



# Newsletter

## Welcome!



Hello to you all,

The first days of spring have finally arrived...albeit amid some last-minute snow! Spring is always welcome here at Castle Park as we can enjoy our beautiful park in all its glory.

Our young people have been busy raising money for Comic Relief, working with a local artist, completing mock exams, entering Science competitions and much more.

We are as proud as ever of the daily achievements of our students. They work hard to face challenges and overcome obstacles which never ceases to amaze us all. Their determination and resilience is quite remarkable.

From all the staff and students at Ancora, we wish you all a well-earned, restful Easter holiday.



**"Where  
flowers bloom,  
so does hope."**

—LADY BIRD JOHNSON

On Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> of March 2023, Ancora house's post 16 group organised a fundraiser for red nose day. We all contributed to making delicious treats for the sale. A year 8 pupil recommended Spencer's gooey brownies to anyone who wanted to buy something. Amy's dog treats went down like a storm there was even a dog that tested the treats and wanted more! Emily said that Karen's cupcakes were the best shed ever tasted and she wouldn't stop going on about them. Another special treat we had on offer was homemade jammie dodger biscuits where we designed the middle to look like a red nose.

Thank you so much for everyone that brought delicious desserts. The donations are very much appreciated. Although the rain disrupted us, we managed to make an amazing £103!



We would like to welcome our new staff to Castle Park, namely Karen and Sue who join us as teaching assistants, Steph who is our English teacher, and Rachael the new transitions co-ordinator. We hope you have all enjoyed your first term or first week with us!

## Year 11 Mock exams



Our year 11 students have sat exams in Maths, Science and English over the past few weeks. We have been impressed with the positive attitude and diligent approach. Huge well done to you all!

# NIKKI PINDER - ARTIST VISIT



Chester artist Nikki Pinder, whose work you may have seen around the city came to work with our year 11 students in early February. Their task was to create a series of spring windows, with the theme of 'new life'. It was a fantastic experience to work with an actual artist, and the windows are a fabulous tribute to a great workshop. Well done to all the students involved!

## Stars of the term!

### Star Baker!

Recently we have been doing more baking at Ancora House hub and one young person in particular has been cheering up the staff with his baked goodies! He has made muffins, brownies, chocolate tarts and pizza and the staff all look forward to trying a little sample



### Year 11 artists

Since January our year 11 art and textile students have been busy preparing for their practical exam. They have worked incredibly hard and we are excited to see their final outcomes! Huge well done to you all, Rachel and the team are very proud of you!

## ART Gallery

We have so many students who are talented artists! This half term they have been producing artwork with various themes including 'Food Glorious Food', 'Bugs, Beetles and Butterflies', textile sculpture and 'Objects'.



