### DECEMBER 2021



# Newsletter

### Welcome

### FROM MS COOPER

We have reached the end of Term 2 of a very busy time in education. Teachers and students alike have worked hard to adjust to learning, preparing for assessments, and getting into the flow of study, thank you and well done to you all. We have had many wonderful things that have happened across the last 2 terms and this has been wonderful to see joy filled learning and enrichment take place.

We have seen some excellent Career and widening participation events happen, students experience interviews for their chosen University applications and work experience opportunities begin to pick up. Students have taken part in some great enrichment activities, food and cookery classes, football matches against other post 16 teams and a great dance showcase.

We have all been enjoying the new temporary build and we look forward to our level 2 students joining us form January.



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### **Key Dates**

# CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE FOR FURTHER UPDATES

4th January: INSET

5th January: Covid-19 testing and start

of lessons

**10th January**: Exams start

**1st February**: Parent Forum

18th February: Last day of term



As a special thank you to our staff who have worked so hard this term to support them, students wrote some beautiful thank you notes that were transferred onto decorations for staff.

Messages included: "regardless of how busy they are, they always finda way to be there for everyone, inspiring us to be our very best"

"They are always pushing me into the deep end and always trying to help me expand my skills in the best ways. They have helped me appreciate my talents."



# Teaching and Learning

### AN UPDATE FROM OUR TEACHING STAFF

Teaching and learning is of course our central focus in all that we do here at Post 16.

Students have been working on everything from unhealthy and toxic relationships in the Great Gatsby to Ancient Greek comedy, daily screen time and manipulation by advertisers to XXXX

The Drama Enrichment Group have also filed their abridged and tongue-in-cheek version of 'A Christmas Carol'!

At the start of term, many of our students sat exams in exam conditions for the very first time.

29 separate exams were sat over 11 days by 302 students taking 509 papers.

We know that our students put
a lot of work into the
preparation of those exams
and are grateful to all our
parents and carers who
supported this effort.



'My teacher's knowledge
in their specialist field
makes me want to stay
on top of my career
goals, knowing I can
trust their guidance' Post
16 student



# **Student Gallery**





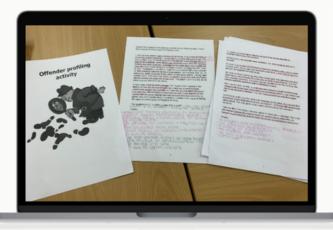


Year 12 and 13 Art and Textiles work









CSI Post 16: A Level Psychology students have been profiling as part of their Forensic Psychology module

# Safeguarding

LEARN MORE ABOUT HOW WE KEEP OUR STUDENTS SAFE

Post 16 is a non-smoking site. Please support us by reminding students that this includes vaping.



The CLF Parent
Safeguarding newsletter
is out!

Read about the latest updates, help and advice on issues that may be useful to you.

Find it on our website:
https://post16.clf.uk/wp
-content/uploads/newCLF-Parent-carerSafeguardingnewsletter-final-1.pdf

Holiday periods can be difficult for some students. Our counsellor,

Jenny, is available to provide support to students who need a safe space to talk and we will be sharing information with students about how to look after themselves during the holidays if

they find them difficult.





Students are reminded that lanyards must be visible at all times when on site



# Ms Crosbie, our SENCO, has successfully completed her training and exams to allow her to assess students to determine their needs for additional support for lessons and exams. This is a difficult course but will allow us to provide even more support for our students

# SEND

SUPPORTING STUDENTS WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS





Our hub is a quiet space for students with additional needs who need to step away from the busy hubbub of life at Post 16.

This space is used for quiet work or reflection or 1-2-1s with our Inclusion team and has become a haven of peace for some students this term







## Careers

### SUPPORTING STUDENTS WITH THEIR **NEXT STEPS**



Apprenticeships
What is a Degree Apprenticeship? [LINK]
What is a Degree Apprenticeships Fair [LINK]
Hornal STEM Apprenticeships Fair [LINK]
Hornal STEM Advanced Practitioner - Kids Planet Day Nurseries [LINK]
Cyber Security Degree Apprenticeship — EDF [LINK]

### UCAS DEADLINE MONDAY 13™ DECEMBER 2021

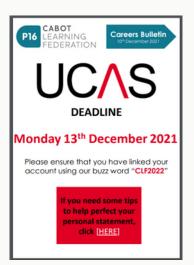
Paying back your student loan [More Info] UWE Heading Higher Passport [Sign.Up] Bath Spa University virtual open day 15th Dec [More Info] Speak with current university students [LINK]

### Job Opportunities/Work Experience (virtual)

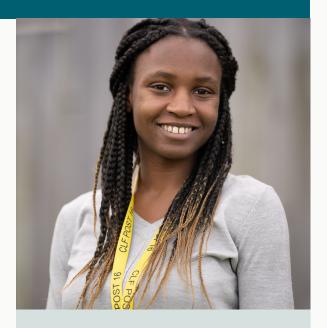
JOB: Card Factory Temporary Sales Advisor – Chibbs Causeway (more Info)
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WEX: Airbus (enjineering.) — Deadline 30th March – (More Info)
WEX: Teaching – Springpod — Deadline 9th February (More Info)











Rochelle Ng'onga is the Post 16 Careers coach, offering bespoke one-toone support to all students. She also sends out weekly bulletins filled with opportunities for students to broaden their options, attend open days, apply for apprenticeships and much more. Students can book appointments with Rochelle by emailing rochelle,ng'onga@clf.uk

# Opportunities BECOME A FINANCIAL JOURNALISTI

THE LONDON INSTITUTE OF BANKING & FINANCE (LIBF), THE FINANCIAL TIMES' (FT) FREE SCHOOLS PROGRAMME AND ITS FINANCIAL LITERARY AND INCLUSION CAMPAIGN ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE LAUNCH OF THE YOUNG FINANCIAL JOURNALIST COMPETITION 2021/22!

