

Cottenham Village College Parent Weekly Newsletter

w/c 5 July 2021



<p>Responding to Ofsted's review of sexual harassment in schools</p>	<p>You may have seen in the news recently that Ofsted have published a review into sexual harassment in schools. Nine in ten of the girls they spoke to told them that sexist behaviour was happening in their school community. As a school we take the responsibility to face up to these challenges, address the concerns and respond to Ofsted's recommendations very seriously. Please see our letter to parents here about the issues and our next steps. We will be working closely with pupils and parents in the coming weeks and months to implement the changes needed.</p>
<p>Pupils' self-isolation due to Covid-19</p>	<p>Thank you for everyone's support in helping us to restrict the spread of Covid-19 through the self-isolation of pupils, where individuals have tested positive using LFT kits. As you may be aware from the national picture, there has been rise in cases amongst school-age pupils and this has been the true at CVC in the past week. Thank you for your patience, particularly where we have been isolating pupils and then inviting them back when subsequent PCR tests have come back negative.</p> <p>For those pupils who are continuing to self-isolate, staff are setting work on Teams, although these will not be 'live' lessons. Where a pupil is not being given sufficient work, please don't hesitate to contact us so we can deal with the situation.</p> <p>To help continue to reduce the further spread and keep as many pupils in school as possible, please continue take part in asymptomatic testing using the LFT kits. In line with government guidance, we encourage pupils to use the tests twice a week and report the test results. More LFT kits were distributed in form time on Friday morning for those who wanted to take them. You can find the link to log these tests results on the school website Covid-19 microsite</p> <p>If you have been affected by this recent outbreak and need any advice or support, please do not hesitate to contact us.</p>
<p>Willingham Trust Grant:</p>	<p>History Lending Library</p> <p>The history department are delighted to have a vast array of new history books in the school library. After securing some funding through the local Willingham Trust, Head of History Corinne Goullée and school librarian Sophie Fisher have worked together to select a fascinating collection of books for pupils to enjoy. With some fiction and some non-fiction, they have chosen books that both fit within the curriculum and go beyond it. This week Ms. Fisher has even popped into Year 9 lessons to showcase our collection of books on the Holocaust. It was great to see how well these were received and to already have a waiting list to borrow these books! Giving pupils the chance to see the books certainly stimulated a lot of interest and we're looking to continue this with other year groups next year. Together we want to get more pupils reading and enjoying reading history!</p>
<p>Year 9 options</p>	<p>This week, parents of all Y9 pupils will have received an email (via the Astrea app) detailing their KS4 options for next year. This has taken a little longer than usual to confirm with you due to the Teacher Assessed Grades programme and recent Covid issues. We apologise for the delay and thank you for your patience. If you notice an error in their allocations, please contact studentservices@astrecottenham.org</p> <p>Please be aware that we cannot make changes to the options from September.</p>
<p>Preparing for Secondary School workshop</p>	<p>Cambridgeshire County Council are offering a workshop outlining ideas for supporting your child with the transition from primary to secondary school, looking at resources available to help and how and when to request support from the Early Help team. You can attend these virtual workshops online on Wednesday 7 July 7-8 pm OR Thursday 15 July 1.30-2.30 pm.</p> <p>You can find further details here</p>

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Activities Week	<p>Traditionally, the last week of our school year has been very different with many visits, trips and other unusual activities put on for our pupils. It is a great shame that Activities Week cannot run as usual but this is inevitable in the circumstances.</p> <p>The impact of recent periods of self-isolation for some of our pupils means that we have had to scale back our plans as we want to ensure that we make the most effective use of curriculum time remaining this year. We are, however, pleased to be able to run zoned 'Sports Days' for Years 7-10, involving lots of inter-form competition, across the week. A full programme for Activities Week will be shared with you from WB 5 July. Please keep your fingers crossed for fine weather!</p>
Attendance	<p>Thank you for your ongoing support in making sure your child attends school.</p> <p>The attendance data for the week 21st June to 25th June is:</p> <p>Whole School attendance was 93.63% Year 7 – 96.24% (Leading tutor group is 7K with 99.35%) Year 8 – 94% (Leading tutor group is 8L with 98.57%) Year 9 – 90.49% (Leading tutor group is 9K with 96.84%) Year 10 – 93.7% (Leading tutor group is 10K with 96.67%)</p> <p>Congratulations to the pupils in Year 7 once again!</p>
SHINE points and Principal's Breakfast	<p>Last week's highest scoring house was Turing with a total of 267 points.</p> <p>The year group achieving the highest number of SHINE points is Year 7 with a total of 436 points.</p> <p>The top three form groups this week are: 7K with a total of 148 points 7M with a total of 105 points 7S with a total of 86 points</p> <p>The following four students are invited to attend a Principal's Breakfast on Monday 5th July with Mr Brown for their hard work and resilience in the Mock Exams: Sienna 10L – Nominated for PE James 10R – Nominated for English Malachi 10M – Nominated for French Arkan 10T – Nominated for Science Mabel 10M – Nominated for History</p>
After school detention contact	<p>If a student is required to stay after school, we will notify parents/carers via email by 1pm on the day of the detention. If you have any concerns around your child, then please contact school reception (before 4pm) or email studentservices@astreacottenham.org</p>
Safer Schools	<p>The Safer Schools Cambridgeshire Police July newsletter can be viewed here.</p>
Key dates and events	<p>Activities Week: 9 – 12 July</p> <p>Extra-curricular Activities The extra-curricular list is available on the website: Extra Curricular list April 2021</p>