

SPRING TERM NEWSLETTER 2025



Spring Term has again been busy and successful with the vast majority of our pupils demonstrating excellent attitudes towards their learning and towards each other. We have focused on our core virtue of 'curiosity' this term and I challenged students to be curious in both their learning and extracurricular activities. You will see in the newsletter that lots of our students have taken the opportunity to try new things and test out new knowledge and skills as the weeks have gone on. I rewarded the most curious students with an Easter prize in their awards assemblies during the last week. This term we will be focusing on the virtue of 'courage' and the challenge will be to have the courage to stand up for others and call out discrimination or hate where you see it. We'll be celebrating the many cultures and communities who make up our wonderfully diverse school over the course of the term.

In recent weeks CAN students have been recognised both locally, and at regional level by the Department for Education for their positive progress in school attendance. We often write home to communicate about the importance of our children attending school, both for their educational outcomes and their mental health and wellbeing, and this year the average overall attendance for our pupils has improved by over 3% compared to last year. In addition, the number of children attending over 95% of school days has increased by over 200 pupils. This shows that as a community we know and understand the importance of education, and I'd like to thank all of the parents and carers who are taking the time every day to encourage your children into school. We know it is sometimes not easy, and our team are always available to support families should the need arise.

We are rapidly heading towards the exam period for our Year 11s who I am sure will approach their GCSEs with both curiosity and courage. I'd like to wish them well in this important time, we look forward to celebrating their successes with them in August when results are published.

Finally, I'd like to send my thanks to all of the fantastic adults who make everything you are about to read possible. I couldn't ask for a more dedicated team of staff.

Happy Easter!



Mrs Franklin

TRIPS, EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



Y10 MATHS WORKSHOP UEA

In January a team of Year 10 students represented City Academy Norwich at a Maths Workshop, alongside students from across Norfolk. They enjoyed problem solving, teamwork and a tour of the University



Y9 VISIT TO THE QUADRAM INSTITUTE

Students from Year 9 took part in a tour of the Quadram Institute which is home to world-leading researchers making discoveries in the gut microbiome, food and health. Our students took part in a series of talks from volunteers who shared their education pathways and talked about their current roles within the Research Park.



FORMER CAN STUDENT VISITS Y11 GIRLS

Prom Queen 2023, Hasenat, came back to CAN and gave an inspiring talk to Y11 girls, about her GCSE journey.

When Hasenat joined CAN in the final term of Year 10, after fleeing Afghanistan with her family, she spoke very little English and, in her words 'I'd never heard of GCSEs'! She grabbed every opportunity available in her short time at CAN and smashed her GCSEs.

She had lots of great advice - revising tips, how to focus on the challenge ahead, and reminded them that their teachers are here to support them, so embrace - so use them!

She is a shining example of overcoming challenges to achieve your dreams!



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CAN SKI TRIP – PASSE DEL TONALE, ITALY

Students from across the year groups enjoyed a February half term holiday like they've never had before. Most of them had never been skiing, but they took to it like ducks to water – and quickly mastered skiing, snowboarding and falling over! They were a credit to CAN!

You can catch Mr Farrow's fab film which sums up the whole trip beautifully on our Facebook / Instagram pages.



NEXT BIG TRIP – PGL Ardeche Adventure Trip to France – May half term 2026

An email with details about this trip was sent to all current Years 7, 8 and 9 parents and carers on 10th April. Please check your inboxes/junk mail. If you haven't received it – please email office@canorwich.org and one will be emailed to you.

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Y8 INTO Uni Buddy Programme

The Buddy Programme is an opportunity for students to discover more about university and future career paths. Our Year 8 students enjoyed a day of workshops with UEA Student Ambassadors plus a tour of the campus.



Y9 Broads and Sheringham Residential

Year 9 students braved the February cold on their Broads and Sheringham Residential trip, beachcombing, making their own heat in the forest, plus an end of day game of pool indoors. What a great experience!



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Y9 Careers Event with Aviva/Prinsent Masons

This event started with our students introducing themselves and naming a subject which interested them. This was followed with them thinking about a future career and identifying the skills needed for their choice. The finale was a question-and-answer session with our Year 9s interviewing volunteers from Aviva/Prinsent Masons!

