



SUMMER TERM 2012



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NCHS ATTENDANCE

Apr to July 11 – 92.1%

Apr to July 12 - 93.7%

Dear Parent/Carer

I'm pleased to report another busy term's learning at NCHS. We began the term on a high after being judged a 'GOOD' school by Ofsted in March and have, this term, gone from strength to strength.

As you will see as you read on we have been busy working with primary schools doing 'cheerleading', 'music' and 'gymnastics' to name but a few, as well as pupils joining us for most classes in Languages and Science. At the other end of the spectrum we have run a very successful ICT class for the over 50's where year 7 pupils helped 10 adults update their ICT skills.

As this goes to press we have just had a wonderful Summer Fayre (Saturday 14th July), where all the community joined in the fun. The day was blessed with sunshine, which made the many performances within our 'straw bale' stage arena a pleasure to watch. Students from many of our feeder primaries performed alongside NCHS pupils - Year 10s even gave an impromptu performance of 'The Cha Cha Slide'. The Stoke City mascot 'Pottermus' even joined in the fun dancing with one of the primary school's.

On an academic note we wish all our ex-students from 2 years ago every success as they head off to university in September. We are particularly proud of Ben Poole who will be beginning his Science degree at Cambridge University, and James Ackerley who will be studying a Media related degree in London. As ex Head and Deputy Head Boys it is wonderful to hear them talk of their future aspirations. I only hope they remember me when they're rich and famous, and I am certain that many more will follow in their footsteps in the near future.

We have had another first this term in a performance of the musical 'Grease' - a joint production between NCHS and Westlands Primary School. They performed over 2 nights - Monday and Tuesday 16th and 17th July and were fantastic. Mr Kerr (Head of Creative Arts at NCHS) and Mrs Pickard (Headteacher at Westlands) are, I'm sure, already planning a sequel!

Federated activities continue to be a great success. National Sports week was celebrated by all years taking part in events at both NCHS and Clayton where pupils experienced Olympic Sports of a different nature including a form of football played by blind sports men and women, rowing, synchronised swimming and many more.

It just remains for me to wish you all a very good summer (hoping the sun shines!) and remind you all to look at page 19 to check on the arrival times for each year group on the first day back (5th September), and look forward to beginning another year in September.

Jill Adamson
Associate Headteacher at NCHS

Starchaser Day!

The year seven pupils were all involved in a day of Rocket Science earlier this term. They spent the day learning about how rockets have been developed over the past 60 years. They also learnt about how the first rockets were launched into space and the problems involved in doing this. We had some exciting examples of the power needed to launch rockets where Leanne Heath created a Hydrogen explosion!

Later that day the pupils built their own rockets:



These were then fitted with rocket engines and each group launched their rockets on the school playing fields. The rockets reached heights of up to 400 ft in seconds. They then floated down safely by parachute. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed the day and learned a lot about forces, the Earth in space and chemistry.



Mr Johnson

Federation Developments

As a result of comments made at a Parents' Forum meeting I am really pleased to give you a flavour of the work that is currently being developed across the federation. I intend to do this on a termly basis and therefore keep parents of both schools better informed.

The South Newcastle Federation has very strong links with our feeder schools. We offer master classes in Languages, Sport, Music, Science and enterprise for years 5 and 6 to all. These are run on one or the other sites and involve a day's activity followed by a presentation to students before invited parents. These events offer stimulating and challenging experiences for our primary school students and are directed and led by staff from both schools. Feedback from the primary schools indicate a high level of satisfaction.

Over the last year we have tried to improve flexibility and choice for all our students in both schools. Currently we offer 4 combined courses across the 2 schools and next year there are 7. Some are taught at Clayton others at NCHS. All increase the offer available to our year 10 and 11 students and, if this year is anything to go by, will stay a key feature of the federation's work.

The week beginning 25th June saw both schools work in strong partnership to National Schools' week. The activities available for years 7-10 at both schools are based around the Olympics and Paralympics sports of Boxing, Synchronised Swimming, Goal Ball, Water Polo and Jujitsu as well as such traditional activities as tennis and using the climbing wall. Throughout the week students accessed these sports and depending on the combination spent the day at either NCHS or Clayton. It says much for our students that they mixed well, socialised actively and supported each other throughout all of these events.

