



NCS Newsletter



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## Headmaster's Message



I think the partnership of Bailey & Wilson is beginning to be written in the annals of musical theatre after yet another fabulous show. This week's three evening run of 'Matilda' was so enjoyable with great performances from our pupils. Evie N was a delightful Matilda with her strong sense of justice and fair play, countered magnificently by the bully Miss Trunchbull played with menace by Scarlett T-H. Amelia B was perfect as Miss Honey – and her performance of 'My House' was heart-wrenching. The dastardly Mr Wormwood was played with great gusto by Daniel C, exhibiting great comic timing, meeting his match

with the threatening Russian mafia boss Sergei, played by Morten M-P. The Matilda back story was captured as each piece came together in the tragic love story delivered by Calla W, Gracie H and Alice R. That part contrasted beautifully with the vacuous lives of Rudolpho, Michael and Mrs Wormwood, played by Lucy G, William B and Mollie O. Supporting the ‘maggots’ revolt were Freya M, Daisy B, Mia L, Emma T, Lizzie H, Sarah P and Gaby R, and a very chocolatey Dexter E. As always with these shows, the ensemble brought loads of energy and fun with acrobats, singers and dancers bringing great spectacle – well done to all the performers, so expertly choreographed by Miss McTiernan-Heywood. The show was driven along by the school band: and it’s a compliment to say the music was incidental. It sounded like a professional backing track but was in fact a live performance. Brass, woodwind, strings, percussion played in unison and all could be proud of their achievement. Messrs Bailey and Wilson will be the first to acknowledge the huge effort to bring such a production together: sound and lighting were Ross H and Maria P. But also sets, choreography, make up, staging, props, front of house, refreshments all require an army of support – Mr Bloomfield, Miss Henes, Mrs Stevenson, Mr Cruxton, Mr Webber, Ms Few, Mrs Donachie and our PTFA. Thank you all.

### **Culture Day**

This has now become a pupil-led tradition and I’d like to thank Azka S in particular for her amazing sense of purpose and responsibility in bringing the day to fruition. It is great to see pupils, by dressing in their own clothes, and many in their cultural/ethnic dress, revealing something of themselves so we can acknowledge the rich diversity within North Cestrian. It also raised much needed funds for charity, not least ACEF. Thank you to all pupils and parents who donated time, food and effort in supporting this event.

I wish you all a restful half-term break.

### **Deputy Reflections**



Take the opportunity at half term to get into the habit of looking at Arbor for announcements, key performance indicators, and Prep. I also think pupils could benefit by looking at their school emails on a regular basis so as not to miss out on opportunities.

Also, the holiday will be a great opportunity to complete some character benchmarks by informing me what character development pupils are involved in outside of school. Lorenzo in Y9 told me of seven excellent examples and may others could tell me of their pursuits in clubs and societies beyond school. Plus take the opportunity to use the cultural capital section of the web to tell me about what you are listening to, watching, reading, visiting, and researching for your future.

Here is an example from Sophie and Connie in Y10: Sophie T and Connie L (Y10): Both have competed twice this month representing Altrincham Synchronised Ice Skating Club in the British Championships in Nottingham and at the Trophy d'Ecosse in Dumfries, Scotland. Countries from all over the world were skating at the event including Australia, Canada, Finland and USA and so the girls were able to watch some of the best skaters in the world. In their Junior B category, their team Twizzles were skating to a brand new Star Wars themed routine which saw them claim Most Entertaining Routine at Dumfries for the second year on the run! The team gained silver medals at both competitions and a new PB at the Trophy D'Ecosse.

- See if you are on the [character news](#)
- Check out the latest [character development opportunities](#) or continue to build your [character bench mark certificate](#).
- [You can Nominate a Pupil for their Character Development here.](#)
- Pique your interest for the [cultural capital](#) and [send in your reflections](#)

**Date for your diary - Character Education at North Cestrian parents evening - Thursday 29th Feb, 7pm.**



*1 - When does purposeful meet generosity of spirit?*

**Altrincham vs. Cancer Day – Thursday 29th February 2024**

*On 29/02/2024, during Year 9 PE lessons and Year 10 Wellbeing lessons, our students will be running or walking 5 kilometres at the school fields in aid of The Christie Hospital. We at North Cestrian are proud to support such a wonderful cause and hope that all our participating students will be able to raise funds to be donated.*

