



John Spence

COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

Dear Parent/carer

It has been a settled start to the year with students returning refreshed and ready for school. As usual there are plenty of opportunities on offer for all year groups where students can engage in a wide variety of activities at lunchtime and after school so please check our new website for details.

It has been fantastic to see how well everybody has bought into the new school uniform; there is a real sense of pride around the school and feedback from students, staff, parents and our community has been wholly positive. I have attached the uniform photo sheets again for guidance and the standards are available on our website, but can I specifically remind you that mesh top trainers are not allowed. A small number of students have mistakenly bought these and where this is the case Heads of Year have been in contact with their parents to discuss the matter. If you are unsure of any item of uniform, please contact your child's Head of Year who will be able to advise you before you go out and buy anything.

Our new website is now up and running and I hope you find it more accessible and are able to find out all the information that you need. Please do let us know if there is any additional information you would like and we'll update the site as soon as we can.

This year we will again be listening to the views of students and will shortly be undertaking the year and school student council nomination process. Students have already had a notable success this year when three Year 8 girls approached me to ask why the cookies on sale at break were sold in plastic bags. Following a meeting with the catering manager the following day it was agreed that cookies will now be sold without the plastic bags – it was pleasing to see how our students recognise the importance of taking small steps in order to collectively address the environmental challenges we face.

The rewards system introduced last year was very successful and we will be looking to build on this further by again asking the students their views. We seek to celebrate success as often as possible and in September 2020 will be introducing a new Celebration Evening to replace the July Awards Evening. In the meantime, look out for Fit for Life postcards and opportunities to visit school to celebrate the many achievements of our students.

The views of parents are important to us and an essential part of this is the role of Parent Governor. We currently have two vacancies for Parent Governors on our governing body and I have attached a letter explaining the role and the application process. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you would like to find out more about this critical role in school.

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Don't forget to follow us on Twitter @johnspenceCHS and on Facebook for updates as we progress through the year and please let us know of any changes to your contact details so we can keep in touch with you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J Heath', written in a cursive style.

Jonathan Heath