



THE Clere School

Autumn Term News 2021

Dear Parents, Carers and valued members of our community,

Welcome to the end of Autumn Term Newsletter, which is packed full of the activities that our wonderful pupils and staff have been doing over this last term. We are delighted to have this opportunity to share with you the incredible successes of our students.

This has certainly been a busy term for all pupils. The Year 7 students have settled into the demands and academic rigours of secondary school, they have flourished and risen to the many challenges presented to them. We must be mindful of how difficult this must have been given their experiences of school during two lock downs.



The Year 11 students have been exemplary in their preparations for their practice examinations. In this time of uncertainty, they have understood the necessity of giving of their best if the final examination grades in the summer are to be partly based on the outcomes of this attempt. We wish them every success in the next set of examinations in February and I am sure those that need to, will build on and develop the very best habits in the weeks to come.

It has been so wonderful to see pupils enjoying the ability to move around from class to class again. Their resilience and adaptability are something that we are very proud of. It is wonderful to go from lesson to lesson to see the high levels of focus and engagement in their learning – they are certainly demonstrating their willingness to get the most out of every learning opportunity.

My personal thanks go to the senior pupil team who have been very busy over this half term, between open evenings, house events, and coordinating and running fund raising events they have been an excellent example to our younger pupils.

Our anti-bullying week was one of great joy and tremendous pride, we were delighted to be able to recognise the kind acts that pupils had been nominated for by their peers and their family. Everyday I see kindness around me and feel blessed to work among such thoughtful and considerate young people and adults.

We have had a glorious autumn, filled with a skyline of resplendent colour. We are blessed to be in this setting, whether it is the lavender and lilac early morning sky, before the yellow and orange sunrise, breaks over Watership Down. Or the golden, rust and crimson reflection from the autumn leaves. Now - heading towards the shortest day we look forward to time with family and friends. Time to reflect, to give thanks and plan for the year ahead. As I write, it is still a time of uncertainty of what this holiday might look like for us and how our best laid plans may have to change. Whatever the future holds, we know that we can weather storms and with the love and support of our families we will prevail to come back stronger.

May I wish all of you a very healthy, safe, restful, and peaceful break. Thank you for all your support this year and we look forward to 2022!

Miss Ursula Coyle - Assistant Headteacher

Successful Summer School 2021

Between 2-6 August 2021, we welcomed 75 members of our new Year 7 cohort to The Clere for Summer School. This was a week of activities including interactive and practical sessions delivered by our teachers, and outdoors learning opportunities facilitated by the WiseUp Activity team offering a range of team-building challenges for three days, such as archery, assault courses and orienteering.

In addition to the team-building activities, Clere School staff planned and delivered an entrepreneurship “Dragon’s Den” activity, drawing on subject specialists from English, Maths and Drama to work with students on their literacy, numeracy and presentation skills, with support from members of the LSA team. All new Year 7 students were also given the opportunity to select a new book from a selection collated in partnership with the English Department, to read and review, and there was a lot of excitement from students when receiving their books.

We were delighted to host a celebration event on the afternoon of the final day of the Summer School, rewarding students with certificates and prizes in front of an audience of their families. Feedback from families about the impact of the Summer School was also highly positive.



Open Evening / Mornings

On Thursday 20th September, we held our annual Open Evening. The evening was packed with curriculum activities, school tours led by students and much more. The site was filled with so many prospective parents and children, which was overwhelmingly busy. We had over 400 people visit in total. Visitors were asked to wear masks and use the hand sanitiser as well as keeping distance. Chairs were spaced in the hall for the headteacher’s talk, with many visitors standing at the back.

We then held Open Mornings on 7th and 8th October, which was again hugely successful. We had over 75 families visited over the two days and left us with very positive feedback.

The example of the feedback received from prospective parents:

- The tour guides were excellent!!
- The teachers were very passionate about their subject and they took time to talk to us.

Prior to the Open events, we visited several feeder primary schools to give a talk to Year 6 (and sometimes Year 5) students about life at The Clere. Our prefects did a fantastic job talking about lessons, activities, sports, lunch and everything in between!



