

Newsletter 07: 6th November 2022

Working Together to Improve Standards and Share Success

News from this Week

Response to Student Voice

Just before half-term, we conducted some student voice activities. There were many positives to arise, such as the quality of teaching, improved behaviour in lessons and extensive extra-curricular opportunities. Our focus is always to maintain the positives, but then concentrate on finding solutions to areas our students raise as areas for improvement. There were two key areas: toilets and the behaviour of some students on corridors between lessons.

Mr Abraham and I spoke to all students last Tuesday to inform them of the following changes in light of student voice.

- Each year group now has their own set of toilets. Year 7 in PE, Years 8 & 9 on the ground floor of new build (different break and lunch) and Years 10 and 11 on the first floor (different break and lunch). Students have been told they need to take responsibility for maintaining their toilets, so they remain in the state they start the day. Locks previously broken by students have all now been replaced to ensure all toilets are fully functional.

Our rules and expectations are quite simple:

- Students must use the toilets allocated to their year group
- Only one student must enter a cubicle at any given time

If students do not adhere to our expectations they will be issued with a sanction and if your child is persistently deliberately not following rules, we will contact you. There is no reason why students need to enter toilets with other students. Moving forward, parents will be billed for any damage or vandalism that can be directly attributed to individuals. It is imperative students show respect for the school environment.

Early feedback from students this week has been very positive.

- As the number of students on roll continually increases, to help alleviate any potential congestion on corridors, we have introduced a one-way system in South block and the new build. This ensures all students are all travelling in the same direction, which means the full width of the corridor can be used. The system has been explained to all students and signs will be going up this week to remind students should they need a visual prompt. The expectation is that all stakeholders in school follow the one-way system. Staff are pro-actively out on corridors at change over time to ensure systems are implemented. Any student not following the system will be issued with a S2B in their planner; one S2B in isolation is just a warning, six during the course of any given week results in a day in isolation. The rules have been put in place in response to student voice, students simply now need to adhere to them.

Once again, early signs have been very positive with the vast majority of students adapting very quickly to meet expectations

- To reduce any potential hostility on corridors, we have adopted a new code of conduct for behaviour outside of lessons. The expectations are very simple:
 - Students are expected to follow the one-way system to walk **immediately** to their next lesson.
 - Students should walk using classroom voices; this means no shouting just talking using a professional tone.
 - Students should walk without touching anyone else.

Should staff on corridors see students not meeting these expectations they will be issued with a S2B. Likewise, any students not wearing correct uniform (e.g. no tie or with a hoody on) will be issued with a S2U. Any student seen removing the tie of a peer will spend the following day in isolation.

For the vast majority of our students, the expectations will not cause any concern. This is just the next step in us raising expectations to ensure the best possible quality of education for our young people.

Attendance – Resilience and Responsibility

The best week of the year this week with whole school attendance at 93.5%. Thank you for working with us. Year 7 and 11 particularly impressive once again with both year groups above 96%. We go again next week. Same again please.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday 8th November - Year 10 working together evening: Supporting your child with GCSE Studies

This event was due to take place this Tuesday, but due to staff illness (COVID) it will now be postponed until the week after, **Tuesday 15th November**. The evening will start at 5:30 and last for an hour. During this time there will be three carousel sessions; staff will talk Year 10 parents through how to support with:

- Sparx Maths at home
- Revision for English literature exams
- Memory capacity and subsequent retrieval to aid revision

We would welcome seeing as many Year 10 parents as possible. As I told you last year, GCSE courses are a marathon not a sprint, therefore the sooner we can get Year 10 into good habits the better. To help us organise groups, please use the form below to indicate whether you intend to attend with your child.

<https://forms.office.com/r/rfbkyDFYGe>

Thursday 10th November - Year 8 Residential

Further to the letter distributed just before half term at Year 8 parents' evening, this evening will be to discuss the Year 8 residential in further detail in order for Year 8 families to make a firm decision as to whether Year 8 students wish to attend. Mr Petrie will discuss the plan for the trip, a passport to entry and answer any questions parents may have.

