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(Part of the Stephen Sutton Multi Academy Trust)

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you all enjoyed a restful Easter break. Term is now well underway with only 2 short weeks until our Y11's embark upon their GCSE's and Y13 students take their 'A' levels.

The summer term has much to look forward to. Not only should the nights get longer and the weather warmer but students will be able to be outdoors more of the time - especially during lunchtimes when they can enjoy the freedom of using our fields to get some fresh air. We have another revision and assessment period for students in years 7 – 10 immediately after half term and a week of internal exams for year 12 students just after that (all dates are on our calendar). The term concludes with Y11 leaver's assembly and Y11 and Y13 proms – always very popular events. This year's Enrichment Week falls in the last week of term and features Sports Days, French and German trips, year group and subject based activities which we hope will give our students the experience of learning in different ways from those allowed by our more traditional timetable.

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Family Fun Day and Car Show – Saturday 17th June

Mrs Tonks has been working hard to co-ordinate what is shaping up to be an outstanding day of family fun on Saturday 17th June. Monster Trucks mixing with Vintage cars, fairground rides, climbing walls and numerous other stalls really does mean there is something for everyone – let's hope that the sun shines too!! Entry is £1 per person payable on the gate and this year we are supporting two charities – Friends2friends and COGS.

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New Rewards and Aspirations system

I am very grateful to Mr Barter and Ms Roach for all the hard work that they have been doing to introduce our new Rewards and Aspirations system. They spent last week visiting years 7 to 10 during assembly time to introduce the new system which is designed to reward students for work and behaviour that is 'above and beyond' in order to gain Achievement Points (AP's). Students who have already collected PB's will not lose these as they are being converted into AP's. I am particularly keen to praise students for doing things well – working with determination, behaving well and supporting others, showing resilience and embedding a strong sense of aspiration being core to my philosophy. Our Achievement Points system is child centred – every student can access AP's from their own particular starting point – I am very excited about this excellent development.

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Exams

Students are reminded that GCSE and 'A' Level exams begin on 15th May. Please be quiet in the clearly signposted areas where exams are taking place – a peaceful environment really helps those taking the exams to concentrate. Our main area for exams is the school Sports Hall but other rooms are also used. If signs ask for quiet please observe this request.

Y11 students are expected to attend school fulltime until the end of the day on Friday 26th May. They will be attending a mixture of exams and classes during this time. After the half term break Y11 will only be expected to attend lessons in subjects that they have still to complete exams in, along with their timetabled exams. Students are reminded that they should be wearing school uniform for their exams and at any other time that they are in school.

Y11 and Y13 should be revising hard by now and into a good routine with this. The school website has lots of revision advice on it and MyMaths and Sam Learning offer further revision possibilities.

Online Games

Staffordshire Police have informed the school about a computer game that they are particularly concerned about.

It is called the "Blue Whale Game" and it is especially sinister in what it encourages young people who play the game to do.

Please ensure that your children do not engage with this game. More information about this game is available on line.

Bike thefts

Regrettably I have to inform parents that the school has been targeted by thieves who have stolen three bikes from our bike storage area. These bikes were not secured with bike locks and were, therefore, all too easy to steal. I am very keen to encourage students to walk, cycle or use their scooter to travel to school. Please ensure that your property is securely locked to the bike racks provided.

Should you recognise either the car or the individuals in these pictures please let me know and I will inform the Police.



Uniform

Can I please pass my thanks onto parents/carers for their tremendous support of our uniform push. Looking around the school students look smart and well turned out. The introduction of hoodies has been very popular and I am pleased with how smart these look. We experience occasional lapses in skirt length amongst the girls and the odd false nail but these are quickly remedied with our uniform infringement letters. Thank you!

Site Security

We constantly monitor our site security at CTTC. Along with CCTV upgrades, we are further enhancing our site security with additional security fencing that is being installed across the front grass area of the school. This will enable us to close the driveway gates at the Wych Elm end of the school premises between 9:00am and 3:30pm. This will ensure that all visitors to the school site have to gain access through the front reception area of the school. Parents who collect their children from school by car after school will have to do so from the larger main school car park once this system comes into operation. Staff and 6th form students who use the smaller car park will not be able to use their vehicle between 9:00am and 3:30pm as they will be locked on site.

Charity Fund Raising

As we are approaching the 2nd anniversary of Stephen Sutton's death CTTC has decided to hold a non-uniform day on Friday 12th May in his memory. Students can wear their own clothes and may wish to follow the yellow theme but that is personal choice. Donations will be going to TCT. At the same time Lucy Ashford from E7 has decided to show her support for The Little Princess Trust by having her long hair chopped off! This will be sent to the charity along with the funds to make a wig for a child who has suffered hair loss. This will also be happening on Friday 12th May. I have been encouraging students to be charitable and consider how fortunate we are and I am delighted that students have come forward to offer their generous support of these wonderful charities.

Co-opted Governor Vacancy

CTTC requires a Governor to join its governing body who has a background in finance (e.g. auditing/bursar/accountancy). The position requires attendance at no more than 5 meetings per academic year on a voluntary (non-paid) basis. Should you know anyone who may be interested in joining our Governing Body, could you ask them to contact Sharon Jones on 01543 682286 email s.jones@cttc.staffs.sch.uk

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