

Term 1 Week 4B 20 February 2015

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



Year 7 Swimming Carnival

Friday 13 February was a busy one for all Year 7 students. The day started with a trip to Hornsby Aquatic Centre for their Swimming Carnival. The event was well attended with many students participating in a range of events including the novelty noodle races across the pool. It was great to see the enjoyment of all students as they competed at their first high school carnival for 2015. A big thank you must go to the Year 11 Peer Support Leaders who encouraged the Year 7s on the day and the PE staff for their organisation of the event. Following on from the Swimming Carnival, students came back to school in the afternoon for the Drumbeat workshop (article on following pages).

Year 7 Movie Night

To finish off what had been a very busy day, approximately 140 Year 7s attended the inaugural Year 7 Movie Night between 6 and 9pm. This event was organised by the SRC Student Executive as a pre-camp activity, to get to know new friends. Students had a great time watching the movie, *She's the Man*, dining on pizzas, lollies and soft drink before finishing the night off with an ice block. Judging by its success, Movie Night could become a regular fixture on the calendar for our Year 7 students in the future. A big thank you must go to a number of people, whose efforts ensured the success of the event. The student Senior Executive for organising and catering the event; Mr Spencer and his daughters for setting up the projector and sound system; and to the staff who helped supervise, Mr Johnson, Mrs Lane, Mr Clements, Mr An, Ms Mallison and Mrs Bennett.

Year 7 Camp

On Wednesday morning Year 7 students, together with their Year 11 Peer Support Leaders, lined up in the MPC, eagerly awaiting their bus trip to Narrabeen Academy of Sport. This three day camp provides an orientation into high school, while offering students opportunities to make new friends and challenge themselves in outdoor activities. There are a range of physical and social activities aimed at getting to know other students, as well as an introduction to the school's Antibullying Policy and the Rock and Water Program. Early reports from the camp suggest they are having a great time and a more detailed report and photos are sure to follow next week.



Year 12 Parent/Teacher Night

The first of this year's Parent/Teacher nights was held on Tuesday. This gave parents of Year 12 students the opportunity to discuss with their child's teachers their progress to date. This is a critical time for Year 12 students as they prepare for the upcoming AP3 exams. Strategies and tips to optimise performance were shared to encourage and motivate students for the challenges which lie ahead in the coming year.

P&C Meeting

The first General P&C meeting for 2015 was also held on Tuesday night. The P&C is a critical body in the organisation of the school. They are actively involved with funding many

projects and have input into decision making in the school. We welcomed many new parents to this meeting and always encourage others to attend. The meetings are held at 8pm in the staff common room. On most occasions we organise a guest speaker, from within the school, to discuss a topic of interest. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 24 March 2015 if you wish to attend.

Valentine's Day

Love was in the air on Friday 13 February with the scent of red roses wafting through the school grounds. The annual Valentine's Day event, organised by the SRC, was a huge success with approximately 1,500 roses sold and \$1,200 raised for Donate Life, an organisation which works to educate and improve organ and tissue donation rates across Australia. A huge thank you goes to Mrs Fletcher, Mr Fairclough and all the SRC team for the massive effort they put in to make this such a fantastic event.

Love Song Dedications

To support the Valentine's Day message on Friday, the SRC Student Executive organised an opportunity at lunch for students to dedicate a love song to their loved ones. The portable boom box became a focal point at the Serpentine Wall as the sweet songs of love played and students danced to the beat.



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Year 7 Swimming Carnival

PROCEDURE FOR SICK STUDENTS

Students who are sick during class should see a teacher for written permission to go to sick bay. They must present themselves promptly to the **front office** and politely follow instructions from the office staff, who will then contact a parent/guardian when necessary. Sick bay is used for a short time only. Students should not call their parents in the first instance. Please refer to your diaries for further details. **Please be advised the school does not supply any medication, including pain killers, medicated creams, eye drops etc.**

Congratulations to ...

• Raquel Cuevas, Year 10, who came fifth in the State Championships for rowing last week.

