



## Principal's Bulletin

Friday 1 March 2024



Everyone Every Lesson Every Opportunity

Welcome to Term 4! Although it's our shortest term this year, we're set for another busy month filled with lots of enriching learning and exciting trips on the horizon. SATs, and the GCSE and A Level exam season will soon be upon us, with the coming months dedicated to supporting our students during this crucial time.

I am pleased to share the fantastic news that our school has graduated from the Behaviour Hubs programme. Established by the Department for Education (DfE), this programme is designed to improve student behaviour through working in collaboration with other schools from across the country and sharing good practice, as well as developing new routines and structures to support students' engagement in education and their mental health and wellbeing.

In graduating from this programme, I am delighted to see that the hard work that has been put in over the last two years has been recognised and the impact of these new changes has been positive throughout the school. Staff have reported improvements to classroom behaviour, smoother transitions between lessons - thanks to our new lesson start and end routines, which have been well-received by students. Positive points are up 77% compared with last academic year, and tutors have also noted building stronger connections with their tutees.

The second round of PPEs have now concluded for our Year 11 and Year 13 students, who have once again demonstrated their hard work and preparation for these important exams. Results of these will be given to the students during the next two weeks within lesson times. Time will be dedicated for teachers to go through the papers, identify common misconceptions, provide feedback to students, and ensure that all students are clear of what is required of them as we continue our preparations for the summer exams. Reports will be sent out to parents on Friday 15 March, including each student's target grade, their "latest assessment grade" (the PPE result) and the "teacher predicted grade" which is a holistic judgement based on all assessment data gathered to date. This will be explained in greater detail in each report.

In readiness for SATs which will take place in May, next week our Year 6 children will be sitting mock SATs tests. They will have papers on Reading, Mathematics and GPS (Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling). These mocks will familiarise the students with the way in which the SATs tests will be administered in May and help teachers identify which key areas to focus on this term.

## Key dates

**World Book Day**  
**Thursday 7 March**

Primary students are invited to come into school dressed in their pyjamas & dressing gown/onesies in celebration of World Book Day. For further details, see the communication sent 12 February.

**Year 10 Parents' Evening (Virtual)**  
**Thursday 7 March**

Bookings are live via Edulink for our Year 10 parents' evening, and will close on Tuesday 5 March at 11:55pm.

**CCS Science Festival (Years 5-8)**  
**Tuesday 12 March**

Our talented students in Years 5-8 will be displaying their creative and innovative ideas through a project of their choice. For further details, see communication sent 15 January.

**Red Nose Day**  
**Friday 15 March**

To celebrate we will be running a non-uniform day across the whole school to support the work of Comic Relief. Students can wear their own clothes for the day in exchange for a minimum donation of £1. All donations to be paid via ParentPay. See communication sent on 29 February for details.

On Wednesday, our Year 2 students stepped back in time to celebrate Tudor Day! They immersed themselves in a variety of fun activities, from mastering the art of writing their names with quill and ink to engaging in Tudor-era card games. They also had a great time designing their very own family crests and getting active with some PE-related Tudor games! The fancy dress was fantastic, adding an extra touch of authenticity to the day. All our students thoroughly enjoyed delving into the fascinating world of Tudor times.



Today is a significant day for Year 6 students across England as it's National Offer Day for secondary school places for 2024-2025. As an all-through school we value a seamless transition from primary to secondary and we are very excited for our Year 6 students who will be continuing their journey with us and experiencing the transition to secondary school. We extend our best wishes to all families awaiting news and we look forward to welcoming all those who will be joining us in 2024-2025 into our CCS community.

Warm regards,

David James  
Principal