



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

Cottenham Village College 31st January

Key dates and events



- Tuesday 1 February: Covid vaccinations
- Wednesday 2 February: Year 11 School Photos / Flu vaccinations
- 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

Thank you to all the parents who have contacted to suggest suitable times for meetings. There is still space within the next fortnight to host some additional meetings, so please do register your interest using this [link](#). It's been really nice to get to meet face to face and not through the digital screen and I'm looking forward to meeting as many parents as possible.

If you have already contacted, there is no need to complete the form again. We will contact each person to confirm a booking slot via email, once parents have been placed into small groups.

Jubilee Bank Holiday

As you know, we had provisionally planned for the additional Jubilee bank holiday to be used by CVC on Friday 27 May, pending the GCSE timetable. We now know that there will be examinations taking place on 27 May.

Therefore, we are proposing Monday 4 July 2022 to host the Jubilee bank holiday, which is unfortunately a different date to the primary school dates, due to GCSE exams.

Activities week, trips and events

We are looking optimistically towards the summer term and beginning our planning to bring back some of our favourite trips and activities. For the end of term we have Y7-9 doing activities week whilst our Y10 students explore the world of work experience.

For all year groups we are planning to reintroduce more elements of these activities as we move into the summer term.

However, we appreciate the impact that COVID has had on our families means that we may need to make some changes to our provision this year. Parents of Y7-9: We would like to know your views on the planning of activities week. Please complete this [short survey](#) to share your views.

Mobile Phone Update

From Monday 31st January students will no longer be required to hand in their mobile phones before school. Students that wish to hand in their phones may continue to do so at Student Services. **Mobile phones should be turned off and placed in their bags or lockers upon arrival at college.** Mobile phones should not be seen or used on college premises at any point during the college day. If a student's mobile phone is seen or heard during the day then the phone will be confiscated, and the student's parent/guardian will be asked to collect it at the end of the day.

If you need to contact your child throughout the school day, please feel free to call the College office – your message will be passed on to your child.

CVC takes stringent measures to ensure the privacy of our students and staff is protected and prohibiting the use of mobile phones helps to keep everyone in our college community safe, happy and well. Without the constant distraction of mobile phones, students can focus more on their lessons and as a result, their grades often improve. We therefore ask that, if your child has been given permission to bring a mobile phone into college, you remind them of the rules set out. Breaking these rules can put all of our students and staff at risk – and may prevent us from allowing students to bring in mobile phones, even in exceptional circumstances.

May I also take this opportunity to remind you that, if you have given permission to your son or daughter to bring a mobile phone into school, they do so at their own risk. There are times throughout the day when students' school bags will be left unattended and unsecured. The college will not accept liability for lost, damaged or stolen phones.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Covid-19 Update

We are seeing increasing covid-19 cases at CVC across all year groups. Please do not send your child to school if they are displaying any covid-19 symptoms (high temperature, new continuous cough or loss of taste/smell). We are now seeing other more common symptoms such as headaches or feeling nauseous. If **any one** of these symptoms is displayed, please take your child for a PCR test.

As you will be aware, Government guidance on face coverings has changed. Whilst nationally covid-19 infection rates are falling, within Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, they remain high. As a result, the Local Authority and Director of Public Health England for Cambridgeshire are highly recommending that staff and students continue to wearing face coverings in the short term. We monitoring the situation and cases daily and will relax current recommendations as soon as we can.

Conference Day - Friday 4th February



Conference Day allows us to collapse the timetable to explore aspects of the PSHE and RSE curriculum.

Year 7 will be exploring how to maintain a healthy lifestyle and starting to consider aspects of the economic wellbeing curriculum around managing money and careers.

Year 8 will also be focusing on careers education, as well as engaging in sessions that promote respectful behaviour, equality and diversity.

Year 9 will be considering how to manage risk, maintain a healthy lifestyle and First Aid.

Year 10 and 11 will focus on aspects of the statutory RSE framework with the context of considering how to maintain a healthy lifestyle.

