



A message from our Headteacher

It has been lovely to spend some time this week looking back over the many and varied activities that have happened over the Autumn Term. The newsletter is, as ever, packed with students throwing themselves into new experiences and challenging themselves to achieve bigger and better things. We continue to see progress across the school in academic pursuits; pupils have again improved their reading ages and with it their ability to more successfully access learning, and our Year 11s have excelled in their mock examinations. We are really proud of the effort and commitment we are seeing towards revision and completing work both inside and outside of the classroom and the lunchtime study hall is regularly buzzing with activity. Whilst we want students to ensure they have a break and rest over the Christmas period, it is proven that even small, regular pockets of revision over the Christmas break can have a big impact on student outcomes so a little nag of your Year 11 children to ensure they are keeping up the momentum would be beneficial!

Another area of real improvement has been pupil attendance and as a school we were in the top 10 most improved schools for reducing persistent absence last academic year. We celebrated this with students this week with a series of reward afternoons. Every extra day in school supports positive engagement, mental health and wellbeing and ultimately improved outcomes so that students can leave us in the best possible position to move on to their next steps and we thank you for your ongoing support with this.

We hope that you all have a wonderful Christmas break and that our students come back rested and ready for another busy term. We'll see them on the 7th January!

Mrs Franklin
Headteacher





Trips and Events

Year 10 /11 Kit Car

On a cold wet and windy Sunday in September, Mr Heron accompanied 4 students to Lotus Hethel to race CAN's Greenpower Kit Car - CAN Apex.



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Y11 Mckenzie - CAN Apex Kit Car fastest lap: 4:58.244

Y11 Sammir - set a personal best: 5:14.676

Y10 Livingston - His first race in the kit car and achievement a cracking first lap time of: 5:07.302

Race 2			
122 CAN Apex City Aca...			
Result in Class Unmodified Class			
Diff to P1	Gap in Front	Gap Behind	
-	-	-	
Pos in Class	Lap Time		
Garage	11:45.859		
Best Lap	Diff to Best Lap	Diff to Last Lap	
4:58.244	-	-	
Total Time	Lap	Laps to Go	
1:40:27	11	-	
Laps	Pos	Lap Time	Diff to Last Lap
4	4	5:11.676	1.090
3	4	5:09.116	1.872
2	4	4:58.244	-13.563
1	4	5:11.607	-





Year 11 UK Parliament Visit

"The coach is leaving CAN at 5am.....so don't be late!"

..and they weren't! All students were ready and waiting to set off to London at 5 - a great start to what was a fantastic day in London.



They learnt about the history of the UK Parliament, how it's changed and evolved and over 100s of years, plus they enjoyed a tour of the historic building which included the House of Commons and the House of Lords. This was followed by a walk up Whitehall past Downing Street, to Trafalgar Square, and Leicester Square for food and shopping! Our students were a credit to the school; and who knows we may have inspired a future politician, or Prime Minister!





Year 9 Bright Sparks

At the end of November Year 9 students attended the first **Bright Sparks Computational Thinking Workshop** at Norwich School. They tackled exciting problem-solving challenges and learnt how to think like computer scientists. They met Tom Lefever who works for engineering firm Conisbee who spoke about the challenges involved in the redevelopment of Norwich Castle Keep.



Year 8 John Innes Institute

Year 8 students attended a **STEM Find My Future Day** at the John Innes Centre where they heard from inspiring STEM professionals about their research and careers. They also had a chance to interact with local STEM businesses and employers with interactive workshops - one pupil came away saying "I'm going to be an aircraft engineer when I'm older"





'Did you know that City Academy Norwich proudly hosts the **Norwich School Sport Partnership?**

The SSP works closely with 50 schools in Norwich, supporting young people to engage in a wide range of sporting opportunities and physical activities with their school.

Here's a closer look at what they've been up to this term

Year 7 & Year 8 Panathlon Bowling Competition - December

14 children were invited by the Norwich School Sport Partnership to compete in a Yr 7- 10 Panathlon Bowling Competition! Panathlon is a national charity that gives young people with additional needs the opportunity to take part in competitive sport, celebrating ability, effort, and achievement in a truly inclusive environment.

With 5 teams entered including teams from Notre Dame High and The Clare School, **City Academy came 1st and 4th!!!!** Bringing back to school the trophy and each student received a medal and a certificate. Special recognition to Riley, Shilo and Tommy for scoring over 100!!! Many of the students were also awarded stickers for spares and strikes!!! Congratulations to all the students who took part - Tommy, Hala, Taylor, Lily, Jack, Jacob, Claudia, Riley, Brooklyn, Clayton, Rowan, Chase, Shilo, Ola, Casemiro, Dylan



The smiles said it all when those fantastic Panathlon medals were awarded – a well-earned reward for determination, teamwork, and sportsmanship.

Lisa Hunter
Head of Community Sport
Norwich School Sport Partnership





English

This term, our Year 7 and 8 students have been working hard on their entries for the **Young Writer's National Creative Writing Competition**.