Bebras Computational Thinking Challenge 2021

A huge 'well done' to all 240 participants of the Bebras competition. Bebras is a challenge that aims to enthuse students in all things in Computer Science while also helping them to identify a hidden talent. 300,000 participants involved nationally in this event. The Clere is very proud to have 20 Gold Award winners, who are ranked in the top 10% of the country.

They are:



- Juniors

JUNIORS: Declan Brook, Amelia Walter, Amy Gregg

INTERs: Frankie-Oscar Leeke, Eleanor Cheung, Ryan Mitchell, Felix Thompson, Sofia Mills, Brandon Toon, George Richards, Annabelle Grant-Jones, Florence Kemp, Lydia Marks, Anna Van Der Giessen,

SENIORS: Rhys Perrett, Matthew Cheung, Albert Monger, Joshua Broadhurst, Jay Challis, Maddie Hudson

BEST IN SCHOOL: Amy Gregg, Lydia Marks, Rhys Perrett and Mathew Cheung.

All Gold Award winners will be invited to take part in the Oxford University Computing Challenge in the spring.

Well done, everyone!



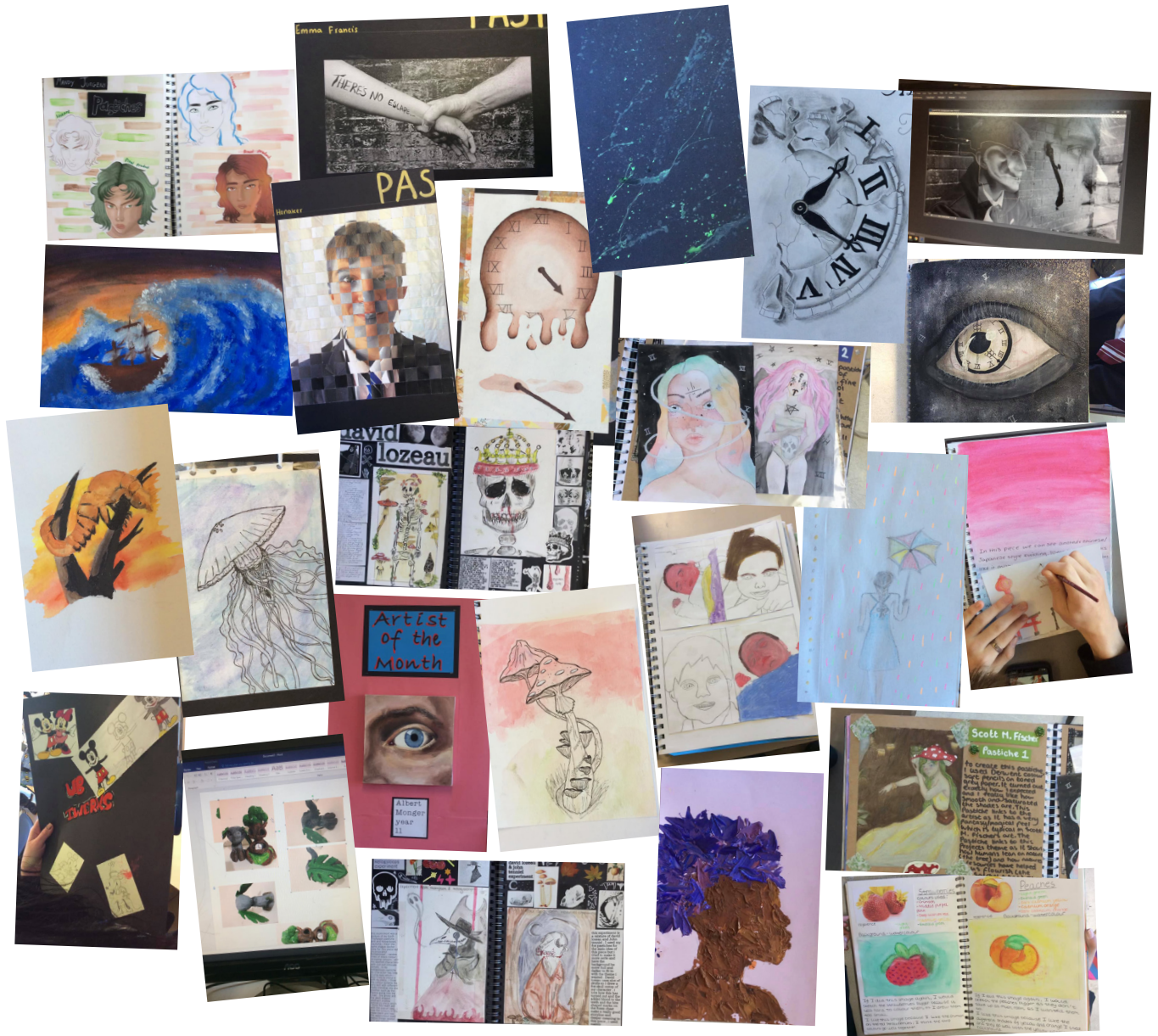
- Seniors

Reminder from the Food Department

Please return any aprons and containers that you have borrowed.
Thank you

Year 11 GCSE Art

Students in their GCSE Art lessons have been working on their pastiches for their final projects. Look at some of these fantastic examples.



Wanted!

Sweet Tubs / Containers

The Food Department would be grateful if you could donate any sweet tubs that have been enjoyed over Christmas.



Cyber First Girls Competition

Congratulations to Eleanor Cheung, Sofia Mills, Esme Swadling, Florence Waite, Katy Dyer, Annabelle Grant Jones and Kerryanne Knox for participating in the Cyber First Girls competition. The competition was a team event with the girls making up 2 teams of 4.

