



25<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

## **Sixth Form Open Evening and Y11 Pathways Event**

We were thrilled to see so many of our students and parents turn up to our Sixth Form Open Evening and Y11 Pathways Event. It was fantastic to see the hall, Old House, and S Block so busy. Students asked intelligent questions about the options in Sixth Form as well as engaged well with the career's advice on offer throughout the evening.

We'd like to thank all 40 of the Sixth Form students who gave up their time to support the event and talk with Year 11 students about their options and experiences in the Sixth Form. A special mention should go to Colette, Bradley and Gursimran for the fantastic way they presented on the evening in the main hall!

A reminder that the deadline for applications to the Sixth Form closes on December 16<sup>th</sup> and the application form can be found here: [Coundon Court Sixth Form Application Form 2022](#)

## **Car Park and Reception**

This weekend we will see some changes to our site once again as a result of the ongoing building work in the school.

The front of the school will change meaning our car park will now be solely to the right of the school as you enter through the main gates. As a result of this change, the car park is likely to be extremely busy and therefore, we would kindly ask parents and carers to avoid coming into the car park unless absolutely necessary.

Students will also need to access the school via this entrance. The other student entrance, near the sports hall, will continue to remain open for students to use.

We will also have a new reception area as the old reception area will now be demolished in preparation for block 1 to be built. This will be accessible via the entrance detailed above on the other side of the car park.

These changes will be the final changes to the school site for some time. The site will now remain stable as our first two blocks are being built. Whilst these changes are significant and the parking is likely to be inconvenient, it's exciting to see the building work move forward at such a rapid pace.

## Children in Need Update

On Fri Nov 18<sup>th</sup> Coundon Court held a non-uniform day and House Competition for Children in Need. I am pleased to report that the day went extremely well, with a record amount of money raised- reaching a total of £1700!

Student Voice Representatives in 6<sup>th</sup> form visited tutor groups during the mornings leading up to Friday to offer, for sale, official Pudsey merchandise. I am pleased to report that staff as well as students helped to sell out all of the merchandise by lunchtime on Friday!

With the theme of the day being 'Kindness' classes at tutor time were treated to a special, Coundon inspired, Pudsey video! Whilst many staff in the video donated generously, Pudsey may or may not have caught Mr Mohamed playing golf in his office or Mr Heal cleaning his shoes with a toothbrush on his desk! Students were challenged to complete a 20-question observation quiz having watched the teachers demonstrate their interesting takes on our core values Hard work, Kindness and Respect. I am pleased to announce that tutor group winners were 7BIR, 8ZER, 9BWN, 10SIM, 11ALF, 13LAW. A big well done and thank you to all students and parents for their donations and support.

## V&A Innovate 2020 Winner's Prize

Just before the COVID hiatus in March 2020 Muhammad, Milo, Jack, and Harley won the inaugural V&A Innovate Challenge. Last week, they were finally able to participate in their winner's prize, a visit to the Brompton Bike factory in Northwest London!

The visit involved an introduction to the history of the company and a tour of the factory floor where the team discovered how the company's distinctive bikes are produced utilising modern manufacturing principles. The team also had the opportunity to test ride a bike and undertake a challenge to see who could fold and unfold a bike in the fastest time. We are very grateful to the V&A and Brompton Bikes for honouring the prize and for their hospitality on the day.



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# Carriers of Hope Second-hand Toy Drive

Do you want to be an **active citizen**?

Would you like to **help other people**?

Have you **outgrown your old toys**?

Do you need to make some **space in your room**?



Coundon Value ✦ Be Kind

In **Term 1b** we are looking for students to bring in **second-hand toys** to give to refugees and asylum seekers living in Coventry.

### Accepted

- Toys for all ages, reasonable wear and tear accepted (please check with parents/ carers that you can donate)

### Not accepted

- Toys guns, weapons, soldiers
- Religious toys

Donations to Tutors

Deadline: **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November**

## The Big Kids Coat Appeal

**THE BIG KIDS COAT APPEAL**

Can you help a child have a warm winter coat?

As the cost of living increases, many families cannot afford a warm coat for their child this winter. The 'Big kids coat appeal' aims to ensure every child has a warm coat ready for the winter months.

This week we are launching 'The Big Kid Coat Appeal'

We will be collecting coats throughout winter to send to another local school and make available to students to ensure no child is left cold this winter.

We will also receive donations to our school so if you need a coat, please come, and see Miss Abberley in the technology department.

Yours sincerely,



Mr C Heal  
Principal