

January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

Happy New Year and I hope families were able to enjoy a peaceful and enjoyable Christmas break. As we start the Spring term, I am writing to you with reminders and information for the term ahead. Please keep the letter safe and for any queries please contact the school at office@cns-school.org or on 01603 274000 or via the House Teams.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in CNS and I look forward to seeing you at our parental events.

Yours sincerely



Ms Jo Philpott
Headteacher

CNS expectations and values

- This week students will revisit CNS values, expectations, and routines for learning to ensure we are a safe and happy community, and everyone is achieving 'Excellence In All'.
- Please discuss our values of being kind, caring, tolerant, inclusive, respectful and community minded with your child to reinforce these messages at home.
- All students are expected to be polite, prepared, punctual and participate in their learning.

Attendance reminders

- Evidence shows that high levels of attendance at school is crucial for good mental and physical wellbeing, happiness, and resilience to prepare for adult life.
- Students are expected to attend CNS every day unless they are too poorly to do so.
- Holiday should not be taken in term time.
- Please contact the absence line by 8.15am if your child is unable to attend school on 01603 454015 or email attendance@cns-school.org
- If your child is absent for 3+ days, medical evidence will be requested. A welfare check will be undertaken on day 4 if a student still has not returned to school.

Lessons and learning

- Being prepared for learning means having the correct equipment, books and completed homework
- Students should have a bag, pen, pencil, ruler, green pen and highlighter as a minimum
- A curriculum overview can be found at [City of Norwich School - Curriculum Overview](#)
- G4S will show the progress your child is making and their homework
- Yr10 Mid-Year Assessment Week (in class) - w/c Tue 6th January
- Yr11 PPEs (Pre-Public Exams) - w/c Tue 24th February

Uniform reminders

- We would like to remind parents and carers of our uniform expectations.
- Maintaining high standards of presentation helps promote a sense of pride and belonging within our school community.
- Please ensure that:
 - Hair is of a natural colour.
 - Acrylic nails are removed.
 - Piercings are limited to **small studs** only (nose and ear).
 - Black socks only.
 - Uniform is worn correctly at all times - skirts should be an appropriate length, and trousers should not be worn low/below the waist or with PE shorts visible underneath. If shorts can be seen, students will be asked to adjust their uniform. Please encourage your child to wear a belt if needed.

Calendar dates

- Mon 19th - Tue 27th January Year 13 Mock Exams (Reading Week: 7 days)
- Thursday 5th February Year 9 Full Reports
- W/C Monday 9th February Year 9 GCSE Preferences Assemblies
- Friday 13th February Year 10 Mid-Year Assessment Results sent home with Summary Report
- Friday 13th February Year 7,8 & 9 Summary Report
- Monday 16-23rd February Half term holidays
- Monday 23rd February Closed to students for OAT training day

For the full list of key dates for 2025-26 go to: <https://cns-school.org/events>

For term dates go to: <https://cns-school.org/key-info/term-dates>

Information system change over

- Ormiston and CNS will be changing the school database software (MIS) to a new company called Arbor.
- This change will be taking place over February half term and will bring all systems into one place as well as help us to communicate with you more efficiently.
- We are really looking forward to getting started with Arbor and will send further communication and how to register later this term.
- Please look out for this information and register your child when prompted.