

5th September 2018

Dear Parents / Guardians,

I hope you all have had a good week and your children have settled back into the School routine. I know it must have been a shock to the system.

On Tuesday we welcomed to CCC our new Year 7 and Year 12 students. We have been incredibly impressed with how smart everyone is looking. On Wednesday, we welcomed back the rest of the school. It never ceases to amaze me how much everyone has grown over the summer holidays!

We spent some time with all of the Year Groups in assemblies as we felt it was important to share the successes of the summer results of *our* school. The Chalfonts Community College will be part of their lives and the continued success we have had – more improvements at GCSE and at A level – is certainly something as a school community we should be celebrating together.

We have also moved to a two-week timetable with lessons now lasting one hour to improve the quality of the lessons and provide quality time to support learning. I am sure it will take a little getting used to but having the school start and finish together has already improved school routines throughout the day.

In the assemblies, we reminded our students that having the correct equipment and learning kit is essential, we talked about the importance of homework and shared the fact that our top performing students last year had an attendance record of at least 97% for the five years that they have been us. A startling fact, but the reality is that being in school benefits an individual's results.

We will continue to monitor the arrivals and departures of the buses in our new system, but the busiest times for the morning are between 8.15am and 8.30am and in the afternoon between 3.05pm and 3.25pm. We would ask that the front of the school is avoided where possible to allow for the safe arrivals and departures of the buses. If alternative arrangements can be made for drop off and collection that would be greatly appreciated. In the afternoon, the first five buses (810, 811, 812, 813, 814) will leave at 3.15pm. There is then a smaller second wave at 3.25pm for the 815, 816, 817, 818. We will be operating a system that releases students from the school in 'waves' to avoid congestion.

The safety of everyone is extremely important to us and a few of you have been kind enough to send us in some suggestions. We will continue to review the situation on a daily basis and we will let you know if there are any further developments.

Yours faithfully,



Mr R Denial
Principal