



Dear Parents/Carers,

## End of Summer Term 2025

As we draw the school year to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support throughout the year and especially this term. It has been a term full of learning, achievement, and success for our students, and your involvement plays a vital role in this.

Year 11 and Year 13 examinations are complete, and all the hard work, dedication and commitment shown by these students must be recognised and congratulated. Students can now take a well-earned break and enjoy the celebrations that come with this.

We had fantastic Leavers Days and Awards Evenings, as well as the annual Proms to celebrate the end of the students' time with us. We wish our Year 11 and 13 students an enjoyable summer break and eagerly await their results in August.

Our core values of Respect, Resilience and Success continue to sit at the heart of all that we do, and our students have shown this in abundance throughout the year. The Summer 2025 edition of our Academy Magazine (<https://tinyurl.com/2n267yxw>) celebrates all the amazing events and activities our students have taken part in, and I would urge you to read it if you haven't already.

I would also like to extend a special thanks to all our staff, who work tirelessly to create a supportive and inspiring environment for every student.

As is usual at this time of year, we will be saying farewell to some of our staff as they move onto new roles in other schools. I'd like to take this opportunity to say thank you to each and every one of them, for their commitment and dedication, hard work, and support they have given to all our students, in many cases over a number of years. I wish them every success in their future careers.

I am pleased to welcome the following new teachers and support staff who will be starting with us in August:

- Ms Errington - PE
- Mr Majithia - Science
- Mr Larson - Music
- Ms L Murphy - Attendance Officer
- Mr Rowe - Science
- Mrs Rushton - Maths
- Ms Sawers - Media & English
- Mr Herickx - Art

Due to staffing changes, there will be some alterations to some CREW and PREP groups for the next academic year. The details of these changes will be communicated at the end of August before students return to school.



## Start of term arrangements

- Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2025 - Years 7, 11 and 13 only return to school
- Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2025 - Return for all year groups (except Year 12)
- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025 – All year groups including Year 12

## Important Dates for the 2025/26 Academic Year:

- A Level Results Day - Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2025 (8:30-9:30am)
- GCSE Results Day - Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2025 (8:30-9:30am)
- Years 7 Power to Perform Evening for Parents – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025
- Years 10, 11, 12 & 13 Power to Perform Evening for Parents – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2025
- Open Evening – Thursday 18<sup>h</sup> September 2025
- Sixth Form Open Evening - Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2025
- Parent/carer coffee mornings – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2025, Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2025, Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026, Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026, Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2026, Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2026 – all at 9:30am.

The Academy will **close at 2pm on the following dates** for MAT wide training for staff:-

- 13<sup>th</sup> November 2025
- 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2025
- 12<sup>th</sup> February 2026
- 10<sup>th</sup> March 2026
- 21<sup>st</sup> April 2026
- 25<sup>th</sup> June 2026

## Reminder - cashless catering money

Your child's dinner money, which is topped up onto our cashless catering system via ParentPay.com, will continue to allow them to purchase food and drinks at breakfast, break and lunch times but can also be used to include essential stationery items.

These essential items are pencils, pens and rulers, and would be available to purchase in our reprographics department. They would **not** include nonessential stationery items such as pencil sharpeners, felt tip pens etc; the focus being on equipping students with classroom essentials and not using their dinner money for more general purchases.

I want to assure you that students will not be compelled to use their dinner money for these additional purchases. It remains entirely optional. Furthermore, we have set a minimum balance requirement of £3.50 to ensure that students always have sufficient funds for meals.

However, we do insist that our students are at school and learning ready, which means they are properly attired and equipped for school, including bringing in essential stationery items.

Free school meal students would not be able to use their free school meal allowance for these purchases.



## Uniform Reminder

My recent letter to parents with important information about our school uniform, including changes for September, can be viewed here - <https://www.clcc.college/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/Uniform-and-PE-Kit-Update-letter-to-parents-July-2025.pdf>. Please ensure your child has the correct and appropriate uniform for their return in August.

As we head into the summer break, I encourage all students to take time to rest, recharge, and reflect on their achievements. It is also a great opportunity to prepare for the new academic year with renewed energy and purpose.

Please check our website and social media towards the end of the holidays for updates and reminders.

Thank you once again for being such an integral part of our school community. On behalf of all the staff at Countesthorpe Academy, I wish you and your families a safe, happy, and restful summer break.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs C. Aitcheson

Headteacher