

# Cottenham Village College Parent Weekly Newsletter

## w/c 11 October 2021



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| <p><b>Key Dates</b></p>                              | <p><b>Wednesday 13 October:</b> Conference Day 1<br/> <b>Thursday 14 October:</b> Post-16 Information Evening for Y11 students and parents<br/> <b>Monday 25 to Friday 29 October:</b> Half-term holidays<br/> <b>Thursday 4 November:</b> Previous Y11 Certificate Evening - <b>postponed</b><br/> <b>Tuesday 2 to Monday 8 November &amp; Monday 15 to Friday 19 November:</b> Year 11 mock exams<br/> <b>Tuesday 9 November:</b> Covid vaccinations<br/> <b>Thursday 18 November:</b> Year 8 (KLM) Parents' Evening<br/> <b>Thursday 25 November:</b> Year 8 (RST) Parents' Evening<br/> <b>Thursday 2 December:</b> Conference Day 2<br/> <b>Thursday 9 December:</b> Year 11 Parents' Evening<br/> <b>Thursday 16 December:</b> Christmas lunch for students. Christmas Concert in the evening.<br/> <b>Friday 17 December:</b> Early Closure at 12.30</p> |
| <p><b>CVC video</b></p>                              | <p>Thank you to all the students and staff involved for a wonderful Open Evening on Thursday. It is always a pleasure to welcome visitors to CVC. To complement the event, we have produced a video to showcase the College. To view the video please use the following link<br/> <a href="https://youtu.be/nQjGBoJ_zvg">https://youtu.be/nQjGBoJ_zvg</a></p>   |
| <p><b>Covid-19 Update</b></p>                        | <p>It is very important that if your child displays any covid-19 symptoms (however mild) they must not come to school. They should have a PCR test done and self-isolate pending the result. Government guidance can be found <a href="#">Here</a>. It can be difficult to distinguish between what is a common cold/cough and potentially covid-19 however, we ask that you error on the side of caution by not sending your child to school until a PCR test result is known.</p> <p>You may have seen articles in the news about Cambridgeshire schools and face coverings. The Local Authority are strongly recommending to students and staff in secondary schools the wearing face coverings in communal areas (not classrooms) as well as the wearing of face coverings by visitors to site.</p>   |
| <p><b>Road Safety</b></p>                            | <p>A reminder, especially as we head into the winter months, the importance of road safety for everyone particularly children. Can you please ask your child to be observant and aware of what is happening around them especially when not on a pavement or when crossing the road. Bus users should wait until the bus has departed before crossing the road. A link to the highway code can be found <a href="#">Here</a>.</p>   |
| <p><b>Year 11 revision and support programme</b></p> | <p>Our revision sessions continue: full details were shared by letter with Year 11 parents and carers, and by email with students on 1 October. Sessions are well-attended and a really positive atmosphere and buzz is apparent at them – these should be some useful additional support in the run-up to mock exams.</p> <p>Sessions run from 3.10pm up until 4.15pm. Late buses leave at 4.20pm every day. In an update to the timetable shared last week, Computer Science sessions can now run every Thursday, and there is a Spanish drop-in session after school on Mondays as well.</p> <p>These sessions are open to all and we look forward to seeing as many of our Year 11 students at these as possible. MyTutor sessions in Maths and English are also well-attended and students are reporting them as focused and useful.</p>                   |

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| <p><b>Year 11 mock exams</b></p>                                     | <p>A reminder that due to the Covid-19 inoculations taking place on Tuesday 9 November, the mock exam dates for Year 11 are now <b>Tuesday 2 November until Monday 8 November (inclusive)</b> and then resume from <b>Monday 15 November until Friday 19 November</b>.</p> <p>A letter with an overview of the mock timetable as well as some subject guidance for revision and preparation has been shared with parents and carers of Year 11 students, as well as with students on their email accounts. These should prove useful reference documents as your child prepares for the exams after half-term.</p>   |
| <p><b>Previous Year 11 Certificate Evening – postponed event</b></p> | <p>Due to the high and rising numbers of Covid cases in Cambridgeshire, and the mixing of different college communities if our previous Year 11 came back together at CVC, we are postponing the Year 11 Certificate Evening which had been calendared for 4 November. We plan to hold a celebratory event at a later point this academic year and shall let students and families know when we have been able to plan something that can also be run safely.</p>  |
| <p><b>Attendance</b></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 <b>27<sup>th</sup> September</b> is:</p> <p>Whole School attendance was <b>89.11%</b><br/> Year 7 – <b>90.85%</b><br/> Year 8 – <b>90.79%</b><br/> Year 9 – <b>92.70%</b><br/> Year 10 – <b>81.70%</b><br/> Year 11 – <b>89.70%</b></p> <p><b>Congratulations to the pupils in Year 9!</b></p>   |
| <p><b>SHINE points and Principal's Breakfast</b></p>                 | <p>Last week's highest scoring house was <b>Sanger</b> with a total of 399 points.</p> <p>The year group achieving the highest number of SHINE points is <b>Year 7</b> with a total of 414 points.</p> <p>The top three form groups this week are:</p> <p><b>7S</b> with a total of <b>138</b> points<br/> <b>7K</b> with a total of <b>73</b> points<br/> <b>7R</b> with a total of <b>67</b> points</p> <p>The following students are invited to attend a Principal's Breakfast on Monday 11th October with Mrs Andrews for their excellent efforts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lana C 9M</li> <li>• Ashton D 8L</li> <li>• Jessica G 8K</li> <li>• Jack H 9M</li> <li>• Mika L 11L</li> <li>• Eva R 9S</li> </ul> |