Cyber First Girls Competition is an opportunity to learn something new about cyber security. The competition runs alongside topics within the Computer Science syllabus but also contains some advanced cyber topics that are not covered in traditional education but seek to stretch the lateral thinking and additional cyber knowledge of the teams.

The competition closed as this newsletter was being written. We are excited to find out how they have done!



Year 8 Clocks DT

Year 8 Clocks - Year 8's have made a wooden working mechanical clock. They have used a variety of cutting tools and decorated their clocks using design drawings and colour. This is the first project for Year 8, they have all worked hard in designing and making their final product which has been attached to packaging sheet.



Remembrance Day

As part of our commemoration of Remembrance Day, staff and students at The Clere were invited to represent their uniformed organisations, such as Scouts, Guides and Cadets. A poignant performance of the Last Post by a Year 8 student accompanied our observance of the 2-minute silence. Senior Prefects alongside a member of the Senior Leadership Team have attended Basingstoke War Memorial service on Remembrance Sunday to lay a poppy wreath on behalf of The Clere School Community.



Year 7 Drama

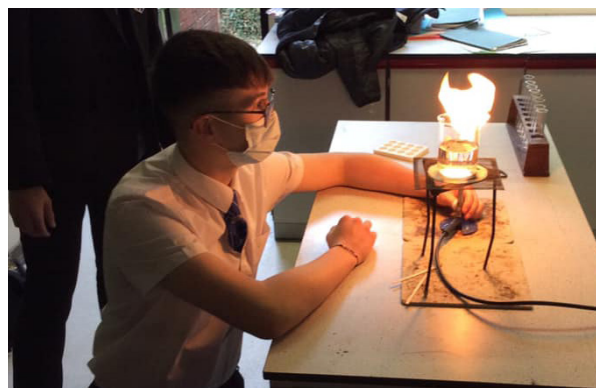


Year 7 have been re-enacting their first day at school with their Harry Potter inspired drama assessments!

Students have been applying the physical skills, vocal skills, and drama conventions they have learnt so far this year to a script, taking the words from page to stage!

Year 11 GCSE Science

Year 11 students were testing 10 different white powders to work out what they were by using different methods.



Year 7 PE



Year 7 students worked on a unit on Health and Fitness. They designed their own circuit as a strength and conditioning coach for their favourite sports team.

