



08 September 2017

Dear Pupil and Parent

**RE: Start of Term**

**Examination results**

I am pleased with the performance of Year 11 in the summer 2017 examinations. Despite GCSEs being more challenging, our results are in line with our predictions. There is still more to do and subject teachers are working hard planning exciting lessons, providing feedback for pupils and offering 'Out of School Learning' sessions. Our Sixth Form is flourishing with healthy numbers in Year 12 in both A Levels, level 3 BTECs and a level 2 pathway. Our academic performance at post-16 has increased by a whole grade to an average B- at A Level and a Distinction grade for BTECs.

**Uniform**

The new school blazer for Year 7 looks very smart. Thank you for your ongoing support for our campaign of "look smart – think smart". The girls who wear skirts have embraced the new style; we still need to remind them that rolling skirts over is not acceptable. Just to clarify our expectations, skirts need to be knee-length or pupils should wear trousers.

**Punctuality**

Unfortunately, some pupils are failing to arrive to school by 08:35 hours. This is unfair on other pupils who are on time and ready to learn. The impact of latecomers slows down the lesson for both the teacher and the other learners. Please can I ask parents to support us in ensuring pupils arrive on time.

**Parent Pay**

Please be aware that we are becoming a 'cashless' school. From this point forward we will no longer be accepting cash or cheques for school trips, instead payments must be made through ParentPay. ParentPay is a highly secure payment site, giving you the freedom to make payments to the school whenever and whenever you like. It stops you having to write cheques or search for cash to send to school, allows for quick and easy refunds, reduces paper waste, enables you to pay in instalments (for example, for trips) and reduces the amount of money held on school premises. As well as being quick and easy to use, ParentPay provides receipts and offers you the ability to set automated email/SMS payment reminders. Every year we post login activation letters home to our new Year 7 cohort. If you have mislaid your login, please email [jcroucher@ccw.kent.sch.uk](mailto:jcroucher@ccw.kent.sch.uk) for a reminder.

**Headteacher Drop-In Sessions**

I will make myself available to any parent wishing to come into school and meet with me to discuss matters pertinent to the school or your child. The drop-in session is between 09:00 and 09:30 every Friday. You can also book an appointment to speak to me by telephone on 01227 278308 or via email to [kmartin@ccw.kent.sch.uk](mailto:kmartin@ccw.kent.sch.uk).

Please find attached our terms dates for this year (previously provided) and other key dates – both of these documents will be available on our school website.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher