



Centre Academy East Anglia Newsletter - December 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we end this busy Autumn term, I have been amazed by how well our students have settled into the new school year. I have been astounded by their resilience, strength and determination in everything they do, and they inspire me and all the staff to be the best we can be.

I would like to thank you all for your support as parent and carers, championing your children in their setting, and I hope that you agree that CAEA is a wonderful school where children can thrive and achieve.

Thank you to all the fantastic staff who make such a difference, their dedication is amazing, and they create a safe and nurturing environment.

Christmas is a special time of year and one we thoroughly enjoy sharing with our students.

I wish you all a wonderful, joyful and restful Christmas and Happy New Year.

Kind Regards,

Lisa Gilbert
Head of School

**Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year
From all the staff at
Centre Academy East Anglia**

Re: Art exhibition held in St Mary's Church

A 'Big Congratulations' to Rowan James who picked up the prestigious prize of 'Best Student Artwork' at the latest Autumn Art Exhibition which was held on Saturday 19th October at St Marys Church.

Visitors were asked to vote for their favourite piece and Rowan's was the overwhelming choice. On top of receiving a box of chocolates, Rowan's 3D cardboard 'self-portrait' was liked so much by a local art dealer it was subsequently purchased for his own personal collection!

Well done again and hopefully this will inspire Rowan, and other students, to create more imaginative artworks in the future.

Words by Mr Lloyd



Fireworks and Bonfire Evening – Wednesday 6th November 2024

We are thrilled to announce that our Fireworks and Bonfire Night event was a tremendous success! Thanks to your incredible generosity and support, we have raised an impressive £1259.45 for the St Mary's Church 'Raise the Roof' fund.

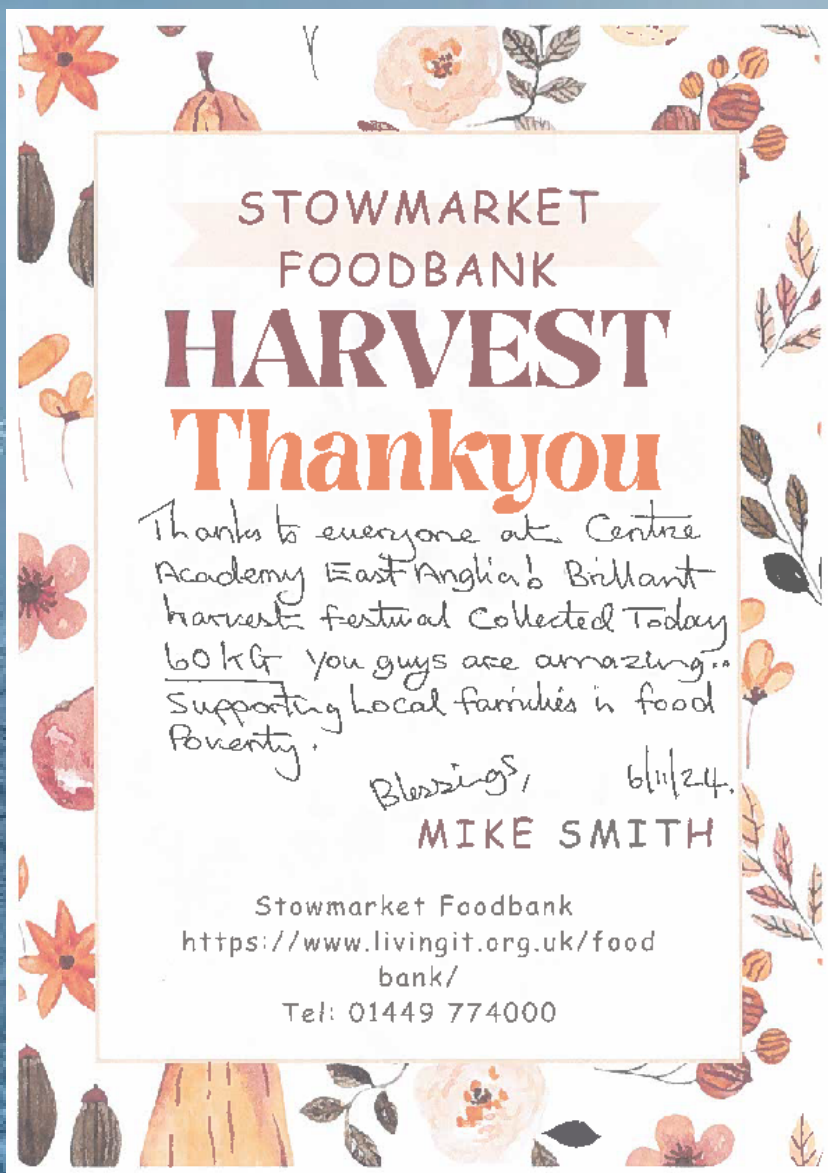
Your contributions will make a significant difference in preserving our beloved church. We are deeply grateful for your kindness and participation.

