



## Year 9

### Term 4 Newsletter

Dear parents and carers,

Well that was a quick term! Students may be pleased, but for teachers the pressure is on to cram a lot of content into just under 5 weeks!

This term's values focus was Agile; Exploring and celebrating enquiry, open-mindedness, creativity and an enterprising spirit. In a short term we have only had 3 themed assemblies; International Women's Day, World Book Day and British Science week. In addition, KS3 students enjoyed a HPL day off –timetable. The focus of the day was on developing creativity and concern for society: confidence/collaboration/meta-thinking, within an enterprise framework. Students developed key life skills such as team-building, and for those taking Business Studies GCSE they had a head start in analysing the characteristics of an entrepreneur and how to build a brand. I'm hoping we will see one on Dragons' Den in the future!

Thank you for your Comic Relief donations for mufti day; as a school we raised £1720 including the cake sale.

Ant and Dec have "Happiest minute of the week," I have "Happiest 20 minutes of the term," when I get to host our celebration assembly. It is a joy and an honour to celebrate so many outstanding students. This week we were thrilled to praise:

- Students with the top 20 house points, both this year and this term, and those with the top 10 in each form.
- Forms with the top 5 house points this term. 9LDN were once again the champions! Can anyone challenge them for top position next term?
- Sporting successes of our netball and football teams. Special shout out to A Agyei with 2 netball "player of the match" awards!
- Students with an impeccable behaviour for learning record.
- Students with 97%+ attendance.

Students in the latter two categories are always entered into a random name generator to win a small edible prize. The prizes this week were Easter eggs of course.

Also this term, I held a film afternoon as a reward for some of our impeccably behaved students; some picked by myself, for their outstanding contribution to the year group, some were picked by the random name generator. It was lovely to spend an afternoon in such esteemed company! I would like to do this again before the end of the year to ensure everyone in this category has been included.

## Upcoming Events

### Return to school

Tuesday 17th April  
**WEEK A**

### Term 5 ends

Friday 24th May  
(6 week term)

## Student Reminders

### Uniform

Blazers must be worn at all times around school.

Before purchasing any uniform items, please read the uniform policy on the website.

The policy outlines the appropriate style and length of skirt. Short, tight, stretchy skirts are not permitted.

No bracelets, necklaces, hoop or dangly earrings for school please.

Remember that hair colours must be natural, including for braids.

Many students are now achieving their Silver achievement awards, with some on Gold and a handful on Platinum (500 points) already! I really enjoy recognising our hard-working students in this way. They are a credit to you, and we are lucky to have them in year 9 and at CCS.

We would like to thank you for all your support in keeping up the high standards of year 9 uniform; it makes form tutors and I very proud.

Just to add that GCSE guided choices subjects should be finalised to students next term.

As always, please contact your child's form tutor in the first instance with any queries of if he/she needs any extra support.

Enjoy the Easter break!

Yours faithfully,

Lowri Briggs  
Performance Leader of Year 9