

Dear Year 10 parent

I would like to wish all parents a warm welcome to the new school year. It's 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 Overall, 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, with 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 this year 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. 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 regularly. The new organisation structure for the progress team is as follows:

Leadership Team – Mr Wakefield / Mr Ashton				
Year group	Tutors	Progress Leader	Progress team	Oversight of student progress
7		Mrs Miller-Chalk	Mrs Tennet	Mr Colman
8		Miss Cambio	Mrs Oliver	
9		Mr Rich	Mrs Nurse	
10		Mr Gardiner	Miss Spencer	Mr Lopez
11		Mrs Blaize		
12		Mr Halsey	Mr Bloor	Mr Ashton
13		Mrs Harris		

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.

Your first point of contact, if you do have any concerns, 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 load and some work part time. You should expect a reply within 48 hours.

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Principal: David James **Vice Principals:** Andrew Fisher Katherine Patterson Gary Wakefield

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Finally I would like to take this opportunity to remind all parents about our insight system. 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
10BA	Mr B Ahern
10SBA	Mrs S Balfour & Mrs A Howell Monday and Wednesday
10CA	Mrs C Atherton
10BU	Mr B Ullman
10LMY	Miss L M Murphy + Miss L Unsworth (Monday week a, Wed week B)
10MAE	Mr M T Aldridge
10SK	Mr S Kong
10SO	Mr S J O'Hara

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

I look forward to working with you.

Yours sincerely,



Mr James Gardiner
Progress Leader – Year 10