



September 2018

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. The students look very smart in their uniform and have settled in quickly, with the minimum of fuss, particularly our new Year 7. (NB: School ties are now available from the Finance Office priced at £4.50.)

Once again, I would like to congratulate all our students on their excellent exam results this year, a clear demonstration of their hard work. I am very proud of their achievements and wish to thank you for supporting the students to ensure they reached their potential. In particular; Oliver Carroll, Amie Miles, Aleks Wrighton and Amy Downes who gained an impressive 19 grade 9s between them. All of whom are continuing their education into Post 16 at West Coventry Sixth Form. Well done! In Post 16 we achieved some excellent A Level & vocational results. Amongst the outstanding individual performances was Amongst the outstanding individual performances was Robert Anderson achieving 3 distinction stars in BTec Sport, going to Hartbury to study BSc in Strength and Conditioning. Ellie Brindley with 2A*s and a B, off to Strathclyde to do Business & Economics. Molly Craddock gained 2A*s and an A, studying History & Politics at Glasgow and Shoaib Hussain also gaining 2A*s and an A and off to Bath to do Mathematical Sciences. Well done! An excellent start to the year.

You will also be aware that after a long summer of waiting, we were finally allowed to share with you our Ofsted outcome:

'There is no change to the school's current overall effectiveness grade of Good as a result of this inspection'

I am thrilled that we remain a **'Good'** school and I am delighted that the Ofsted team recognised the hard work staff, students and parents have put in over the last two challenging years.

We are incredibly proud of this result and of all our students' achievements. Ofsted have highlighted some areas where we can improve and so we have put in place the following, as shared with you over the Summer holiday:

Grab 5

We would like all students to ensure that they have the following equipment **as a minimum** with them every day:

- **A pen**
- **A pencil**
- **A ruler**
- **A green pen**
- **Reading Book**

Students are expected to bring home their exercise books, so a **suitable school bag** is needed. I would encourage you to look at your son/daughter's books with them and discuss the feedback they have been given. At the front of the exercise books you will be able to read further information about expectations.



4 to start & 4 to finish

To ensure we have the best start to learning each lesson we will be following a consistent approach across the school to the start and end of each lesson which all students will be expected to comply with:

4 to start:

- Arrive on time
- Enter quietly
- Equipment out
- Do Now – a learning activity that should be completed independently and quietly

4 to finish:

- Pack away your equipment
- Tidy up
- Stand behind chairs in silence
- Leave in an orderly fashion

Mobile Phones and Headphones: It has always been an expectation that students turn off their mobile phone during lesson time and that the phone is away in their bag, this includes the pathways around school.

Attendance: Attendance and punctuality to school is very important. Thank you for your support by ensuring that your child is attending school and on time. 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 the Chair of Governors to seek permission.

Dropping off and collecting students: Can I remind you that if you do 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 there between 8am and 9:30am, 2:45pm and 4:30pm. This is to ensure the safety of the students leaving the site and to allow the five double-decker busses to enter and leave the school easily.

Available Apps: There are a couple of apps available to support home-school communication. You can find all the relevant information on our website under *Learning / Download our Apps*. We will (re-)issue access codes for you and your child for ClassCharts and send out this year's homework timetable for KS3.

Dates for your diary: This term's dates for your diary (or fridge door) are included in this letter. This will help you with your forward planning. 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 22nd September** 10:00am until 12:30pm. In preparation for this the school will be closed to all students from 12:30pm on Friday 21st September and students will need to make their own way home. We would love you to come along and join in the fun activities planned as many of our students will be involved.

We all want your children, our students, to have the very best educational experience here at West Coventry Academy and I thank you in advance for your continued support.

I look forward to continuing working well together.

Yours sincerely

Gina O'Connor
Headteacher



Autumn Dates to Remember 2018/19

Date	Activity	Year Group
Friday 21 st September 9:00am	Governors Personnel Committee	Selected members of the Governors
Friday 21 st September 12:30pm	School closes	All students
Saturday 22 nd September 10:00am – 12:30pm	Open Morning	All students including prospective students
Wednesday 26 th September 6:15pm	Year 10 GCSE Information evening	Year 10
Thursday 27 th September 6:15pm	Year 12 GCSE Information evening	Year 12
Friday 28 th September	School Photographs	All Years
Monday 8 th – Friday 12 th October 9:15am – 11:00am	See Year 7 in Action	Year 6 students and parents
Tuesday 9 th October 5:30pm	Governors Quality & Standards Committee	Selected members of the Governors
Monday 22 nd – Friday 26 th October	Half Term	All years
Monday 29 th October	Teacher Training Day	All years
Tuesday 30 st October	Return to School	All Years
Thursday 1 st November 7:00pm	KS4 Achievement Evening	Years 11, 12 & 13
Wednesday 7 th November 5:30pm	Governors Finance & Resources Committee	Selected members of the Governors
Thursday 15 th November 6:00pm	Post 16 Recruitment Evening	Year 11
Tuesday 29 th November 4:30pm	Parents Evening	Year 9
Wednesday 5 th December 6:00pm	Year 8 Options Evening	Year 8
Thursday 6 th December 6:00pm	Full Governors meeting	All members of the board of Governors
Thursday 20 th December 12:30pm	Break up for Christmas Holidays	All Years
Friday 21 st December	Teacher Training Day	All years
Monday 24 th December – Friday 5 th January	Christmas Holiday	All Years
Monday 7 th January	Return to School	All Years