



16TH September 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been fantastic to see the school back in full swing this week. Students have returned to school brilliantly; looking smart in their uniform and participating well in all of their lessons. We are happy to share a few updates with you this week.

Open Evening

We would like to take the opportunity to thank all of our parents who visited the school on Thursday 16th September for our Open Evening. It was an incredibly busy evening with all areas of the school open to showcase our curriculum offer and to show what Coundon has to offer our prospective new students and families.

We would also like to take the time to recognise our brilliant staff and fantastic students who worked hard to make the evening a success. Many parents visiting the school commented on how wonderful our student guides and in-subject helpers represented the school.

New appointments

This week we have been successful in making a number of new appointments to the school. As part of the restructuring of our pastoral system, we have been successful in appointing some new internal candidates to the position of Strategic Lead in Year 7 and Year 8. We are looking forward to sharing these appointments with you shortly.

We have also been successful in appointing our new Heads of Year that will work with the Strategic Leads in each year group. These colleagues will start with us in these roles after October half term and will be introduced to you very soon.

Traffic

As you will be aware, the traffic around the school during the start and end of our school day can get extremely congested. In response to this, we have contacted Coventry City Council to look for ways in which they can support us in easing this issue for our community. In the meantime, we would respectfully ask parents or carers who are collecting their children to not park on double yellow lines as it causes significant issues for other drivers and pedestrians. We will continue to have staff out and about to support where necessary.

We would like to thank you for your cooperation with this in advance.

New behaviour policy progress

Our new behaviour system has been in operation since the start of the academic year and we're pleased with the progress we are making with this. Thank you to all of the parents who have contacted the school in support of this new policy. We have also received a huge amount of positive feedback from our students, with one student remarking that, since the policy was introduced they 'are learning so much more in lessons!'

We will continue to work hard in ensuring the policy is implemented consistently across the school and our new pastoral appointments will only add success in supporting us in this endeavour.

Instrumental Lessons-Mr King

All instrumental lessons are starting next week with timetables already emailed and sent home to parents and carers. Timetables will be displayed in the PAC and out of lesson passes now available to collect from the music office.

Any questions or queries, please get in touch with Mr. King.

Sparx Maths – New Online Learning Platform-Mr M O'Reilly

After a very successful trial with year 7 last year, we are very excited to be launching Sparx Maths (www.sparxmaths.com) as our new online homework platform for maths! This site will be used to deliver a personalised weekly home learning experience for all students in years 7 to 11. A letter has been sent home via Edulink this week with further details, so please do check your account for this, and all students will be shown how to access and use the system in lessons.

Sparx will completely replace Hegarty Maths and is a far more sophisticated system, capable of tailoring the questions students will be asked so that they are accessible, but also provide challenge to help develop understanding and proficiency. Over the next few weeks, we will also be launching a rewards programme to recognise excellent effort with home learning, and after school drop-in sessions to provide computer access and support for any students who need it.

Final Reminder

A final reminder that, on Monday 19th September, the school will be closed in light of Her Majesty's funeral and following the announcement that this day will be recognised as a national bank holiday.

We look forward to welcoming our students back on Tuesday 20th September.

Yours sincerely,



Mr C Heal
Principal