose. I smile, looking at the rose. And then I realise I'm 17 minutes late to school.

Now.

I'm going to cry, just looking at the memories. So, I'm packing them all up, burning them. All of them. I don't want to be reminded of him, not anymore. I miss him far too much. There's just one thing I need to do.

I rummage through the box of all of Jack's things, the presents, photos, T-shirts. And then I find it. The paper rose. I open it up, so carefully, to gasp at what I see. A golden necklace, with a gorgeous diamond rose in the centre.

Dear, Jack,

I love you, always.



Narrative Writing

A group of enthusiastic Year 10 students gathered in the library for a Narrative Writing Workshop led by Alyssia, an external facilitator from the Creative Learning Services in County Hall, Leicester.

The workshop focused on crafting compelling story openings, with Alyssia demonstrating various techniques to captivate readers from the very first sentence.

To spark their creativity and provide unique inspiration for their stories, the students were provided with random quirky artefacts, such as old keys, peculiar trinkets and even a decapitated doll's head!

This valuable session aimed to equip the students with essential skills for their upcoming assessments next year, ensuring they can confidently create engaging narratives from the very first sentence.





Triumphs in MFL Competition



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On Tuesday 17th June 2025, Countesthorpe Academy students showcased their exceptional linguistic and creative talents today by winning the Modern Foreign Languages competition, which featured teams of Year 8 students from schools across the LiFE Multi-Academy Trust.

The competition's grand finale challenged the students to design a hotel inspired by a country of their choice and present their ideas in French. The Countesthorpe Academy team delivered an outstanding presentation that impressed the judges with its creativity, fluency, and attention to detail. Their hard work and dedication paid off as they secured 1st place, outshining their peers from Ibstock School and Ivanhoe School, who finished second and third, respectively.

This victory is a testament to the students' commitment to excellence in modern foreign languages and their ability to apply their skills in innovative and practical ways. Congratulations to the Countesthorpe Academy team for their well-deserved win!



French Café

Our Year 7 students had a fantastic opportunity to immerse themselves in French culture at our special French Café event!

With the help of our wonderful Year 9 students and staff, the Year 7s practiced their French ordering skills, asking for delicious breakfast staples like croissants and hot chocolate.

It was a delightful way to bring their classroom learning to life!

To add to the fun, each table featured a languages quiz, challenging students to test their knowledge and learn even more about the French language and culture.

Events like these are invaluable in helping our students develop their French skills in a real-world context. By engaging in practical activities, they gain confidence and fluency, making their language learning journey both enjoyable and effective.



Spanish Café

Our students had the fantastic opportunity to immerse themselves in a different language and culture at our Spanish Café event!

Designed to help students experience the richness of the Spanish language, learn new skills, and contextualize their learning, the event was a resounding success. Our students embraced the challenge, showcasing their enthusiasm and talent in language acquisition.

Language skills are incredibly important in today's globalised world, and our students demonstrated their ability to communicate effectively and confidently in Spanish. We are so proud of their achievements and the effort they put into making this event memorable.

¡Bien hecho, estudiantes!





Making a difference

Textiles

RSPCA.

In a heart-warming initiative, Year 8 students at Countesthorpe Academy showcased their creativity and compassion during textile lessons by designing and creating blankets for donation to the local RSPCA centre.

The project not only honed their crafting skills but also instilled a sense of community and environmental responsibility as the students utilised donated and recycled materials to fashion the blankets. They then implemented a variety of specialist techniques they had been taught during textile lessons including tie dye, batik and appliqué, to add their own individual touches to the final products.

A meaningful trip to the RSPCA Woodside Animal Centre in Leicester resulted in wonderful opportunities to interact with some of the animals, making the experience even more memorable! Whilst there, the students also received a talk on the amazing work the RSPCA undertakes along with a tour of the kennels and cattery.

The students were able to donate the handmade blankets themselves, along with tins of pet food, allowing them to see the project through from start to finish and providing a sense of satisfaction and a job well done! The joy and excitement were palpable as the students bonded with the animals, knowing their efforts would provide comfort for them.

The students thoroughly enjoyed the trip, and their actions serve as a reminder of the positive impact young people can have on their community.

