21 September 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: 'Out of the blocks!' (September 2026)

Welcome to the start of a new academic year. It has been a genuine pleasure to welcome our students back to school and to see our classrooms once again filled with energy, enthusiasm and ambition.

Before looking ahead, I want to reflect on what was a highly successful summer for our students. In Year 6, **80%** of students achieved expected levels in reading writing and maths. Year 13 students achieved an average grade of a **B-**, while Year 11 students achieved an average GCSE grade of **5.2**. These excellent outcomes have enabled students to progress to a wide range of exciting destinations, including university, apprenticeships, employment and further study. Thank you to all parents and carers for the support you provided throughout their educational journey, securing the best outcomes the school has ever achieved.

I would also like to thank you for your continued support in maintaining our high standards around school uniform, equipment and readiness to learn. We have noticed a significant improvement in these areas since students returned. Students are arriving punctually, dressed smartly in full school uniform and equipped with the resources they need. This reflects the strength of partnership between school, students and parents/carers and is helping to create the conditions for every young person to succeed. High expectations and consistency matter.

One exciting development this year is the launch of our new **Personal Development Curriculum**, which takes place at the start of each day. Through reading together, discussion and debate, students explore current affairs, global issues and important personal and social themes. These sessions are designed to broaden horizons, develop character and ensure students leave school with the knowledge, skills and values needed to thrive in modern society, exploring important personal and social themes.

Alongside this, we are investing heavily in our staff with our staff professional learning focused on **Inclusion and Belonging**. Our ambition is simple: every student should feel seen, valued and heard as we all know that students achieve their best when they feel a genuine sense of belonging to a community. To support this, all teaching staff are working in **Instructional Coaching** partnerships, sharing best practice, engaging with educational research and continually refining their classroom practice. This investment in staff will help ensure the highest quality education for all students.

We are also delighted that **192 students** have enrolled into Year 12 this September, making this the largest sixth form cohort in our history. This remarkable milestone reflects the confidence that students and families place in our sixth form offer and the strength of the educational experience we provide.

As always, our focus this year will be on strengthening standards, passing the baton of success from one cohort to the next and harnessing the power of consistency. Small actions, repeated every day, make a profound difference to outcomes for young people. With the continued support of our families and the dedication of our staff, I am confident that this will be another successful year for CCS.

I look forward to working with you throughout the year ahead.

Yours faithfully,

Mr C Bishop
Principal

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