Active Lives survey



During this term, all students will take part in the Active Lives Children and Young People Survey. This is run by Sport England and was developed with the Department for Education, the Department of Health and Social Care and the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport. The survey provides Cottenham VC, Sport England, the government and other partners with a broad and deep understanding of participation in and attitudes towards, sport and physical activity, shaping future policy and investment.

Fixture results this week





1 - The U16 boys lost to Impington VC on Tuesday night but they did put in a great effort!



2 - We had a good night on Wednesday with fixtures against Impington. Again, we had 3 teams of netballers turn out which was great.

The year 9 team won 8 - 4.

The year 8 (Green's) won both their matches (8-0 & 6-4)

The year 8 (Red's) won one (3-1) and lost one (3-2)

The U14 boys basketball team won 40-21 on Wednesday.

Year 7

Attendance

The attendance for the week beginning **17th January** is: **94%**

Leading tutor group is **7R** with **97.1%**

SHINE

Total SHINE points last week: 491

House with the most points: Sanger

Form group points: 7M - 109, 7K, 108, 7L - 96, 7S - 85, 7R - 48, 7T - 45

Year 8

Attendance

The attendance for the week beginning **17th January** is: **0.6%**

Leading tutor group is **8R** with **94.6 %**

SHINE

Total SHINE points last week: 420

House with the most points: Turing

Form group points: 8m - 82, 8L - 74, 8K - 73, 8R - 66, 8S - 56

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.

Attendance

The attendance for the week beginning **17th January** is: **81.2%**

Leading tutor group is **9T** with **94.5%**

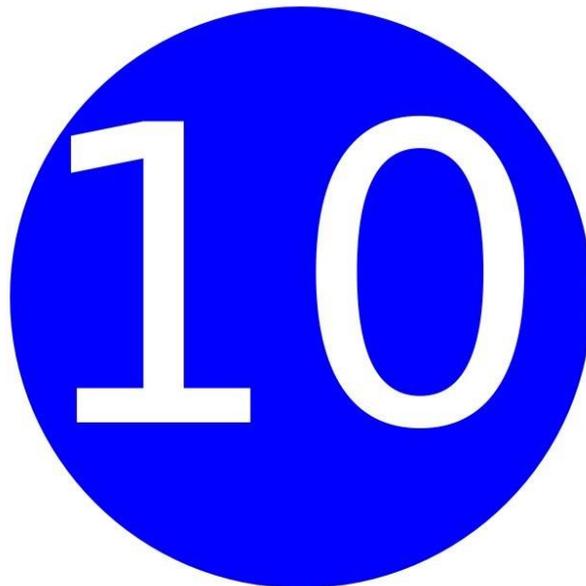
SHINE

Total SHINE points last week: 404

House with the most points: Sanger, Turing & Bronte

Form group points: 9S - 76, 9K - 74, 9R - 68, 9L - 64, 9T - 62, 9M - 59

Year 10



Attendance

The attendance for the week beginning **17th January** is: **91.2%**

Leading tutor group is **10R** with **99.3%**

SHINE

Total SHINE points last week: 257

House with the most points: Sanger

Form group points: 10R - 60, 10K - 48, 10L - 42, 10T - 40, 10S - 36, 10M - 30

Year 11



Mock examinations

Year 11 will have a second series of mock examinations from Monday 28 February. A timetable for the mock series will be shared with students and families in the next couple of weeks to support the organisation of their ongoing revision and preparation. Following the November mock series, this is an opportune moment for students to focus their revision and preparation using all of the feedback they have received and to see how much progress they have made. As with the previous mock series, students will receive careful and targeted feedback to support them to address areas that need development.

A reminder of the Period 6 sessions running every week:

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

CVC Bus 2

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

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

Attendance

The attendance for the week beginning **17th January** is: **91.4%**

Leading tutor group is **11K** with **98.6%**

SHINE

Total SHINE points last week: 295

House with the most points: Sanger

Form group points: 11M - 58, 11T - 56, 11R- 50, 11L - 44, 11K - 43, 11S - 34

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

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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