



# CANNOCK CHASE HIGH SCHOOL

A C H I E V E M E N T F O R A L L

My Ref: DR/JR

Your Ref:

Date: 8 February 2016

Dear Parent/Guardian

I am writing to you following a hugely successful few weeks for CCHS Sixth Form.

You may be aware that the Department for Education Performance Tables, which indicate school and Sixth Form performance, were published earlier this month. The key measurements for Sixth Forms are in terms of Academic and Vocational Progress. This indicates the progress of students at the Sixth Form when compared with the average national progress of other students with similar start points, i.e., their GCSE grades. I am incredibly proud to be able to say that CCHS Sixth Form secured the top position, both in terms of Academic and Vocational Progress, of all Sixth Forms in the Cannock and Rugeley area. In particular, the progress of our students on vocational courses in 2015 was statistically significantly above national average. This is a huge achievement and I congratulate all of our 2015 students and staff for the hard work that led to this outcome.

Please do take the time to look at the published Sixth Form performance on the Department for Education website at <http://www.education.gov.uk/schools/performance>.

In addition, 70% of our Year 13 students have now completed a UCAS university application and are now undertaking interviews and receiving conditional and unconditional offers from institutions across the UK.

We are also supporting a number of our Year 13 students who are pursuing alternatives to university, such as higher-level apprenticeships and employment. It has been terrific to see these students flourish during interviews and to see them secure routes to achieve their ambitions post Sixth Form.

We have also been incredibly proud of our many Sixth Form students who are now supporting main school students through peer mentoring and as peer tutors. Students from the main school are meeting with Sixth Form students weekly and this appears to be having a measurable impact. It is wonderful to see the Sixth Form assume leadership roles and demonstrate the skills that will be demanded of them in the workplace. I cannot congratulate this group of students enough.

In addition to celebrating the successes of the past few months, I am also writing to remind you of some important bits of housekeeping:

## **Sixth Form Parents' Evening**

Parents' Evening will take place on Thursday 11 February 2016, 4pm-6.30pm. As always, we invite you to make appointments with your son's/daughter's teaching staff via our online booking system (<http://cchs.spellcoder.co.uk>).

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### **Study Periods**

Please may I remind everyone that Year 12 students are expected to attend study periods and register in the Sixth Form Study Centre. Year 13 students are able to negotiate home study on the basis of having demonstrated independence. Our current Year 12 students will also be provided with this opportunity once they have completed their first external exams. We do of course appreciate that students occasionally require permission to be absent from a study period, perhaps for a medical appointment, job interview, etc. In the same way that an employer would ask that staff make a request for a period of absence, we simply ask that students complete a Study Period Absence Request Form in advance of the day of absence. These are available from Miss Roden and should be approved by me. We will of course always approve any reasonable request.

### **Driving Lessons**

We do support our Sixth Form students who wish to learn to drive and believe that this is an important part of students acquiring a greater sense of independence. For this reason, we are happy to approve requests from students to use one of their study periods each week for a driving lesson. Again, we simply ask that students complete a Study Period Absence Request Form so that we are aware of the planned absence and, therefore, do not begin to contact parents with concerns.

### **Year 13 Tutor**

Now that the UCAS application process is complete, we are aware that Year 13 students are less in need of the same amount of tutor time. For this reason, we are happy for Year 13 students not to attend tutor on a Monday, Tuesday or Friday. However, Year 13 students are required to attend tutor on a Wednesday (Sixth Form assembly) and on a Thursday (study skills masterclasses). We ask for all students' and parents' support in this matter. Year 12 students are still required to attend tutor five days a week.

I do hope you feel your child is being fully supported to achieve their potential and am thankful for your continued support in upholding the standards of our Sixth Form.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Reynolds', written in a cursive style.

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