



Cottenham Village College 29th November



Key dates and events



- **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

Inter-house Christmas Card Competition 2021



A reminder that the deadline is Wednesday 1st December at 9.00am for entries to be placed in the labelled box outside the Arts office for Key Stage 3 (Years 7-9) and Key Stage 4 (Year 10) to take part in this year's CVC Christmas card competition.

Year 11 Period 6 sessions



Wednesday morning this week saw a celebration breakfast for Year 11 students. Some bacon rolls, pastries and hot chocolate were on offer to mark the end of the mock period and recognise how hard Y11s have been working towards these.

A reminder that MyTutor sessions in maths and English are running on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 3.15-4.15pm. Students have been carefully selected and invited - if your child is unable to attend, please can you let Miss Parker know before the day so that the session can be rescheduled from them and they do not lose out on an hour of tuition. Attendance is being closely monitored and students not attending will be replaced with other students.

Period 6 sessions in maths, English and science ran this week - please do speak with your child about the benefits of this further provision. As explained in the separate letter about these sessions, we expect all students to stay for these sessions which are addressing key areas that have come from the mocks that students have just taken. These sessions run from 3.15-4.15pm.

Spotlight on: Maths Department



Last week, some of our Year 11 students participated in the 'Senior Maths Challenge'. The Senior Mathematical Challenge is a 90-minute, multiple-choice Challenge. It encourages mathematical reasoning, precision of thought, and fluency in using basic mathematical techniques to solve interesting problems. The problems on the Senior Mathematical Challenge are designed to make students think. Most are accessible, yet still challenge those with more experience - teachers struggled with the last question!

Congratulations to everyone who participated, the certificates will be awarded soon. Huge congratulations to Heather Mccaughan who has achieved the award of 'Best in School' (the highest mark in the school). Students who attained a gold medal (Heather Mccaughan, Annabel Lee, Eliot Green) will be going through to the 'Kangaroo Challenge'.

Thank you to Mr Garton who organised the event.

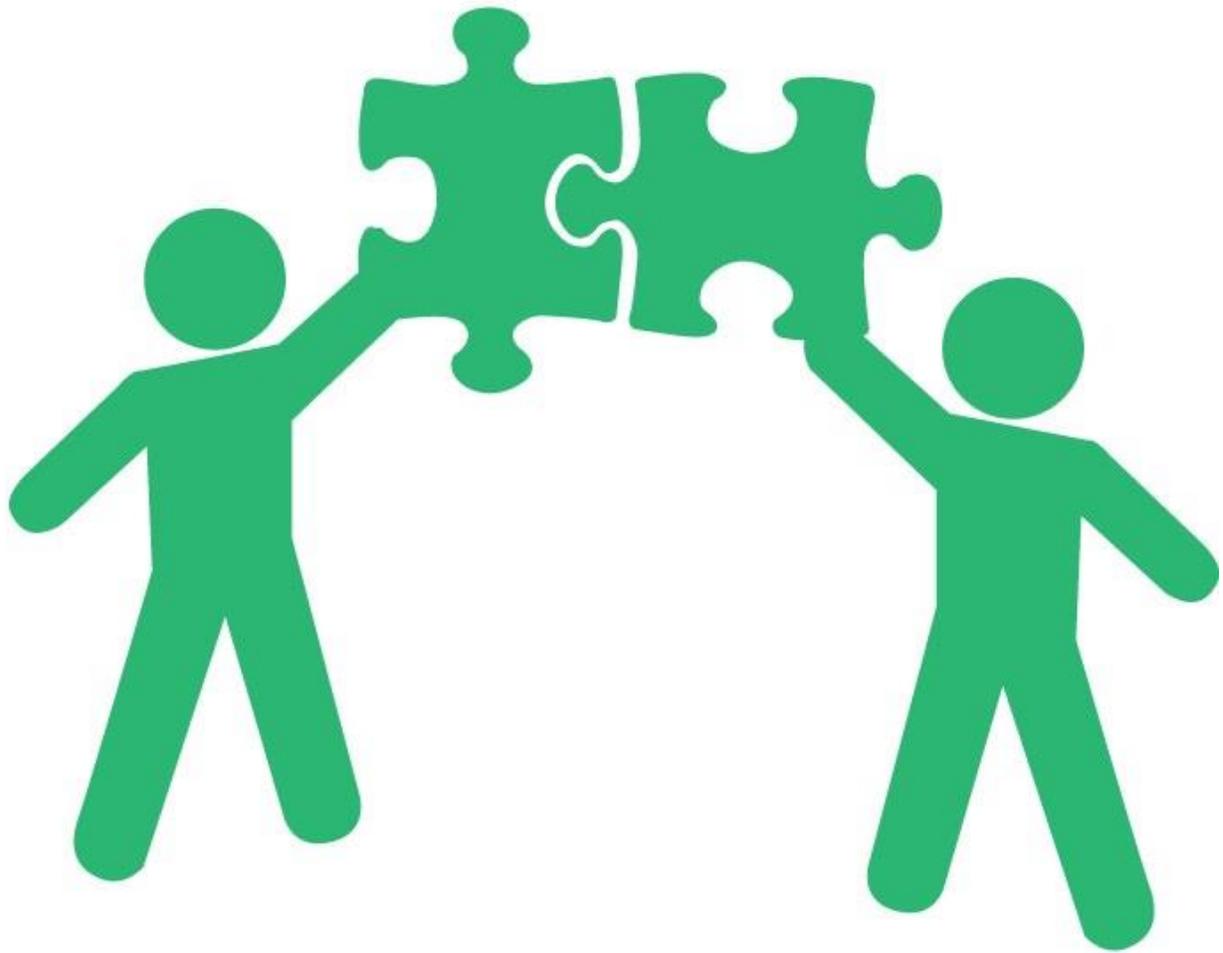
Gold medal: Heather Mccaughan, Annabel Lee, Eliot Green