If you are looking for a pet, please consider visiting the RSPCA, as many animals are waiting for their forever homes and your visit or donation could make a world of difference to these loving creatures.



The Choral Spectacular team!

A 'Choral Spectacular'

On Wednesday 17th March, students from Countesthorpe Academy formed part of a 'Choral Spectacular' by joining Leics Sing! to celebrate all things A Capella, alongside hundreds of other young voices from local Leicester and Leicestershire Primary, Secondary and SEND schools.

Under the expert guidance of Simon Lubkowski, renowned gold medal barbershop singer, the event showcased incredible talent and enthusiasm, focusing on different styles of A Capella, including modern, unaccompanied Choral, Barbershop and improvised/ aural inspired pieces.

Students demonstrated immense commitment and dedication in the run up to the day through a combination of school and massed rehearsals, resulting in an amazing event which saw students singing their hearts out and creating beautiful harmonies.

The energy and passion displayed by everyone made the event truly 'spectacular' and gave real insight into the variety of music that can be created with voices only!



Simon Lubkowski
Gold medal barbershop singer



Music



Young Leaders

A group of Year 9 students from Countesthorpe Academy were elected to fulfil the role of 'Young Leaders' at a primary school hockey festival.

The current CNAT PE students were nominated for their consistent enthusiasm, potential, and willingness to assist. The exciting event was organised by South Leicestershire School Sports Partnership and was hosted at Countesthorpe Academy's renowned Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA).

Cambridge Nationals or CNAT focuses on applying knowledge and practical skills in real-life scenarios to foster career success and develop the employability skills that modern businesses seek. For students on this pathway, the emphasis is on applied learning and putting these skills into practice. With a focus on practical, skills-based learning, Cambridge Nationals are structured around themed units.

The festival provided a fantastic opportunity for these students to practice for the Leadership component they are required to complete in Year 10 and gain valuable experience.

The event organisers commented on the 'superb' students who 'represented Countesthorpe Academy extremely well!'. Their involvement was instrumental in the smooth running of the event, and they demonstrated remarkable dedication and teamwork.

The festival highlighted the importance of leadership and community spirit and emphasised the importance of nurturing young leaders and providing them with opportunities to shine- and shine they did!

A massive thank you to the students who were involved in this project for not only remaining professional and motivated throughout the event but for displaying the qualities they were selected for in the first place, truly embodying being 'Young Leaders'!

Their efforts made the festival memorable and successful for everyone involved.



Hockey Festival



Empowering our girls through Sport



A group of our students took part in an inspiring GALS Day at Huncote Leisure Centre, where they trained as GALS Ambassadors!

The day focused on understanding the barriers to female participation in sport and physical activity, equipping our students with the skills to create an action plan to encourage more girls to get involved.

A highlight of the day was meeting British gymnast Becky Downie, who shared her incredible journey and motivated our students to drive positive change.

Our newly trained ambassadors are now working on ways to promote girls' sport within our school - watch this space for exciting initiatives!

GOLF COMPETITION

Countesthorpe Academy takes on the Leicestershire and Rutland Schools Golf Association Championship.

On Sunday 6th April 2025, five students from Countesthorpe Academy represented the school at the Leicestershire and Rutland Schools Golf Association Championship held at Kibworth Golf Club.

They competed in both individual and team events against 13 other schools and 60 students.

The stand out performer was Isaac, who scored 39 points (3 under his handicap), finishing fourth in the individual nett competition and achieving a new personal best handicap!



Countesthorpe Academy

An Incredible Day at the County Athletics Competition!

Countesthorpe Academy had an incredible day at the County Athletics competition held at Loughborough University!

Our students showcased their dedication, perseverance, and outstanding performances, making us all proud. A huge round of applause to Chloe, Michal, Tobias, Jack, William, Isla, India, Karol, Daisy, Matilda, Tallulah, Laurae, Joanna, Jakob, Alex, Kai, and Oscar for their remarkable efforts and achievements.

