

## MacMillan Afternoon

On Friday September 4th we held our annual cake sale fundraiser for Macmillan. We received a good amount of donated cakes and all the students and staff had the opportunity to purchase them. Unfortunately we were unable to invite parent/carers in but are hoping next year they may be able to share this afternoon with us.

We raised the magnificent sum of £65 and we should get a letter of thanks from Macmillan shortly.



## Message from our New School Council

It's been a wonderful term and we are very happy to have everyone back. We hope everyone has had a positive experience, and we are looking forward to seeing all our meetings paying off and the ideas we have planned.

## New Staff and Students

A massive welcome to all new staff and students that have started with us so far this year. We hope you enjoy your time here at CNES.

## Trees

Following a partial tree fall at the beginning of September, we have had a busy time with tree surgeon's visiting the school to fell this and other trees which had died.

The work was noisy and took 3 days to complete, it was interesting to watch them at work. They have arrived on site again today to remove the stumps of the trees to make it safer for everyone.

As part of the agreement for having the trees removed we have agreed to plant young trees on our site and after half term we will be consulting with students about what sorts of trees they would like planted and where it is best to put them.

## Thrive



Hi I'm Emma, I have been working at New Elizabethan supporting our students for the past five years and I am delighted to have now completed my training to become our licenced THRIVE practitioner in lower school.

As a school we know that our students learn best when they are happy and settled so to support this we are introducing an initiative called the Thrive Approach to help us develop our pupils' emotional and social well-being. THRIVE has been introduced into lower school throughout autumn term and will be introduced into upper school throughout the spring

Thrive helps us to check our young people's readiness to learn, to identify any gaps and then plan to meet them. Through doing so, we are able to make sure that all of our pupils have what they need to make the best possible progress in their learning.

Our Thrive curriculum is for all students which they will have access to through weekly class sessions, small groups and one to one sessions where it is needed.

To support THRIVE within school we have opened a THRIVE room which is a calm nurturing space where our students can come for their 1-1 sessions, or to spend some quiet time when they need it. The students love their new room and we are already seeing the Positive Impact of introducing THRIVE into school, I look forward to sharing more information with you as we continue with our THRIVE journey at New Elizabethan.

## Social Café

September 2021 has welcomed a new cohort of students into Sixth Form. Last year the sixth formers worked exceptionally hard to set up, and market a brand-new café which ran weekly throughout the Summer term. However, this year we have had 4 new students join the café, and they have brought just as much enthusiasm, and ideas with them.

This term the sixth formers have branched out and incorporated new food and drink items onto the menu, as well as starting to understand their roles in the café. The Speech and Language Therapists and Sixth form staff are very proud of you all and what you have achieved in the recent weeks, and I am personally very excited to see what changes you bring to the café over the next year. As a special final session before half term, a Halloween themed Social café has been prepared by the Sixth formers, and they have created a raffle with a voucher to be won.



Furthermore, I would like to send out a HUGE thankyou to the parents who continually support the social café by sending in money with their children each week. The Sixth formers are in the process of deciding how they would like to spend the profit. However, when a decision has been made I endeavour to keep you all updated.

## Boat House Painting

Finally after 7 years the boathouse mural gets a new image. The main focus was the children's handprints, each pupil drew around their hand and different shades of green paint were used to transform them into tree foliage. The purple foxgloves next to Larry symbolise success.



## Sixth Form Travel Training

As part of our independent living qualification the Post-16 students have been using buses and trains to develop travel training skills; planning and completing journeys to Kidderminster and Worcester. During our time in Kidderminster we navigated our way around the town, visited shops and bought ourselves lunch. When we were in Worcester the photography students spent time looking at the architecture, students used money to purchase small items and snacks and we took a picnic lunch and sat by the river. We will continue to develop our travel training skills in the Summer Term when we will again be using public transport to go out and about.





## Librarians

Hi Everyone,

As you all are aware of that we have new librarians who have been supporting us to keep our shelves and new books tidy. We have also got various new library books, so myself and the librarian team encourage you to pop down and visit the library when you get a chance.