We have had real success in previous years, so we look forward to seeing how the students do this time around.

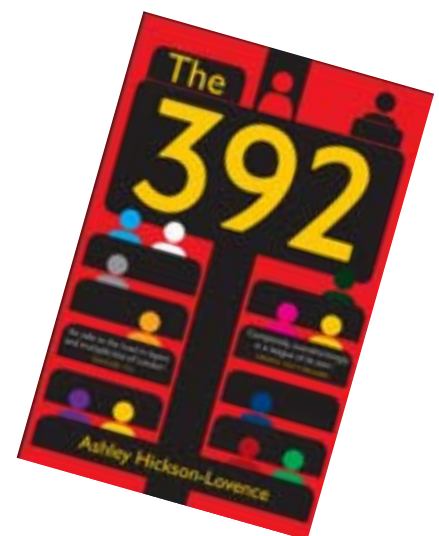
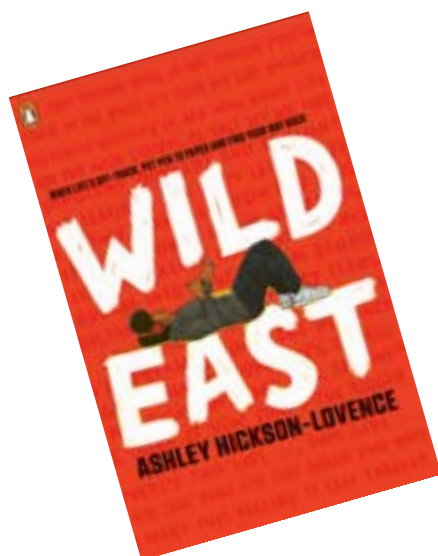
Students have just completed their first round of summative assessments for the year. We have been really impressed with the hard work of our pupils in making sure they show their best work in these assessments.



Looking ahead, we have a number of opportunities in the pipeline, including a creative writing workshop for boys in partnership with the UEA and Norwich based writer Ashley Hickson - Lovence!



Dr Ashley Hickson-Lovence is a novelist, poet, literary critic and Lecturer of Creative Writing



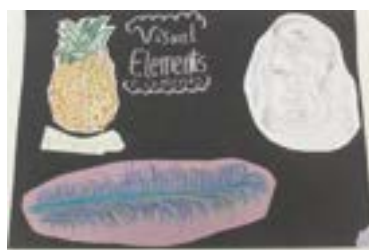


Creativity

This autumn term, students across all year groups have been developing their artistic skills through a range of practical projects and assessments.

Year 7

Students explored the Visual Elements of art, including line, tone, shape and form, texture, and pattern. Their Autumn 2 assessment consisted of 40% theory on visual elements and 60% practical, producing a tonal apple drawing.



Year 8

Year 8 focused on printmaking techniques, including monoprint, lino cut, and silk screen. For their Autumn 2 assessment, students completed 40% theory on printmaking knowledge and 60% practical, creating a butterfly artwork in a medium of their choice.





Year 9

Students explored a range of shading techniques such as cross-hatching, stippling, and scumbling through a Still Life project. Their work is structured to reflect GCSE expectations. The Autumn 2 assessment included 40% theory (visual elements and artist analysis) and 60% practical, producing a still life composition using chosen media.



Year 10

In Autumn 1, students completed a Visual Elements research project, studying line, tone, shape and form, texture, pattern, and colour through artist research and practical work.

In Autumn 2, they began their Still Life project, creating mind maps, mood boards, and artist research linked to their photoshoots. Students will now develop drawings from their own photographs and experiment with a range of media.



We are very proud of our creative students and their commitment to developing their artistic skills! **Mrs I Randall, Leader of Creativity**



Year 11 Prom The Class of 2026

Year 11 have been challenged to raise 250 Prom Points, to earn their invitation to Prom.

For so many staff at CAN, Prom gives us an opportunity to celebrate those Year 11s who have worked hard to ensure they achieve the best outcomes in the summer.



So far this year, Year 11 have had the opportunity to earn **320 Prom Points**.

We have pupils who are above their target of 320 and pupils who are in reach of achieving this before their next round of mocks.

However, we do have a number of pupils who need a helping hand to get them to that total!

January is a fresh start for all, therefore we are offering Year 11 a chance to end their first week back with **an extra 40 Prom Points**.

To earn their bonus 40, pupils will need to:

- **Complete all of their assignments set on Seneca during the month of December.**
- **Complete a Past Paper Prom Passport over the Christmas break.**
- **Arrive on time, every day during the first week back.**

This Christmas, we want our students to enjoy their time off but also ensure they keep adding to their Prom Point total.

Wishing you all a Happy Christmas.

Miss C Pye
Assistant Headteacher - Raising Achievement





As Mrs Franklin mentioned in her opening note, recent data supplied to academy trusts showed that **City Academy Norwich is in the top 10 nationally across all secondary schools for improving attendance**, by reducing the number of students who are persistently absent (attendance below 90%).