Special Congratulations:

- **Daisy:** Secured a medal in hurdles, demonstrating her agility and determination.
- **Jack:** Triumphed in the 300m, showcasing his speed and endurance.
- **Oscar:** Delivered a brilliant performance in the triple jump, highlighting his skill and precision.
- **Tobias:** Winning performance in the 200m, proving his exceptional sprinting capabilities.

A heartfelt thank you to all the parents who came out to support—it truly makes all the difference. Your encouragement and energy helped push our athletes to greatness!

Here's to another fantastic sporting achievement for our school!



A Night of Dance!

On 27th February, over 75 of our talented students took to the stage at the Albert Hall in Nottingham for an unforgettable night of dance!

From jazz to musical theatre to street dance, each performance was bursting with passion, energy, and creativity. The audience was fantastic, and we couldn't be prouder of every single dancer who took part – you should all be so proud of yourselves!

A huge well done to our incredible dancers and supporters for making this event so special.



HIVE Sixth Form



Life Skills in action

Countesthorpe Academy Hive 6th Form are dedicated to preparing students for life beyond academics and equipping them with 'Life Skills' to help them succeed!

The PREP programme workshops are designed to provide a supportive environment to encourage personal growth and to help students build confidence.

The practical and interactive sessions cover topics such as planning a holiday, changing a tyre, household basics, simple sewing and cooking on a budget, all essential skills to help navigate some of the complexities of adult life.



The EPQ Marketplace

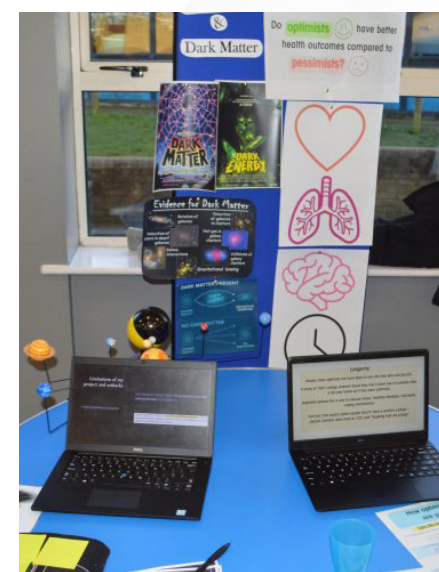
A night to remember!

The 2025 EPQ Marketplace and student stands blew visitors away! Students showcased their expertise and eloquently discussed their projects with passion and confidence.

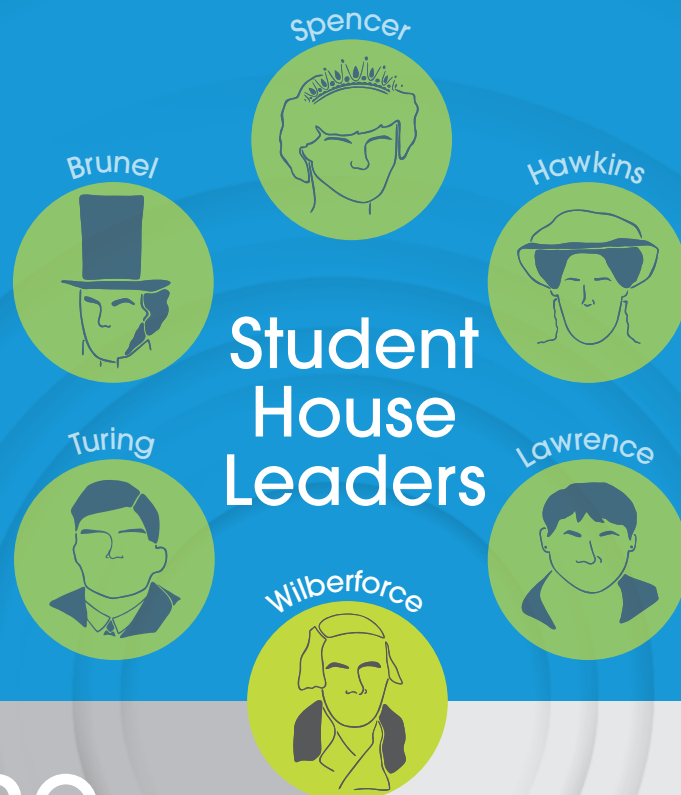
A huge congratulations to the winners of the evening:

- **Most Informative - Jackson G**
- **Most Creative - Abbie M**
- **Most Engaging - Isabel J**
- **Most Confident - Lucy B**
- **Most Interesting Fact - Poppy B**

Staff are incredibly proud of all EPQ students.



