



Dear Parents/Carers,

End of Autumn Term 2025

As we come to the end of the Autumn Term, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on what has been a productive and rewarding term at Countesthorpe Academy and to thank you for your support.

Our core values of Respect, Resilience and Success continue to sit at the heart of all that we do, and this term has seen students engage enthusiastically in their learning across all year groups. I am proud of the progress students have made, and of the positive attitudes they have shown. We have captured lots of this in our Academy Magazine which you can find here <https://links.clcc.college/nwsdec25> - I hope you enjoy reading about all the fantastic contributions our students have made and the exciting events they have taken part in.

Students have represented the Academy through many enrichment activities, clubs, trips, and competitions. These experiences play a vital role in developing confidence, teamwork, and a sense of belonging, and I am grateful to the staff who give their time to make these opportunities possible.

I would also like to thank you for supporting us with improving student attendance, punctuality, completion of homework, and student conduct. All of these elements make a significant difference to our students' success, so the role you play is crucial, recognised, and valued not just by me, but our whole staff body.

As the term draws to a close, we encourage students to take time to rest and recharge over the holiday period. And while a well-earned break is important, maintaining positive routines such as reading and revising (especially for Year 11 and Year 13), are helpful in preparing students for a positive start back to school in January.

Although we say farewell to some staff at the end of this term (and wish them every success in the next stage of their careers), I am pleased to welcome the following teachers starting with us in January:

- Mrs C Harley – New Deputy Headteacher
- Miss P Spottiswoode - New French and Spanish Specialist Teacher
- Mr S Larsen – Music and English Teacher

The Spring Term begins on **Tuesday 6th January 2026**, and I look forward to welcoming our students back; **gates open at 8:30am for an 8:45am start**. Further information about key dates and events for next term will be shared early in the new year.

Our focus for next term is ensuring all students are fully engaged in their learning in every lesson. This is a combination of good teaching methods and student participation. I have set all students the challenge of making a positive contribution in every lesson; again, your support with encouraging your child to do this is hugely appreciated. We are also working with students on showing kindness and respect by responding to staff requests and instructions first time, every time. This helps deliver outstanding and engaging lessons and less time on dealing with interruptions. Helping your child to



recognise the importance of this is really useful; working in partnership we can help our students be the absolute best they can be.

I wish you and your family a restful and enjoyable holiday season, and a happy New Year. I look forward to welcoming all our students back in January.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs C. Aitcheson

Headteacher

Key Reminders for the Spring Term:-

❖ Start of term arrangements

Students return to school on Tuesday 6th January 2026

❖ School Ready - Ready for the Start of the Day

Please help your child arrive ready to succeed by checking that:

1. **Your child arrives to school with their charged device.** Not having their device in school can significantly impact your child's learning where staff have planned lessons to maximise the use of technology.
2. **Your child arrives to school in the correct uniform.** Our trousers are GREY and shoes are ALL BLACK. No other colours are acceptable.

