

May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this letter finds you well. As I wrote in the last newsletter, we are changing our newsletter from weekly to fortnightly and in the future will be sent to you via Arbor. The newsletter will include information relevant to your child as well as for other year groups. We will celebrate excellence at CNS and share forthcoming calendar events with you.

Parent surveys' score CNS communication as variable and is a common feature of 'CNS would be even better if'. We are hoping that this new approach will help with this and that as families you will feel more informed and connected to the school community. In this first letter you will find information on a variety of topics and upcoming events.

Students receive daily communication via Form time Daily Messages and please do ask them what was discussed as another way of keeping connected. I welcome your feedback on this changed approach to regular communication.

Y9 Progress Evening is on May 21<sup>st</sup>, the booking portal on Arbor is now live. Please note the school closes at **1:20pm** on that day to all students. The canteen will be open for students to access lunch before they leave.

Y7 parent/carer surveys have been positive and informative and thank you to everyone who completed this. If you are still to do this the link is here [Year 7 Progress Evening Parent Questionnaire 2026 - Fill out form](#)

- 98% say their child is happy at CNS
- 96% say CNS students are well-behaved
- 96% say the school makes decisions in the child's best interests
- 98% would recommend CNS to another parent

Have a lovely weekend whatever you have planned.

Ms J Philpott

### Arbor

Arbor is the system we use as a school for sharing information and data on your child in school. This is where you can update your details, provide consent and let us know about an absence. Your child's timetable, attendance and behaviours are also shown here. From September your child's progress and attainment data will be shown, and reports will be sent via the portal/app. Your child has been shown the portal and app in school - it is of note that the student app shows them more information and detail than the online portal. You login using the email you have registered with the school and your child logs in using their school email address. The attached [link](#) here goes to a guide on accessing and using the parental portal.

### Y10 Exams

The Y10's recently sat their exams and of particular note to celebrate were the students' attitudes towards the exams. Students took the exams seriously and used revision lessons well. They were prepared for the exams with correct and full equipment. Students were a credit to themselves and you, showing politeness and especially in their respect to the invigilation team demonstrating the CNS values. Well done Y10!

## Safeguarding

It has been lovely to receive positive feedback about our 'Friday Safeguarding' emails and to hear staff, students and parents discussing the same issues at the same time. This really helps to provide consistent messaging and to keep our students safe. If there are any issues you are concerned about and would like to see raised, do please let us know.

## Year 13 begin study leave

We wish our Y13 students our congratulations on the incredible effort, resilience and determination they've shown throughout their entire A level journey. Today marks the beginning of their study leave following their leaver's assembly. We wish them every success for the future.

## Public Exams

Good luck to Y11 and Y13 who have begun their written exams today. Students have worked so hard with excellent teaching, and we know they will be successful. Parents please be alert to the regular emails you will receive from Ms Cook and the 6<sup>th</sup> form team about exams.

## Attendance

Attendance remains below where we want it to be. Attending school every day is an important part of a child's development as well as their education, we do not want them to miss out on school life! Please support your child in being in school unless they are too ill to attend. Any holiday requests will not be authorised.

## Mobile devices in schools

We will be changing our approach to mobile devices in line with national and OAT policy at the end of this school year ready for September. Much more information will follow, please be patient as we create all the information you will need.

## Dates for your diary

May 14<sup>th</sup> - Y8 Football County Plate Final

May 14<sup>th</sup> - City Sports Athletics Competition

May 19<sup>th</sup> - DofE Awards Evening

May 21<sup>st</sup> - Y9 Progress Evening - Please note the school closes at **1:20pm** on that day to all students. The canteen will be open for students to access lunch before they leave.

June 2<sup>nd</sup> - Y12 UCAS Parent Information Evening

June 8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> - Y10 Work Experience Week

June 11<sup>th</sup> - Y6 Parent's Evening

June 25<sup>th</sup> - Y12 Induction Day

July 2<sup>nd</sup> - Sports Day

July 8<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> - Y6 Transition Days

July 8<sup>th</sup> - KS3 Celebration Evening *to be confirmed invitation only*

July 8<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> - Summer Art Exhibition (Evenings Only)