Thank you once again for coming together and making this event memorable. Your support means the world to us.



With thanks to all students and their families for their generous donations of food to Stowmarket Food Bank.

Siberian students were able to hand over eleven full and heavy bags to two volunteers from Stowmarket Food Bank. Mike and Keith, pictured to the right, work tirelessly with their team to ensure local people get the support they need. We are hoping to keep increasing our donations to this important, and growing cause.





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June 2024 GCSE Results Summary

GCSE	
Grade	Percentage
4-9	57.1%
1-3	42.9%

	5 GCSEs	5 GCSEs 9-4	5 GCSEs 9-4 (inc. Eng+Maths)
Cohort Size	Total	Total	Total
2	100%	50%	50%

RSL Music	
Pass Rate- 100%	
Grade	Percentage
Level 2 Distinction	50%
Level 2 Merit	50%
Level 2 Pass	
Level 3 Distinction*	100%

UAL Diploma Art, Design and Media	
Pass Rate- 100%	
Grade	Percentage
L1 Award	100%
L1 Pass	100%
L2 Pass	100%

Entry Level Certificate		
Pass Rate- 100%		
Subject	Level	Percentage
English	3	83.33%
	2	16.66%
	1	
Maths	3	50%
	2	50%
	1	

Next Steps	
Post-16	College/Sixth Form- 2
Post-18	College- 4

Textiles

In textiles we finished the Woodland project, and the end result was lovely. The patterns were all drawn and designed by the students using only donated fabrics.

We then entered them into an art exhibition at the church and they made the local paper.

After the Woodland success we decided to do a "Water tank" scene. Because the children now know what they are doing they managed to complete this project really quickly, so time to move on with our Christmas projects.

Mrs Appleby



Forest School

Forest School have been working on some very exciting projects this term. Fun was had by students who made some Halloween Pumpkins.

We were lucky enough to receive 420 free tree and hedge saplings from the Woodland Trust, which students had the opportunity to plant. They have thought about the importance of trees and enjoyed the physical, social and team-working element of it too.

Students have visited small local woods close to the school grounds, where they made the most of the freedom to run around, climb trees and build dens. We have also enjoyed a campfire fire, where students were able to toast marshmallows, make s'mores and hot chocolate.

By Mrs Dawson



Residential Trip – Activities Week July 24

Although summer is now long gone, we took a group of our older students to Norfolk on a residential trip in the last week of the summer term, with the promise of a few lovely summer days by the sea. Unfortunately, the weather had different plans, and we had a few overcast and chilly days by the sea! However, this didn't stop us having a good time, jam-packed with lots of different activities, including rock climbing, laser-tag, den-building, orienteering, and problem solving. The students really enjoyed themselves and got stuck in with all the activities, with some students overcoming their fears and showing great determination and perseverance. What was also great to see was the students working together and supporting each other, encouraging others, in some cases, to achieve what they didn't think possible. The students were a credit to the school and made good relationships with all of the instructors! All who went can be proud of their achievements, the staff certainly were!

Mr Steward, Miss Bonner, Mrs Groombridge, Mr Borrett



Bowling Competition – Wednesday 20th November 2024

On the Wednesday 20th November, 6 of our students represented the school in a 10-Pin Bowling competition run by the Panathlon Games. The aim is to allow students with SEN to take part in a competition with other SEN students in a relaxed environment.

We competed against around 20 other schools, although we didn't finish in the top three, the students performed really well and were a credit to the school.