They completed the circuit themselves and then had the challenge to work out how to make their circuit harder.

Sports Captains

Congratulations to the following students who completed a tough process to become a sports captain. Students have been awarded their house sports captain badges and over the next few weeks the students will attend meetings to work out a programme of events for the year. Well done to all students who submitted an application.



Year 7

Cottington- Oliver Cooper, Abby McBride

Ladle- Brooke Nell, Zoe Cox

Beacon- Molly Alsancak, Amelia Walter (assistant Mason Kelly)

Sidown- Esme Willgoss, James Lewis (assistant Ellyn Ball)

Year 8

Cottington- Dan Jackson, George Davis

Ladle- Eleanor Cheung, Lily-Sky Drake Monahan (assistant Esme Swadling)

Beacon- Poppy Clint, Holly Kitson (assistant Faith Martin)

Sidown- Ryan Mitchell, Sofia Mills

Year 9

Cottington- Bertie Chard, Libby Stockwell

Ladle- Lucy Powis

Beacon- Ross Lennard

Sidown- Rosie Stockwell, Achira Mendis

Year 10

Cottington- Mya Bluck-Moodhoo

Ladle- James Ayton

Beacon- Alfie Harrison, Tash Keyser

Sidown- Amelie Partridge (assistant Louise Chaney)

Football

"Football Club for all year groups has been taking place on a Tuesday after school. It is a brilliant atmosphere and we welcome students of all abilities to come and join in."

- Mr Dyke

"As captain I think the season is going well with us having a strong start. We haven't known each other for very long but are getting more confident playing together. We have played 2 games so far, drawing against Test Valley School and then disappointingly losing our recent match against John Hanson School. We train every Tuesday after school, we all enjoy this and are learning new skills each week."

- Finley Castelli (Captain of the Year 7 Football Team)



Netball

Year 10 and 11 Netball Team

"The start of the netball season 2021 has been extremely successful. With an astounding number of students attending the club, training sessions have become extremely effective which positively influences the gameplay of our teams. The Year 10-11 team has been making consistent improvement, encouraging growth in players both individually and collectively. The dynamic that has formed between the group has allowed us to play well and make significant progress throughout the season. I am excited and prepared for younger years to begin their fixtures and look forward to supporting their development in training."

- Daisy Voke (Captain of the Year 11 Netball Team)



Year 9 Netball Team

"The netball season has been good so far. We've worked well in training and have improved a lot over the past few weeks. In matches we have tried our best and despite this sometimes we don't get the best outcomes. We reflect on the game and learn to improve for the next match. I am very proud of all of the team as we have come a long way since the start of the season in Year 7. We have got a lot better with the help of Miss King who has taught us many tips and skills along the way and has supported us no matter what. I can't wait for our last couple of matches and to hopefully do really well in them."

- Rosie Stockwell (Captain of the Year 9 Netball Team)

Sports Club Timetable

No need to sign up just come along!

 <h1>Sports Clubs</h1> <p>January-March</p> 					
Week One	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
LUNCH TIME	Basketball Club (Yr 7,9,11) Mr Dyke	Dance Club (Yr 7,9,11) Miss King & Miss Smith		Basketball Club (Yr 8,10) Mr Dyke	Dance Club (8,10) Miss King & Miss Smith
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Sporting Achievements

We enjoy hearing and being able to share your sporting achievements with you. If you have a competition coming up or have been involved in a sporting event please let Miss King know by emailing c.king@clere.school

Fred Teague (Year 11 Student)

Student wins Bronze Medal

Year 11 student Fred Teague won a Bronze medal in November competing in the Gymnastics World Age Group Competitions in Azerbaijan. We are so pleased for Fred as he has been training incredibly hard over the last year. If you haven't seen already please head to The Clere School social media pages to watch a video of Fred in action. Well Done Fred!



