

NEWSLETTER

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Principal's Message

Our newsletter is in a different format this week, as the online Microsoft Sway software is not functioning correctly. Please take the time to read through everything to find out what has been going on at UCC this week.



It has been a fabulous week at UCC and in particular our Year 6 Induction programme was very successful. We aim to ensure our new cohort of students develop a sense of belonging at UCC quickly, and these 3 induction days play a pivotal role in this process. Our older students made them feel very welcome and in particular I was incredibly impressed with our Year 10 student leaders, who were fantastic role models throughout.

The temperature has been very high this week and we made the decision to make blazers and tie optional for students. We have decided to keep these arrangements for the final 2 weeks of term. Blazers are often used by students to keep essential equipment in, so please support your child(ren) by reminding them to bring everything they need in their bags if they choose not to bring their blazers for the next 2 weeks.

Mr Mackinnon took a group of students to a science competition yesterday and reported to me this morning that we were victorious! Congratulations to everyone involved - there will be a full write up in the newsletter next week.

Finally, today we hosted a careers day for students in Year 10, which involved workshops on CV writing and interview practice. Our student were superb and Mrs Hirst will provide us with more details next week.

I hope you have a great weekend.

Mr Solly.



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Bede House Trip

On Thursday 27th June, 7JMH and 8KH students, participated in a Humanities Department local history walk to Lyddington. In glorious weather, we utilised the extensive public footpaths to guide us directly and safely from UCC grounds straight into the back of Lyddington village. There we first visited Bede House. For those who don't know, Bede House, is set beside the church of the picturesque ironstone village of Lyddington. Bede House was built for the Archbishop of Lincoln. Henry VIII stayed here on one of his progresses around the country.

Students had a teacher lead tour with Mr Heppell, Mr Redmond and Mrs Holgate pointing out the key historical and religious aspects, and fascinating features. Once, we had stripped the shop of its till change, though, extensive sales of ice cream and hot chocolate we headed to the Church of St. Andrew.

Here we were greeted, and given a brief history of the church, from Sharon and Year 10 student, Harry Bromilow. We then climbed up the bell tower to witness a fascinating and engaging demonstration of campanology from the Bromilows. It was a great day and we truly engaged with 'history on our doorstep'.



A massive thanks to all the students for their positivity, questions, engagement, and energy, particularly, on the walk back up the hill! We should also regularly shout and applaud from the rooftops, of all ages, that English Heritage allow school students in free of charge to their properties.



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English Linking Project

7AJ and 7ABr have been taking part in a Linking Network Project with The Winstanley School in Leicester. This is a shuttle programme where students share opinions and their written work with each other as we explored ideas of connections, community, values and living in a fair and equal society. The project was recommended to us to broaden our students' horizons and experience of other cultures by Natasha Boyce who delivered training to staff on anti-racism.

Both our Year 7 students and Winstanley's have been involved in lots of discussion and debates about how they feel when meeting someone for the first time, strategies that they could use throughout their life about being open to change and difference as well as avoiding judging individuals on preconceived ideas. Students have also produced some wonderful writing, in particular poetry, which explored the idea of what has shaped them as young people.

We are currently planning and creating a presentation which will be filmed and sent to Winstanley about UCC, our community and what we have learned from the project. We hope this is the first of many projects that are run by the national organisation The Linking Network which help our students become successful global citizens.

Please enjoy reading just a small sample of the Year 7 students' poetry.

I am – By Amaka.

I am my mum funny and a
courageous human being,
I am my dad's perseverance and
sportsmanship,
I dream about the future and
what is to come,
I feel I have a purpose that needs
fulfilling.
I am my friends who comfort me,
I hope my accomplishments go
down in history,
I am my siblings' sense of
humour,
I am me!

I am – by Sophia.

I am my football coach who gave me belief,
I am Pixie my best mate,
I am my mum who guided me in the dark,
I am my dad who gave me hope when I
needed it.
I am my cousins who made me laugh
without even trying,
I am my grandma who taught me what
kindness is,
I am my grandad who is strong and
intelligent,
I say what I think but don't always mean it.
I dream that we have a better future,
I hope that we live life to the fullest,
I am who I am and I am happy with that.

English Linking Project

I am – By Max

I am my dad a wonder hidden under algorithms and equations,
I say things knowing they might encourage,
I am who I am known as me – ever changing yet always the same,
I dream of a better world although the world is as glorious as ever before.
I feel I know what life is yet there are mountains still hiding,
I am William my best friend an encouragement through a storm,
I worry I set goals too high but they are always matched,
I am a person with high hopes.
I am my nan an encouragement even after her death,
I am the blossom and the rain of spring,
I am me as I have always known it.

I am – By Amber.

I am the future,
I am the present,
I am my parents who lifted me at my lowest,
I am my friends who showed me loyalty.
I hope we can make the world a better place,
I dream of a world of which does not exist, I worry we won't save the earth
before its too late,
I am who I am.

