



March 2018

This week sees the Spring Term draw to an end and as we look forward to the Easter break, it is a good time to update you on the work that has been going on this term. Our College Magazine will be published later this week and I would urge you to take the time to read it as it gives a snapshot of just some of the great work that has been going on across the college. Many of the articles are written by our Student Leadership Team who have done a fantastic job of sharing with you the areas of work we are most proud of. This edition has a focus on our Sixth Form which is timely as many of our Year 11s are in the process of applying for entry into the Sixth Form here. It also provides a further insight into our House System and the opportunities this affords students.



Mrs C. Aitchison, Acting Principal

I am pleased to say that students are continuing to respond positively to our new behaviour policy. Last Friday we enjoyed treating our top merit earners to milkshake and cookies. This week reward events will take place for those students who have achieved 95% or better attendance so far this academic year and who have received five or less behaviour points this term. We have also sent messages of praise to those students who have achieved an outstanding 100% attendance so far this year.

We thank these students very much for their continued effort and to you for your continued support.

Plans are well underway for the "Festival on the Field" Summer Term reward event which will be bigger and better than last year. More details will follow next term.

Can I also remind you that to celebrate the end of Charites Week in the college, on Friday 23rd March we have a fancy dress/non uniform day for students with a £1 donation. Mrs Morris has sent out information on this. Please remind students to bring in cash for participation in activities, as payment cards can't be accepted. Thanks go out in advance to all of the students and staff who will organise, perform and donate during the week.

Important updates:-

1. **Student safety update- Fire Evacuations, 'Invacuation' Procedures**

Last half term I wrote to you to share with you the importance we place on keeping students safe. We have already carried out a successful fire evacuation drill this half term. This week we will be carrying out an 'invacuation' drill so students know what to do highly unlikely event of any of the following: -

- Someone on site who has the potential to pose a risk to staff or students
- An incident/disturbance in the local community which has the potential to pose a risk to staff or students
- A large fire near to the school
- Serious weather conditions
- A local risk of air pollution (smoke plume, gas cloud)
- A nearby chemical spillage

All students and staff have been briefed about this and we expect the drill to run smoothly.

2. **Student safety update – use of mobile phones**

A reminder to parents that mobile phones are not allowed to be used inside any college buildings. Can I also please remind you that if your child feels ill during the college day, they need to inform their teacher who will instruct them what they should do next. Students who are ill should not be contacting parents directly. This communication must come from staff at the college. We have had a number of occasions this term when students are contacting parents and parents are arriving at college to collect students. Our college procedures are clear that contact home must come from someone at the college.

3. **Year group specific information**

Year 11 - Exam Preparation Programme

Congratulations to Year 11 and 12 students who have completed their mock exams. This can be a difficult time for students and parents but forms a vital part of preparing students for what lies ahead when they return after the Easter break.

We have in place a rigorous exam preparation programme for students in Year 11 and the Sixth Form which began at the start of the academic year but the focus of which now becomes a priority.

A reminder to Year 11 parents that we are offering a 90-minute session to Year 11 parents where a general introduction will be given on the research behind good revision. Heads of Maths, English and Science departments will be offering details specific to the core subjects.

The event will be held at the College (Leysland Building) on Thursday 22nd March 2018 at 6pm - 7:30pm. To book a place please visit <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/how-to-help-your-child-revise-for-year-11-clcc-parents-tickets-44178895265>

Year 9 and 10

Information will be sent to parents of students in Year 9 and 10 this week about the up and coming exams. The letter will contain important information so please read carefully.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support this term and wish you a very Happy Easter and restful break.

I look forward to writing to you again next term with further updates of the progress we are making.