



Newsletter Week 2

This week we have had the opportunity to really get back into the swing of learning – and it has been an absolute pleasure to see so many engaged and committed young people. We see real improvements in some students' independence and organisation which is a testament to the work you have done at home during lockdown. Classes are back on track and our longer lessons are allowing staff and students to get into real depth in their sessions and make rapid progress.

A few highlights from this weeks' sessions:

Year 9 have had the chance to get stuck into their project based learning sessions, including a chance to use Gilson Pipettes for the first time. They showed great dedication and will have fantastic lab technique in no time at all. They have also kicked off their English studies with some creative writing, a great opportunity to utilise existing skills, pick up some new ones and challenge their creativity and expression.



Year 10 have had some fantastic sessions getting to grips with using grids to produce accurate portraits, how amazing are these? They have been working hard in maths on data types and averages and we have been so impressed by how well they are doing. Remember maths homework is set on Hegarty Maths each week. You can find more info on the website about how to login.



Year 11 Students are working on consolidation and revision in English this week ahead of assessments later in the year. Parents should be aware that work for options subjects is being supplemented with online resources and activities on google classroom. Please remind your child to keep checking the site and submitting the exercises as directed by their options subject teachers.

Year 12 have had the chance to test out their sixth form choices this week and will no doubt be feeling the increased expectations of sixth form study. It is really important to hit the ground running and stay on track with your learning. Spend the weekend reinforcing this week's lessons and getting organised so you are all set for next week.

Year 13 Health students have spent the week preparing for exams in anatomy and physiology and planning ahead for when work placements are safe to resume. Psychology students have been working on issues and debates this week looking at gender and culture bias. Fascinating to hear that so much of psychology research is based on findings from men not women.



Coming soon:

You may have spotted on Instagram that we are launching an online tutoring programme soon powered by Seneca Learning. This will be a massive boost to students of science and maths in years 11, 12 and 13. Look out for more details on when you can access the programme.

Notes for this week:

We're pleased to say we currently have no confirmed cases of Coronavirus in either our staff team or student body. Thank you for keeping in touch so diligently about any potential symptoms, getting tests and working hard to maintain hygiene through regular hand washing, using the sanitiser, wearing your masks and maintaining distancing in the classrooms and corridors.

Students are doing a brilliant job of wearing masks and maintaining distancing in the building. We would like to remind students of the importance of maintaining this on their way to and from school. From Monday, students must not be in a group of more than 6 outdoors. This means that big groups cannot congregate in social spaces outside the building such as the Skate Park or at local bus stops.

If your child is exempt from wearing a mask, we have new lanyards to make sure staff are aware and do not remind them to put it on. Please do let them know to come and collect one.

Staggered start and finish times are working well and we appreciate the effort you are making to arrive at the correct time. Please do try to arrive in your year group time allocation as it is even more important to ensure we are not congregating in groups. Thank you for your support.

We had great feedback from our neighbours on students' professionalism during a fire alarm drill this week. Students left the building quickly and calmly, following instructions and kept their masks on. This was very helpful and much appreciated by all staff.

Year 12 and 13 students have responded well to the shift to a blend of learning in the building and at home. A reminder of the expectations of when you should be in the building is below:

- If you have no lessons on your timetable for the day you should work from home.
- If you have no lessons for session 1, you should arrive by 11am for session 2, or 13.40pm for session 3.
- When you have completed sessions for the day you can leave the building to work at home.
- If you have sessions in the morning and afternoon, please stay in the building over lunch.

Don't forget that you will receive a phone call home from your child's coach at some point during the next two weeks to answer any questions and support the settling in process.

Also make sure you are following along with our Instagram #BacktoSchoolBaltic challenge to see some great snaps of life at the CUC.

Best wishes, stay safe,

Jill Davies, Principal