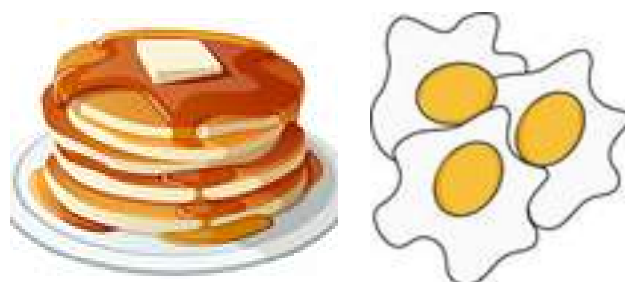
Many Thanks.



## Food Tech Challenge

Next term will feature the return of the food challenge in food technology lessons!

Students can take part in an egg challenge or pancake challenge depending on their preferences.

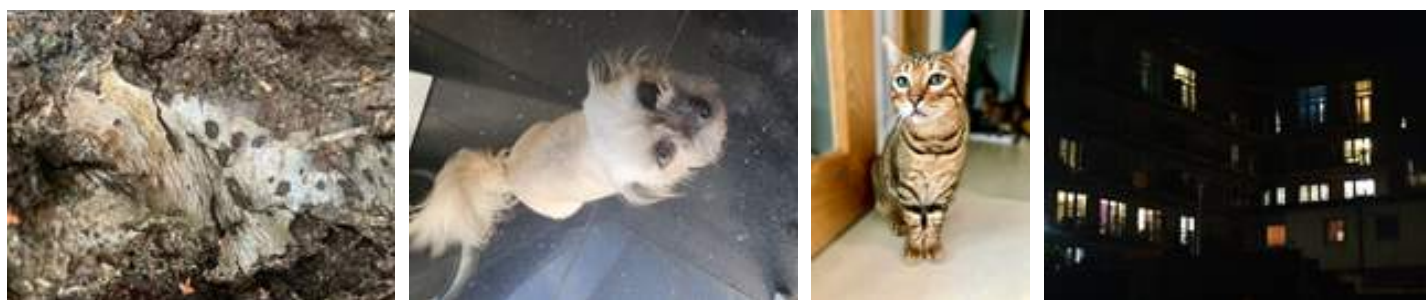


Check out the next newsletter for more details.  
Good luck all!!

## Sixth Form Photography

In the 6th Form this year we are delivering an AQA qualification in Photography. This is a first for us and it's proving to be very popular. The students have created some amazing photographs in such a short time and are studying Portrait, Landscape, Fine art and Fashion photography.

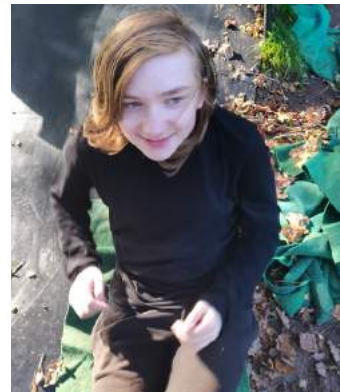
Here are a few of the images produced so far:



We look forward to sharing more of our work next time.

## Habberley Trail

This terms reward trip was to Habberley Trail on Thursday 21st, students enjoyed a day out with a picnic and a visit to the café at the end of the day. All students have worked very hard to get back into the routine and making new friendships in their new classes but we would like to say a massive welcome to these students who were selected to go on the trip. While at Habberley Trail students took part in the mesh maze, Hang Man Challenge, Connect 4, Round-A-Bout Swing, Water Squirter Bridge and Ball Dropper.



## Dates For Your Diary

**Autumn 1: 6th September 2021 – 22nd October 2021**

Teacher Training Day: 1st and 2nd September 2021

**Autumn 2: 1st November 2021 – 16th December 2021**

Teacher Training Day: 17th December 2021

**Spring 1: 5th January 2022 – 18th February 2022**

Teacher Training Day: 4th January 2022

**Spring 2: 28th February 2022 – 8th April 2022**

**Summer 1: 25th April 2022 – 27th May 2022**

Public Holiday 2nd May 2022

**Summer 2: 6th June 2022 – 21st July 2022**

Teacher Training Day: 1st July 2022