We are deeply thankful for all the support from our families in recognising the importance of good attendance for their children's progress and wellbeing, and look forward to continuing these improvements next year.

As ever, we are here to help to try to reduce barriers of coming to school. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us if you need any help or support and we will do our best to assist.

Mr J Lowden
Deputy Headteacher

Some useful links are found below which may be of use:

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS](#)
[Health Advice & Support for Children & Families](#)
[Attendance - City Academy Norwich](#)
[Parent Support - City Academy Norwich](#)





On Friday 12th December we celebrated a CAN Christmas with laughter, music, crackers, carols, karaoke and a delicious Christmas Lunch!

Students (and staff) could choose to swap an item of uniform for a festive accessory, and they didn't disappoint!



Attendance 'In It To Win It'

The winners of our Autumn Term 'In It To Win It' prize draw:



Congratulations to

Gabija V 7MCA - £100 Winter Wonderland Voucher
Tasha N 7LGI - £100 Supermarket Voucher
Juanita O 8ESO - £50 Amazon Voucher

Headteacher Awards

Mrs Franklin chooses one student from each year group who have an outstanding attitude to learning plus those who have made fantastic progress!

Year 7 - Charlie P
Year 8 - Joe N-N
Year 9 - Molly D
Year 10 - Rose C
Year 11 - Emma A



Key Dates Spring Term



Wed 07 January	BACK TO SCHOOL
Thu 15 January	Year 9 Parent Evening 4pm-6pm
Mon 16 - Fri 20 February	HALF TERM
Thu 26 February	Year 8 Parent Evening 4pm-6pm
Thu 12 March	Year 9 Options Evening 5pm-6pm
Thu 26 March	CAN'S GOT TALENT 2026!!
Mon 30 March - Mon 13 April	Easter Holidays

Support during the holidays

If you have an urgent safeguarding query or concern, please contact CADS on 0344 800 8020 or dial 999 for the Police

Call 111 NHS Non-emergency advice line Call 101 Police Non-emergency line	Norfolk & Suffolk: 24/7 First Response Service . If you need help for a mental health crisis or emergency, you should get immediate expert advice and assessment. Call: 0808 196 3494	Norfolk: Safeguarding concern for a child? Call: Children's Advice and Duty Service (CADS) 0345 800 8021 Suffolk: Customer First: 0808 800 4005	Domestic Abuse Helpline 24 hrs: Call 0808 2000 247 Norfolk and Suffolk: Leeway Domestic Violence and Abuse Services Helpline Call: 0300 561 0077	Childline - If you're under 19, you can talk to Childline about any concern you have. Call: 0800 1111.
Papyrus - If you are (or know a young person) thinking of suicide, Papyrus offers confidential suicide prevention advice. Call: 0800 068 4141	Samaritans - If you just need to talk, any time of the day or night, these services offer confidential advice from trained volunteers. Call: 116 123	NSPCC: If you're worried about a child, even if you're unsure, contact the helpline for advice and support. Call: 0808 800 5000.	Kooth - Free Online counselling and peer support for 11 - 25 year olds.	Young Minds Crisis Messenger text service provides free, 24/7 crisis support for young people who are experiencing a mental health crisis and need support. Text: YM to 85358





PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) CHRISTMAS 2025

moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free



ANGUS STEAKHOUSE

Kids under 8 eat FREE daily, 12pm to 5pm

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 daily, with no adult spend

ASK ITALIAN

Kids under 10 eat for £1 during school holidays

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat free Sunday - Thursday

BILLS

2 Kids Eat Free on Boxing day 2025

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

2 Kids Eat Free Breakfast with one paying adult

CAFE ROUGE

Kids Eat FREE 12-4pm every day of the week

COCONUT TREE

Kids eat FREE from Fri 19th Dec - Sun 6th Jan 2026

DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES

Kids eat for £1 with an adult breakfast or lunch

FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 10 eat FREE all day, every day

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

LAS IGUANAS

Kids under 12 eat FREE with 'My Las Iguanas' App

MARSTONS PUBS

from 29th Dec - Jan 9th 2026 in selected locations

MARCO PIERRE WHITE

Kids under 12 Eat FREE daily with an adult spend

MORRISONS

Kids Eat FREE all day, every day with a £5 spend

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend all day

PREMIER INN

2 kids eat for free with 1 adult breakfast

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free with 1 paying adult

PUREZZA

Kids under 10 get free pizza with every adult meal

SA BRAINS PUBS

Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays

SIZZLING PUBS

Kids eat for £1, Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm

TABLE TABLE

2 Kids Eat free breakfast daily with 1 paying adult

TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free with any adult meal (Via App)

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend

TRAVELODGE

2 kids eat for free with 1 adult breakfast

WHITBREAD INNS

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

YO! SUSHI

Kids eat free all day (weekdays) in school holidays



To our CAN Community of students,
parents, carers, and staff.

MERRY
CHRISTMAS
AND
HAPPY
NEW YEAR