Lucy Powis (Year 9 Student)

Congratulations to Year 9 student Lucy Powis. Lucy plays football for the Reading U14 team. She is currently top goal scorer across the whole country! What a fantastic achievement, well done Lucy

Holly Kitson (Year 8 Student)

Congratulations to Year 8 student Holly Kitson who has been selected for the U13 Central Cobras RPC (Regional Performance Cricket) squad for the winter having been put forward for trials by her cricket club St Mary Bourne Cricket Club. St Mary Bourne cricket club are avidly growing their junior cricket teams and very keen to grow a full under 13s all girls team so if there are any students who have an interest in cricket please get in touch or contact Miss King for further details.



Finn McBriar (Year 9 Student)

Fantastic achievement for Finn McBriar who is playing for Swindon Town FC and also playing up a year group for the U15 this season.

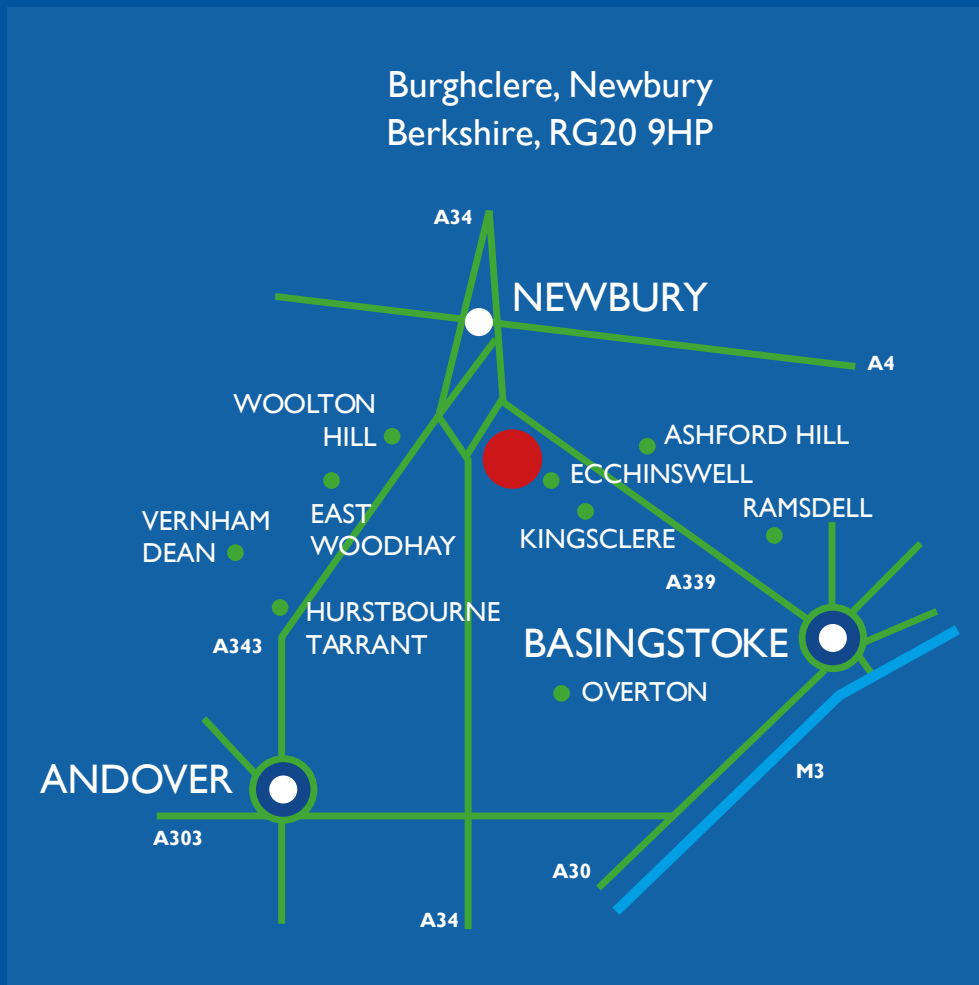


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“Leaders have established a culture and ethos built upon mutual respect and equality of opportunity. The school is calm and pupils are polite to one another. There are very few incidents of poor behaviour.”

OFSTED, MARCH 2017

