

Cottenham Village College Parent Weekly Newsletter

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<p>Key Dates</p>	<p>Tuesday 2 to Monday 8 November & Monday 15 to Friday 19 November: Year 11 mock exams Tuesday 9 November: Covid vaccinations Thursday 18 November: Year 8 (KLM) Parents' Evening Thursday 25 November: Year 8 (RST) Parents' Evening Thursday 2 December: Conference Day 2 Thursday 9 December: Year 11 Parents' Evening Thursday 16 December: Christmas lunch for students Friday 17 December: Early Closure at 12.30</p>
<p>UK Bebras Computational Thinking Challenge 2021</p>	<p>Year 7 and 8 pupils are invited to join the annual UK Bebras Computational Thinking Challenge, which is sponsored by Raspberry Pi Foundation and Oxford University.</p> <p>The competition will take place on 8th November, in 6021 at 3:30-4:15pm. There is a late bus available which leaves at 4:20pm. Pupils can register their interest with Mrs Tyrrell, by sending an email to: atyrrell@astreacottenham.org</p>
<p>Willingham Trust Survey</p>	<p>In November we are going to support the Willingham Trust by providing an opportunity for students who live in Willingham to take part in their voluntary survey. More details about this survey will be shared after half term.</p>
<p>Covid-19 Update</p>	<p>Please do remember to do your at-home testing before the return to school on Monday 1st November.</p> <p>Other local schools have had incredibly high rates covid rates within their student populations and with more mixing taking place over the half term break, it is really important that we continue to maintain our low rates at CVC with continued regular testing of the school community.</p> <p>A huge thank you for all your support on this important issue to date.</p>
<p>Year 11 mocks and support</p>	<p>We are delighted by the continuing attendance and engagement at our after-school sessions for Year 11. Numbers are continuing to grow, and we are impressed by the commitment that Year 11 students have shown in this first half-term of the year.</p> <p>MyTutor maths and English sessions will not run on 2 & 3 November and 16 & 17 November. This is so that students can use time to complete independent revision or choose to attend revision sessions run by our teaching staff during the mock weeks.</p> <p>Voluntary revision sessions will continue to run in order to support our students throughout the mock period.</p> <p>Mocks begin with English Literature on Tuesday 2 November, running until the end of Monday 8 November and resuming for Monday 15 – Friday 19 November. The mock timetable and subject guidance has been shared with Y11 families, but is also available on the website. Year 11 have also now had an assembly about how mocks run to support them; this explored why we have mocks and how mocks are used by teaching staff, as well as detailing key practical information and our expectations of students before and during exams.</p>
<p>Attendance</p>	<p>Thank you for your ongoing support in making sure your child attends school. However, if your child is absent, please ensure you make contact on each and every day of the absence.</p> <p>The attendance for the week beginning 11th October is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whole School attendance was 93.96% Year 7 – 97.37% (Leading tutor group is 7K with 98.62%) Year 8 – 95.85% (Leading tutor group is 8S with 99.03%) Year 9 – 94.01% (Leading tutor group is 9K with 99.31%) Year 10 – 88.47% (Leading tutor group is 10T with 97.92%) Year 11 – 94.28% (Leading tutor group is 11L with 97.50%) <p>Congratulations to the pupils in Year 9!</p>



SHINE points and Principal's Breakfast

Last week's highest scoring house was **Turing** with a total of 391 points.

The year group achieving the highest number of SHINE points is **Year 10** with a total of **361** points.

The top three form groups this week are:

7R with a total of **90** points

7S with a total of **87** points

7M with a total of **84** points

The following students are invited to attend a Principal's Breakfast on Monday 1st November with Mrs Andrews for their excellent efforts:

- Nicole B 8M
- Isabella K 11S