Finally I am pleased to report that over the last year the federation has been able to deliver real savings of over £100,000 due to our economies of scale and improved purchasing power. Many support facilities are shared or in some cases structured across the federation and this has had a massive cost saving for both schools. As funding becomes increasingly tight these savings protect students in classrooms and represent real value for money.

I hope I have been able to give you a flavour of the work we are currently doing and I will endeavour to provide further information on such things as subject department collaboration, improved teaching and learning, professional development for teachers and better SEN provision at Christmas.

Enjoy the summer holidays.

Mark Heuston
Executive Headteacher

The South Newcastle Federation
Aiming Higher Together

The Federation Olympic week 25th June – 28th June

We used National School Sports Week as our chance to show our enthusiasm and support for the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games, as well as working together as a team across our South Newcastle Federation.



Throughout the week we worked with Clayton Hall Business and Language College using both schools to host sixteen different sporting activities. We used a mixture of school staff, older pupils and paid instructors to run the various activities. Some of these included Seated Volleyball, Climbing, Goalball, Water Polo, Cycling, Jujitsu, Boxing, Synchronised Swimming as well as many more.

A selection of pupils also went to Trentham Lake to try out rowing. They spent the whole day down there learning to row with the afternoon session on the Lake putting all that hard work into practice.

The week allowed the students to get involved and have a go at some new sports; they worked both as teams and as individuals. It was great to see pupils from both school mixing at both sites and they were able to make new friends among the option groups which they had chosen to participate in.



The Year 10 pupils were the first to get stuck in on Monday and got the event off to a great start with their impeccable behaviour and enthusiastic response. The Year 9's followed on Tuesday with the Year 8's on Wednesday and then the week came to a close with Year 7 on Thursday.

The week was a great success and all students thoroughly enjoyed themselves at both sites where the events were held.

There was one group (pictured left) who epitomized the Olympic spirit of taking part and giving their all. As a result they had a fantastic day and truly mixed worked together. A big well done to them!

(Clara Buxton, Molly Jones, Josh Daniels, Liam Rhodes, Billy Seru, Charlie Latham, Hannah Cotton, Olivia Wilkes, Jordan Jones, Tom Boulton, Sam Ainsworth and Lucy Ash).

As well as being a cooperative event across the federation, we also had a competition running with the respective schools houses / colleges working together in their colours.

Overall results

1st and Olympic Champions, Henry and Kings (the blues) 400 points

2nd Newton and Trinity (the greens) 363 points

3rd Celsius and Stanford (the reds) 338 points

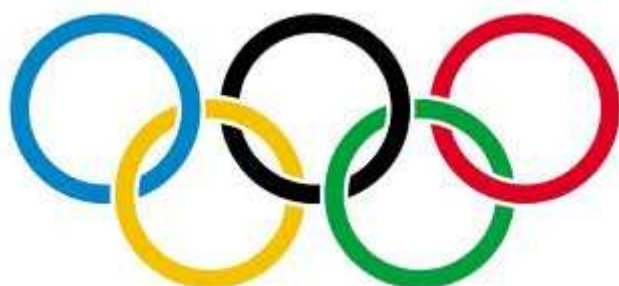
4th Sievert and Melbourne (the yellows) 336 points

A big well done and thank you to all who took part.

Melissa Brown (year 10) "I enjoyed doing the Zumba. It was fun and I loved the music especially Pitbull".

Megan Lloyd (year 10) "It was great to go over to the other site and do different activities to what we usually do. I liked doing the wall climbing. I did get scared when I got to the top but it was good".

Dale Mellem (year 9) "I enjoyed the Biking and the Dodgeball the most over at Clayton".



Mrs Clarke & Mrs Dale

Back to Nature – 24th May 2012

Our Eco Team met at the Thistleberry Parkway and was joined by the Operational staff from Newcastle Borough Council, Newcastle Countryside project and our own Miss Lockett to make bird boxes.



The boxes we made and placed in trees were for hole nesting birds, especially Blue Tits (25mm holes) and Great Tits (28mm holes). The boxes for these are mainly put up as a substitute for naturally occurring holes, as there are not many of these in the new woodland, and dead trees are often cut down in parks because they are seen as dangerous to the public.

