

<p>Key dates and events</p>	<p>Tuesday 25 May: Year 11 photographs Monday 31 May to Friday 4 June: Half-term Holidays Thursday 10 June: Year 7 KLM Parents' Evening Friday 11 June: Year 11 Celebration Day Thursday 17 June: Year 7 RST Parents' Evening Thursday 1 July: Year 10 Parents' Evening</p> <p>Extra-curricular Activities The extra-curricular list is available on the website: Extra Curricular list April 2021</p>
<p>Goodbye, Mr Nash!</p>	<p>We say a sad but fond farewell to Mr Nash at half term, who is moving to Swindon to take up a post as Vice Principal from 1 June. Ryan Nash joined the college as Assistant Principal in September 2017 and has been responsible for the pastoral and behaviour systems, working closely with Heads of Year, Progress Leaders and support staff to establish a positive behaviour for learning ethos. Ryan has had a huge impact in his time here and we will very much miss him on the team. Of course, many pupils will know him for his Spanish teaching and they have made good progress under his guidance. We wish him every success in the future and we know he will keep in touch.</p> <p>For the second half of the summer term, we are welcoming Mr Pat Braybrook, who is joining us from St. Ivo school to take over Mr Nash's role on an interim basis. Mr Nash's language classes will be taught by existing language specialists in the college.</p> <p>Next year, a new Assistant Principal with responsibility for pastoral and behaviour systems, will join us: Mr Clive Crisford, a Design Technology teacher who is currently an Assistant Principal in another school, will start in September 2021.</p> <p>We look forward to welcoming our new colleagues and working with them to continue to improve the support for all our pupils.</p>
<p>Testing</p>	<p>All residents in Cambridgeshire are now being urged to get twice-weekly rapid Covid tests. This follows the Prime Minister's announcement that all people in England can access twice-weekly rapid tests. Twice-weekly rapid testing is a vital tool in identifying cases of Covid-19 that would otherwise be missed.</p> <p>Last week the College handed out a further set of Covid-19 LFT kits for students to use at home and these should last them through the half-term break. Your continued help in reminding your child to complete these tests 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>If your child runs out of test kits for any reason they can get further kits from their form tutor.</p> <p>Everyone else in your household can collect rapid tests to complete at home from rapid testing sites, PCR sites and selected pharmacies. Please find a link below to find your nearest collection point: https://maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/</p> <p>If you can't access tests through these other routes, you can order a box of tests online or by calling 119, which will be delivered to your home.</p> <p>You must report your test result to the NHS, whether it is positive, negative or void. You can report it online at www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result.</p>

<p>Police support</p>	<p>Thank you to the parents who have alerted us to concerns about an adult male who has been seen, on occasion, waiting at the end of the school drive before and after school. The police are fully aware of the situation and the individual is known to them; they have reassured us that as far as they are concerned there is no threat to the public. Although this individual has not approached any pupils, we are continuing to work with the police, who have provided a presence in the centre of the village at the start and end of the day, to reassure people and ensure the individual is moved on.</p>
<p>Year 10 Exams</p>	<p>The Year 10 exam timetable for Monday 7 June until Friday 18 June has now been shared with families and is on our website. Details of what to revise for individual subjects are on Show My Homework (Satchel One).</p>
<p>Attendance</p>	<p>Thank you for your ongoing support in making sure your child attends school. The attendance data for the week ending 14th May is:</p> <p>Whole School attendance was 93.58% Year 7 – 96.55% (Leading tutor group is 7M with 98.19%) Year 8 – 94.01% (Leading tutor group is 8K with 96.45%) Year 9 – 91.34% (Leading tutor group is 9T with 97.32%) Year 10 – 93.56% (Leading tutor group is 10K with 97.41%) Year 11 – 92.28% (Leading tutor group is 11S with 97.23%)</p> <p>Congratulations to the pupils in Year 7 once again!</p>
<p>Year 11</p>	<p>We would like to thank Year 11 parents for helping support pupils in continuing to maintain a focus and meet expectations regarding final assessments. The assessment period is very nearly complete! You may find that pupils are beginning to have some of their assessment marks shared with them in subjects over the next week or so; clearly it is good to know how they have got on, but please do remember that a pupil’s whole portfolio of work will contribute to their grade and assessments are only a part of this.</p> <p>Year 11 Photograph We have organised for our usual professional school photographer to come into school on the morning of Tuesday 25 May to take a year-group photo for Year 11. Year 11 and the staff felt that this was important, given that it has not been possible to take the usual Year 11 group photograph. Please support us by ensuring that you child wears appropriate school uniform on Tuesday, otherwise they run the risk of not being included in the photograph. Although some might feel ambivalent about this now, in the long run it would be a shame for them not to have this form of memento of their time at secondary school. If they have PE that day, they should wear uniform and bring kit with them.</p> <p>Celebration – 11 June Year 11 have their final day on Friday 11 June. Mr. Abbott is in the process of meeting with representatives from each Year 11 form to plan a celebration of their time with us that reflects how pupils would like to mark the end of their time with us. The day will involve some inter-form sporting events, a final assembly to share memories from their time with us, some time with their tutor group and a celebration on the field with music and food in the afternoon. Pupils will need to arrive in PE kit for the sporting event but can then wear non-school uniform for the afternoon. Pupils will also be able to bring a school shirt with them on the day to get it signed by pupils and staff if they wish. We have, of course, an alternative wet weather plan, but please do keep your fingers crossed for fine weather on 11 June. We are certainly due some sunshine!</p>

<p>School Environment</p>	<p>Unfortunately, a very small minority of pupils have not respected our school environment, and caused our site team some unnecessary work, by damaging school buildings this week, particularly the toilets. This is regrettable and does not reflect the usual excellent standard of behaviour of pupils at Cottenham. We would appreciate your support in reinforcing key messages about respecting our environment and taking care of it and letting a member of staff know immediately if they discover that something has been damaged. Pupils found to be responsible for any damage will face sanctions such as exclusion.</p>
<p>Year 10 Business</p>	<p>Sharon Livermore, founder of Kameo Recruitment in Cambridge, provided an inspirational talk with the Year 10 business group last Thursday. She talked about what it's like to start a business, the mistakes she made when first starting up, the unpredictability of running a company, (especially during a pandemic), and how to be a resilient, caring business-person. She ended her talk with an 'ask anything' Q&A session, where our Year 10s asked her an abundance of business-related questions.</p> <p>Sharon Livermore is also an enterprise adviser with Form the Future, who supports and advises on careers for CVC. If you'd like to make use of her services or find out more, speak to Helen Scully.</p> 
<p>SHINE points and Principal's breakfast</p>	<p>This week's highest scoring house is Turing with a total of 452 points.</p> <p>The year group achieving the highest number of SHINE points is Year 9 with a total of 438 points.</p> <p>The top three form groups this week are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8K with a total of 100 points 9R with a total of 95 points 8R with a total of 92 points <p>The following four students are invited to attend a Principal's Breakfast on Monday 24th May with Mr Brown for their excellent efforts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finley 10K – Nominated by the PE department for his help in his free time Darren 10L – 9 points Esther 9M – 9 points Lily 9M – 9 points