Silver medal: Alys George, Felix Smith, Sam Cole, Toby Mannall, Joe Shears, Ben Wright

Bronze medal: Tom Bradshaw, Jake Johnston, Lucy Fryer, Mika Lobjoit, Mabel Jones, Timothy Mickler-Campbell, Bel Ridley-Allen, Harrison Vale, Matthew Shore, Thomas Kane, George Ramble

Participation Certificate: Andrew Thake, Grace Gadsby, Noah Betts, Andrew Hetherington, Alfie Wetton, John Baxter, Jem Baldwin, Anna Pentland, Martha Woods

Parent Forum - 7th December 6pm-7pm



Thank you to all those parents, guardians, and carers who have signed up to our Parent Forum! Our Parent Forum will be taking place via Teams and if you would like to attend please send an email to Nadine.Malcolm@astreacottenham.org

If you have already signed up, you will receive an email with the link to the meeting shortly.

Covid-19 Update

We ask that your child continues to do LFT's twice weekly (ideally Sunday evening and Wednesday evening) so any who are Covid-19 asymptomatic and symptomatic are identified. Students with symptoms of COVID-19 (a high temperature, a new and persistent cough or a loss or change to their sense of smell or taste) should book a PCR test. Tests can be booked online through the NHS website, or ordered by telephone via NHS 119. While awaiting a PCR test the symptomatic students should self-

isolate and carry on isolating for 10 days if the PCR is positive. If the PCR is negative, the student can end self-isolation and return to school.

If someone within your household has tested positive but the student has a negative lateral flow test and is not displaying any symptoms of Covid-19, then they can return to school and do not need to self-isolate. We ask that you encourage your child to wear masks in all communal areas in school.

SHINE points



Last week's highest scoring house was **Sanger** with a total of **396** points.

The year group achieving the highest number of SHINE points is **Year 7** with a total of **541** points.

The top three form groups this week are:

7S with a total of **194** points

7R with a total of **102** points

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

Attendance



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.

The attendance for the week beginning **15th November** is:

Whole School attendance was **89.63%**

Year 7 – **93.07%** (Leading tutor group is **7R** with **99.28%**)

Year 8 – **84.00%** (Leading tutor group is **8R** with **90.78 %**)

Year 9 – **92.13%** (Leading tutor group is **9K** with **95.86%**)

Year 10 – **87.34%** (Leading tutor group is **10T** with **95.86%**)

Year 11 – **91.76%** (Leading tutor group is **11K** with **100%**) – **WOW!**

Congratulations to the pupils in Year 7!

Reminder for student absences



Please report a student absence **each day** the student is absent.

Our preferred for parents to report an absence is by using the Astrea Parent App. [of how to download the Parent App can be found on Astrea Trust's website.](#)

If you cannot access the Parent App, please email attendance@astrecottenham.org

If you do not have access to the Parent App or email, please telephone Mrs Phipps at the college (10954 288 762).

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