A special mention goes to Tommy Welham, who joined the 100 Club, as he scored over 100 in his second game.

The students demonstrated a great attitude and were supportive and encouraging to each other, which was great to see. Hopefully, we can finish higher next year!

By Mr Steward



School Council

Supporting their school community

We are happy to announce the following students that were elected by peers to be this year's School Council:

Balearic- Alfie D

Pacific- Phoebe M

Baltic-Tommy W

Atlantic- Oscar P

Coral- Henry B

Siberian- George G

Flores- Henry

Biscay- Archie G

Red Sea- Austin S



Our brilliant school council played a massive role supporting both their school and local community as part of the school bonfire night, planning and running a variety of fantastic game stalls to support with raising money for their local church.

From 'guess the number of sweets in a jar' to 'ghost pong' and dazzling light up glasses, all the fun stalls helped to make the evening even more memorable! We could not have done it without the support of our students!



School Council

Supporting Children in Need

Our school council also came up with lots of excellent ways to raise money for Children in Need, putting on lots of brilliant activities across lunch time!

We had a non-uniform day, bake sale, face painting stall, and a card stacking competition!

Thank you to our school community for helping us raise money for this brilliant charity and thank you to our school council for putting on such a lovely afternoon!

Turn over to see how much we raised...

Having already had success with both the bonfire night stalls and Children In Need, students have also met to raise any concerns, and feedback ideas how we can make CAEA an even better, more inclusive place to be. These suggestions have ranged from new books in the library, differing uniforms and how to improve the behaviour policy. As a staff, we thank the student council for helping to bring forward their views and look forward to meeting again early in the new year with new ideas!

Miss Banham and Mrs Brown 😊



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£ 147.75



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bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/schools

'It's on the Ball' 15 October 2024

Vince and Anne Wolverstone delivered an engaging, important talk about Testicular Cancer to Atlantic, Pacific and Caribbean classes.

Not only did it raise awareness about Testicular Cancer itself, which is known as the young man's cancer, predominantly affecting 16 – 35-year-old men, but reminded us about Self Examination.

The key message being taught was about getting to know your own body, particularly testicles and breasts so you can spot any changes. Also knowing any discomfort is a sign to speak with your GP.

Vince and Anne were inspiring in the volunteer work they do spreading awareness and providing support to those affected. It is a reminder of all the good things people do for others in the world.

Mrs Brown



East Anglian Air Ambulance: CPR and Defibrillation Training- 21 November 2024

Simon and Roy from EAAA visited us to deliver a three-hour long workshop to all pupils at CAEA. These included the primary survey (DRSABC), contacting Emergency Services, delivery of CPR and how to use a Defibrillator.

Building Lifesaving Skills

Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and the use of automated external defibrillators (AEDs) are essential skills that can significantly improve survival rates in cases of sudden cardiac arrest. Integrating CPR and defibrillator training into school curricula is an initiative gaining momentum worldwide, aiming to empower young individuals with the ability to respond effectively in emergencies.

The Importance of Early Training

Sudden cardiac arrest can occur to anyone, anywhere, at any time. According to the British Heart Foundation, performing CPR promptly can double or even triple a victim's chance of survival. By training students in these critical skills, schools can ensure that more bystanders in public places are equipped to provide immediate assistance until professional help arrives.

Please do get in touch with EAAA if you are interested in having a workshop in your local community which can be provided free of charge.

Mrs Brown



Photographs taken in School

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we continue to celebrate our students' achievements and capture special moments during school events, we kindly request your cooperation in ensuring the safety and privacy of all children.

Specifically, we ask that you refrain from sharing any photos or videos of school activities on social media platforms where other people's children can be identified.

Why is this important?

1. **Consent:** Sharing images without prior consent from children and their families can pose risks. Some families may not want their child's photo to be publicly available.
2. **Misuse:** Photos and videos shared online can be modified, misused, or taken out of context. This could inadvertently place children at risk.
3. **Child Protection:** Identifying children through images may expose them to potential grooming or abuse.

How can you help?

1. **Be Mindful:** Before posting any school-related content, consider whether it includes other children and whether their privacy might be compromised.
2. **Educate:** Talk to your child about the importance of privacy and respecting others' boundaries.
3. **Set an Example:** By being cautious with your own social media posts, you contribute to a safer online environment for all.

