

SCHOOL NEWS

WEEK OF
06/01/2026

YOUR WEEKLY NEWSLETTER ABOUT CNES!

NEW APPOINTMENT

WE WOULD LIKE TO SAY A HUGE WELL DONE TO STU AS HE WILL BE TAKING ON THE POSITION OF PHASE LEADER FOR KEY STAGES 3 AND 4 ALONGSIDE HIS ROLE OF SUBJECT LEAD FOR FOOD TECHNOLOGY.



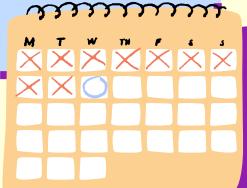
THIS WEEK WE
HAVE BEEN
LOOKING AT
RESILIENCE!

UPCOMING DATES

14TH JAN. - Y11 KIDDERMINSTER FOODBANK VOLUNTEERING

14TH JAN - Y10 AZTEC ADVENTURE

16TH JAN. - BRITISH RED CROSS - COPING WITH CHALLENGES WORKSHOPS



WORCESTERSHIRE VIRTUAL SCHOOL

ONLINE SAFETY NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2026



UK Safer Internet Centre **Professionals Online** **Safety Helpline**

A free service for professionals working with children and young people. It provides signposting, advice and mediation to resolve online safety issues staff face about themselves, such as protecting professional identity or problems affecting young people, for example cyber-bullying or sexting issues.



Try this....

Phishing attacks attempt to trick unsuspecting users into revealing personal or financial information, often by mimicking content from well-known, trusted companies. AI is already making phishing attacks more sophisticated, personalised and common.

Think you can tell what's real or fake?



Mental Health **Support**

Habitica is a habit and productivity app that turns the user's life into a role-playing game. It lets users create a list of tasks that they want to achieve, such as studying or cleaning, and then rewards them with experience points or gold for completing these objectives.

Making the user's life into a game can motivate them to develop positive habits in an enjoyable way, and streak rewards encourage consistency in maintaining these habits.



Get in touch

Ask a question

Request further information about something from a previous newsletter

Suggest a topic to cover on future newsletters

Recommend a useful online safety or mental health and well-being resource

Suggest some great available training.....
or anything else you think would be helpful!

GL WELLBEING ASSESSMENT

THIS WEEK OUR PUPILS HAVE BEEN COMPLETING THE GL PASS ASSESSMENT.

PUPIL ATTITUDES TO SELF AND SCHOOL (PASS) IS A DIGITAL SURVEY THAT IDENTIFIES NON-ACADEMIC BARRIERS THAT MAY AFFECT LEARNING AND ENGAGEMENT IN THE WIDER SCHOOL COMMUNITY, INCLUDING MOTIVATION AND CONFIDENCE. PUPILS ARE UNDERTAKING THIS ASSESSMENT SO, AS A SCHOOL, WE CAN PROVIDE PUPILS WITH THE CORRECT INTERVENTIONS AND GUIDANCE WHERE NECESSARY.

MANY STUDENTS STRUGGLE WITH RESILIENCE AND CONFIDENCE, WHICH CAN IMPACT THEIR BEHAVIOUR, ATTENDANCE AND ACHIEVEMENT. PASS PROVIDES MEASURABLE INSIGHTS INTO STUDENTS' ATTITUDES TOWARDS LEARNING, WHICH WILL HELP US TO IMPROVE ENGAGEMENT AND STRENGTHEN THEIR SENSE OF BELONGING AT CNES.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, OR WOULD LIKE FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT BERNADETTE HARKER OUR HEAD OF STUDENT DEVELOPMENT.

YOUNG WRITERS COMPETITION

DURING THE SECOND HALF OF THE AUTUMN TERM, ALL STUDENTS WERE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO ENTER A NATIONAL POETRY COMPETITION THROUGH 'YOUNG WRITERS'. THERE WERE TWO COMPETITIONS FOR STUDENTS OF PRIMARY AGE AND THOSE WHO WERE OF SECONDARY AGE. BOTH WERE ASKED TO WRITE A POEM WITH THE THEME OF 'I HAVE A DREAM' CONSIDERING SOMETHING THEY WOULD LIKE TO CHANGE OR SOMETHING THEY MAY DREAM ABOUT. AFTER A NUMBER OF STUDENTS TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO WRITE DURING THEIR ENGLISH SESSIONS, SIX STUDENTS WISHED FOR THEIR ENTRIES TO BE SUBMITTED FOR THE COMPETITION.

THIS WEEK, WE HAVE DISCOVERED HOW THEIR WRITING HAS BEEN JUDGED, AND WE ARE DELIGHTED THAT 4 STUDENTS HAVE BEEN SELECTED TO BE PUBLISHED IN AN ANTHOLOGY OF POEMS THAT WILL BE RELEASED IN MARCH AS WELL AS CERTIFICATES AND BOOKMARKS TOO.

WE ARE INCREDIBLY PROUD OF THE AMAZING WRITING OUR STUDENTS HAVE PRODUCED, AND WILL BE LOOKING TO PROVIDE FURTHER OPPORTUNITIES FOR THEM TO EXPRESS THEMSELVES THROUGH WRITTEN FORM IN THE FUTURE.





OPEN DAY

Saturday 17th January

10am - 2pm

Whether you're a school leaver, aspiring apprentice or adult looking for a part-time course, we can help you explore your career options.

- Tour our exciting facilities and see where you'll be studying
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