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Newsletter – Week 5



Dear Parent/Carer,

Autumn has certainly arrived! As we end another great week at school, I wanted to inform you of a few key dates that are coming up and a few developments in school. When I wrote to in my last letter, I had said that we were trying to source some marquees for additional outdoor covered space. I am pleased to say that this has all happened which means that many of our students can still be outside in the poor weather after working hard in lessons. Every one of our students has adapted fantastically well to the 'new' routines and we have all been really pleased with the work ethic and commitment of so many of our young people.

On Wednesday 14th October, we have our annual Open Evening for perspective new students to join us next September. We would usually welcome well over 1000 people to our school, but sadly we cannot follow our usual plan. This year, we will be hosting a virtual event which will be live streamed at 6pm. It will be a mixture of information provided by myself as well as some music, other key information and talks from our Head Boy and Head Girl and some Year 7 students reflecting on their first few weeks at CCC. If you have a son/daughter in Year 6, this would be a great evening to join us. Information about this will be sent out nearer the time.

One thing that we will miss due to the pandemic, is to invite parents and students into school for our Open Morning on Thursday 15th October. It is always a great morning where so many that visited us the night before get to see the school in action, see some lessons, visit departments and talk to some staff. I think that the Open Morning is an incredibly important event for parents so I am going to do a *completely live* tour of the school at 11am so that everyone can get a true flavour of CCC in action. I will visit different areas of the school and pop into some lessons and try and bump into as many staff as possible! It will be exciting to do this and I hope you will be able to join me on that morning. Again, information and all links to the event will be sent out nearer the time.

Next week sees the start of some exams in the school. A level resit exams begin on Wednesday 7th October and our internal Year 13 progression exams start on Monday. We wish our students the best of luck in these exams and assessment information may be vital in future centre assessed grades should we be faced with ongoing difficulties in next year's summer exam season. On the same note, a full and comprehensive revision programme is being prepared for Year 11 in readiness to support preparation for the Year 11 mock exams which start at the end of November.



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Principal: Russell Denial

Having being alerted to some comments on social media with parents/prospective parents unsure about the size of our school, I feel it is important to bust a few myths! Some comments refer to us being a 'huge' school with over 2000 students and some comments even up to 3000 students. Our student population remains steady at just over 1400 students – a slightly bigger than average comprehensive school. It may also be worth adding that each year group is then split into halves, creating a mini school within a school. I know that moving from a primary school to a secondary can be daunting for some, so I hope this helps in clarifying how big we are.

On a final note this week, I just want to remind everyone about face coverings. We expect all members of the school community to wear face coverings whilst inside the school building until they are in classrooms as well as on all buses. The simple point being, it is not about you, it is about everyone else. Please do ensure that your son/daughter leaves home with an appropriate face covering for the day.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend. Time to dust off those winter coats!

Yours faithfully,



Mr R Denial
Principal

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