House Championship



And the winners are...
Wilberforce House!

If you wish to learn more about our House System please follow this link

www.clcc.college/houses

Also via this link



What an incredible House Win it's been this year! Our students have shown outstanding enthusiasm, teamwork, and determination in every event they've taken part in. From sports to quizzes to creative challenges, their energy and commitment have been truly inspiring.

Huge congratulations to Wilberforce House, our well-deserved winners!

We are so proud of every student who contributed to the success of their house, and we can't wait to celebrate with Wilberforce on Rewards Day - a day of fun, laughter, and bouncing around on the inflatables! Well done to everyone involved!

A massive thank you to our dedicated House Leaders for their incredible support, energy, and leadership throughout the academic year. Their commitment has helped bring the House Championship to life, inspiring students across the school to get involved, try new things, and show real pride in their house.

At Countesthorpe Academy, our core values of **Respect, Resilience** and **Success** have been at the heart of every event and our House Leaders have led by example every step of the way.

We encourage all students to take part in next year's House Championship, get involved, and be part of something that truly brings our school community together.

SEND support

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SOCIAL PRESCRIBING
CONNECTING INTO YOUR COMMUNITY

Parent/Carer Connect



Learning disability & SEND children and families
social prescribing drop-in support sessions:

The last Thursday of every month
10am -11.30am

Broughton Astley Family Hub
Station Road, Broughton Astley, LE9 6PT

A welcoming space for connection,
peer support & conversation





Changing the face of construction

Empowering Year 8 girls at the 'Changing the Face of Construction' workshop!

In collaboration with Blaby District Council, 25 students from Countesthorpe Academy took part in a workshop which featured engaging talks from women who have made significant strides in the construction industry.

These speakers shared their inspirational personal journeys, challenges and triumphs, providing invaluable insights and motivation for the students. Their stories highlighted the diverse roles available in construction, from Design and Technology to Social Values and Planning.

Overall, the event was a resounding success, breaking down stereotypes and leaving the students inspired and empowered to explore new possibilities within the construction industry, a field traditionally dominated by men.

The workshop ended with a fun team-building exercise, fostering teamwork, confidence and perseverance! We look forward to seeing these young trailblazers continue to break barriers and build bright futures.

#GirlsInSTEM #FutureBuilders



Mock interviews



On Thursday 6th March, we held our annual Mock Interviews for Year 11 students and a select group of Y13s.

Students worked in Crew to prepare for the interviews by revising interview techniques and practicing answers for common interview questions.

Students were interviewed by a wide range of employers from the engineering, logistics, healthcare and education sector alongside many others.

After their 10-minute interview, students received feedback from the employer so that they could evaluate their strengths and areas for improvements and better prepare for future interviews they will be having with employers and apprenticeship providers.

Each employer also had the opportunity to select one of the students they saw to be awarded as their best interviewee, and those students received certificates to celebrate their achievement.

A huge thank you to all the incredible employers who generously gave their time to support and inspire our students!





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Term Dates

AUTUMN TERM 2025

Teacher Days Thurs 21st & Fri 22nd August 2025
 (School closed to students)

August Bank Holiday Mon 25th August 2025

Students Start Tues 26th August 2025

Mid-Term Break Mon 20th Oct to Fri 24th Oct 2025

Disaggregated Day Fri 28th November 2025
 (school closed to staff and students)

School Closes for Students Fri 19th Dec 2025

SPRING TERM 2026

Teacher Day Mon 5th January 2026
 (School closed to students)

Students Start Tues 6th January 2026

Mid-Term Break Mon 16th to Fri 20th February 2026

School Closes for Students Fri Evening 27th March 2026

SUMMER TERM 2025

Students Start Mon 13th April 2026

May Day Bank Holiday Mon 4th May 2026

Mid-Term Break Mon 25th May to Fri 29th May 2026

School closes for students Thurs Evening 9th July 2026



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