Student Attendance

We would like to take a moment to emphasize the critical role that **regular attendance** plays in your child's education. **Consistent attendance** is not just a matter of compliance; it significantly impacts your child's academic progress and overall success.

Here are some key points to consider:

1. **Academic Achievement:** Research consistently shows that students with **high attendance rates** tend to perform better academically. Missing even a single day of school can disrupt the learning process and hinder your child's understanding of crucial concepts.
2. **Life Chances:** Education opens doors and shapes future opportunities. By attending school consistently, your child is better positioned to achieve good grades, graduate successfully, and pursue higher education or career paths.
3. **School Policies:** Our school adheres to **Department for Education guidelines** regarding attendance. These guidelines stress that children should attend school regularly unless there are exceptional circumstances. We appreciate your cooperation in ensuring your child's consistent presence.
4. **Communication:** If your child is unable to attend school due to illness or other reasons, please notify us promptly. You can call the school office or email us at absent@centreacademy.uk. Early communication helps us track attendance and address any concerns.
5. **Action Plan:** Should attendance become a concern, we will work closely with you to develop an **action plan**. Our goal is to support your child's attendance and create a positive learning environment.

Remember, everyday matters. Each lesson contributes to your child's growth and development. Let's work together to ensure that our students receive the best education possible.

Thank you for your ongoing support. If you have any questions or need further clarification, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in these matters.

School Uniform

Our school uniform is available from 'Inces of Stowmarket'.
Please note, students may still wear their old uniform until a new uniform is required.

Logo School Uniform is provided by 'Inces of Stowmarket'. The uniform can be ordered online, or you can visit the shop in Stowmarket, please see below for shop details. As well as our logo school uniform, you may also be able to order plain items such as trousers, skirts, or alternatively you can buy from local stores. Other ordering information including sizes, delivery information and the returns procedure is also available online.

<https://www.inces.co.uk/c/schoolwear>

Inces, 25 Ipswich Street, Stowmarket, Suffolk, IP14 1AH

01449 612 664

gordonince@btconnect.com

Please see below for a complete school uniform list which is requested.

School Uniform

Grey Trousers/Skirts

Grey Shorts (Optional)

*Sky Blue Polo Shirt **(with school logo)**

*Navy V Neck Sweatshirt **(with school logo)**

Grey or Black Socks (for trousers)

Black or Nude tights (for skirts)

Navy/White Summer Dresses (non-compulsory, Juniors only)

Black Shoes and Wellington Boots

Coat (weather dependent)

Equipped Pencil Case

Sports Uniform

Navy PE Shorts

Navy Tracksuit Bottoms

*Navy Fleece **(with school logo)**

*Emerald Green Polo Shirt **(with school logo)**

Plain Navy Football/Rugby Socks

Trainers

Football Boots (plastic or moulded studs)

Mouthguard

Shin Pads

* - relates to all uniform with the school logo

Logo Uniform supplied by 'Inces'

Size

Cost

Up to age 13:	£10.00
Adult Sizes:	£12.50 (2XL £14.50)
Up to age 13:	£18.00
Adult Sizes:	£19.00 (2XL £22.50)

Up to age 13:	£20.00
Adult Sizes:	£24.00
Up to age 13:	£10.00
Adult Sizes:	£12.50 (2XL £14.50)
Size 1-3:	£4.25
Size 3-6:	£5.00
Size 6-12:	£5.00

CAEA Equipment Provision

At CAEA, we promote our students to be as independent and organised as possible, however, we appreciate that students may find this challenging for a variety of reasons. We therefore place measures to support with this, such as providing school bag checklists to pupils, so they can manage their routine with confidence. We also have posters displayed around the school and in all tutor rooms to encourage responsibility for equipment, much like the one shown below!

Students are welcome to bring in stationery from home and are encouraged to bring a pencil case which they can carry with them. If your child brings any stationery from home, please can you ensure that scissors are plastic and in line with those provided by the school. Please be assured that the school has scissors available for all students, as well as stationery resources for those who may need them. Specialist scissors are also available from the Occupational Therapist if students are struggling to use the ones available in class.