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House Drama

This week and next, all of the Year 8s are taking part in a house Drama competition in their Drama lessons. They have been tasked with staging a scene from Alan Ayckbourn's 'Ernie's Incredible Illucinations' as a whole class. It is proving to be a real test of their skills both as performers and as a team in order to communicate the story and the atmosphere effectively for an audience. A panel of Drama staff judges including Mr Anderson will be watching every tutor group's performance and awarding house points for ten different categories. We look forward to sharing with the year group their successes when we reveal the winners of categories such as 'Most Characterful Performance' and 'Most Successful Overall Scene'. Good luck everyone!



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STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Our Year 10 Sports Leaders represented UCC magnificently this week at the School Games Summer Festival at Loughborough University. We received the email below from Jeanette Warner, one of the UCC governors, congratulating them on the positive role they played in the event:

I just wanted to write to let you how proud you and UCC can be of the sports ambassadors who volunteered at the School Games Summer Festival at Loughborough University today. They were an absolute credit to you and the school being both efficient and welcoming. They encouraged and helped the school participants to get the very best out of their experience and I'm sure they enhanced the event as whole with their positivity and energy. I have attached a photo of the team with this year's High Sheriff Richard Cole DL and myself as Vice Lord Lieutenant in case it might be useful.



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Congratulations to Year 7 Student Dexter who a few weeks back became the county champion in the Javelin!

Dexter had really impressed us in the recent athletics block and blew the field away when qualifying for county finals.

Its brilliant to see his hard work paying off 🏆

Well done Dexter - who is now ranked 25th in the country for Under 13s Javelin 🌟



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Summer Showcase – Tuesday 2nd July 2024

*****SOLD OUT*****

Get your teacups and saucers at the ready while we entertain you in an evening of cabaret style performance. Musicians from our Orchestra, Rock School, Ukulele Group and a selection of other instrumentalists are lined up, rehearsed and ready to perform.

We shall look forward to serving you with a Cream Tea (Scone, Jam, Cream and Tea/Coffee) seated at our cabaret style tables.

The show details are as follows:

DATE: Tuesday 2nd July

VENUE: Drama Studio at UCC

PERFORMANCE TIME: 6.15pm – 7.30pm (participants to arrive at 5.15pm)



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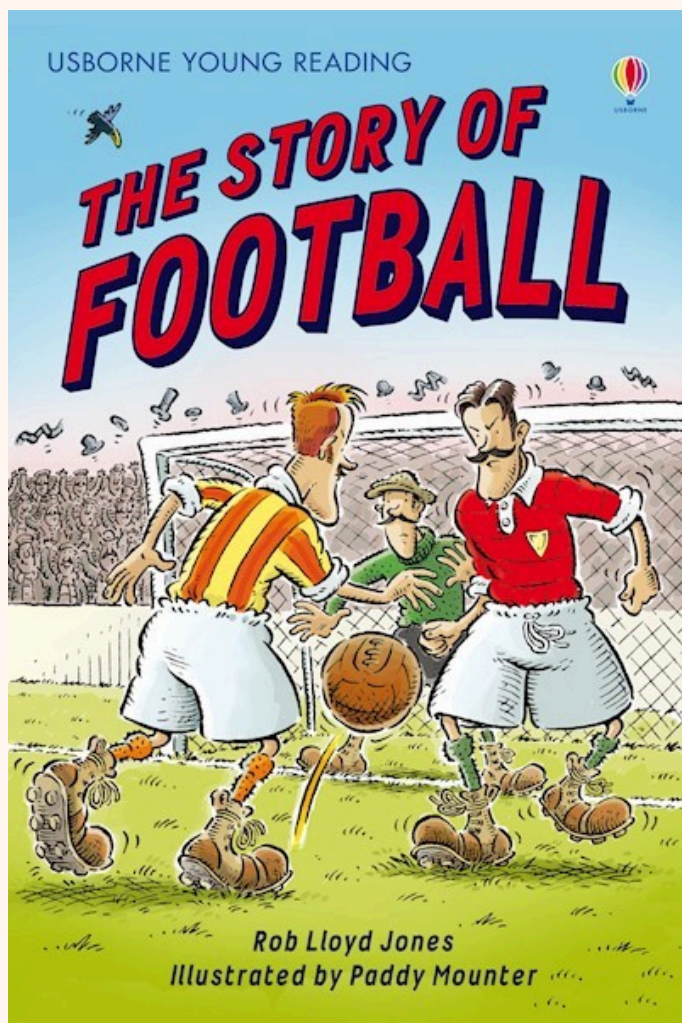
Literacy Update

UCC E-LIBRARY RECOMMENDED READ OF THE WEEK

The Story of Football by Rob Lloyd-Jones

Did you know that Ancient Chinese Soldiers were kicking footballs as long ago as 2000BC? This humorously illustrated book tells the story of football, from its beginnings in the Roman Army to the modern day premiership, including how both American Football and Rugby were born; this e-book includes internet links to recommended websites where readers can find out more.

Available on the e-library now as an e-book.



Word of the Week - Efficacious

