



Chesterton Community Sports College

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Dear Parent/Carer,

It is with great pleasure that we welcome you and your child back to what will undoubtedly be the most challenging yet rewarding year of their academic life: a year that will set them up for the rest of their adult life.

As a year group we are already celebrating some fantastic results for those that were ready and prepared to sit their science exams this summer.

We are at a point now where every lesson counts and I can not emphasis enough the importance of attendance in school this year. Not only will good attendance best prepare your child for their exams and help to meet coursework deadlines this year but it will also be key to future employers and further education colleges when we write their references. In addition to this we, as a school, encourage all pupils to extend their learning beyond the classroom by doing at least half an hour of revision every night after school from this point onwards. It is shown that pupils spending an extra thirty minutes studying at home achieve on average a whole grade better than those that don't.

Mapping your child's progress is imperative and subject teachers will provide a number of resources to enable you to keep up to date with your child's development. In addition, subjects will be offering support by providing booster sessions at lunch time or after school. Pupils will need to see their class teacher regarding more information but these are invaluable in helping your child to prepare for their summer exams or simply to further their learning beyond the classroom. Taking an active interest in your child's books will help to support the learning taking place in the classroom.

In order to keep you up to date with notices, homework and attendance, you can log onto the parent portal. In order to access the portal, please go to the school website and click on the parent portal tab on the top right hand corner of the page. Parents/carers can register via this link. The portal also provides a vital piece of feedback on pupil progress and will contain your child's profiles and reports. These are teacher judgments based on your child's level of attainment and attitude to learning at that time.

In order to track your child's profiles online, the portal will be updated on the following dates at 10am:

Friday 21st October 2016, Friday 17th February 2017, Friday 7th April 2017, Friday 26th May 2017

Other specific dates for your diaries include:

Wednesday 2nd November 2016– GCSE Careers and Revision Evening, 6-8pm

Monday 28th November 2016– Mock Exams Begin

Monday 18th January 2017 – Year 11 Reports

Tuesday 19th January 2017 – Year 11 Parents Evening

Monday 8th May 2017 – GCSE Exams Begin

As ever, if you have any questions then please contact me or the school office and we will follow up your concern as quickly as we can.

Kind Regards

Mr Maxted
Head of Year 11