Mr Clements

Drumbeat

Last Friday Year 7 attended an incursion for their Music studies in the MPC entitled 'Drumbeat'. This was an energetic demonstration of drum styles and techniques from around the world. Drumbeat presents a history of percussion throughout the ages, using a large range of drums and hand percussion. The program featured rhythms and patterns used in all types of music and included student participation...(for which there was no shortage of volunteers).

Some of the instruments used included: the modern drum kit, electronic drums, Cuban Bata, tambora (Dominican Republic), Surdo (Brazil), Doumbek (Middle East), Djembe (Africa) and Kanjira (India). Common percussion such as cow-bells, shakers and whistles were also utilised. The students were thoroughly entertained and enjoyed the educational experience.

Mr Sirone, Music Teacher









Big Band's Performance at Jazz at the Pines

On Sunday the Big Band were invited to perform at the Jazz at the Pines, run by the Lions Club. We took the fulfilling role of pre-show entertainment, to be followed by a performance by a professional jazz group called Greg Poppleton and the Bakelite Broadcasters. After arriving at the venue we were warmly welcomed by the staff and quickly set-up to begin our performance. Our performance lasted for one hour and fifteen minutes and we played such pieces as *Don't Get Around Much Anymore*, *Satin Doll*, *Golden Wedding*, *You Should Be Dancing*, *Moondance* and *At Last*.

Some of the above pieces were sung by our talented vocalists, Inika Dongre and Phoebe Longley. After we finished our performance with our show-stopping *Jig That Jazz*, we were met by warm, enthusiastic applause and a large number of compliments from our appreciative audience and hosts. Following our performance, we were able to witness the prowess of the incredible jazz group for which we had set the stage, which proved to be quite spectacular.

In conclusion, the Big Band's performance at Jazz at the Pines was an enormous success and we would be very pleased to perform again at this event. There has already been an open invitation to perform at future Jazz at the Pines afternoons.

Hamish Whyte, Year 11



Student Attendance in Government Schools - Changes to Reporting Absences and Travel

As of February 2015 a new School Attendance Policy applies to NSW Government schools. Changes have been developed to assist in the implementation of the *ACARA National Standards for Student Attendance Data Reporting* across NSW Public Schools and have been designed to address recommendations from the Auditor General's report on the raised school leaving age as well as implement recommendations about students with health care needs made by the NSW Ombudsman. Please find information which is below.

Summary of changes to the School Attendance Policy for 2015 relevant to all parents include:

Section 4.1.2

Parents are required to explain the absences of their children from school promptly and within seven school days to the school. An explanation of absence must be provided to the school within seven days from the first day of any period of absence.

Section 14

Parents will be required to complete an *Application for Extended Leave - Travel* and provide to the Principal for their consideration. If the Principal accepts the reason for travel, the absence will be marked as 'Leave' and a *Certificate of Extended Leave - Travel* will be issued.

Please note that Travel will NO LONGER be considered as a reason for exemption from school. A *Certificate of Extended Leave - Travel* will indicate leave has been accepted by the Principal and will be recorded as such on the child's school attendance record.

Students who seek permission for leave must take into consideration the timetabling of formal assessment tasks. A student missing a formal assessment task can be given a '0' result if they fail to complete the tasks at the scheduled time. Before applying for *Extended Leave - Travel* students should discuss any scheduled assessment tasks with the Head Teacher of the subject.

If you would like further information you can find the School Attendance in Government Schools - Procedures at https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/policies/student_admin/attendance/sch_polproc/att_proc.pdf

Mrs Navarro, HT Student Programs



Cherrybrook Technology High School App

Go to the App Store or Google Play and search for "Cherrybrook Technology High School" to download this free app. This will provide you with school information, maps, dates of upcoming events and much more, even when you are on the go. By enabling push notifications you will receive important information instantly.

Immunisation History

If you have any queries regarding your child's immunisation history, please contact Northern Sydney Health on 9477 9400.

Year 7 and 12 students who did not receive a vaccination form can collect one from the student window. Please submit the completed form by Wednesday 25 February 2015.

Mrs Navarro

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics)

Late in 2014 CTHS was contacted by the *Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA)* to be a pilot school for an integrated Stage 5 STEM course. A team of four teachers consisting of Miss Bleakley (Technology/Engineering), Mr An (Science), Mrs Yang (Science) and Mr Woo (Mathematics) was formed to coordinate the program.

Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics (STEM) is an integrated program of study which is highly practical and interactive. The program requires the disciplines of Science, Engineering and Mathematics to be integrated within Technology Education in order to solve real world problems. STEM has a focus on real world applications and aims to motivate students to continue their education in these four disciplines.

Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) are four disciplines critical to the future of our society. With the aid of STEM, students are provided with a base to help equip them with the capacity to contribute to the scientific developments and innovations of tomorrow, providing solutions to social concerns through medical, environmental, and engineering breakthroughs.

Students can benefit from STEM programs as it teaches independent innovation and problem solving skills in addition to content that is expected to be relevant for future jobs. An enhanced understanding of STEM and its real world applications would hopefully increase career opportunities for students.

It is not unusual for politics to influence education, but the political eye is now looking at the four discipline areas through a new lens combining Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics education. A lot of this influence is imitating what is occurring in the USA. As a country it is imperative for our future and competitiveness that these areas of study are not overlooked.

Australia's Chief Scientist provides high-level independent advice to the Prime Minister and other Ministers on matters relating to science, technology and innovation. They also hold the position of Executive Officer of Commonwealth Science Council to identify challenges and opportunities for Australia that can be addressed, in part, through science. Australia's Chief Scientist, Professor Ian Chubb presented a position paper in July of last year about STEM. The statements made in this paper are beginning to resonate with the politicians. It will be interesting to see the future development of STEM education in Australia.

We are seeking the support of the community in this pilot program. If you are working in an area of interest and feel as though you could contribute something to the study of STEM at CTHS please feel free to contact Miss Bleakley on Alesha.bleakley1@det.nsw.edu.au.

Further STEM resources:

See this ABC Lateline interview with our Federal Chief Scientist Professor Ian Chubb: http://www.abc.net.au/lateline/content/2014/s4017442.htm

The Chief Scientists position paper:

http://www.chiefscientist.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/STEMstrategy290713FINALweb.pdf

The Chief Scientist here puts forward a strategic approach to STEM as a recommendation to government: http://www.chiefscientist.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/STEM AustraliasFuture Sept2014 Web.pdf

Miss Bleakley

2015 Cherrybrook Technology High School Ski Trip

Each year, students from Years 9-12 have the opportunity to attend the CTHS ski trip, which takes place in Mt Hotham, Victoria, during the July school holidays.

If you are interested in sending your child to this year's ski trip, please download the 2015 Ski Trip Consent Form from the school website: http://www.cherrybrok-h.schools.nsw.edu.au, Our School>Extra Curricula>CTHS Ski Trip.

Please return the completed form, with your non-refundable deposit, to the student window by the end of Term 1.

Additional forms relating to the ski trip can also be found at this site and must be completed and submitted through the school website by the end of Term 1.

There will be a meeting for all interested parents on Wednesday 1 April at 6:30pm, in room F2.1. Please contact Miss Bleakley if you have any questions.

Miss Bleakley



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GERMAN UPDATE

Exchange to Germany

This long-standing exchange program, which began in 1997, will again take place in September/October. Students from Year 10 and Year 11 German classes will participate in this three week program. The German host students will visit Cherrybrook Technology High School in February 2016. As there are two students from one CTHS family participating this year, and given that we would prefer they stay with different families in Germany, there is an opportunity for a family who would be willing to host a student in early 2016 to become involved in this exciting program. It does not require any knowledge of German. Please contact Mr Wade for more details mark.wade@det.nsw.edu.au.

German Assistant

We are also seeking interest from any Cherrybrook family or families interested in providing accommodation for a proposed German Assistant Teacher in Term 4. Svenja will graduate in June from her high school in Germany and is keen to gain more experience in teaching which will be her future career. For further details please contact Mr Wade mark.wade@det.nsw.edu.au.

Mr Wade

CLOTHING POOL

CHERRYBROOK TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL UNIFORMS

If you would like to purchase second-hand Cherrybrook Technology High School uniforms, First Cherrybrook Scout Group operates a clothing pool for your convenience.