We also made some open fronted boxes to be placed at about head height in sheltered spots. These might be used by robins or blackbirds.

The group discussed where would be the best location for the boxes to ensure that there is a good open flight path for birds to approach them, and that the boxes will not be too exposed to strong sunlight or prevailing winds.

The moss and twig nests placed in piles of cut branches were intended for wrens, which usually nest quite near to the ground.



To support sustainability we worked along the woodland edge which aims to create a longer edge to the wood by 'scalloping' the edge, cutting out blocks of trees which will then re-grow as shrubby undergrowth. This creates better insect habitat which in turn provides more food for the birds.

The event was so successful we will be holding a second session later this term.
Mrs Keeling

A huge thanks to all the students for your hard work.



Year 8 History Visit to Quarry Bank Mill



"Quarry Bank Mill was a great experience. I enjoyed listening to what daily life was like for the workers. There were some horrific accidents. The big mill wheel was huge and we saw the steam engine working. I have learnt how Samuel Greg was kinder to his workers and how they lived in better conditions than most workers. The mill itself was huge! It was powered by water. It was brilliant to get out of school for a day. I think I learnt more by seeing it for myself." Alex Smith.

"I had an amazing day and I learnt a lot. I answered many questions which the Guide asked us and I would love to go again. Out of the classroom was good! I had first hand experience and got to see where the workers lived. My favourite part of the day was going inside the mill and seeing the machinery working. Its great to go out on a trip and that is thanks to all the staff who took us." Dan Richards



"The trip was very exciting and it enhanced our studies on the Industrial Revolution. Our guide informed us about many fascinating facts from the rich Mr Greg to the youngest worker. I very much enjoyed the visit and I think we should go on History trips again!" Alex Broad.

"I enjoyed my time at Quarry Bank Mill; I found it interesting how teenage girls used to spin wool and cotton on a spinning wheel from home. I discovered that Samuel Greg treated his workers better than many other mill owners. They had their own villages, a local shop and even a school." Becky Hughes.





A group of year 10 students have started their bronze award for Duke of Edinburgh Award. We have been getting together after school on Monday nights to organise and prepare for our walk. Also in this afterschool session we do first aid and map reading so that we know where to go and how to get around when we go on the over night stays and walks. In our own time we have to do volunteer work, physical and a skill. We have also been on a practice walk to the Roaches in the Peak District which is good preparation for our real assessed walk where we will need to do an over night stay.

Leon Perry- "The walk was epic and the scenery was amazing."

Kay Jones- "It was the most tiring thing I have ever done in my entire life!"

Charlotte Davenport- "I thought that going up the rocky hills were the hardest and gave me the most incredible pain in my legs. But it was a good experience".



Mr Gregory

Peer Mentoring Celebration Event

Year 10 Peer Mentors attended the Newcastle and Kidsgrove District Peer Mentor celebration at Newcastle College on the 2nd July 2012. They were invited because of their hard work and commitment to the schools Peer Mentor programme. They were awarded certificates from the Mayor of Newcastle, David William Becket and celebrated the achievements of the District's Peer Mentoring programme. After 2 year of being Peer Mentor's, they are now going to become part of the training process for the new intake of Peer Mentors. Thank you for your dedication in offering invaluable support to students here at NCHS - The Science College.



Miss Lucas - Learning Mentor

Pupils who have received a praise letter this term - Congratulations

Nick Sherratt
Anthony Hughes
Jessica Edwards (Y8)
Shane Twigg
Mark Turner
Morgan Denson
Emilia Leonowicz
Sam Heelis
Lucy Mountford
Jo Edmond
Matthew Lambert
Rebecca Alcock
Ed Calvert
Allie Ankers
Mandi Davis

Naman Hussain
Georgina Sale
Melanie Owen
Emma Dunn
Karla Parry
Daniel Heath
Heidi Grocott
Callum Lovatt
Stephen Hughes
Nicole Langson



Y7 Geography

During this last half term 7C1 have been learning about Development and how poverty affects people in countries around the world. As a result of this a small number of students decided to volunteer to take part in an innovative awareness and fundraising campaign. The idea was that each pupil would try to feed themselves at school on £1 per day. They will then get a glimpse into the lives of the 1.4 billion people who have no choice but to live below the poverty line every day. The idea comes from the 'Below the line website' which has been supported by charities such as Unicef and Save the Children.