"What a great school with super engaged students. Testament to the students, staff and leadership. The volunteers really enjoyed how engaged the students were ...this was the best engaged school she had worked with." experience for all!



Y7/Y8 Scrapbot Olympics

Year 7 and 8 students attended this year's SCRAPBOT OLYMPICS at the UEA Engineering Department and competed with 9 other local schools. Over 6 weeks our team of technical wizards built their robot out of recycled materials sourced from the Art, Textiles and DT departments. Fittingly, they named their team "TRASHFORMERS". Their robots were named too - results and names as follows:

3rd in Hungry Hippos driven by Koyar, Nathan and Ellie

1st in the Obstacle course driven by Riley

1st in the Pinball driven by Nathan

Well done Team Trashformers!



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Y9 Options Evening

The annual Year 9 Options Evening was buzzing with students and parents talking to teachers about the variety of subject options available to choose when they move to KS4 in September.

Reminder: the closing date for Option Choices is Friday 26th April



CAN'S GOT TALENT 2025

Spring Term ended with a fantastic showcase of CAN talent! A packed atrium enjoyed a variety of talent from singers, pianists, a violinist, a drummer, saxophones, magic tricks, a Rubiks Cube speed challenge and baton twirling dancers! There was rapturous applause for all our young performers, and our audience voted for the winner!



1st place – Y8 Farhan

2nd place – Y11 Rereloluwa



3rd place – All Years
Dancing / Baton Performing Group

Be Kind Be Curious Be Courageous

PE/SPORT ROUND UP

It has been an action-packed term for sport, with the relaunch of sporting opportunities, fixtures and tournaments across football, netball, basketball, and dance. Our teams have shown incredible dedication, teamwork and skill, and brought home some fantastic results and making us proud in every competition.

Mr J Lincoln

Leader of Sport



Football: A Season of Success

Our football teams have been making waves across multiple competitions, with Years 7,8 and 10 storming their way into the finals of the Community Cup – a huge achievement of hard work and talent.

Meanwhile, Year 9 has battled their way into both the Pathway Cup and County Cup Semi-Finals, providing themselves a force to be reckoned with.

It was heartbreak for Year 11, who put in a stellar performance in the Pathway Cup Semi-Final, but narrowly lost 2-1 to Thorpe in a closely contested match. Despite the defeat, the team showed immense character and determination, leaving everything on the pitch.

Netball: A Fantastic Competitive Spirit

Our netball teams have been thriving across all year groups, competing in a range of friendly fixtures and area tournaments. Players have been developing their skills, growing in confidence, and representing the school with pride. The commitment and energy in training sessions have been outstanding, and we're excited to see what's next for these teams.



Basketball: A growing force

Basketball has continued to go from strength to strength, with more students getting involved and honing their skills. Several players have taken their passion to the next level by **joining Norfolk Hoopstars**, a fantastic step in their basketball journey.

As we wrap up the season, the much-anticipated **Year 11 showdown between TEAM NEIDAS and TEAM DEXTER** is set to be a thrilling conclusion to a brilliant year of basketball. Who will come out on top? We can't wait to find out!

PE/SPORT ROUND UP continued

Dance: Stepping up on the Big Stage

Our **Dance Team** delivered a fantastic performance at the **Norwich School Sport Partnership Festival**, securing a brilliant **6th place finish!** With creativity, precision, and passion, they wowed the audience and showcased their dedication to the art of movement. The future is bright for dance at our school!



Looking Ahead

It has been an **incredible** term for sport, and the momentum is only building! With finals, tournaments, and exciting fixtures still to come, we are looking forward to even more **success, teamwork, and unforgettable moments** in the months ahead.

A huge well done to all our athletes, and a big thank you to the staff and coaches who make these opportunities possible. **Let's keep pushing, training hard, and representing our school with pride**

Mr J Lincoln
Leader of Sport

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AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS



Green Tree School – Gold Award

Our Forest School students were awarded with a **Woodland Trust Gold Award** this term. They had to do a range of nature/environment activities, including litter picking, bushcraft skills, learning about the creatures that live in our woodland, plus artwork which reflected what they found in the woodland.