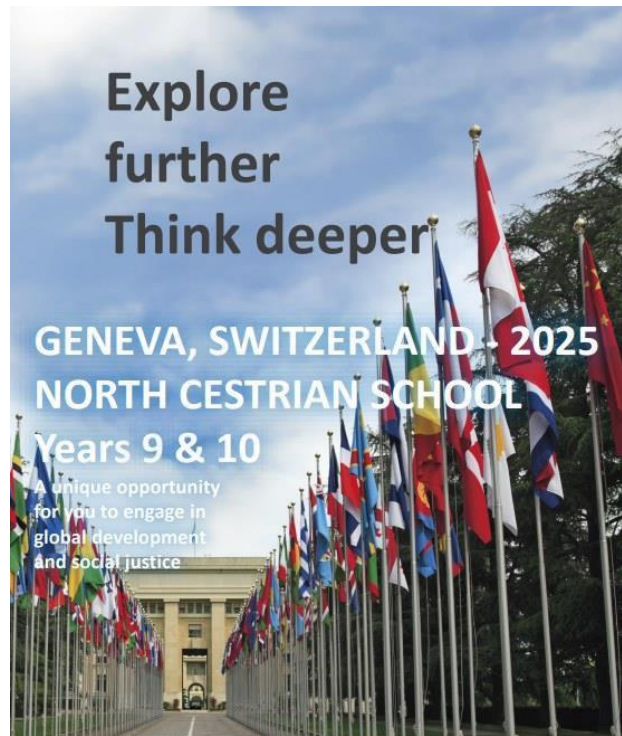
*Any funds raised will be greatly received and can be collected on the day in cash or donated on [www.justgiving.com/altrinchamvscancerinyourowntime](http://www.justgiving.com/altrinchamvscancerinyourowntime)*

Please use the sponsorship form overleaf to keep a track of your fund raising! For more information about the day please visit <https://visitaltrincham.com/event/altrincham-vs-cancer-2024/>

## Upcoming News

### Advanced Notice:

- Fri Feb 9th CULTURE DAY – own clothes/ethnic dress
- **Fri Feb 9th** **Break for Half Term** (15:20hrs)
- Mon Feb 19th INSET (Ofsted)
- **Tue Feb 20th** **Term Resumes**
- Tues Feb 20th Global Action (Trips) Parent meet – 1830-1930
- Thu Feb 29th Character: Parents' Information Evening
- Thu Mar 7th TAPAS Evening
- Mon Mar 11th Start of Ramadan



