

Hello everyone,

Welcome back to the Year 11 Newsletter.

We have returned to the hallowed grounds that are the setting of our excellent school. Lockdown has once again come to an end and we have the privilege of teaching our students in a classroom. I cannot express how exciting this is. The return to school has been very good, the students have been calm and respectful, and they have acted with maturity when discussing their exams and the next stages of their GCSE learning pathway.

As we all know, Lockdown is never easy. With remote learning and limited communication, remote learning can be a challenge, not just for completing lessons but also for our mental health. So far we have seen that most students have responded really well to the return and change in routine. However, there are still some issues that may be underlining and hidden. If this is the case for your child, can I please urge you to get in touch with me ASAP so Mrs Warren and I can put in some support.

We now enter a period of time consolidating our learning before we start our evidence gathering period. We are expecting to be able to give all students a clear plan within all of their lessons and some structure given to them as to what to expect for the next couple of months. Whilst we are still in the process of pulling this together please help your child to organise their workstations at home, their booklets/class books and their revision guides & timetables. Once again, all support is appreciated.

Once again, I thank you for your continued support and effort through these challenging times. We're coming close to the end for our Year 11 students so keeping the focus and positivity up is of vital importance in the last few months

Please keep safe and feel free to contact me if you have any question or require additional support

Regards

Jim Stockwell – Head of Year 11

Covid testing in school

This has been a colossal undertaking these past 2 weeks. Over 4200 tests have been carried out! Year 11 students have been on fine form showing their maturity and grace whilst undertaking the Lateral Flow test. We had a number of extremely anxious students who overcame their fears to carry out their tests. The testing in school came to a close on Thursday and next we start the process of distributing the home testing kits. Parents must have opted in to be eligible for receipt of a testing kit and don't worry if your daughter is absent when the tests are given out, she can receive one on her return to school. The tests cannot be posted home as they must be signed for by the students.

If you have been unable to receive the testing packs from school, you can still order some through the following link; <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff>

Celebrating Success

A huge congratulations to Joey and Johdion who recently got their BTEC music results back. Joey achieved a distinction and Johdion a Merit. Both students have done absolutely superbly and are a real credit to our year group and school. Congratulations both.

Message from the Year 11s - Issy

Coming back to school was going to be a struggle. Getting back into the swing of waking up on time and being prepared for our lessons. It was lovely once we were here to get back into the routine, see friends, and get back into the classroom rather than learning at home on your own. Obviously, there are many restrictions at home when you study subjects like Dance. Trying to prance around in your room is not the same as using our wonderful studio so having the opportunity to get back into the space needed, to properly move, has been excellent. Coming back had a strange feeling to it because we knew our exams were cancelled, but our teachers have been excellent in reassuring us and we know that we will be ok and our outcomes will be what we deserve.

Message from the Year 11s - Aaliyah

The return to school was personally a very smooth transition. At first, testing was quite unnerving however after getting tested a couple of times it wasn't as daunting- so I hope that the school continues to stress the importance of getting tested. All my teachers have been incredibly supportive which has eased the stress of working towards our final grades. Every teacher has listened to the concerns of their students and some are planning to go back to the work that was done in lockdown, so many of my classes aren't as stressful.

Notices – Uniform

Below are a few reminds of our Uniform Policy. Can you please check your child's uniform and make sure it is in line with these requirements? Your help and support here is very much appreciated.

CHSG School Bag Guide

From September 2020 all students must have a plain, black rucksack. These four bags would be acceptable for students to use this academic year coming (2020-21) as they are the right colour, type and have no visible logos on them.



These four bags **would not be** acceptable for students to use from 2020. Although they are black and all rucksacks, they are not plain as the logos on them are visible.



Embroidered School Bag

For students who are in Year 7 in September 2020 the school bag available from Trutex (logo will be embroidered) is **compulsory**.

For students who are in Year 8 and 9 in September 2020 the school bag available from Trutex (logo will be embroidered) is **compulsory from September 2021**. For 2020-2021 students in these year group can either use a plain, black rucksack (as shown in the top line of images) or purchase the embroidered school bag from Trutex.

Students who are in Year 10 and 11 in September 2020 will not need to purchase the embroidered school bag from Trutex at all. However, they must have a plain, black rucksack (as shown in the top line of images).



CHSG School Shoe Policy Guide

Please see images below of shoes we would deem as **acceptable** to be worn to school. These shoes are made of leather, flat heeled, below the ankle and are plain black.



Please see images below of shoes we would deem as **unacceptable** to be worn to school. These shoes either; are boots, have a heel, are made of canvas or are Vans/Converse.



House Events



This week we get involved with Comic Relief (Friday 19th March) and due to Covid restrictions things are going to be slightly different as we are unable to hold our normal fund raising events, but it does not stop us from being involved.

The theme this year is



So at CHSG we

want you to share your smile and make us happy!

There are other events for you to be involved in too such as baking and the tutor time quiz.

<https://www.comicrelief.com/history-of-red-nose-day/>