The presentation will commence at 5:30 in the main canteen. If you are unable to attend but would like a copy of the power point presentation, please contact Mr Petrie directly (andrew.petrie@consilium-at.com).

Friday 11th November – Remembrance

As a mark of respect, we will be holding our own whole school service on the Astroturf on Friday morning at 11am. Miss Hardy, our music teacher, will be playing The Last Post. I have already spoken to some students who we know attend cadets who will be attending school for the day in military uniform. If your child wishes to show their respect by wearing military colours, please ask them to see either myself or Mr Abraham before Friday.

Tuesday 15th November – SEND Coffee Morning

Just some advance warning for any parents who may wish to attend our next Coffee Morning in school with SLT. The focus a week on Tuesday will be on SEND with Mrs Donkin hosting parents from 9-10am.

Celebrating the Success in the Community

As you know, there is nothing I enjoy more than reading emails sent to me by parents sharing the success of our students in the community. This week, I received an email from Lexie's B's Mum in Year 11. She was happy for me to share the email with you so we can all celebrate Lexie's sporting success together.



I just wanted to share with you all, a little update on Lexie's racing...

As you are all aware, Lexie started her 1st year racing Cars, a Fiesta ST150, in April this year joining the BRSCC Junior Fiesta Championship, after having raced Karts for 6 years previously. From April to October she has competed in 7 Qualifying sessions and 17 x 15 minute races as well as 7 Test days, 4 Driver Coach Days and countless days in the Gym or on the Race Simulator. She started the season at Brands Hatch, and went on to race at Croft Circuit, Oulton Park, Snetterton, Cadwell Park, Knockhill and again at Brands Hatch to finish the season 2 weeks ago. Her bravery and determination have surpassed our expectations and she often reached speeds of up to 102mph and has raced in all weather conditions. Overall, she has finished 4th in the Championship out of 21 drivers which is astounding for her 1st year racing Cars and we couldn't be more proud! I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone at school for their continued support of Lexie's racing. Due to the success of this season, Lexie's race team, Race Car Consultants, feel she is ready to move to a faster car, a Ginetta GT5 of which training is starting in 2 weeks' time. We will keep you updated. She is hoping to get into The Motorsport UK Academy based in Loughborough College to do a Motorsport Diploma in Sporting Excellence and become a full-time racing driver, after her GCSE's.

I am sure you will agree, this is a fantastic achievement. It is great to see Lexie applying our full rainbow of school values to her racing, culminating in incredible success. Well done, Lexie! We are all extremely proud of you and wish you well over the coming months.

Just a reminder to send me any positive stories you wish to share to celebrate together. Next week I will be sharing our success at the trust's annual Consilium Community Awards held on Friday night.

Extra – Curricular Activities

Please see attached on the following page our extra-curricular timetable for half term 2. I look forward to seeing our students enjoying activities of their choice once again from now until Christmas.

Take care and stay safe. Have a wonderful week!

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Claire Robbins'.

Claire Robbins
Executive Headteacher

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
First Lunch Years 11 & 9	Library Basketball	Keyboards Music Room Library	Library Dodgeball	Strings Music Room Library	Student Council Quiz Library
Second Lunch Years 10, 8 & 7	Choir Music Library Lego/Colouring/Cards T4	Library Basketball Lego/Colouring/Cards T4	Strings Sports Hall Library	Library Dodgeball Sports Hall Lego/Colouring/Cards T4	Choir Music Student Council Quiz Lego/Colouring/Cards T4
After School	KS4 Maths Support 103 KS4 English Support 106 Football Girls and Boys Astro Reading/Book Club Library KS3 Art Club T block Environment Club S19 School Council Meeting Canteen	Staff CPD No Clubs	Design Technology T Block Engineering 103 KS4 Art T Block KS4 Photography T Block Dance Club Drama Studio School Choir Music Room Homework Support Library Table Tennis	KS3 Science Club 204 KS4 Science Support Science Corridor KS4 French Support 003 KS3 Linguists Club 001 Book Club S13 KS4 Business 203 Debate Club S10 Netball Girls and Boys Homework Support Library	Badminton Girls, Boys & Staff Sports Hall