

A CHIEVEMENT FOR ALL

My Ref: IT/CAG Your Ref: Date: 25 August 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian

We are very excited to be welcoming all students back to school in September and return to a 'new normal'. The school buildings have not been the same since 20 March, and it goes without saying that it is our students and staff who make our school have the warm and welcoming environment that we have all missed so much.

In order to help you prepare for September, you should already have received the Student and Parent Guidance document. This can also be found on the school website: http://www.cannockchasehigh.com/CoronavirusAdvice. This outlines how the school buildings will be divided into Year group zones, as well as day to day running processes and procedures that are there to protect students and staff from transmission of Covid-19.

Uniform and Equipment

Please refer to the updated Uniform and Equipment Policy where there is specific reference to PE kit, which should be worn to school on the days that students have PE lessons as no changing facilities will be available. These measures will ensure that students still get the high quality, broad and balanced curriculum of subjects that they are used to receiving (this Policy can also be found on the school website page given above). Please also see Uniform and equipment visual guides attached to the bottom of this letter. Please note, shorts and tracksuit bottoms should be plain black with no stripes or logos. Students should bring their PE kit in a bag on the first day (Thursday 3rd September) to check through with their tutor before their first PE day.

Many students have been experimenting with hair styles and colours over lockdown, and we ask that hair be returned to a 'natural' colour, in line with the school policy, that piercings are limited to one stud per ear lobe (no facial piercings are permitted) and that any false nails or coloured nail varnish is removed. As with the policy previously, we would like to remind students that school trousers should be full length and that ankle socks are not permitted. Students at Cannock Chase High School have always had exceptional standards of uniform and appearance, which has always made us proud, and these high standards need to be maintained in order for our outstanding reputation to be upheld and to continue to make each other proud.

In order to reduce the need to borrow equipment, there have been some additions to the equipment that students should carry with them each day, additions include: highlighter pen, colouring pencils (Yr7/8) and a whiteboard, pen and rubber. All students will be issued with a whiteboard, pen and rubber in September. However, should they be lost, they will need to be replaced by students. Year 7 will also be provided with a highlighter pen and a green assessment pen, as this has been added since initial guidance was provided as part of Year 6 transition. Please see the policy for the full equipment list.

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School Day

The full details of the school day are in the Student and Parent Guide, however, I just wanted to point out the staggered start times to the school day for each Year group. These timings will start on Friday 4 September on students' second day back. Different start times will be in place for the first day Thursday 3 September (details later in the letter).

Year 7 8:40am (Upper Gates)
Year 8 8:40am (Lower Gates)
Year 9 8:45am (Lower Gates)
Year 10 8:50am (Lower Gates)
Year 11 8:45am (Upper Gates)
Sixth Form 8:50am (Upper Gates)

Students should enter school through the allocated gates for their Year group and use Pennine Drive to walk between the two sets of gates (Leadership Team will be present on each gate to then guide students to their zones). Students entering the school from Chenet Way gates will be permitted to do so and should walk to their zone on upper site or walk via the back path (by the playing fields) to lower site (students should remain outside until they reach their zone and should not walk through other Year group corridors). Social distancing should be maintained at all times on the way to school and when walking around the school site (even with other students in their Year group, as this will reduce the risk of transmission).

First Day Timings

In order to ensure that students enter the school via the preferred entry point and time, we have staggered the start times even more on the first day, in order to be able to support students and guide them as they come on site. Students will spend their entire first day with their tutor and will get a full induction of the new Covid-19 procedures and processes as well as a tour of their zone and more importantly an opportunity to speak with their tutor about their experiences/worries and re-engage with each other (as I am sure that they have all missed each other).

Year 7: Students should arrive at the following times to Upper School Gates where they will be met by Leadership Team and guided to the Upper School Hall. They will then be met by their tutor and escorted to their tutor room.

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7A - 8:40
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7B - 8:45

7C - 8:50

7D - 8:55

7F - 9:00

7G - 9:05

7E - 9:10 (please note that 7E are the last tutor group to arrive as they use the hall as their tutor room)

Year 7 will finish their first day at 2:50pm and will exit the site from Upper School Gates.

