

10 June 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: 'Keep running!' (June 2026)

Congratulations to all of our students who have been sitting exams, particularly those sitting external exams in Year 6, Year 11 and Year 13. They have demonstrated real resilience, determination and focus, continuing to strive and push themselves right through to the end of the exam period. I am extremely proud of their commitment and attitude.

This spirit of perseverance is something we encourage across our whole school community. I was reminded of this myself recently after completing my first half marathon having taken up running recently. Whilst it took me longer than I had hoped (over two hours) it inspired me to set a new goal: to complete the next one in under two hours. It was a great reminder that progress comes from challenging ourselves and continuing to improve.

Looking ahead, we are excited to be launching a brand-new Royal Navy section of the Combined Cadet Force for our Year 9 students and above. This is a fantastic opportunity for young people to develop confidence, teamwork and leadership skills. We encourage students to step out of their comfort zone, try something new and be just 10% braver. There will be an open event after school on Tuesday 7th July for those who are interested.

As we begin planning for the next academic year, we are also continuing to invest in our staff so that we can provide the very best experience for our students. We will be introducing a new suite of professional development focused on Inclusion and Belonging. This builds on the strong foundations established through our SEND professional development programme this year, ensuring that every student feels seen, supported and valued within our community.

A key part of this work is our continued focus on high standards, particularly around uniform, behaviour and the shared expectations that define daily life at CCS. These are not simply rules, but an important part of belonging. We want every student to feel proud to be part of our community and to understand and sign up to the "CCS Way" of doing things: *living with integrity, acting with kindness and learning with curiosity* whilst contributing positively to school life. So... a 'Back to Basics' approach will be launched in the coming days, ready for September 2026.

We have also recently launched our new school website, and I encourage you to take a look. At the same time, we are putting the finishing touches to our plans for CCSFest. It has been wonderful to hear some of the ideas from our younger students, Year 2 in particular have shared some brilliant suggestions. There will be plenty to enjoy on the day, along with a few surprises for students to discover.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully,



Mr C Bishop
Principal