So for three days in the last week of term pupils attempted to live below the line. Pupils met at lunch times and after school in the build up to plan their own menu and were then taken on a shopping trip to purchase the ingredients they needed. Each student arrived early for school for breakfast at 8.15am, prepared their own snack at break time and met for lunch. By being involved at each stage of the process it meant that they had to think carefully about how to work with such a small budget whilst also trying to plan a varied, nutritious set of meals.

Each pupil was encouraged to collect sponsorship which will be donated to the charity of their choice in September. In reality many people have to make £1 cover a lot more than food and so pupils were encouraged to walk or cycle to school as part of the challenge. Students will share their experience with the rest of the school by making a video that will be shown in tutor time. To ensure that all of the sponsorship goes to good causes we were fortunate enough to obtain funding for the food from the COOP store in Chesterton. This shows as an ethical company they too want to show a commitment towards tackling extreme poverty.

Comments from students:

Luckily this is not a problem for most people in this country, but still taking part in this challenge will help me to have an understanding of what it is like for a person living in poverty. I was expecting this experience to be hard but at least I knew I could stop whenever I wanted, although these children or adults could not! Megan McDonald

I have learnt that it is really hard for people to live like this and that you can't buy all the foods that you really like e.g. coke and chocolate. Jamie Price

When we are at home and eating we don't think about things like this. We get whatever food we want and like and there are kids out there who are much less fortunate! I have learnt that a child dies every 7 seconds of starvation which is terrible and needs to change. Bethany Fisher



We had to be quite strict with the budget and in the end we had to disappoint some students who wanted to buy chocolate biscuits or jam for their toast at breakfast time. I think it really hit home that for people living on £1 a day these choices would have to be made on a daily basis. When the students were reflecting on what they had learnt they also discussed the fact that in a real life situation the £1 per day may have to cover shelter, clothes and transports costs rather than just food.

Mr Burndred

Get ready for



Week commencing 18th June, NCHS The Science College played its part in making a difference to the local area by helping to tidy our streets of rubbish by taking part in event.



Working together we will make lasting improvements to the school and local residential area.

Students and teaching staff took part during form time and after school on Thursday 21st June.

Keep up the good work!



Staffordshire Pledge

Back in March pupils, staff, parents and governors were asked to complete a questionnaire looking at bullying. As a result of this questionnaire there have been some very positive responses and also some items the school will be working on over the next year. An action plan has been drawn up and anti bullying will be a key focus within the school, with the new peer mentors pioneering this drive. Mrs Adamson, pupils and governors can be seen in the photo signing the pledge. If parents have any concerns or issues with regards to bullying they must contact the school.



Y10 Shrewsbury Trip

The Year 10 Geography group enjoyed a trip out to Shrewsbury recently. They had the opportunity to work with the Field Studies Council and the Environment Agency to assess the flood risk in various locations around the town. Armed with GPS units and digital cameras they set off to map the height of the land and its distance from the River Severn. They will be able to use this information when completing one of their controlled assessment tasks in Year 11.

Students were very surprised to learn about the frequency and size of the floods that have affected Shrewsbury in the past. It was also interesting to hear how the Environment Agency can measure rainfall in the Welsh mountains and can use this to predict when river levels in Shropshire will become a hazard.

Student comments:

Richard Dixon – the main thing that I learnt was just how many different flood defences they have in Shrewsbury.

Charlotte Mc Kay – It was interesting to see just how high the flood water can get.

Leon Kirk – We got to see the flood defences that were built at a cost of £8 million but only protected a small area.

Mr Burndred



A massive £459 raised for Sport Relief 2012. Well done to everyone who took part.

IAG Roadshow

Year 9 and 10 students were involved in sessions that gave them information, advice and guidance on higher education at University. The Roadshow was led by students from Staffordshire and Keele University. Our students took part in an interactive quiz and learnt about different courses, University life and the potential advantages of going to University.