Year 8: Start 9:30am, finish 3:10pm (Lower Gates)
Year 9: Start 11:30am, finish 3:15pm (Lower Gates)
Year 10: Start 10:30am, finish 3:20pm (Lower Gates)
Year 11: Start 10:00am, finish 3:15pm (Upper Gates)
Sixth Form: Start 12:00noon, finish 3:20pm (Upper Gates)

Students should arrive at the gates no sooner than 5 minutes before their start time, in order to reduce the number of students coming on site at the same time. In order to keep everyone safe, students should not congregate around the gates.

Risk Assessments

In order to ensure that we can put measures in place for students who have specific medical requirements that would put them at greater risk if they contracted Covid-19, we ask that parents of such students complete the risk assessment form on the link below (if you already completed the form for your child attending school in the summer term, there is no requirement to complete the form again). Please note that face masks are permitted to be worn by staff and students who wish to do so, but it is not enforced, due to the current Government guidance advising that they are not required in schools (this may be subject to change, and we will keep you updated when we are informed of any updates).

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdKbTGOtrmMNWADmYSVYUoYafwMKroPYkYulzvSFYrFwAbZCA/viewform?usp=sf_link

We appreciate that returning to school following a significant period of home learning will be daunting for both students and staff, and we endeavour to support each other through these strange times. However, if you or your child have specific concerns about them returning to school, please do get in touch (see all Directors of Year/Leadership Team e-mail addresses in the contact section of the website) so that we can support you, reassure and alleviate any concerns that you may have. Additionally if you have a concern regarding a process or procedure that is put in place, please do speak to us about it directly, as we are, as you can image, navigating these ever changing circumstances with staff and student safety at the forefront of all that we are doing, but welcome feedback and questions that challenge us to make school the safe and welcoming place it should be.

We look forward to seeing all our students, old and new, in September for another exciting academic year.

Yours sincerely

Miss J Simpson Deputy Headteacher



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

Uniform Guide

Black Blazer with red trim and CCHS school	Black Trousers	Black Skirt	White Shirt
logo	Smart, tailored, full length, straight legged. Leggings, chinos or denim are not permitted.	Worn just above knee level with no splits. Lycra figure hugging skirts are not permitted.	Plain short or long sleeve.
Red and Black School Tie	Socks	Black Shoes	Jewellery/other
	Plain dark grey or black.	Formal traditional leather, maximum one inch heel. Trainers, canvas pumps and any other footwear with a sports label are not permitted. Ankle boots can be worn with trousers over the boot.	Wrist watch and 1 stud per ear permitted. No other jewellery is permitted. Facial piercings are not permitted. Fake nails/gel/polish is not permitted. Hair- natural colour only/grade 1 all over is not permitted.

Please see the school uniform policy for more information (available on school website)



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PE Uniform Guide

Red zipped top with	Black Tracksuit	Black Shorts	White Shirt	
CCHS school logo	Bottoms			
		(Plain with no	Red T-shirt with CCHS logo	
	Full length, plain with	stripes/logos. Lycra figure	or personalised GCSE T-	
	no stripes or logos.	hugging shorts are not	shirt.	
	Leggings including	permitted)		
	Lycra based ones are			
	not permitted.			
Trainers	Socks	PE kit with CCHS logos can only be purchased from Liss		
Any brand or colour	(Plain black	Sport www.lisssport.co.uk		
If possible please	football/ankle)	Pack shown above £42		
bring a spare pair of		Top - £13		
trainers so that the		Shorts – 4.95		
pair worn on the		Socks-£3.95		
field can be changed		Zipped Top - £23		
and stored in plastic		Items without the CCHS logo can be purchased from		
bag to take home.		other retail outlets.		
		Polo: https://www.firelabel.	.co.uk/childrens/polo-	
		shirts/jc040b-awdis-kids-jus	t-cool-polo-shirt.html	
		Hoody:		
		https://www.firelabel.co.uk		
		awdis-just-hoods-kids-hood	<u>ie.html</u>	

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Student Equipment List



Reading Book



Water Bottle



Whiteboard, pen and rubber



Calculator (Scientific for Yr 9-11)



Pencil Case



Ruler (15cm)



Green Pen



Rubber



Highlighter Pen



1 Pencil



2 Black Pens