



**COTTENHAM  
VILLAGE COLLEGE**  
Astrea Academy Trust  
INSPIRING BEYOND MEASURE

## Cottenham Village College 24th 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
- Tuesday 1 March: Year 9 Eyes on the Prize (live stream event)
- 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](#)

[Link to view the CVC Spring Term 2022 Enrichment Programme](#)

## Meet the Principal - parent feedback sessions

A huge thank you to the parents and carers who gave up their time to complete the parental survey shared last week. We had 248 responses to the survey and the information gained from this is really helpful to the staff team to know how we can support our students even better moving forwards.

A number of you mentioned your disappointment in not having a chance to meet with me in person yet. Due to the local Covid restrictions, inline with local authority guidance, we had to limit the number of visitors to site during the last term and limit large gatherings including whole school assemblies in the school day. I definitely didn't enjoy having to conduct the first term of my headship via a virtual presence; the magic of a year group assembly is certainly lost without all of the students in the same room!

As national guidance around covid precautions begins to relax, timed with me being a full term into the school and fully embedded into CVC life again, I am keen to meet with as many of you as possible to hear about your views on the school. In particular I would like to listen to the ways that you feel that we can do better.

Being mindful of the current Covid context I will host a series of smaller face to face events to accommodate parents during the school day and some after the school day to give as much flexibility as possible. For those of you who would like a meeting but are not able to come to the school site, I will conduct some online meetings. If you would like to arrange a meeting please click on the link [here](#) to show your preference which will help me to ensure I book in an appropriate number of time slots over the coming weeks; once we have your details we will invite small groups of parents at an allocated time slot.

I look forward to meeting with many of you over the next three weeks.

Zoe Andrews

## Lunchtimes at CVC



This week we have been piloting some new ways of organising students' social times during their lunch break. We are doing this to a) make the best use of the outside space we have available in winter, b) ensure that students can make the most of their social times. This half term we are canvassing opinions from students about how we could improve their experiences at lunchtimes, via the School Council.

We have reorganised the social 'zones' and asked students who wish to spend their lunchtime outside to stay in the 'zone' for their year group. We have also put a new rota together for the use of outside space for safely playing sports, and reinforced the expectation that students should only use the toilets set aside for their year group during social times.

## County Schools Cross Country on Saturday



Our students had a very successful day out for the County Schools Cross Country on Saturday. We had 7 who qualified for this round from the District trials. The results on Saturday were as follows:

Kyle M came 4th

Weronika M came 5th

Oscar K came 6th

Henry J came 7th

Isabel B came 10th

Jack D came 24th

Adam B started the race but had to pull up injured. As a result, Kyle, Weronika, Oscar, Henry and Isabel all qualified for the Regional Championships to represent Cambridgeshire at Woodbridge on the 5th February. Well done to everyone who took part!

The first girls fixture for two years!



Our first girls fixture for two years was a great success on Wednesday night. We had 30 girls from year 8 & 9 playing a rotation of games against Swavesey. Unfortunately, we didn't win the games but the girls played well and didn't give up on a cold evening!

The U14 basketball team fared better winning their game by a narrow 2 points in their first game as a team.

The U16 boys basketball team also won at Swavesey. 20 - 16 so a good start for the basketball.

Fixtures against Impington next week.

## 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.

## Face Coverings

Government policy regarding the wearing of face coverings has changed. From, Thursday 20 January, face coverings are no longer required in classrooms and teaching spaces for staff, and pupils and students in year 7 and above. From Thursday 27 January, face coverings are no longer required in communal areas for staff, and pupils and students in year 7 and above.

Whilst government policy has changed, we are continuing to see growing numbers of covid-19 within school and therefore our strong recommendation is that the wearing of face coverings, especially in communal areas, continues in the short term.

## Year 7

### Attendance

The attendance for the week beginning **10th January** is:

Whole School attendance was **92.5%**

Year 7 – **93.9%** (Leading tutor group is **7L & 7T** with 98.6%)