Miss Lucas - Learning Mentor

Zumba

Year 3 and 4 pupils from Hassell Street primary school have been developing their Dance skills during Zumba sessions. Pupils have also been taught how to choreograph a routine. This has been great for developing the pupil's fitness, rhythm, coordination and timing. It's been fantastic to see so many smiley faces including the staff!

Zumba continues to be popular at the high school and again pupils have been attending regular lunch and after school sessions to practice their Zumba moves for a routine, which will be shown at the summer carnival.



Megan McDonald - "Zumba is a great exercise and enjoyable experience. I would recommend it to anybody".

Beth Fisher - "It's entertaining".

Morgan Denson and Jordina Hancock - "Zumba is a fantastic way to get fit".

Alexis Everill - "It keeps me fit and I love putting loads of effort into it. I am looking forward to the carnival where I can show my dance routine off"



Mrs Clarke

Over 50's ICT Course taught by Year 7 pupils

Year 7 pupils Meesha Cru Hall, Mark Turner, Megan McDonald, Sam Heelis, Emilia Leonowicz and Morgan Denson have been supporting the older generation to get on-line and update their computer skills.

Over the past few weeks, pupils have stayed after-school to teach a group of ten over 50's students from the local community to get to grips with the Internet and learn how it can help them in their everyday life.

Topics covered including email, shopping and chatting on-line. Keith Dale who attended the five week course said

"I would like to express my appreciation of the recent over 50's Course which was most useful in getting to grips with computer activities and in particular the assistance 1 to 1 with your students"



Meeting Prince Charles at St James's Palace

Wow what an experience. Shannon Russell who left us just last year was invited to St James's Palace to meet Prince Charles for her excellent contribution to a project which involved the whole school. Shannon organised and led a talent competition which was well received from both staff and pupils. She got to chat to Prince Charles who was very interested and pleased with her achievements. She was also asked to be an ambassador for the Prince's Trust for future events. Watch this space.



Prince's Trust

Mrs Clarke

Athletics

During the summer term the PE department have had the pleasure of taking pupils to Northwood to compete for the school. Both days were a wash out with rain but this did not deter our athletes from competing to the best of their ability.

The Year 10 boys in particular raised their standards yet again to win the competition over 10 other district schools. Taking the trophy home for these boys (for the fourth year on the trot) all came down to the final event – the relays. The 4x400m team took some of the pressure off scoring double points and beating Clayton by 3 seconds. The 4x100m team were confident out of the blocks and smashed the old district record coming in with a time of 47.66 seconds.

The district roll of honour can be seen below;

- Charlotte Tomkinson 200m & shot
- Kaleisha Emmens Long Jump & Triple Jump
- Adam Jones 100m & 200m
- Billy Eagles 100m
- Lee Pickerill 400m and High Jump
- Nathan Chester 800m
- Andrew Askey 400m
- Kyle Birks Triple Jump
- Dave Bailey Shot
- Mason Lovatt 100m
- Joe Burke 800m & Discus
- Dan Richards 1500m
- Nathan Hough Javelin
- Caitlin Steele High Jump
- Mark Turner Hurdles, High Jump & Shot
- Meesha Cru-Hall 100m & 1500m

Well done to Nathan Hough who came second representing the district and has now progressed to represent Staffordshire.

Well done to all competitors and thanks to all parents who came for the day to support and cheer our athletes on.

Mrs Askew



Cheerleading

Year 3 and 4 pupils from St Luke's, Silverdale, Knutton St Mary's, Westland's, Friarswood, Hempstall's and Seabridge primary school have been waving their pom poms about whilst learning new cheerleading skills. They also put together a display to show their parents which went down a treat.

Year 7 sports leaders from NCHS supported the pupils throughout the sessions and did a fantastic job.



"I really enjoyed working with Mrs Clarke. She has been teaching year 3 and 4 cheerleading, it has been epic!! We have learnt something new and fun! It has been brilliant!"
Leytisha Croft



"Cheerleading is amazing. It is really fun! I didn't know how to do cheerleading before Mrs Clarke taught us. We have now managed to put a display together and performed it in front of our parents! In cheerleading I had loads of fun and experienced new things. Thank you Mrs Clarke you are amazing!"
Adele Baillie

Cheerleading Squad at NCHS

The NCHS cheerleading squad are preparing to show off their talents at the upcoming NCHS summer carnival on July 14th. They have been practicing their routine for weeks and cannot wait to perform and get jiggy with their pom poms!

