

# Cottenham Village College 17th January



## Key dates and events



- Wednesday 2 February: Year 11 School Photos
- Friday 4 February: Conference Day (changed from 3 February)
- Thursday 10 February: Year 9 KLM Parents' Evening
- **Monday 14 to Friday 18 February: Half-term Holidays**
- Thursday 24 February: Year 9 RST Parents' Evening
- Monday 28 February to Friday 4 March: Year 11 Mock Exams
- Thursday 10 March: Core RE morning
- Tuesday 15 and Thursday 17 March: Drama Showcase (to be confirmed nearer the time)
- Thursday 17 March: Intermediate Kangaroo & Olympiads Maths Challenge Years 9-11
- **Monday 4 to Monday 18 April: Easter Holidays**

[Term dates for 2022-23 are on the school website and available to view via this link](#)

## Covid-19 Update - changes to self-isolation for those who test positive

From Monday 17 January, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.

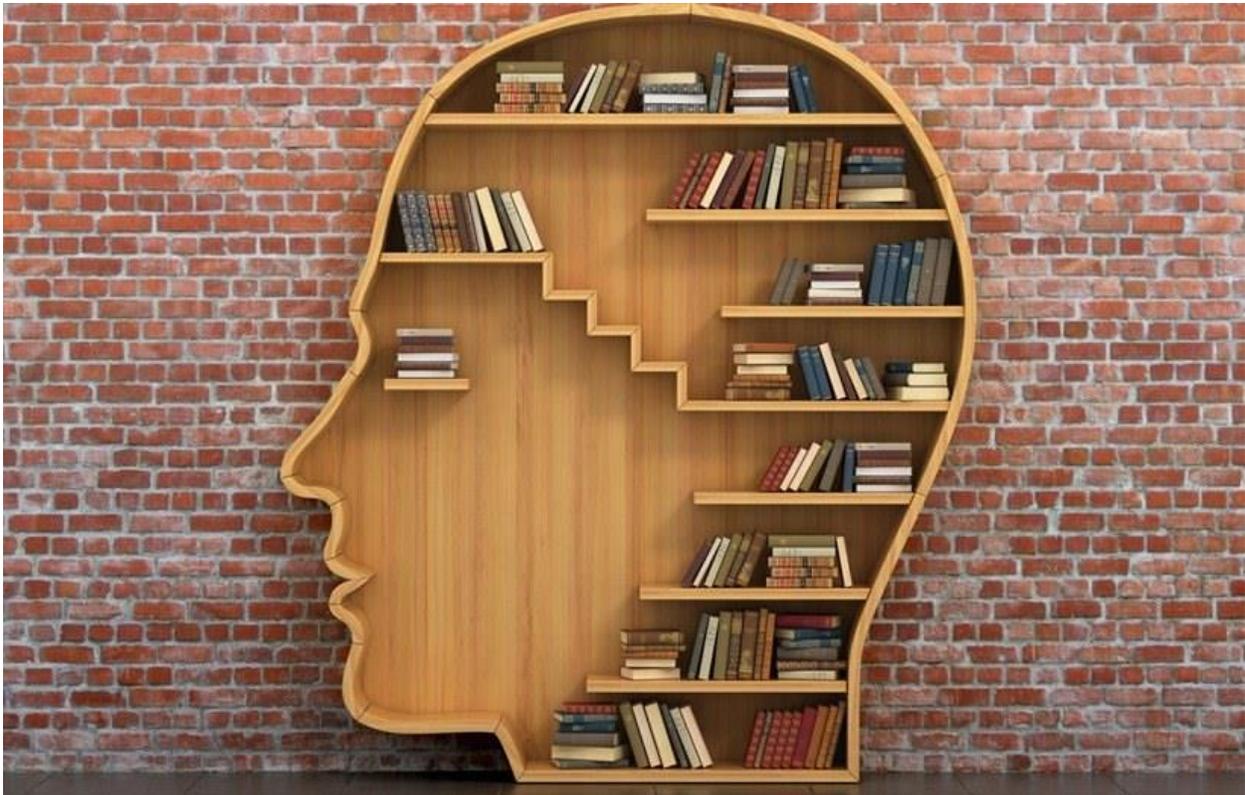
The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be [reported to NHS Test and Trace](#).

If the result of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation.

Further [information on self-isolation for those with COVID-19](#) is available.

## Year 9 Options Evening - postponed



This term Year 9 students will select their GCSE Option subjects. We are very much looking forward to the Options process and supporting you and your child in making these choices. There will be a series of resources for students and families to support them with the process and in making their choices.

Unfortunately, due to the current Covid-19 restrictions and our inability to host a live event with parents and students on the school site, the Options evening calendared for Wednesday 19 January is postponed and will not go ahead next week as planned. Instead, we will be sharing some videos for all of the Options subjects to present all the useful information needed about the process of selecting Options

and about subjects. These videos will be really useful because families will be able to watch these (multiple times where useful) in their own time and discuss together. Students will also have some live assemblies beamed into form times for Y9 students with subject information.

A letter and booklet to launch options will come home to parents in the next few weeks - this will contain all key date and an outline of the timeline and process you and your children.

## Year 11 Period 6 sessions

Year 11 after school sessions are continuing this term. MyTutor sessions in maths and English restarted on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week - attendance at these sessions are being monitored and we will move to offer sessions to other students if those invited are not attending. They are an excellent resource - we are so pleased to be able to provide private tuition for students on the school site at no extra cost for our Year 11 families and we hope those invited continue to attend and engage with programmes designed to help them continue to make progress.

Our own excellent teaching staff are also working extremely hard planning and delivering Period 6 sessions after school every day of the week. These are open to all Year 11 students. Since the mock exams at the end of last term we anticipate there will be a renewed sense of focus and a wish to take advantage of every opportunity for further support that is on offer. There will be a letter shared with parents of Year 11 at the start of next week which will re-share the programme of subjects on offer each week that students can attend. This will also be re-shared with Year 11 students.

The second buses leave at 4.20pm every day to ensure that we support all students to be able to attend these opportunities. Thank you for your ongoing support at home.

## Spring Term Extra-curricular



[Link to view the Spring Term extra-curricular clubs](#)

## SHINE points



Last week's highest scoring house was Turing with a total of 544 points.

The year group achieving the highest number of SHINE points is Year 9 with a total of 588 points.

The top three form groups this week are:

9K with a total of 130 points

9M with a total of 121 points

8L with a total of 116 points

## Attendance



The attendance for the week beginning **4th January** is:

Whole School attendance was **92.2%**

Year 7 – **93.1%** (Leading tutor group is **7M** with 97.3%)

Year 8 – **92.7%** (Leading tutor group is **8L** with 96.6 %)

Year 9 – **91.3%** (Leading tutor group is **9T** with **95.7%**)

Year 10 – **89.4%** (Leading tutor group is **10T** with **94.8%**)

Year 11 – **91.5%** (Leading tutor group is **11L** with **100%**)

**Congratulations to the pupils in Year 7!**

## Reminder for student absences



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

Our preferred method for parents to report an absence is by using the Astrea Parent App. [Instructions 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@astreacottenham.org](mailto:attendance@astreacottenham.org)

If you do not have access to the Parent App or email, please telephone Mrs Phipps at the college (01954 288 762).

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