

COLLEGE NEWS

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Whilst there are undoubtedly lots of benefits to living in a digital world, it can also seem that there is so much information and guidance being distributed and shared, sometimes conflicting, that it can seem overwhelming and confusing.

Likewise we haven't wanted to bombard people. However, we do want to direct you to a few sites and resources that we think would be helpful to our parents, carers and staff. Please do take the time to have a look and feel free to share families and friends.

For some parents and carers who have already asked for specific help we have been able to personalise guidance. Please ask your teaching team if you feel overwhelmed by the amount of information and we will try to direct you to specific guidance.

The resources can be found on the school website, from the homepage you will see 'Advice & Guidance', scroll down and you will find 'Staying at Home'.

This is officially the last day of the Spring Term. We have a two week Easter break. We believe that students should use this time to relax, play, draw, create, bake, daydream, exercise, dance and have fun.

Although we won't be setting any work, your teacher will still post a daily message on **Bloomz**, we know that some students will want to carry on being involved in some challenges or activities, just something to keep them busy if they need it.

Teachers and the Senior Leadership Group will be available during normal working hours should any students and families need advice or help. Please just get in touch via the preferred communication methods.

Do keep sending your photos and pictures too. It is lovely to hear from our students and to share what they are up to with their friends, their families and the teaching team.

Although we endeavour to stay in touch and support our families in every way we can during this long Easter break, I would just ask you to please remember that our staff are also at home with their families or helping vulnerable relatives and may not be able to respond immediately, but they will certainly do their best to help if they can.

**For now, have a wonderful Easter Break.
Martin Flowers, Head Teacher.**



EMPOWERING
POSITIVE CHANGE
THROUGH CAREERS
EDUCATION

National Careers Week

NCW

2nd - 7th March 2020

@CAREERSWEEK
#NCW2020

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CAREERS WEEK

College students have been involved in numerous activities during **Careers Week** which took place on the 2nd - 5th March. The purpose of this week was to provide our learners with information about possible destinations and give them a real insight to different career routes. Students visited Costa Coffee, Project Choice and Gateshead College. They learnt how to write cover letters and CV for future jobs and looked at possible future career paths.



Project Choice
positive change





For the last 3 terms **Operation Encompass** have been attending college focusing on domestic abuse prevention. The sessions were run by Northumbria police with an ex-Police Officer facilitating the sessions. Students have taken an active part in sessions including class discussions along with learning activities.

Topics covered include **'Relationships; Rules and Expectations and Young People's Emotions'**. The sessions were tailored to the particular needs of each class. All students who took part enjoyed the sessions and gained a greater understanding how to keep themselves and others safe.

We take part in Operation Encompass



Operation Encompass

Supporting children affected by domestic abuse



"It's every child's right to be supported and safeguarded."



Amy, Katie, Bradley and Brandon have started their first group project, using The Key framework through **'be inspired to...'**. This framework gives our young people further opportunities to develop key skills such as communication, problem solving, negotiating, time-management and many more. Students have assessed these skills before starting their project, and will see how they've developed at the end. Our young people came up with the team name **'Urban Roots'** because they are based in the town centre, but began their journey at Cedars.

For their first group project learners decided they wanted to plan a social day out; they have done research and almost finished their presentation. When the group next meets, they will submit their project and select a date to present their plan to panel (who decide if they receive the money to fund their activity). The young people have already talked about future projects, such as treat days for the whole of sixth form, an end of year celebration, and other events to benefit our community!



Iona had her first visit to her new work experience placement at Kibblesworth Millennium Centre this term. Once we are back to College **Iona** will be supporting the catering staff one day per week.



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