



Sixth Sense

Which Week?

This Week: 4th October Week 1

Next week: 11th October Week



You Said—We Did...Again! Laptops

Many of you will be aware already, but having responded to your feedback of having a greater capacity to work independently, we have now invested in a full set of laptops for you to be able to access during your study periods in addition to the desktop computers in the Common Room already. These are all being kept in the Sixth Form Office in D Block where they can be signed out and back at any point throughout the course of the day. We have 30 devices in total, 20 PCs and 10 Apple Macbooks. The Macbooks contain all of the professional software found on the Macs in the Media Suites in order for you to be able to work on your next blockbuster production in order for you to not be constrained by having to access a classroom.

Please, make good use of these devices to move from good to great in your respective qualification and look after them whilst transferring them from D Block to A Block.

NCS—The Challenge

Friday saw the National Citizenship Service, or NCS come in to speak to Year 12 during their assembly and indeed to you all at brunch time in the Common Room.



Opportunities (once again!) are there for the taking for the of the most determined Year 12s to register with NCS to express your interest in taking part in the Challenge and being a part of an adventurous experience focused on developing you, working as part of a team and participating in some fantastic outdoor and adventurous activities. Further details can be found via www.wearencs.com (or via Miss Foster) and any barrier regarding cost has also been removed through the full £1000 of funding coming from the Government and NCS.

Year 13: NCS are on the look-out for older students to train-up and pay to be part of this programme and again, could be a phenomenal CV-builder! If you would like to be part of this, please (again), see Miss Foster who can put you in touch with the NCS team members who visited the Academy.

Football Computer Games

I hear that a popular football game was released (properly) on Friday! Being old and boring, I don't really partake in the wizardry of competing against friends who aren't actually sat next to you on a sofa, but understand many of you enjoy this.

My own A Level and BTEC 'sports' groups will be looking at some of the research that underpins these type of game and what the conclusions are as to the impact that they have on your response time and attention span.

For those of you who thought that they might sharpen these qualities, you might be surprised by some of the findings when they compared the impact of football computer games to other types of interactive computer games.

Now that we are into the thick of the academic year, there is important qualification-based work, preparation and revision that needs to be done. Please do not let any game take away your ability to succeed and achieve, but by all means DO use this as a way of helping you to manage your well being and for balancing-out the work and home life.

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