First Cherrybrook Scout Group clothing pool operates through the kind donations of Cherrybrook Technology High School families. All donations of CTHS uniforms will be happily accepted. Please contact Anthony on 0427 661 689 to arrange a drop-off.



Opening Times:
First Thursday of each month
during school terms
between 7:15pm & 8pm
First Cherrybrook Scout Hall
Appletree Drive, Cherrybrook



A World of Opportunity! Rotary Youth Exchange

Students currently in Years 9 or 10 at CTHS are invited to consider a year of Youth Exchange in 2016. They will find the experience of living in another country exciting and challenging. The Rotary Club of West Pennant Hills and Cherrybrook has sent students to Spain, Norway and Denmark in recent years and there are many destinations available in Europe and Asia.

Rotary Youth Exchange is a quality program managed to the high standards of Rotary International. Students are led and mentored by qualified Rotary personnel during their exchange to ensure the very best possible outcomes. A counsellor is assigned to every student.

More information is available online through the Rotary website at www.ryea.org.au, where students can also apply or you can contact the Rotary Club of West Pennant Hills and Cherrybrook - Tony Coote on 0412 812 624 or Rosemary Clarke on 0439 819 965 if you have any questions. An information evening for interested students and their parents will be arranged in March.





CREATIVELY SPEAKING

STOP PRESS - Dinitha Senevirathne serves up a delicious feast in this year's CTHS Play "The Servant of Two Masters" which will have the audience begging for more!!!

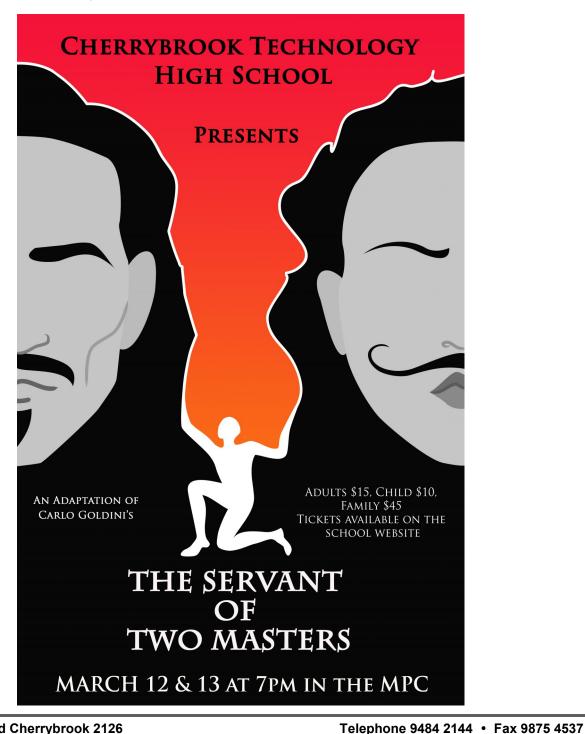
As the old saying goes, "there are those who are born great and then there are those who have greatness thrust upon them". Lead actor, Dinith Senevirathne is nothing short of great as he confidently steps into one of the lead roles in this year's production, **The Servant of Two Masters**. With his debut performance for CTHS looming in the wings, he offered the following insights into a show which promises to satisfy even the most discerning of masters. Dinitha comments "The role of the servant, Truffaldino Battochio, is all about greed. He wants more money, more food, more of everything. He is able to con his way in or out of any situation".

Dinitha is just one of the stand out performers amidst the blazingly superb cast which has been assembled for this tremendous production set to take CTHS campus by storm in Term 1, Week 7.

"The whole cast have been working really hard" Dinitha continues "Rehearsals are tiring but completely worth it. The audience will not be disappointed!"

To get your hands on these fast selling tickets, head to the CTHS website and click on the banner.

Ms Cannon



FROM THE LIBRARY

The Romance of Reading

With decorative hearts covering the circulation desk, chocolate hearts for every student who borrowed a book, the heart on the library web site pulsating with the promise of good reads and a display of books and DVDs on the theme of love, romance was alive and well in the library; so much so that borrowings leapt from 125 in Week 2 to a heart-stopping 304 in Week 3, leading up to Valentine's Day!