**Students & Parents presentation – at NCS**

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February @ 6:30pm**

**See Mr Bell for details**

**global action**  
digital learning for positive change

*2 - Last two places available for Switzerland!*

Mr Millard and his Executive Chefs  
present an evening of



# SPANISH TAPAS

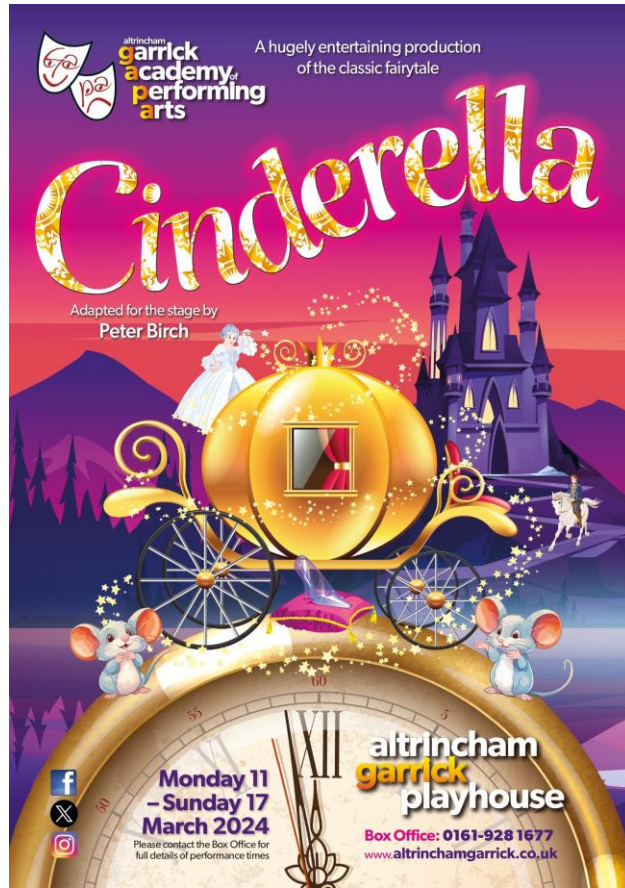
THURSDAY  
7th March 2024  
7 - 9pm



Tickets via [pmx.parentmail.co.uk](http://pmx.parentmail.co.uk) at a cost of  
£25 Adults and £12.50 for children, this cost  
includes your meal; there is a licensed bar  
available at an extra cost.



3 - Spanish Tapas - Hola!



4 - Aidan F (Y8) is building many aspects of his character through his work with the Altrincham Garrick Theatre. So, if you would like to see the Cinderella show then check out the tickets here [Cinderella - A GAPA Spring Pantomime | Altrincham Garrick](#) . If you would like to get involved in any aspect of performance then please contact Aidan or the theatre, there is also voluntary work available - all great to build your character benchmarks with!



# Gift Amnesty

Parents, staff and friends!

## Can you help us raise funds for the school this year?

If you received any gifts at Christmas or on a birthday that aren't quite to your taste (or you got two of the same) we'd love any donations that can be used as prizes or at future events.

### Where to drop them off

Please bring your donations to School Office /reception

**Thank you!**

from North Cestrian School PTFA



5 - Gift Amnesty - Can you help?

## TRAFFORD NETBALL



### Year 7 Netball League - Thursday 1st February

The matches were held at Altrincham College and the girls played two matches against Stretford High and Altrincham College. The girls played with great spirit and enjoyment.

- **NCS v Stretford High. Joint MVP Sofia N & Harshi V** - Sofia was impressive in her close defending and marking. Harshi showed great skills in defending and jumping.
- **NCS v Altrincham College. Joint MVP Eliza A & Jess T** - Eliza put in an excellent performance at centre showing great footwork. Jess showed really good attacking and shooting skills.

A special mention to Mae G, a Year 11 Sports Leader, for her outstanding help and support at these matches.

Mrs Lawson

Punctuality

**"BUT IM  
ONLY 5  
MINTUES  
LATE"**



**"BEING 5 MINTUES LATE  
EVERYDAY FOR THE  
SCHOOL YEAR EQUALS  
TO 3 DAYS MISSED.BEING  
ON TIME COUNTS!!**



From Tuesday the 20th of February we will be implementing a new initiative to help improve the punctuality of our students.

If your child arrives after 8.50 they will hand in their phone. This will be held in a secure location and returned after they have sat their 20-minute detention that day after school. During the detention students will complete the work set during personal development which they missed due to being late.

We thank you for your support.

Mrs Reedy

## EXAM INVIGILATORS WANTED

Help our exams run like clockwork

Are you:

- Reliable and punctual
- Flexible
- Accurate
- Confident communicator
- Firm but fair
- Can work as part of a team

Exams are among the most important and stressful events in the life of any student. That's why it's so important that they are conducted in the correct way. Invigilators are crucial to this process and are there to ensure the whole process runs smoothly. They give out vital information such as start and finish times for the exams and ensure candidates have all the materials and information needed for each exam. They also ensure that all exam rules are adhered to.

Working as a team, invigilators contribute to ensuring a calm environment for the exams, giving candidates confidence in the process.

We are looking for invigilators to help oversee our GCSE exams in May and June. Invigilators need to be reliable and punctual, highly flexible, able to relate to students and comfortable in a high-pressure environment. Invigilators will be paid £11.44 per hour and full training will be provided. Due to the nature of the role, a full enhanced DBS disclosure will be required.

The school is committed to keeping students safe and stringently follow the procedures outlined in the 'Safeguarding Children and Safer Recruitment in Education'. We expect all staff and volunteers to share our commitment to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people in our school.

If you are interested in being an invigilator, or would like to find out more, please contact the Examination team for an application form at [exams@northcestrian.co.uk](mailto:exams@northcestrian.co.uk)

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