WE ARE SEEKING WELL-ARGUED ARTICLES FROM STUDENTS AGED 14-19 FOR THIS JOINT COMPETITION. WINNING ENTRIES WILL BE PUBLISHED ON THE LIBF'S WEBSITE: WWW.LIBF.AC.UK AND MAY ALSO BE PUBLISHED ON FT.COM AND/OR IN AN EDITION OF FT MONEY. THE WINNER OF EACH AGE GROUP WILL ALSO RECEIVE A £150 CASH PRIZE.

THE COMPETITION RUNS FROM 3 DECEMBER 2021 - 18 MARCH 2022.

ENTRIES WILL BE JUDGED BY A PANEL OF JUDGES, INCLUDING FT CONSUMER EDITOR, CLAER BARRETT, AND MATHEMATICIAN, WRITER AND TEACHER BOBBY SEAGULL. THE WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN SPRING 2022.

COMPETITION QUESTIONS BY AGE GROUP 16-17 YEAR OLDS

WHAT ARE THE PROS AND CONS OF USING SOCIAL MEDIA AS A CHANNEL FOR OBTAINING FINANCIAL ADVICE? SHOULD WE TRUST WHAT 'INFLUENCERS' SAY?

WITH THE INCREASED USE OF CONTACTLESS PAYMENTS AND ONLINE SHOPPING, HAS CASH BEEN COUNTED OUT? WHAT MIGHT BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF THAT?

18-19 YEAR OLDS

KLARNA AND BUY NOW PAY LATER SCHEMES - ARE THEY HELPING PEOPLE MANAGE MONEY OR GETTING THEM INTO MORE DEBT?

WHAT ARE THE PROS AND CONS OF INVESTING IN CRYPTO CURRENCIES?

YOUNG FINANCIAL JOURNALIST OF THE YEAR ENTRY FORM
DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS 5PM ON FRIDAY 18 MARCH 2022.
HTTPS://WWW.LIBF.AC.UK/STUDY/FINANCIALEDUCATION/STUDENT-ZONE/YOUNG-FINANCIAL-JOURNALIST?
UTM\_CAMPAIGN=100661\_RK-HE%2FFE-%20NEWSLETTER%20%20NOV%202021%20Q2&UTM\_MEDIUM=EMAIL&UTM\_SOURCE=DO
TDIGITAL&DM\_I=6WO3,25O5,C9U45,83AW,1

Examples from the last bulletin

### Student Zone

# Young Financial Journalist 2021/22

The competition is now open

Show off your writing skills and financial know-how. Take part in our Young Financial Journalist competition, being run in partnership with the the Financia Times' (FT) free schools programme and its Financial Literary and Inclusion Campaign.



We regularly share opportunities like this with our students.

Please encourage them to join in: not only do these look great when applying for next steps, they often offer fantastic prized



- B has secured a place in the 2021/22 BFI Film
   Academy. this prestigious programme was open to young people from anywhere in the UK and offers a real challenge for talented 16-19 year-olds to be part of our future film industry.
- CLF Post 16 Women's
   Basketball Academy
   secured a fantastic 69-10
   win against St David's
   College and a 57-37 win
   against HTS
- Frah has submitted a fantstic poem to the What Does a Safe City Mean to You competition
- 2 students secured interviews with Oxford and Cambridge
- 110 students have applied to University
- We have raised over £200 for charity this term

# Good news from our students

WHAT DOES A SAFE CITY MEAN TO YOU?

A PLACE OF COMFORT.

A SAFE DESTINATION TO CALL HOME.

SMILES ON EVERYONE'S FACES.

'HOW ARE YOU?' IS EVERYONE'S PHRASES.

A SAFE CITY IS A PLACE FULL OF HARMONY.

WERE CARING FOR OUR PEOPLE IS WORTH MORE THAN MONEY.

AND LIFE IS JUST AS SWEET AS HONEY.

AS LONG AS IN OUR HEARTS IT'S SUNNY.

I MUST SAY THE WORLD IS AT BAY.
OUR CITY MUST CHANGE.
AS I KNOW THAT FATE ONLY LIES IN OUR
HANDS.

AND OUR HANDS MUST RISE TO STAND IN UNITY.

FOR I HAVE REALISED THE WRONGS THAT MUST BE CORRECTED.

AN EXTRACT FROM FRAH'S POEM



# **Operations**PRACTICAL INFORMATION



Attendance: thank you to all parents and carers who have supported our efforts to improve attendance by responding to enquiries from our Attendance Officer, Aaliyah.

Please call 0117 9927117 by 8AM if you know that your young person will be absent from school.

In order to support our student's learning, we expect a minimum of 95% attendance



Do you have questions or want to find out more about school life at Post 16?

Hear updates from our Principal, ask questions and make suggestions at our Parent Forum on 1st February!



We are complying with government regulations by asking all students to take 2 Covid-19 Lateral Flow Tests on their return in January. One will be on site and students will leave their lessons for 10 minuets and one will be from home 3 days later.

We appreciate your support as we continue to ensure that Post 16 is a safe place for all.

Face masks continue to be worn in communal areas



As part of our drive to become more Environmentally friendly we have completed an eco-schools environmental audit and were delighted to be able to spot one of our regular visitors to Post 16! We'll be sharing more details about how we are supporting the environment soon.

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