

Dear parents and carers,

I am pleased to introduce myself to you as the new Progress Leader for Year 11. Having studied at CCS myself from Years 7-13, I am thrilled to be back and look forward to working with the year group.

It has been lovely to meet the students and they have been so welcoming. I have heard lots of positive reports about the year group and hope that this continues throughout the academic year.

As always with a new year, there are some teething problems that need ironing out and I ask you as parents to help us ensure that your child is meeting expectations set by the school. We have had to speak to several students regarding their uniform. Some in reference to their skirts; several of our students are wearing skirts that are far too short. I ask that you check the length of your child's skirt before they leave for school – for many it isn't a case of rolling them up, they are simply too short. Socks should be black, not white and blazers must be worn every day. If your child's uniform is not compliant with the school rules, please rectify this over the weekend ready for Monday.

Acrylic nails are seeming to be popular amongst our Year 11 girls this year. For health and safety reasons (mainly practical subjects), these are not permitted in school. Nails must be of natural colour and short in length, as per the school guidance. Unlike nail polish, acrylic nails require an appointment to be taken off correctly therefore we have provided the weekend as additional time to rectify this issue. False eyelashes too require an appointment to be taken off and are again not permitted to be worn in school.

Hopefully you will have received the communication on Wednesday regarding PE kit and students continuing to come into school in their kit on the days that they have PE. Please familiarise yourself with your child's timetable and ensure that they do not leave home in their PE kit on days when they do not have PE! In addition to this, they should only be wearing items of clothing that have the CCS logo on for PE days – no additional hoodies or joggers - just the black CCS ones. School photos fall on Monday 13 September this year, which is a Year 11 PE day. Please remind your child to come to school in their full uniform on Monday, as there will be no need for them to bring their PE kit on the day.

We are thrilled to see the return of tutor time on a daily basis this year. Your child's tutor should be your first port of call if you have any concerns about your child's wellbeing or pastoral care. If you have a specific subject concern, this should be directed to the class teacher or faculty leader.

We hope that this academic year runs as smoothly as possible, and we are as close to 'normal' as we can be. Mrs Wittich-Jackson is the Assistant Principal linked to Year 11 and will be monitoring any changes to do with exams and will update you as and when we have

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new information. We have both spoken to the students since their return and emphasised the importance of making the most of every lesson and every opportunity to demonstrate their capabilities. We know that the last eighteen months have been extremely unpredictable and whilst we hope we are coming out the other end, we can't be sure what this academic year may throw at us! We don't yet know if student work and assessments will be used to form grades again and therefore it is important that they give everything their best shot so that any evidence used is a true reflection of their capabilities.

If you have questions or concerns regarding your child, please do contact your child's tutor. We know that Year 11 can be overwhelming at times, and we want to ensure the students are supported so please do keep tutors informed if your child is struggling.

Homework

One of the key reasons why Year 11's feel overwhelmed is the homework, coursework and revision that mounts up during the academic year. We have drawn up a timetable to help spread the load and so that you as parents know what they should have been set each day. If they can keep on top of tasks each day, they won't mount up and cause so much stress.

Year 11 Homework Timetable

Mon A	Tues A	Wed A	Thurs A	Fri A	Mon B	Tues B	Wed B	Thurs B	Fri B
Option C Maths	Option D Science	Option B	Option A	English	Option C Maths	Option D Science	Option B	Option A	English

We would like to make students and parents aware of a new IT system we are using called Edulink One, to support our communication with parents. This is a user-friendly interface that allows students and parents to access information such as timetables, reports and homework. Edulink One can be accessed through a downloadable app, or via a web browser, and can be logged into by students with their current username and password, and by parents using the details that were sent to them from Edulink via email. Students will be asked to record their homework using EDULINK so that parents can track and monitor their set work. The school postcode for logging in is NN46TP - [EduLink One](#)

Your child will be bringing a box of test kits home this week. We continue to do everything we can to reduce the rate of transmission amongst our school community and ask that your child does a test every Sunday and Wednesday evening. If they are positive or show symptoms, please take them for a PCR test and await the result before sending them into

school. In such a crucial year, we want to limit the spread as much as we can so that they do not lose valuable time.

I feel extremely privileged to be supporting your child in what will be one of the most important years of their school life at Caroline Chisholm School. I would like to hope that all pupils will feel comfortable to come and knock on my office door should they need me. However, please feel free to communicate with me via hbrooke@ccs.northants.sch.uk should you have any concerns, questions or positive information to feedback to me throughout the year. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours Faithfully,

Hayley Brooke
Progress Leader of Year 11