

September 2016

Dear Parents & Carers

Just a few lines to welcome you after an enjoyable, and hopefully restful, summer holiday.

We have already started a very busy and exciting term, and I would like to thank you all for ensuring that the students are in uniform and prepared for a new academic year.

All the students look very smart in their uniform and have settled in quickly, with the minimum of fuss, particularly our new Year 7.

Once again, I would like to congratulate all of our students on their excellent results this year, ensuring that their hard work has paid off. I am very proud of all their achievements and wish to thank all the staff, and yourselves, for supporting the students and ensuring they reached their potential. In particular, Lucy Eames, Jessica Doran, Molly Cradock, Shoaib Hussain, Charlie Neal and Thomas Brooks who accumulated 43 A*As between them – well done – and to all who are continuing their education into post 16 at West Coventry Sixth Form. In Post 16, girls achieved a 99% pass rate, of which 44% were A*B at A level and boys 100% pass rate with 41% A*B. Among the outstanding individual performances were: Ellie Vines who achieved A*AB and is studying children's nursing at Coventry University; Matthew Keegan who achieved A*BC and is also going to Coventry University to study Art; Georgia Brown who is starting an engineering apprenticeship with Severn Trent after achieving 3As and Nyle Patel who achieved 2A*s and a B and is off to Exeter University to study Economics and Finance. Well done, an excellent start to the year.

School attendance and punctuality has also improved again this year. Thank you for your support in ensuring that your child is attending school and on time. To maintain this, we will continue with our rewards and sanctions procedures, which we feel is making such a difference. With this in mind, I need to inform you that, due to the regulations from the Department for Education (DfE), I am unable to authorise any holidays during term time. If there are unavoidable circumstances, then you will need to write to myself and to the Chair of Governors to seek permission.

May I remind you that if you drop off, or pick up students from school, to be mindful of the residents of Nutbrook Avenue, please do not block their driveways. There are yellow lines around the front entrance to the school, and there should be no parking or picking up of students between 8am - 9am and 3pm - 4pm. This is to ensure the safety of the students leaving the site and also to allow the five double-decker busses to enter and leave the school safely.

This term's dates for your diary (or fridge door) are on the back of this letter. I hope this helps you to plan ahead. If dates do change, I will endeavour to let you know as soon as possible. I would like to remind you of our Celebration/Open Morning on **Saturday 1st October** from 10:00am until 12:30pm. In preparation for this, the school will be closed to all students, except Year 11, from 12:30pm on Friday, 30th September and students will need to make their own way home. (No. 53 Bus will be available at 12:30pm, unfortunately, all others will not). We would love you to come along and join in the fun activities planned, many of our students will be involved.

Thank you, once again, for all your support and I look forward to continuing working well together.

Yours sincerely



Gina O'Connor
Headteacher

Autumn Term dates to remember 2016/17

Date	Activity	Year Group
Tuesday, 13th September 6:00pm	Full Governors Meeting	All members of the board of Governors
Wednesday, 23 rd September	School Photographs	All Years
Friday, 23 rd September 9:00am	Governors Personnel Committee	Selected members of the Governors
Friday, 30 th September at 12:30pm	School closes	All students
Saturday, 1 st October 10:00am – 12:30pm	Open Morning	All students incl. prospective students
w/b Monday, 10 th October 9:15am – 11:00am	Experience Tile Hill Wood	Prospective students
Tuesday, 11 th October 5:00pm	Governors Quality & Standards Committee	Selected members of the Governors
Thursday, 13 th October 4:30pm	Parent/Tutor Evening	All years
Thursday, 20 th October 7:00pm	X Factor Final	All Years
Monday, 24 th October – Friday 28 th October	Half Term	All years
Monday, 31 st October	Teacher Training Day	All years
Tuesday, 1 st November	Return to School	All Years
Thursday, 3 rd November 7:00pm	KS4 Achievement Evening	Year 11, 12 & 13
Tuesday, 8 th November 5:30pm	Governors Finance & Resources Committee	Selected members of the Governors
Thursday, 17 th November 6:00pm	Post 16 Recruitment Evening	Year 11
Tuesday, 22 nd November 4:30pm	Parents Evening	Year 9
Wednesday, 7 th December 7:00pm	Christmas Concert	All years
Thursday, 8 th December 4:30pm	Parents Evening	Year 13 at Tile Hill Wood
Wednesday, 14 th December 6:30pm	Full Governors meeting	All members of the board of Governors
Thursday, 15 th December	Break up for Christmas Holidays	All Years
Friday, 16 th December	Teacher Training Day	All Years
Monday, 19 th December – Monday, 2 nd January	Christmas Holiday	All Years
Tuesday, 3 rd January	Return to School	All Years