

Dear Year 9 Parent

I would like to wish all parents a warm welcome to the new school year. It has been a fantastic start and I would like to congratulate all the students in last year's Year 11 and Year 13 who did so well in their external exams.

The overall Year 11 results are amongst the best in the school's history. The number of students obtaining good grades has increased, with some students obtaining grade 9 in almost all subjects. This year:

- 13% of entries obtained an 8/9 or A* – this is double the result from 2017
- 27% of entries were 9-7 or A grades
- 60% of entries at 9-5 or B grades
- Just under 80% of all entries resulted in the 9-4 or C+ grade

As is expected, these results are well above National and Northampton averages. What was especially pleasing was that 32% of students obtained at least 1 A+ grade in English with 28% obtaining A+ in Maths.

The results of the Year 13 students were also very pleasing and we wish all the students who are heading off to university the best in the next stage of their journey.

Our focus is to ensure that all students achieve their potential and, as such, we have created a new 'Progress Team' whose job is to focus on the barriers that students may have which are preventing them from making good progress.

Progress Leaders are responsible for monitoring academic progress. They track student progress and flag up any concerns or indeed areas of excellence, and look at ways to support students, arrange intervention to overcome problems or to excel further.

The new organisation structure for the progress team is as follows:

Leadership Team – Mr Wakefield / Mr Ashton				
Year group	Tutors (see attached list)	Progress Leader	Progress team	Leadership Link
7		Mrs Miller-Chalk	Mrs Tennet Mrs Oliver Miss Spencer	Mr Colman
8		Miss Cambio		
9		Mr Rich		
10		Mr Gardiner		
11		Mrs Blaize		Mr Lopez
12 13		Mr Halsey Mrs Harris	Mr Bloor	Mr Ashton

Your first point of contact, if you have any concerns or wish to share information about their medical needs etc., is your child's tutor. They will either deal directly with the concern or inform the appropriate member of staff.

I have included email contact details at the bottom of this letter. If you do email please remember that tutors have a full teaching timetable. You should expect a reply within 48 hours.

We have high expectations of every student at CCS and I would ask for your support in reinforcing these expectations and encouraging your son / daughter to appreciate the need for developing independent study skills, encouraging them to be well organised and to attend school regularly.

Our school value this term is Commitment and I would encourage all students to take an active role in the many varied clubs and activities that take place on a weekly basis. The programme for this can be found on the school website.

Finally I would like to take this opportunity to remind all parents about our Insight programme. By logging in you can access a wide range of information such as your child's timetable, view the homework that has been set and monitor the achievement and behaviour points. This is also our method for booking parent evening appointments.

Tutor	Tutor
9SK	Mrs S Kirk & Mrs J Hatwood Monday and Thursday
9AES	Mrs A J Evans
9TP	Mr T Purkiss
9AH	Mrs A Horton & Mrs J Holman Thursday and Friday
9MSR	Mr M Starr
9CN	Mrs C Norman
9ECO	Mrs E Coe & Mrs L Earl Mon and Thurs
9LBS	Miss L Briggs
9JCY	Mr J Craffy

Staff email address is always the staff's first initial followed by their surname @ccs.northants.sch.uk i.e. skirk@ccs.northants.sch.uk

I look forward to working with you.

Yours faithfully,



Mr Joe Rich
Progress Leader – Year 9