

<p>Key dates and events</p>	<p>Monday 3 May: Bank Holiday Monday 31 May to Friday 4 June: Half-term Holidays Thursday 10 June: Year 7 KLM Parents' Evening Thursday 17 June: Year 7 RST Parents' Evening</p> <p>Extra-curricular Activities We are delighted that some extra-curricular activities have been able to start this term. The extra-curricular list is available on the website: https://www.astreacottenham.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Extra-Curricular-list-April-2021.pdf</p>																								
<p>The Duke of Edinburgh's Award</p>	<p>Staff and pupils at CVC are hugely thankful for the legacy the Duke of Edinburgh leaves in the form of his Award Scheme and were saddened to hear of his recent passing. The college has a vibrant DofE programme, with one of the highest completion rates in the region. We are very much looking forward to working with a new bronze award cohort this term as well running the final silver qualifying expedition. Full details of the forthcoming expeditions will be sent to parents shortly. Thank you for your ongoing support for the award.</p>																								
<p>Covid-19 Safety in school</p>	<p>This week have handed out a further set of Covid-19 LFT kits for students to use at home. Your continued help in reminding your child to complete these tests twice per week is appreciated. You can find the link to log these tests results on the school website (under the parents section) and also on the Astrea app. Covid-19 microsite</p>																								
<p>Summer term and open spaces</p>	<p>This week pupils in all year groups will be given access to the larger outside spaces; namely, the field. We have tried to ensure that as much time can be spent on the field as possible, but will make it clear that the weather, as well as the PE timetable, will mean that we cannot make it available every single day to all year groups. We will be informing pupils of the expectations and timetable in form time which will include the message that no full-contact sports are permitted.</p> <p>This week it has been great to see pupils enjoying use of the field in the sunshine – things almost seemed normal again! However, please be aware that we expect pupils to make responsible use of the field in order to have the opportunity – that means NO contact sports being played (football is fine, rugby is not) and ensuring that ALL litter is placed in the bins, otherwise it negatively affects PE lessons and makes for a less pleasant environment. Unfortunately, we did have to restrict use of an open space for one year group temporarily because they did not use the space respectfully.</p>																								
<p>Breaktime Snacks</p>	<p>From Monday 26th April (next week) students will once again be able to purchase snacks and drinks during their morning breaktime. Each year group will be able to purchase snacks every other day whilst we maintain separated year group bubbles.</p> <p>Next week is week A:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="339 1619 1241 1854"> <thead> <tr> <th>Week A</th> <th>Year Group</th> <th>Week B</th> <th>Year Group</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Monday</td> <td>7, 9, 11</td> <td>Monday</td> <td>8, 10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tuesday</td> <td>8, 10</td> <td>Tuesday</td> <td>7, 9, 11</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wednesday</td> <td>7, 9, 11</td> <td>Wednesday</td> <td>8, 10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Thursday</td> <td>8, 10</td> <td>Thursday</td> <td>7, 9, 11</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Friday</td> <td>7, 9, 11</td> <td>Friday</td> <td>8, 10</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Week A	Year Group	Week B	Year Group	Monday	7, 9, 11	Monday	8, 10	Tuesday	8, 10	Tuesday	7, 9, 11	Wednesday	7, 9, 11	Wednesday	8, 10	Thursday	8, 10	Thursday	7, 9, 11	Friday	7, 9, 11	Friday	8, 10
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<p>Laptop Returns</p>	<p>Please can we ask that any laptops on loan from the college are now returned for redistribution. Laptops can be returned to the college reception between 8AM and 4PM on any school day.</p>																								
<p>Year 11 CAGs</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments and support during the Year 11 Parents' Evening last week. The staff found it an enjoyable and positive experience and we hope that it was useful in supporting our pupils this half-term. Indeed, Year 11's focus, hard work and commitment to studies is very clear in lessons and is wonderful to see when walking around the site as well as when teaching Year 11 classes.</p>																								



	<p>The window for mini-assessments to begin in lessons is from next Monday 26 April. We have shared the programme for these assessments with parents and pupils this week. We would also like to remind parents and pupils that the exam boards released their assessment materials for the mini-assessments on Monday 19 April: these can be accessed via the exam board websites and pupils are being reminded about this in lessons as well.</p>
School Bus Routes and Bus Passes	<p>Please be aware that we have been informed that pupils have been using the wrong school bus. This could lead to overcrowding. If you do rely on this bus service, please would you remind your son/daughter that they must use their designated bus only and that they must be able to produce their bus pass on a daily basis to use the bus service. They must have their bus and travel of their correct service to and from the college.</p> <p>If a new pass is required, please request this through county transport. We are able to issue temporary passes whilst these are being ordered, but only for the same designated bus.</p>