In celebration, the library also ran a 'Classic Romances' quiz. Congratulations to the prize winners, Chaitanya Tandon, Arnesh Chakrabarti, Andy Nair, Ellen Cameron, Pei Wen Tan (Year 11) and Raghav Janardhan, Year 9, who have all won canteen vouchers to the value of \$5.





Premier's Reading Challenge 2015 - Opens Monday 2 March for Years 7-9

It's easy to obtain a certificate! Simply read 20 books by 28 August and complete the online reading log. You can find the link to the Premier's Reading Challenge on the student portal. You can include books you've read at home or at school since Term 4 last year, including any Christmas holiday reading! If you have any questions, please ask one of the Teacher Librarians.

Library Web Site: http://cthslibrary.weebly.com/

Remember to check-out the site, which is updated regularly with new books, ideas, competitions, links and more!

Mrs Sorensen and Mrs Casey, Teacher Librarians



Valentine's Day Quiz prize winners (from left to right): Pei Wen Tan, Ellen Cameron, Andy Nair, Arnesh Chakrabarti, Chaitanya Tandon and Raghav Janardhan



WEEKLY SPORTS REPORT



Reminders:

- There will be no more changes for grade or intra-sport as rolls have been finalised
- Reminder to all Year 11s, please bring in their permission note as soon as possible, signed by your parents, allowing you to go home if sport is cancelled due to wet weather.

Congratulations:

- · Boys knockout cricket team, who played Cromer High School and won, moving on to round two; good luck boys!
- · Girls knockout touch, who are moving on to round two after the opposition forfeited; good luck in round two!
- Deane Piek who has been in Bathurst competing in the Sydney North team for cricket
- Good luck to Alyssa Hutchings who will be competing at Lismore in softball next week.

Upcoming Events:

- Good luck to all Zone swimmers on Monday, the bus will be leaving school at 6:30am
- Good luck to knockout girls' netball who will be playing Turramurra High School and boys' soccer who will be playing Cromer High School next week
- CTHS boys' baseball trials will be held on Wednesday 25 February after school on Greenway Oval.

Zone Swimming Carnival
Cross Country CHS
Boys' softball trials
Year 7 Gala Day
Girls' football trials
Sydney North Swimming Carnival
Hockey girls' trials
CTHS Athletics Carnival
Touch football boys' and girls' trials
AFL trials
Football boys' trials
CHS swimming
Table tennis knockout
Rugby league trials
Hockey boys' trials
Netball trials

Sport Quote: "Experience tells you what to do; Confidence allows you to do it" - Stan Smith

Zoe Anstee and Chloe James, Sports Promotion Officers

CAREERS UPDATE

Year 10 students were encouraged today to commence their career investigation in the following ways:

- 1. Work Experience all parents will be sent an email with the documentation required for work experience. A list of past employers is available from the Careers Advisers.
- 2. Careers Excursions 2015 Industry Bites, available for all students in Years 10-12. These are visits to local industries to observe workplaces. The following Industry Bites excursions have been arranged and interested students are to write their name on the list outside the HSIE staffroom. An email will be sent to their @education.nsw.gov.au with a permission note. This must be returned to me. A list of students accepted for the excursion will be posted on the same noticeboard.

Interfab	3 March 2015
Social Work Day @ Westmead Hospital	12 May 2015
ProjectABLE at Interaction Disability Services in Castle Hill	13 May 2015
Stephen Sanig Research Institute	19 May 2015
UNSW Engineering High School Information Day	22 May and 30 Oct 2015
Castle Hill Police	2 June 2015
A Day @ UNSW	25 June, 24 November, 10 December 2015
McDonald's Work Inspirations	June TBC
Oracle (workshop)	5 August 2015
Radisson Blu	9 November 2015

- 3. Morrisby Career Profiling.
- 4. Encouraging students to partake in work experience, part-time employment and volunteer work.

WORK EXPERIENCE PAPER TRAIL

ONE Student Placement Record

Student must complete section 1. The prospective employer should be given the Employer's Guide to Workplace Learning booklet and they complete Section 3 of the Student Placement Record. A Parent completes Section 4. The Placement Record is returned to the Careers Adviser at least two weeks prior to commencement of the placement.

