



DEAR GEM has some good news for you lucky, lucky people - we are launching a competition to find the most eloquent email user in Warwickshire. So, remember to be on your best behaviour when corresponding with us over the next few weeks and you never know, you may be crowned with the envied title of Most Eloquent User of Email. Currently in the lead is the wonderful Les Price for his exceptional use of grammar and flair for romantic hyperbole. Congratulations Les.

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CAMPION SCHOOL UPDATE

Hybrid:arts have begun music, animation and digital imaging taster sessions with year 10 pupils at our studio in Campion School's Enterprise Centre. Structured training sessions with 12 pupils will commence in September on a weekly basis. Extended learning sessions with the Portuguese pupils are also planned, providing an after school access. In addition to this, we will be removing a selection of windows from the school and replacing them with printed perspex. Not only will this look fantastic, it will be an innovative form of public art, where students can show off their work to the community. We are hoping to roll this out to other schools locally.



CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY

Hybrid:arts have been commissioned to film and produce a video documentary about activities taking place as part of the Children's University project. According to Stella Bolitho, the project promotes self-esteem, motivation and confidence in children aged 7-13 years by enabling them to participate in 8 hour modules. "The aim is to develop lifelong learning, learn new skills and have fun. Creative modules are offered in the Arts, Sports, Environment and many more. Key to all this is the celebration of achievement; when children gain three modules they receive a Bronze, Silver or Gold medal, which are all presented at the annual graduation ceremony with full academic gowns and official photographer!" Over 100 Warwickshire schools are involved.

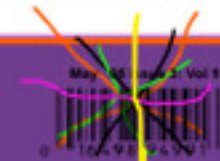
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ANNOUNCEMENT TO CONNEXIONS STAFF

Hybrid:arts will soon be looking for 5 young people for our next NEETS project, which will be video based. More details soon...

CONGRATULATIONS TO WARWICK ARTS SOCIETY

Hybrid:arts would like to congratulate Richard Phillips and the Warwick Arts Society for 25 years of the Warwick Festival. The festival is always a cultural highlight for the region. This year the Festival was very generous in accommodating a number of our NEETS students during two Lunchtime Recitals. The majority of the group had never attended a classical concert before and so the students were given a brand new experience. It was interesting to see the reactions of the students and of those around them. So THANKS Richard! Your support is highly valued.





Cinco5Cinco

555 Update

Cinco5cinco is well in to it's fourth month and still going strong. Stella Carr says that the project has already seen some exciting contributions to the concept of citizenship. 'They're really getting into it! There's a strong sense of team work and healthy competition amongst all three countries, with great thought going into the images. We aim to make the questions as stimulating as possible so that everyone really gets to grips with the concept of debating what citizenship is, to produce something worthwhile and of use to the online worldwide community.'

One of the young people involved, Marie Hancock, is enjoying the experience: 'It's fun! 555 has given me more confidence. I can speak my mind now, whereas before I wouldn't have known how to.' 555 is set to evolve into a model of best practice of how multimedia can be used as an international communication tool. The first live video conference was staged on the 7th of July across the web with all 3 countries participating. It gave students the chance to see and communicate with each other from across the globe. In addition to the photographs themselves, the website forum and live webcasts give the young people the chance to discuss and debate their images and, on a more profound level, about culture and life itself. Stella is excited about the future of 555. 'This really means something to the communities involved. Many would not otherwise have the opportunity to communicate with their homeland, or to interact with people from the other side of the world.'

The project is encouraging the people of the future to think about the world around them and those in it. VISIT www.hybridarts.co.uk AND CLICK ON THE cinco5cinco LINK

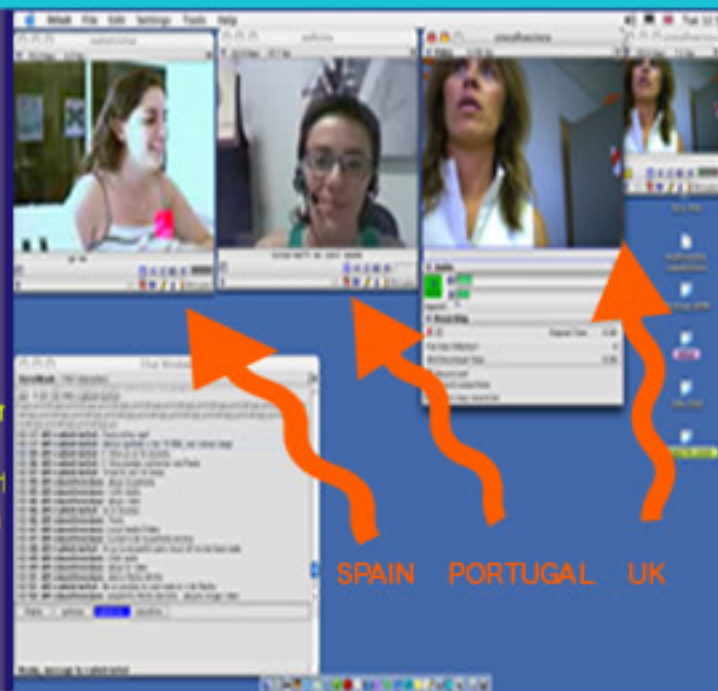
Connexions Cov&Warks Chief Steve Stewart is to be applauded

Speaking out about new statistics suggesting 19,000 16 yr olds will leave school this year with nowhere to go due to a lack of e2e programmes, Steve Stewart is cranking up the national debate about the lack of support for young people who are most in need.

"If you're a kid who hasn't achieved but wants an opportunity to carry on learning, the provision is not there. This is the big challenge. We're working with the Learning and Skills Council to ensure every young person leaving year 11 gets an offer of learning."

He added: "The council is using European money as a short term solution. But what will we do in 18 months' time when this money runs out?" Connexions highlighted the issue at a meeting with government officials last month to discuss reducing the number of NEETS within 5 years.

Please see Young People Now 6-12July for further details.



Imagination Brought To Life

Hybrid:arts would like to thank Blitz Games for providing our NEETS Graphics students with 3ds Max software, which the students themselves collected from Blitz headquarters at the end of June. They were treated to an insightful guided tour around the building and given a sneaky peek into the world of games design. A great time was had by all. 3ds Max is award-winning software, used by the games industry itself, and will enable our students to produce state of the art 3D modelling and animation,

