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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this letter finds you well. This letter includes important information relevant to your child as well as celebrating Excellence in All at CNS and sharing forthcoming calendar events with you. Thank you for supporting your child in being at school in the high temperatures. I am really impressed by the mature way students have kept themselves safe in the sun and maintained good learning habits. Normal uniform rules apply from Monday.

It used to be that schools' 'wound down' towards the end of term and this is definitely no longer the case! Teachers are maintaining high expectations and every lesson counts. Attendance remains crucial and with so many rewards events relying on positive attendance why would you not be in CNS every day?

When we return in September, September 3rd will be transition day for Y7, 10 and 12 with the whole school attending on September 4th. As this is Thursday and Friday it may be tempting to keep children away from school for an extra day, however I cannot emphasise strongly enough how important these first days of school are and the important sense of belonging they create by children being informed and connected. Please ensure your child is in school from the very first days of term. It is an important part of CNS's values that all students feel a sense of belonging to CNS and being here is critical to this.

Last week we celebrated Y11 in their Leavers Assembly and next Wednesday is Prom. Y12 Induction yesterday was excellent, welcoming back CNS students and introducing us to students from many high schools. Well done to the Y10 students on their work placements; employers have been full of praise for our excellent students. Congratulations to Y9 for excellent exam conduct. These important milestones are a whole school celebration and inspire younger students to achieve.

Thank you for your continued support.

Ms Philpott

Arbor

Please ensure you are checking Arbor online portal or downloading the app. You will see your child's timetable, positives and negatives, sanctions and attendance. You can also keep all of your details up-to-date and provide consents. As we move to September students' homework (will be called assignments) and progress/attainment data will all be recorded and stored on Arbor. It is recommended this is checked at least weekly to have positive conversations with your child about school.

If you have not logged in yet we have resent the joining email - this may have gone into your spam/junk folder. Please open the link login and start keeping up to date with your child's progress.

Mr Hewett

Mobile phones

Next week we start to introduce phone pouches in preparation for the new Government guidance coming into effect in September. Students have been given information across this week, and the first pouches will be given out on Monday. Following our invitation to parents to submit questions, you will find a list of FAQs and answers attached to this letter which I hope you will find useful.

Mr Innes

Attendance information

KS3 attendance remains strong. With the final weeks of the year being used to support the transition to being the senior year group, we hope Year 10 will relish these opportunities to demonstrate themselves as role models. With the adverse heat this week, we especially appreciate parents' support in managing this and continuing to send students into school, equipped to deal with the temperature. Rewards Events begin to increase from next week, we look forward to seeing students in school every day to celebrate their achievements throughout the year as well as participate in all of the co-curricular opportunities that are planned.

Miss M Cook

Y9 Exams

Well done to Year 9 for their excellent conduct in their End of Year Assessments that took place last Wednesday for Science with English and Maths on Monday and Tuesday P1-3 only. Students were well-prepared for the Science Test arriving promptly with all of the correct equipment. Students will be reminded which room they need to go to for these via Daily Messages. We wish Year 9 good luck in these tests as they prepare for the transition to KS4 & GCSE study.

Miss M Cook

Year 10 Work Experience & World of Work Week 8th-12th June

From Monday 8th June Year 10 students headed out on placement to experience the world of work. Students spent the week working with employers in a number of different job roles and sectors, across the UK and Ireland. Feedback from employers was extremely positive with some employers saying that this year's students were the best they have ever had.

Students in school took part in an NHS themed World of Work Week, where they met with people working in different roles within the NHS and Healthcare sector, visited the A11 Junction site, took part in virtual work experience & completed a research project on a job role of their choice. A big thank you to everyone for supporting our work experience and world of work week.

For all information on Careers including the regular newsletter please visit our website.

Ms Pentney

Sports Day 2nd July - early lunch, then P4-P5 (1:10-3:05)

Sports Day is nearly here, and it's always a highlight of the year. All students will be taking part in the House Sports Day event - a fantastic occasion that brings real excitement across the CNS community.

With both the **Sports Day Shield** and the **Spirit Cup** up for grabs, there is plenty to compete for. Students have already attended their assemblies, where expectations were shared - along with some memorable and entertaining videos from the PE team, and an appearance from Cornelius, the school mascot.

Most importantly, Sports Day is about, taking part, trying your best and having fun!

We are really looking forward to seeing students representing their House with pride and enthusiasm.

Mr O'Brien

Zero Hero

As we enter the final few weeks of the term, we want to take the opportunity to celebrate the many students who get it right every single day. Their positive attitudes, excellent conduct, and commitment to our school values make a real difference to our community, and we look forward to recognising these students further through reward assemblies and special events over the coming weeks.

The figures this term have been particularly impressive. So far, this academic year, **449 students have received zero negative behaviour incidents**, while an incredible **1,158 students have received three or fewer negative incidents**. We recognise that everyone can make mistakes from time to time, which makes these achievements even more noteworthy. With a school population of 1,750 students, these figures reflect the overwhelmingly positive culture that our students help to create every day.