TWO Release Form

This sheet is to be signed by all class teachers prior to work experience so they know when you will be absent. It must be returned to the Careers Adviser prior to the commencement of the work experience.

THREE Work Experience Folder

This will be given to the student on the Friday lunchtime in the week prior to the commencement of the placement. It contains an Emergency Card and three copies of the Student Placement Record; a copy must be given to the employer on the first day of work experience. The remaining copies are for parents and the student. A Student Journal (blue book) is included for students to complete during the week of the placement. The Release Form must be submitted prior to or at this meeting.

FOUR Certificate of Participation

The completed Student Journal is to be submitted to the Careers Adviser on the student's return to school. A Certificate of Participation will be issued. This should be filed in the student's Resume Portfolio to assist when applying for future scholarships and casual, part-time or full-time employment.

Mrs Ferguson and Mrs Bower









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- YOUNG ADULTS(for High School students)

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- Primary School Drama Days
- Teenage Screen Acting

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Please note Cherrybrook Technology High School does not have any medical practitioners on the premises. We provide first aid assistance to students who are unwell or injured. Please be advised the school does not supply any medication, including pain killers, medicated creams, eye drops etc.





Our Club

At Baulkham Hills Hockey Club, every player is important to us. We have boys and girls from ages 6 to 17 years old playing in our teams. We have mixed gender teams from U9 (6 -9 year olds), U11, U13, U15 and U17 grades.

Our Coaches are hockey experts, parents and friends of the club. Parents are encouraged to join and support in any way they can.

Games are held on Friday evenings or Saturday mornings from April to September, in the North-West Sydney area. Our home ground is at Pennant Hills Park.





2015 Winter Registration

U9 New Players - \$70 Includes basic stick, ball, shinguards, socks and shorts

U9 Returning - \$50 U11 to U13 - \$125

U15 to U17 - \$135 **Family of 3+ cap - \$**295

All new players receive a basic stick & ball

Contact Details

Website: http://baulkhamhillshockey.org.au Email: communications.bhhc@gmail.com Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/ baulkhamhillshockey

Join us in 2015

ABSENTEE NOTES

- Please ensure notes to the school contain your child's FULL NAME and year plus the date and reason for absence.
- Absentee notes should be handed in to the student window the first day back after an absence.
- Notes must be received within seven days of returning to school otherwise it will be recorded as 'unjustified'.



CTHS Alumni Kick-off Cocktail Event

Date: Thursday 26 March 2015 Time: 6:30pm - 10:30pm

Venue: The Grand Salon, The Epping Club,

45-47 Rawson Street, Epping (near Epping Station)

 $\label{thm:tickets:https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/cths-alumni-kick-off-cocktail-function-tickets-13976960465$

For more details visit the event page:

https://www.facebook.com/events/1966815326790369/

or contact the organisers:

 $\underline{\text{https://www.facebook.com/CTHSAlumni}} \text{ or } \underline{\text{CTHSAlumni@gmail.com}}$

CALENDAR - Term 1 Week 5A		
Monday 23 February	Zone Swimming Carnival	
	Prelim Assessment Task - Drama Improvisation Task	
	HSC French Assessment Task - Task 2 Listening	
	HSC Assessment Task Japanese Continuers	
Tuesday 24 February	Excursion - Yr12 Modern History	
	HSC Assessment Task Japanese Extension	
	French Trip Meeting - 6pm, A2.12	
Wednesday 25 February	Year 8 Drama Inschool Excursion	
	HSC Assessment Task - Economics Research Essay Task	
	Sport - Open girls soccer KO Cromer park	
	HSC Assessment Task - German Continuers	
	Music Ensembles Meeting - 7.30pm, A Block Conference Room	
Thursday 26 February	Junior Assessment Task Year 9 Maths Exam (CAT1)	
	Year 12 Parent Study Skills Evening Seminar	
Friday 27 February	Junior Assessment Task Year 10 Maths Exam (CAT1)	
	• HSC Assessment Task Ancient History Assessment Task Periods 1, 3 & 6	
	HSC Assessment Task French Extension	
	Year 12 Study Skills	

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