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## Newsletter – Week 8 – end of Half Term 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is incredible to believe that 8 weeks of the academic year have already gone. It is fair to say that all schools have been faced with some challenging times over the half term but I have been so proud and impressed with the way our school has adapted and how dedicated our students have been.

For our new Year 7 we usually have a team building day at the Hillingdon Outdoor Activity Centre, but like most events, this was not possible. However, we ran two days of in-school activities that involved team games, a mannequin challenge, orienteering and crane building! The students certainly had fun and had some very productive fun days experiencing learning 'beyond the classroom'. A huge amount of credit goes to our Year 7 team.

Last week I wrote to you about our Open Evening and Open Morning and sent the links for these two events. This was another example of how schools have had to change what would 'normally' happen but the feedback we have received has been excellent and a thank you for all of your support. At the time of writing this week's letter, there have been 949 views of the Open Evening and 1,128 views of the live Open Morning! It is a shame that we could not have our doors open to you all, but hopefully this will be something we can do very soon.

Developments in the news has carried on this week with rumours and different authorities taking different approaches. We are carrying on as we have planned and will be returning after half term on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. Should there be any changes to this I will of course write to you immediately. I will also add that our amended school day, routines and curriculum will be carrying on for the foreseeable future. The changes we made have had a positive impact in the school and it is now the new 'normal'.

On a final note, we say farewell this half term to Marian Collins who works in our fantastic Learning Support Department. Marian joined CCC in 1988 (I would have been in Year 10!) and to the day – has been here for 32 years. She will be missed by all of us and I know you will join me in wishing her a very happy retirement.

Whatever your plans are for half term I wish you all well. Stay safe and see you all soon.

Yours faithfully,



**Mr R Denial**  
Principal

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