Jack – Yr7



Lily – Yr7



Macauley – Yr8



Nathan – Yr7



Divine – Yr8

Next, we are aiming for the **Platinum Award**, our first step towards that is that we have joined up with the creativity dept and Miss Armstrong for some macro photography in the year 10 GCSE Photography Class.

Then in the summer term we will be putting on a performance of **A Mid-Summer Night's Dream in the woods** directed by Miss Brooks and Miss Hunt.

We are hoping that we will get the **Platinum Award early next academic year!**

ENRICHMENT

This term has been an incredible showcase of student enthusiasm, curiosity, and engagement, with a record-breaking **47 enrichment clubs** on offer! From sports and fitness to academics and creativity, there has been something for everyone.

Mr J Lincoln Enrichment Champion

Sporting Success & Fitness Focus

Our sports clubs have been buzzing with energy, with **football, netball, pickleball, weightlifting, and fitness** sessions keeping students active and motivated. Whether honing their skills on the pitch, improving strength in the gym, or trying out the fast-paced game of pickleball, students have embraced physical activity with determination and team spirit.

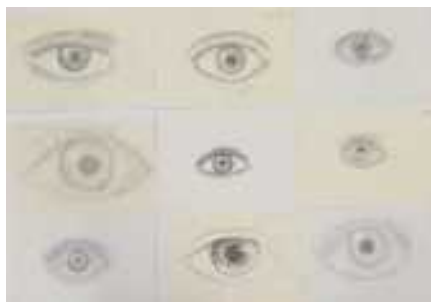


Academics & Intellectual Curiosity

For those with a passion for learning, clubs like **Maths Enrichment, Future Professors, and Generating Geniuses** have provided a stimulating environment to challenge ideas, solve complex problems, and push the boundaries of knowledge. It has been fantastic to see students develop confidence in their academic abilities while supporting each other in their learning journeys.

Creativity & Self-Expression

From Dance or Art Club to the **Doctor Who Appreciation Club**, students have explored their creative sides in a fun and engaging way. The Dance Club has been a fantastic space for movement, expression, and performance; while our 'Whovians' have enjoyed lively discussions about time travels, aliens and the brilliance of Dr Who! One of the biggest success stories this term has been **Art Club, which has seen record-breaking numbers of students flocking to unleash their creativity!** The art department has been a hive of inspiration, with students experimenting with painting and sketching.



ENRICHMENT continued

Wellbeing & Community

Mental and emotional well-being have also been a key focus, with clubs such as **SEMH (Social, Emotional, and Mental Health) Support** offering a safe space for students to connect, reflect, and develop resilience. Meanwhile, the **Allotment Club** has been a breath of fresh air—literally—allowing students to get hands-on with nature, learn about sustainability, and enjoy the satisfaction of growing their own produce.



Across all activities, students have been **having fun, learning new skills, and making new friends**. The variety of clubs has allowed everyone to experience something different, whether trying a new sport, developing a passion for a subject, or simply enjoying time with like-minded peers.

A huge thank you to the staff and students who have made this term's enrichment programme such a success. We can't wait to see what's in store next!

Mr J Lincoln
Enrichment Champion

SUMMER TERM KEY DATES

Wed 23 Apr	Students return
Mon 28 Apr	Friends of CAN Meeting – 2pm (In person / zoom)
Mon 03 May	Bank Holiday – school closed
Mon 12-Fri 23 May	Year 10 Work Experience
Mon 12 May	GCSE Exams start
Thu 22 May	Year 7 Parent Evening - 4pm-6pm
Mon 26-Fri 30 May	Half term break – school closed
Mon 02 June	Students return
Thu 12 June	Year 10 Raising Achievement Evening – 4pm-6pm
Tue 17 June	Year 11 Leavers Assembly
Fri 20 June	Friends of CAN Summer Picnic – 4.30pm – 6.30pm TBC
Fri 20 June	Year 11 Prom at Park Farm Hotel, Hethersett
Mon 23 June	INSET DAY – school closed
Mon 30 June	Sports Day 2025
Tue 08 July	Y6 SEND Transition
Wed 09-Fri 11 July	Y6 Transition (Thu 10 - Y6 Parent Information Evening)
Tue 22 July	Last day of term