Tammy Lawrence "I like doing the cradle the best".

Jodie Leighton "I like learning new cheerleading stunts and routines".

Mrs Clarke





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Mrs Gregory

NCHS Musicians Welcome the Mayor of Newcastle



Pupils Jake Matthews, Oliver McNicholas, Megan Rose Mason, Adam Jones, Kaleisha Emmens, Stuart Leat, Ben Poole and George Poole performed with Mr Dawson as Newcastle-under-Lyme town centre celebrated achieving their Fairtrade status. The Mayor of Newcastle-under-Lyme and over 200 guests attended the Celebration event which was held at Clayton Hall Business and Language College on Wednesday the 27th June.

Newton House - House Charity



Newton have been busy raising money for our house charity – Help Our Wounded. HOW help injured soldiers when they return back from war.

On May 13th fourteen Newton pupils and four staff travelled to Liverpool where they took part in a sponsored speed march.

Pupils walked ten miles through the Wirral, stopping at the British Legion halfway to lay a wreath to remember soldiers who have paid the ultimate sacrifice.

All pupils involved kept a very good pace and helped to raise a very impressive £422.



HOW have awarded the school with a trophy that can be given out each year to a pupil who shows grit, determination, courage and cheerfulness in the face of adversity.

This year the trophy has been awarded to Bethany Keeling in Year 7. She completed the walk showing all of the qualities mentioned above, she has also been a key pupil in other charity work that Newton has done over the past year. Well done to all the walkers and Bethany for gaining the award.

Mrs Askew
Head of Newton House



Head Boy—Head Girl 2012-2013

Congratulations to our new Head Boy, Head Girl and Deputies;

Head Boy - David Bailey
Head Girl - Chelsie Wagstaff
Deputy Head Boy - Adam Jones
Deputy Head Girl - Beth Bowers



Jill Adamson

Boot Camp



On Thursday 19th July we are holding a Boot Camp in school. A letter will be sent home with all the details. Pupils will spend one lesson on the field within forms taking part in team building games

and getting the chance to look at deactivated fire arms used by soldiers in conflict. Period 5 the whole school will be on the field where there will be a Tug of War, the Marine Challenge and the Staff Obstacle Course. Pupils pay £1 to take part. They will need to come to school in camouflage or PE kit. There will also be a tuck shop on the field. All proceeds made on the day go to Help Our Wounded. Please return the signed part of the letter back to school ASAP.



Mrs Askew - Head of Newton House

Swimathon 2012

Over 20 swimmers took part in two special events held at NCHS – The Science College raising money for Sport Relief and Marie Curie Cancer. Each swimmer had to complete either a 1 Mile, 2.5 kilometres or a 5 kilometres swim. Sponsorship money went direct to the Swimathon web site but the Staff raised over £50 additionally from poolside collections.

Pictured are the successful swimmers from Newcastle Triathlon Club, NCHS lifeguards who volunteered as lap counters and Huw James Community Leisure Centre Coordinator and Event organiser for NCHS – The Science College.

The Community Team wish to thank everyone who helped make the sessions a success and we look forward to next year's event that will be even bigger and better.



School Council - Summer Fayre

The school council focus this term has been the Summer Fayre. Pupils have been discussing in form ideas for this years Summer Fayre which is proving to be the biggest yet. Pupils have enjoyed coming up with fun activities and stalls that they can help run on the day.

**Saturday 14th July 2012
@ NCHS**

- Fayre Ground Rides
- Tombola
- Cultural Dancing
- Carnival Parade
- Raffles
- Bouncy Castle
- Bucking Bronco

Attendance

By now all parents should have received this attendance letter twice throughout the year. It highlights their current attendance and any improvements needed.

Thank you to all pupils and parents who have supported the school and shown an improvement. We will continue to communicate with you and provide attendance regularly, and look forward to continued high levels enabling your child to achieve their full potential in school.

If you have any queries or wish to discuss your child's attendance, please do not hesitate to contact me in the attendance office on 01782 667660.

