



2nd December 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re-building project Update

I wrote to parents and carers on Thursday 1st December regarding the changes to the end of the school day and how we intend to stagger the end of the school day to ensure students can leave school in a safe and timely manner. This was a result of the continued building project and the loss of some of our outside space.

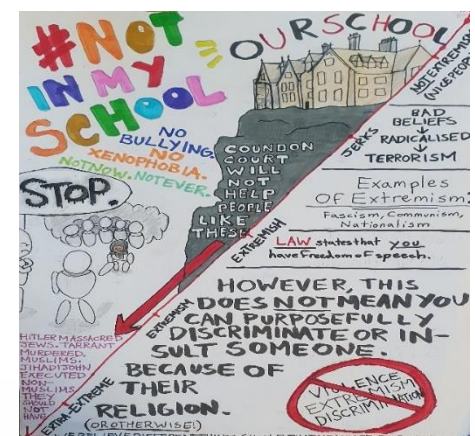
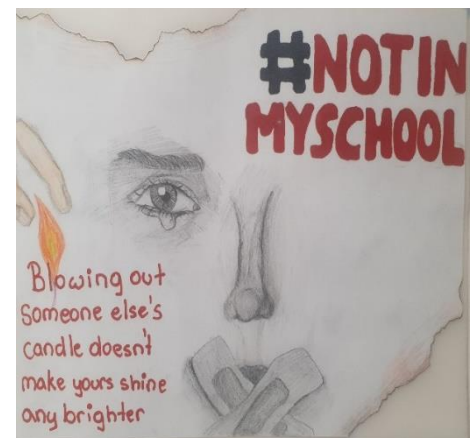
I am pleased to update you further that the Department for Education has also worked with our building contractors, Wates, and have been able to make adjustments to the hoarding lines around A door to ensure the safe transition of students in this part of the school. This is a minor change that will make a big difference in short term. This change will take place over the weekend ready for Monday and will last until Christmas.

After Christmas, we are expecting several areas that have been 'zoned off' as a result of the digging of service trenches, to be returned to the school. Which means the students will have more space to navigate the school site.

Year 9 RE lessons

As part of our work on British values in RE, Year 9 have been learning about common stereotypes that exist relating to religion and have been encouraged to challenge the negative stereotypes about some religions that are perpetuated by the media. Year 9 have behaved impeccably during this potentially sensitive unit of work and have acted throughout with the maturity and respect that we expect from Coundon students. It's the Coundon Way!

At the end of the unit students completed an anti-extremism project under the hashtag #NotInMySchool inspired by a similar project completed by a group of Muslims called #NotInMyName (which can be viewed here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wfYanI-zJes&t=4s>). Many thanks to Maja L, Joss O, Ella W and Maya-Miryan L for their thought provoking and inspiring efforts.



Exam Certificates from Summer 2022

These have come into school and will be available for collection from Main Reception from Thursday, 1st December. Please note the following:

- The certificates are held in safe storage and need to be brought to Main Reception for collection. Therefore, certificates **MUST** be pre-ordered by phone/email. Certificates ordered on Monday - Thursday will be available the next day. Those ordered on a Friday will be available the following Tuesday. We cannot guarantee that certificates will be available for collection if they have not been pre-ordered.
- If certificates are being collected on behalf of a former student, they must provide a note/text message to the person collecting them that clearly gives them permission to do so.
- Year 11 Students that returned into our Sixth Form will be given their certificates by the Sixth Form Team and they are therefore not available from Main Reception.

Community - George Singer's memorial

On Monday of this week, Coundon Court students visited the site of George Singer's grave where he rests alongside his loving wife, Eliza. Coundon Court School are taking on the upkeep and care of the grave site as part of a community project to ensure that his legacy remains alive and well with everyone here at Coundon Court.



COUNDON CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY 2022 THURSDAY 8th DECEMBER



Wear a Christmas jumper over your school uniform and make a small donation.



ALL MONEY WILL BE DONATED TO A COMMUNITY CHARITY

VOTED FOR BY COUNDON COURT STUDENTS

Email your nomination of the charity you think should receive the money raised to community@coundoncourt.org

Yours sincerely,

Mr C Heal
Principal