Thank you to our students, families, and staff for continuing to support the high standards and positive ethos of our school.

Ms Skarin

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award update

Yr10 Bronze Assessed Expeditions

The CNS DofE Bronze students completed their Bronze Assessed Expeditions in North Norfolk over the past two weeks. The students demonstrated excellent resilience, teamwork and leadership skills to successfully complete their Expedition section of the Award. The Bronze students have also submitted their Volunteering, Physical and Skill sections and it has been very pleasing to read of the contribution that they have made in the local community. In the past twelve months CNS DofE Bronze, Silver and Gold students have given over 4000 Volunteering hours into the local community. One of our dedicated volunteers said of CNS students *'I've really appreciated the students' high standard of behaviour. It's been great to see the support and acts of kindness they have provided to each other.'*

Looking ahead to the next three weeks we have the Gold Expedition to Cumbria and the Silver Expedition to Derbyshire.

Mr Lee

OAT East Dance Competition

It was wonderful to welcome students from across the OAT East schools, including a primary school for the first time whose teacher said, *'Our colleagues who accompanied the children remarked upon the excellent organisation and hospitality and the tremendous support shown towards our young pupils by the secondary students.'*

Seeing the event continue to grow and expand to include younger students was particularly special, providing an opportunity to inspire the next generation of dancers.

The day also featured showcase performances from three of our talented Year 12 dancers, Jessica, Isobel, and Martha, who performed beautifully. Most importantly, our students were outstanding ambassadors for CNS. They supported one another throughout the day, celebrated each other's successes, and demonstrated excellent teamwork and sportsmanship.

Congratulations to all of our dancers for their hard work, commitment, and achievements, we are especially proud that our Junior team took **1st place** in their category. They should be incredibly proud of themselves.

Mrs E Cook

Y8 Amien Trip

On Wednesday 10 June, fifty-three Year 8 students went on a three-day trip to Amiens, northern France. Students quickly began practising their French by ordering lunch from Boulogne market - the bakery's fresh bread and pastries were a particularly popular choice. In the afternoon, students were amazed by the variety of sea creatures on display at Nausicaá, the largest aquarium in Europe.

Students spent Thursday enjoying the many exhilarating roller coasters of Parc Astérix, set in the world of the iconic French comic book series. On the final day, we spent the morning visiting the magnificent Amiens Cathedral, the largest cathedral in France and twice the size of the Notre Dame of Paris. We saw how biscuits are made at the nearby Dhardelot Biscuitiers, and more importantly tasted them afterwards!

Students thoroughly enjoyed the trip and were a credit to themselves and CNS.

Mr Mason

Year 12 Geography trip to the Lakes (15th to 18th June)

Year 12 Geographers had a super time investigating various topics in the Lake District for their A Level Geography qualification. This included looking at the impact of tourism, a walk up to Easedale Tarn to experience glacial processes first-hand and experiments with water infiltration. The students successfully collected data for their Geography coursework, which they're now processing at school. Throughout the trip, they were a credit to both themselves and CNS.

Mr Harris

Y12 Environmental Science Trips

This week Year 12 Environmental Scientists have been enjoying multiple days of field work. On Monday we went to Winterton beach to study sand dune succession. On Tuesday we visited the river at Earlham Park, where we sampled freshwater invertebrates to assess the health of the river. On Wednesday we went to Danby Woods to investigate the woodlice population and also to Marston marshes to study invertebrate diversity using sweep nets. The students learned how to use a range of sampling equipment using standardised techniques. We will be analysing the data collected in the lab next week. We all had a great time and looking forward to the next trip to Barton Broad in July.

Miss A Walker

Summer Concert

The Music Department's Summer Concert took place last Tuesday and was a wonderful celebration of our students' musical talents. More than 130 performers took part, showcasing a wide range of genres and ensembles, including the Percussion Group, Saxophone Ensembles, Choir, String Group, Groove Band, Jazz Band, Orchestra, various bands, and solo performers. The audience enjoyed an evening of high-quality performances, enthusiasm, and musical achievement. Congratulations to all the students and staff involved in making the concert such a memorable and enjoyable event.

Mr Cushion and Mrs Reddington

Dates for your diary

June 29 th	Introduction of mobile phone pouches by year group
July 2 nd	Sports Day
July 3 rd	Cultural Celebration Day
July 8/9/10 th	Y6 Transition Days
July 8 th	KS3 Celebration Evening <i>invitation only</i>
July 8/9/10 th	Summer Art Exhibition (Evenings Only)
July 13-17 th	End of term rewards events (More information to follow)
August 13 th	A' level exam results in school (Elkins Centre) 9.00-12
August 14 th	6 th form open for post A 'level result conversations (Elkins Centre) 9-12
August 20 th	GCSE exam results in school (Elkins Centre) 9.30-12
August 21 st	6 th form open 9-12 for 6 th form conversations
September 3 rd	Y7, Y10 and Y12 in school for their transition day, 8.35am start.
September 4 th	All students in school (Y7-13) for lessons and preparation for the year ahead, 8.35am start.