

Cottenham Village College 7th February

Key dates and events



- 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](#)

Message from the Principal

It has been wonderful to see how well your children have been working in lessons this week, the senior team have been out and about during the course of the week and have fed back some wonderful examples of the ways that the students have been displaying excellent attitudes and commitment to their studies. We've seen a flurry of achievement points awarded across all subject areas and we are very excited to be launching a new system app for parents with you shortly, so that you are able to see more details about how well your child is engaging in all aspects of school life.

The parental survey highlighted the sharing of achievement and behaviour information as an issue, along with parents having more information about what content is being taught in the subject areas. In response to this, as well as launching a better system to share live information with you, we will be improving and developing our website to better meet the needs of our parents. Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the parental survey, the information you shared has been helpful for helping us plan our next steps for improvement.

I've had the pleasure of meeting a number of our parents who signed up to 'Meet the Principal' and have several more meetings booked in next week. I will make time to see every parent who wishes to

meet with me, either in person or via a video call. If you have not yet shared your details but would like to get booked in please click on this [link](#). If you have already completed the link, there is no need to complete again - we will be in touch to confirm all appointment times.

The final school day this week was a 'conference day'. These days are where we deliver important materials linked to the PSHE and RSE curriculum, as well as some RE to our KS4 students. As I visited classrooms this morning, it was wonderful to see the maturity displayed by students as they discussed a diverse range of issues such as: diet culture, the use of contraception, politics, managing money, race and equality, alcohol awareness, mental health, LGBTQ+, gender and sexuality, reproductive health and apprenticeships. As a mother of a teenager I know it's not always easy to extract from our children what they learned at school.... However, if you are able to continue and extend any conversations at home around these important topics it is always interesting to hear their views!

My final point for this week, with one week to go until half-term with many of our families having booked a break for the first time in years, is that we are still experiencing a fair number of cases of COVID within our school community. The importance of covid testing next week will be paramount to everyone in our school community being able to enjoy the half-term. Please do continue to test your child regularly next week with at home LFT kits and if your child displays any symptoms of COVID, please do not send them into school until a negative PCR test is confirmed.

Zoe Andrews

Safer Schools

The February 2022 newsletter from Cambridgeshire Police is available to read [here](#) (*please note use 'Control and click' to open links*)

Jubilee Bank Holiday



We are pleased to confirm that the additional Jubilee bank holiday for CVC will be on Monday 4 July 2022; there will be no school for students and staff on this day.

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.

History Book Festival



The history department have selected a new range of books for our school library after a successful bid for funding from the Willingham Trust. We have significantly supplemented the books available to borrow and for reference in the library as a result.

Each lunchtime next week there will be a 'Festival' in the library where all the new books will be displayed. Members of the history team will introduce some of the new books, which range across fiction to non-fiction, and we hope that this will encourage students to read them. Hopefully, students will be able to borrow them over half term. Please encourage your child to come to find out more. Watch out for a similar event for geography after half term.

Fixture results this week



1 - The girls did their first away fixture this week against Chesterton. Unfortunately, we lost both games, but the blue team only lost by 2 in the last quarter and were winning up until then.

The U14 boys basketball team also lost but are improving with every game.

Year 7

Attendance

The attendance for the week beginning **24th January**: 86.20%

Leading tutor group: 7R - 93.48%

SHINE

Total SHINE points last week: 450

House with the most points: Turing

Form group with most points: 7M - 171

Year 8

Attendance

The attendance for the week beginning **24 January**: 84%

Leading tutor group: 8M - 91.33%

SHINE

Total SHINE points last week: 388

House with the most points: Turing

Form group points: 8K - 92

Year 9

Options and Parents' Evenings

After having to postpone the Year 9 Options evening earlier this half-term due to Covid-19 restrictions, we are delighted to share subject information with students and families. Ahead of the Parents' Evenings on Thursday 10 February and Thursday 24 February, there are a series of videos detailing reasons for studying subjects and an overview of the course for each subject at KS4. This information can inform initial discussions at home about which subjects students might be thinking about choosing. The videos also mean that students and families can engage with the material in their own time, as well as watching any presentations multiple times where helpful. The link for the video is on the website on the Year 9 information page, and there is a link here as well. [Please use this link to go to the video.](#)

An options booklet will be on the website on the Year 9 page from next week and will provide written summaries of each subject and an introduction to the Options process, as well as information on how and why students might select subjects.

After the half-term holiday, subject assemblies will begin in Year 9 tutor times over a few weeks, allowing further information to be shared and the potential for questions to be asked by students.

Our staff are looking forward to meeting with Year 9 families on Thursday 10 February (KLM tutor groups) and Thursday 24 February (RST tutor groups). These evenings offer the chance to discuss your child's progress in their subjects as well as perhaps discussing subject choices for KS4.

Attendance

The attendance for the week beginning **24th January**: 85.70%

Leading tutor group: 89.93%

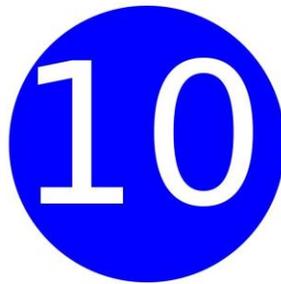
SHINE

Total SHINE points last week: 349

House with the most points: Bronte

Form group points: 9M - 86

Year 10



Attendance

The attendance for the week beginning **24th January**: 87%

Leading tutor group: 10R - 93.86%

SHINE

Total SHINE points last week: 351

House with the most points: Sanger

Form group points: 10K – 69



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 next week. 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

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

Attendance

The attendance for the week beginning **24th January**: 82.10%

Leading tutor group: 95%

SHINE

Total SHINE points last week: 185

House with the most points: Bronte

Form group points: 11K - 45

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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