Example of scissors available in school



Example of specialist scissors available



Thank you very much for your cooperation!

Dates for your Diary

Tue 7 Jan 25	Spring Term Commences
Fri 14 Feb	School finishes at 12.00pm
Mon 17 Feb – Fri 21 Feb 25	Half Term Holiday
Mon 24 Feb 25	Spring Term Commences
Thu 6 March 25	Parent Evening – 4.30 – 6.30pm (All subjects for Biscay/Red Sea/Baltic/Siberian/Flores)
Thu 13 March 25	GCSE/UAS Parent Evening – 4.00 – 5.00pm (for Flores)
Fri 28 March 25	Easter Service 2.15pm – All welcome
Mon 31 Mar 25 – Tue 22 Apr 25	School Finishes at 3.00pm Easter Holidays
Wed 23 Apr 25	Summer Term Commences
Tue 29 Apr 25	Student and Staff Individual Photos
Mon 5 May	Bank Holiday
Fri 23 May 25	School Finishes at 2.00pm
Mon 26 – Fri 30 May 25	Half Term Holiday
Mon 2 Jun 25	Summer Term Commences
Thu 12 June 25	Parent Evening – 4.30 – 6.30pm (All subjects for Coral/Atlantic/Caribbean/Pacific/Balearic)
Thu 19 June 25	Student Transition Day
Fri 27 June 25	Staff Inset Day – School closed to Students
Sun 29 June 25	Prize Day/Graduation – 1.00pm – All welcome
Mon 30 June – Fri 4 July 25	Activities Week
Fri 4 July 25	Sports Day 1.00pm – All welcome School finishes at 3.00pm for Summer Holiday

Students can arrive at school from **8.30am** onwards

Timetable for the School Day

Monday to Thursday		Friday	
08.45am – 09.00am	Tutor Time	08.45am – 09.00am	Tutor Time
09.00am – 09.45am	Lesson 1	09.00am – 09.45am	Lesson 1
09.45am – 10.30am	Lesson 2	09.45am – 10.30am	Lesson 2
10.30am – 11.15am	Lesson 3	10.30am – 11.15am	Lesson 3
11.15am – 11.35am	Break Time	11.15am – 11.35am	Break Time
11.35am – 12.15pm	Lesson 4	11.35am – 12.15pm	Lesson 4
12.15pm – 13.00pm	Lesson 5	12.15pm – 13.00pm	Lesson 5
13.00pm – 14.00pm	Lunch Time	13.00pm – 14.00pm	Lunch Time
14.00pm – 14.45pm	Lesson 6	14.00pm – 15.00pm	Lesson 6
14.45pm – 15.30pm	Lesson 7		(14.30pm – 15.00pm) - Assembly

**DON'T
FORGET TO**



General Information	Medical Information
START OF THE SCHOOL DAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ If your child requires any medication, please ensure that this is handed into the office or Miss Bonner. Medication will need to be in its original packet along with the relevant paperwork. The item must be clearly labelled with the student's name and the instructions of administration.✓ Students must not be sent to school if they have a fever/sickness or are feeling ill. Students should be fever/sickness free for 48 hours before returning to school to protect other students from contact with potentially contagious illnesses. Parents will be contacted by the medical staff on duty if a child shows symptoms of illness while in school.✓ If the illness is more than 5 school days, we require a Doctor's Certificate.
Please remember that students are not to be dropped off at the school before 8.30 am. Prior to that staff are not in their places and we cannot therefore ensure the students security.	
UNIFORM	
Please remember that all uniform and casual clothes must have the student's name in.	
OUTDOOR CLOTHING	Absence
During the cold months please could all students have winter clothing: wellies, coats, hats and gloves. During the summer months, please could students have a hat and sun cream.	Please could all medical appointments/absences be reported before 9.00 am to the school office. Please contact the school each day your child is absent; contact by email is fine. Student absence: absent@centreacademy.uk
School Phone Number: 01449 736404 Out of hours emergency school mobile number 07555 641 724 email: admin@centreacademy.uk Student absence: absent@centreacademy.uk	
Policies and other Important Information All our policies and other Important Information are available on the website. If you require any other information that is not displayed, please do not hesitate to contact the Office Manager.	
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