

16th July 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

The end of the academic year is an opportunity both to look back on our successes and to ensure that everything is in place for an even better year ahead. After a year of hard work, I know that both staff and students are really looking forward to the summer break. Thank you for all of your support this year in ensuring that The Cumberland School continues to strive to be the best school it can be, providing an ambitious education for all of our students.

You will find enclosed your child's end of year DPR report. This shows the progress they are making in all of their subjects as well as their attendance and effort in lessons. Please take the time to go over the report with your child, they will explain their strengths and areas for development to you. It is important to discuss these areas so that they can improve next academic year.

So many wonderful things have happened this year it is impossible to include them all in this letter, so please do take the time to read the Newsletter that is issued in the final week of term. This half term alone we have experienced our amazing Spelling Bee final and BBQ, our summer musical production 'Guys and Dolls!', Sports Day, a wonderful Rewards Evening, the Year 11 Prom, an outstanding PSHE day, rewards week with bouncy castles and laser tag, along with endless sporting and competition successes.

With your support we will continue to focus on ensuring that our students thrive and succeed as 'determined and ambitious learners.' As part of this continued drive for excellence there will be a number of changes in place from September 2018. Please ensure that you and your child read the below information carefully to ensure the year starts successfully for all.

First day back for all students

The start of term for all students is Wednesday 5th September 2018. Students must arrive at the following times:

- Year 7 at 8.30am
- Years 8 and 11 at 10.00am
- Years 9 and 10 at 10.45am

Uniform

Personal presentation is important in the world of work and we want to make sure that every student develops a sense of pride in how they look. Students are ambassadors for The Cumberland School and their behaviour when in uniform, including going to and from school, reflects on the school. Uniform items must be plain, without accessories, logos, decoration or any other colours.

From September it is important all students adhere to the following uniform expectations:

- Blazer: Navy blue TCS blazer with logo, must be worn at all times in the building
- Shirt: Plain white shirt with collar, must be tucked in
- Tie: TCS tie, worn to the waist. Two stripes must be visible
- Jumper (optional): TCS V-Neck with logo
- Trousers: Plain navy blue, tailored, regular fit (no denim, coloured pocket zips)
- Skirt: Plain navy blue, knee-length, pleated with logo
- Socks or tights: Plain
- Shoes: Plain black leather school shoes, providing adequate protection and support (no casuals, fabric, canvas, trainers, sandals, pumps, 'work type' shoes e.g., Doctor Martins, high heels, boots, coloured laces, coloured stitching)
- Coat: Plain navy blue or black, to be removed in class (no leather, suede, denim, hoody, sweatshirt, sports top, body warmer or gillet)
- Hijab, abaya: Plain navy blue. Students that choose to wear these must also wear shirt, tie and blazer

Jewellery, decoration and other items

- A single necklace or bracelet for religious reasons
- Earrings: Small plain studs, matching pair or single
- Hair fasteners are allowed and should be either plain black or blue
- Belts: Belt buckles should not be oversized or emblazoned with logos
- Make-up: To be modest and discreet (no lipstick, false eyelashes, acrylic nails)
- No body jewellery, unnatural hair colour, tattoos, false nail extensions
- Hats: Plain black woollen hat, only to be worn outside the buildings during cold weather (baseball caps, visors)

Unhealthy food and drink

As a nation our children are consuming too many calories and, in particular, too much sugar. Teenagers in England are the biggest consumers of sugar-sweetened drinks in Europe. The Scientific

Advisory Committee on Nutrition (SACN) state that sugar consumption increases the risk of tooth decay and that consumption of sugar sweetened beverages is associated with increased risk of type 2 diabetes. Sugary drinks and food also have a detrimental effect on student behaviour and the progress they can make in lessons. To support our students' capacity to learn and make progress excessive items of unhealthy food and drink (fizzy/sugary drinks) are banned.

School day consultation

The consultation period for the change to the school day has now concluded. The outcome of the consultation is that we will be proceeding with the extension to the school day and will therefore have a three week Christmas holiday for one year in the first instance. With regards the consultation with parents, there were two objections, centering on primary schools' different holidays. In response to this, it has been decided that the school will seek to open for the first week in some way to provide a safe space for children to work. The new 2018/19 school term dates are available on the website.

2018/19 New school day timings

Time	Arrive for school no later than 8.25am
8:35	Lesson 1
9:25	Lesson 2
10:15	Break
10:35	Lesson 3
11:25	Lesson 4
12:15	Lunch
1:00	Lesson 5
1:50	Lesson 6
2:40	Mentoring (School finishes - Tuesday & Friday)
3:30	School finish (Monday, Wednesday & Thursday)

Safeguarding

In order to ensure our students are as safe as possible, from September all students will need to be picked up by a parent or responsible adult if they are unwell or have an appointment e.g. doctor or dentist. The only times a student will not need to be picked up is when attending interviews for work experience or college.

We say farewell to some of our staff at the end of this year. We would like to thank them for their hard work and commitment to our school community and wish them well for the future.

As part of our high expectations, please ensure students are on time and in full school uniform on September 5th 2018.

Finally can I take this opportunity to wish you and your families a wonderful summer break.

Gillian Dineen

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