Whole school attendance year 2011/2012 – 93.8%

Whole school attendance year 2010/2011 – 92.5%

Mrs Pettitt
Student Support / Attendance Officer

95% - 100%

WELL DONE! THIS IS EXCELLENT

If you are in the green group you have been absent for less than two weeks in the whole year or you may have attended school every day.

92% - 94%

BE CAREFUL

If you are in the yellow group you could be missing up to 2 weeks of learning in the whole year.

85% - 91%

IMPROVEMENT NEEDED!

If you are in the grey group you could be missing at least 4 weeks of learning in the school year.

Less than 85%

PERSISTENT ABSENCE PUPIL

You are now a Persistent Absence Pupil and are missing more than 6 weeks of learning in the school year.

100% Attendance

Well done to the following students who have achieved 100% attendance for the whole school year 2011/12.

Jordan Austin
David Bailey
Lewis Beech
Alexander Broad
Matthew Brundrett
Joseph Burke
Imam Camara
Travis Collier
Joshua Conroy
Meesha Cru-Hall
Ben Dawson
Taylor Dunkley
Georgia Dunn
Jacques Dunn
Ben Hill
Jack Holmes
Jack Hyde
Sam Hyde
Fabien Johns
Britney Leighton
Ben Machin
Jake Matthews
Megan McDonald
James Proctor
Laura Roberts
Peter Roberts
Philip Sanders
Peter Shaw
Tobias Skipiol
Rhys Wilshaw
George Wood



School Uniform

A school is a place of work. Students need to appreciate that there is a difference between dress for work and the free self-expression which goes with dress for leisure time.

- **Coats** and other items, which are not part of school uniform, should be removed when entering the foyer areas of all buildings. Such items of clothing should not be put on again while going between lessons but only when students are about to leave the school premises.
 - Official School Sweatshirt (for health reasons not to be used for PE) – is compulsory and must be worn every day. Black sweatshirts for yrs 7, 8 and 9, Burgundy sweatshirts for yrs 10 and 11.
 - White school polo shirt (with NCHS logos).
- Plain black or white socks or black/flesh toned tights.

Girls

- Knee length black skirt, which should be plain A-line style. If the skirt has a split in it, the split should be no greater than 2 or 3 inches above the knee and must not be at the front or sides. The material must not be tight hugging. (Smart Uniform offer a kick pleat skirt in all sizes and lengths) **OR** Black tailored trousers – with a defined waistband and zip and hanging from the waistline, not hipsters or excessive flares. They must not drag or touch the ground or have a belt or a buckle either sewn to the trouser or loose. They must not have logos on them. The material must not be tight hugging.

Black, Brown or Burgundy hair accessories

Boys

- Black tailored trousers – with a defined waistband and zip and hanging from the waistline, not hipsters or excessive flares. They must not drag or touch the ground or have a belt or a buckle either sewn to the trouser or loose. They must not have logos on them. The material must not be tight hugging.

Girls' PE Uniform

Black Polo Shirt
Black Shorts
Black Tracksuit Bottoms*
Black/White Football Socks
Black Hooded Sweatshirt*

Boys' PE Uniform

Black Polo Shirt
Black Rugby Shirt
Black Shorts
Black/White Football Socks
Black Tracksuit Bottoms*
Black Hooded Sweatshirt*

* These items are optional.



Shoes: We advise the wearing of 'sensible shoes' to avoid the risk of accidents occurring on the stairways. Platform shoes, high heels, boots or shoes with no backs are not allowed for health and safety reasons. **Training shoes** are not part of the school uniform. If students wear them at break or lunchtime to play sport, then they should change back into their shoes before their next lesson.

Jewellery, Hair & Nail varnish: apart from one ear stud per ear and a watch, all other piercings are not allowed for health and safety reasons and on the grounds of security. Only natural hair colours are permitted (i.e. those a person is born with), no shaved heads, no partly shaved heads and no extreme hair styles. Nail varnish is not to be worn in school.

NCHS is proud to be a uniform school. It is the policy of the school, actively supported by parents, that uniform is worn.

Any student persistently flouting this Dress Code will be reported and suitable steps taken to prevent repetition.

Our official School Uniform suppliers are:

Smart School Uniform, The Barracks, Newcastle. Telephone (free) 0800 0681 782 www.smartuniform.co.uk.

National Schoolwear Centre, Stafford Street, Hanley. Telephone 01782 272991

email:theschoolwearshop@btconnect.com.

Leave of Absence during Term Time

NCHS - The Science College is committed to raising pupils' levels of attainment. It is clear to us that improving attendance and reducing levels of persistent absence are the most important factors in achieving this goal. As parents and carers we need your support in this crucial area.

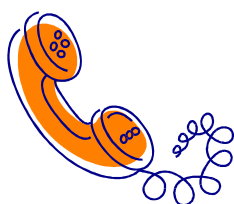
We are asking for your support by NOT taking holidays during term-time.

REMEMBER - The Law states that parents DO NOT have an automatic right to take their child out of school in term-time.

You shouldn't take your child out of school during term time because: -

1. There is no substitute for the teaching that will be lost.
2. Your child will miss important work and may never catch up.
3. You will affect your child(ren)'s assessments and results.
4. You may be reducing your child(ren)'s career prospects and earnings.
5. You are saying that education is not important.

Your child's education is important; together we can ensure that they achieve their full potential!



**School Absence Line:
01782 667660**

Just a reminder to all parents that the above number is the one you should be ringing if your child is ill or going to be late in, due to an appointment. It is a dedicated line and is available for you to ring 24 hours a day. You will hear a short message asking you to leave details of your child's absence.

Mrs Pettitt - Attendance Officer

NCHS

THE SCIENCE COLLEGE
Gallowstree Lane Newcastle ST5 2QS
Tel 01782 667658

Community Centre Information

Mondays:	6.30-8.00	Family swim.
	6.45	Adult Zumba.
	8.00-9.00	Lane swimming.
Wednesdays:	9.30-11.30	Over 50's.
	5.00-6.00	Kids Street Dance.
	7.15	Adult Zumba
	8.00-9.00	Lane swimming.
Thursdays:		
Fridays:	6.30	Adult Zumba.
	8.00-9.00	Lane Swimming.
Saturdays:	10.30	Adult Zumba.
	pm.	Pool hire for parties.
Sundays:	9.30-12.00	Family swim.



Student Lockers

A number of lockers are still available and allocated on a first come first served basis. There is a key deposit charge of £10 that is refundable upon the safe return of the key at the end of the academic term or year. The deposit is **non-refundable** should the students lose their key.

If you would like your child to be allocated a locker, please send a £10 deposit with your child at the beginning of next term or for more information contact the school office on 01782 667650.

School Term Dates 2012/13

Summer Term 2012:

Staff & Pupils:	Monday 11 June - Friday 20 July	30 working days
Holiday:	Monday 23 July - Friday 31 August	30 days

Autumn Term 2012:

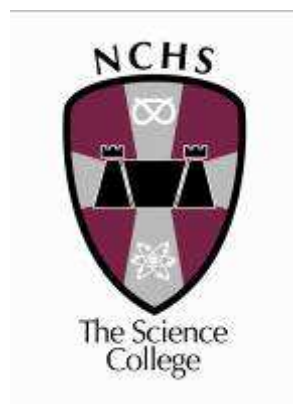
Staff:	Monday 3 September- Friday 26 October	40 working days
Pupils:	Wednesday 5 September - Friday 26 October	38 working days
Holiday:	Monday 29 October - Friday 2 November	5 days
Staff & Pupils:	Monday 5 November - Friday 21 December	35 working days
Holiday:	Monday 24 December – Friday 4 January	10 days

Spring Term 2013:

Staff & Pupils:	Monday 7 January - Friday 15 February	30 working days
Holiday:	Monday 18 February - Friday 22 February	5 days
Staff & Pupils:	Monday 25 February - Thursday 28 March	24 working days
Holiday:	Friday 29 March - Friday 12 April	11 days
Easter Sunday:	Sunday 31 March	
Staff Only:	In service Training Day - Thursday 11 & Friday 12 April	2 days

**School re-opens to students on Wednesday 5th September 2012
Week 1**

**Y7 & Y11 arrive 08:45
Y8, Y9 & Y10 arrive 11:10**



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