## Year 8

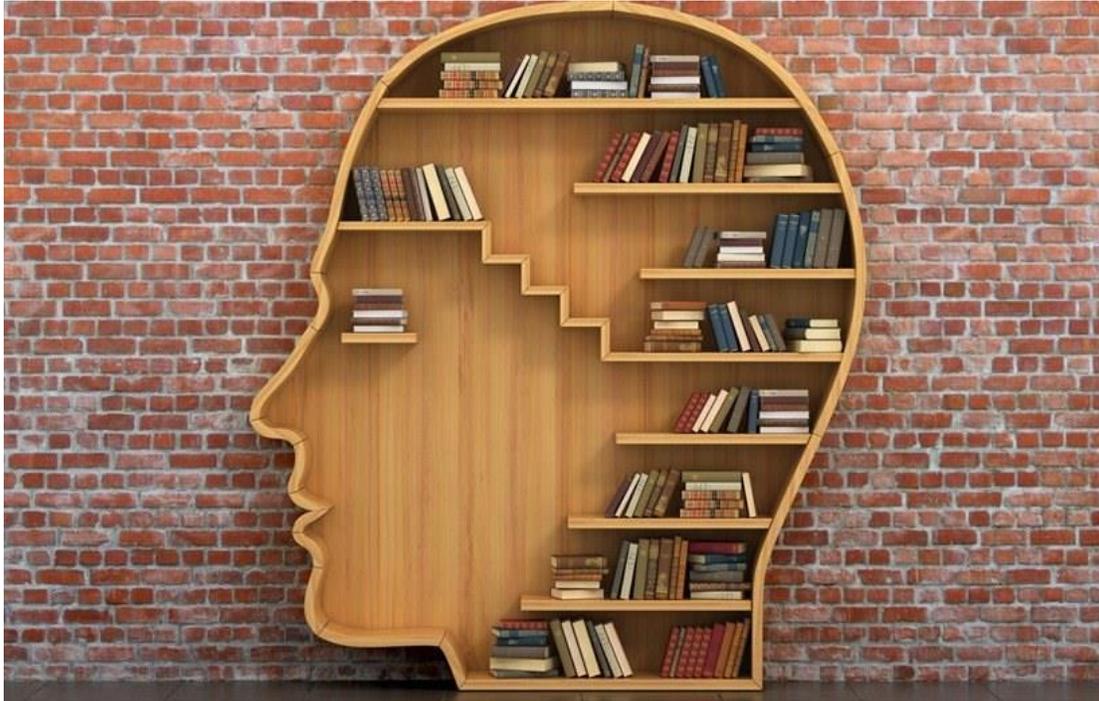
### Attendance

The attendance for the week beginning **10th January** is:

Whole School attendance was **92.5%**

**Year 8 – 94.7% (Leading tutor group is 8T with 97.9%)** This is the highest of the school. Well done Year 8!

## Year 9



### Options and Parents' Evenings

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 - these resources will be information-based but support is also offered to students and families through subject teachers, form tutors, the Head of Year and the Senior Leadership Team.

There will be a booklet and communication shared with Year 9 students and families which will launch the Options process. Alongside this videos for each subject that can be chosen for KS4 will be shared as a starting point for conversations at home about what students wish to select. Assemblies will also be beamed into form times for Y9 students with subject information. This information will be shared in the next couple of weeks and will be clearly signposted so that all students can find them and have access to the important information they contain.

Another useful moment in the selection of Options are Year 9 reports and the Y9 Parents' Evenings which offer the chance to discuss the progress of your child in each of their subjects and will help to inform any decisions made. The date for the KLM groups in Year 9 is Thursday 10 February and for the RST groups is Thursday 24 February. Information on when appointments will be open for booking and how to book these will be shared in the next couple of weeks.

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**Year 9 – 91.8% (Leading tutor group is 9M with 98.6%)**

## Year 10

### Attendance

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Whole School attendance was **92.5%**

**Year 10 – 89.7% (Leading tutor group is 10T with 94.8%)**

## Year 11

### Period 6

We would like to take this opportunity to remind all Year 11 students and families of the considerable extra support that is available to them each day after school. As the second series of mock examinations approach (week beginning 28 February 2022) as well as the actual final exams (mainly in May and June 2022), this is a timely reminder that there are lots of high-quality sessions offering support available for our Year 11 students to help them to prepare effectively. These are planned and targeted at key areas which were revealed as areas for development in the mock exams in November. The February mock exams timetable will be shared with students before the half-term holiday.

Second buses run every day after school and are available for any Year 11 students to use to support them to attend Period 6 lessons. We have put a lot in place this academic year to support students as they prepare for the end of their GCSE courses and many students are taking advantage of the opportunities being offered to them. I am re-sharing the timetable of Period 6 sessions available every week. Please note that science has moved from a Friday to a Monday to allow more students to attend and avoiding the clash with those attending the Further Maths lessons each Friday afternoon:

### Monday

Art & Design (ST2 & ST3): This session is for students to work on their portfolio with subject specialist support.

Drama (Drama Studio): This session will address different areas of the GCSE: some weeks students will have support in the practical elements and others there will be a focus on the written content of the course. **Students are expected to attend this before other sessions if they need to work on coursework.**

Music (Music studio): This session is for working on coursework. **Students are expected to attend this before other sessions until coursework is complete.**

Spanish (L3): This is a drop-in session for Spanish GCSE.

Science (multiple classrooms): These sessions are for **all** Year 11 students and are designed to target key areas that have been highlighted as a result of the mock exams.

### Tuesday

Maths (multiple classrooms): These sessions are for **all** Year 11 students and are designed to target key areas that have been highlighted as a result of the mock exams.

MyTutor - maths (ICT3, ICT6, Library): These online tuition sessions are for invited students only.

## Wednesday

English (multiple classrooms): These sessions are for **all** Year 11 students and are designed to target key areas that have been highlighted as a result of the mock exams.

MyTutor - English (ICT3, ICT6, Library): These online tuition sessions are for invited students only.

## Thursday

Geography (H1 & H6): These sessions will go over content for Geography and sessions will target key questions that can help to raise grades.

PE (GCSE - ICT1): This offers PE GCSE students the chance to focus on both practical and academic elements of the course.

Computer Science (ICT4): This weekly session offers students the chance to revise challenging sections of the GCSE course and explore how best to maximise marks in exam questions.

Music (Music studio): This is a second session for working on coursework to allow students to attend other subjects on Mondays if needed. **Students are expected to attend this before other sessions until coursework is complete.**

A reminder of the bus routes:

### CVC Bus 1

1620 CVC  
1630 Landbeach Village Hall  
1640 Waterbeach Green  
1650 Chittering, School Ln  
1700 Stretham, Chapel St (Nr Red Lion)  
1710 Wilburton, High St, Carpond Lane

### CVC Bus 2

1620 CVC  
1625 Rampton  
1630 Willingham, Berrycroft (Nr Balland Field)  
1645 Sutton, Ely Rd (S&G Car Sales)  
1655 Witchford Main St, (Post Office)  
1700 Wentworth, A142 (Bus Stop)  
1705 Haddenham, High Street Spar Shop

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Year 11 – **92.7%** (Leading tutor group is **11K** with **98.6%**)

## 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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