

Wednesday 9th September 2020

A Warm Welcome to Year 7 (2020 cohort)

Introduction by Mrs Husband (Assistant Principal attached to Year 7):

As your child is embarking on a new, exciting and, for a few students, somewhat daunting adventure, we thought we would keep you up to date with specific year 7 information via a regular newsletter. This is the first one. If there is any information you think would be interesting or helpful to include, do let us know.



We were really looking forward to meeting and greeting our new year 7 students on Thursday 3rd September. For some of our students, this meant returning to CCS and finding their new bubble base just across the 'street'. For others, this was a journey into unfamiliar territory. Regardless of where students had come from, all students who arrived seemed to be feeling a mixture of excitement and trepidation. The staff felt the same.

Lower C block (our bubble base) soon became an energised space. The school came to life! Exactly as it should be. Staff were really pleased to spend some time with their tutees on the first day, and then with their teaching groups on Friday. I received so many positive comments about your children. I am already feeling proud to be the Assistant Principal attached to this year group.

The overwhelming majority of students were absolutely impeccably behaved. They were a credit to you and deserve a pat on the back for having made such a positive start to the year. So many students from different schools were seen getting on well with each other and kindling the beginnings of new friendships.

As with any community, there will occasionally be issues. Thankfully, these are rare. However, students must let a teacher know immediately if they experience difficulties – we do not tolerate any bullying or inappropriate behaviour and will deal with incidents proportionately in a timely fashion.

There is much to get used to: new surroundings, teachers, rules, subjects and many other students. We understand that settling fully into secondary will take a little time. We are here to help – particularly over the next few weeks as we get used to a 'new normal'. Please don't hesitate to contact form tutors, Miss Cambio or myself if needed.

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I would like to thank all of you for how well you had prepared your child for their first days. It was fantastic to see the year 7 students being courteous and considerate. Long may this continue.

Kind regards,

Mrs Elizabeth Husband (Assistant Principal)



Miss Cambio (Progress Leader for Year 7)

I would like to also stress how proud we were of the conduct, enthusiasm and positivity from our Year 7s. It was a pleasure to welcome them to CCS on Thursday and to see their smiling faces leave on Friday at 3.00pm.

I will communicate on a regular basis any notices and reminders for Year 7.

Arrival to school: Students are now permitted to wait/meet friends in the designated outside break space. This is the C/D Wedge for year 7s. They are also allowed to go directly into their base classroom to wait for their tutor group and teacher.

Homework Calendar: We will officially be sending out a homework calendar to aid home learning. In the early stages, students may receive some small pieces that can be completed without the use of Teams, however, the official timetable will be active from the **14th September**.

Teams: Microsoft Teams will be the main system teachers will be using to set homework for students to submit to their class teacher. We are currently setting up all students' classes and will send you more detailed information in due course (as soon as this is fully working, and your child is able to login).

Masks: Student will need to wear a mask in any area of the school that is not their classroom base. This will need to be plain and fabric based. Students will also need to bring a plastic bag for safe storage of the mask when they are in their lessons.

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Bottles/Drinks: Students can fill up their water bottles using the drinking fountains in Lower C block. Please can all students bring a refillable bottle to school.

Can I just say thank you for all your support and preparation over the past few weeks, in order to get our Year 7s ready for this new term. I look forward to watching this year group flourish and develop over the weeks and months ahead.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Aless Cambio (Progress Leader for Year 7)