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Year 7

Meet the Tutor evening

Wednesday 7th September 2022



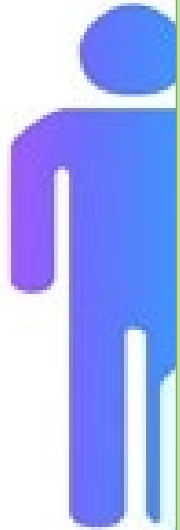
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Tutor introduction

Name: Mr Davis

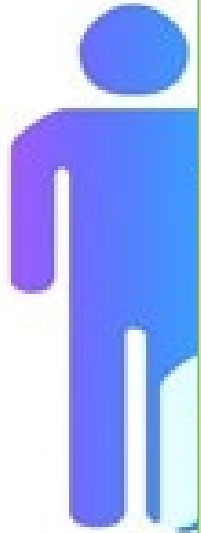
Subject: Mathematics

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Aims of the session



- ✓ To understand the role and purpose of a tutor
- ✓ To explore CNCS school principles and policies
- ✓ To answer any questions you may have
- ✓ To establish a good parent/tutor relationship



The school site



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Pedestrian gates open AM/PM: Cinder Path (Bennetts Road),
Tamworth Road gate (closes at 3.30pm/3pm on a Tuesday)

The car park can become very congested with vehicles coming onto the school site.

- Monday/Weds/Thurs/Fri – no vehicle access after 8.20am / no vehicle access before 3.30pm
- Tuesdays – no vehicle access before 3pm

Please see the school site access flyer that you have been given at sign in.



What is a tutor?



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The tutor is the **key person** for every child within a tutor group.

Not only do they register pupils in the morning, they **check uniform/ equipment/ timetables** etc and help where needed.

A tutor will offer **pastoral care** to each child and will support them through various methods, eg: liaising with other teachers.

Tutors **monitor attendance, punctuality and positive/negative behaviour points.**

They are the **first point of contact for parents.**



Tutor time

We have **2 hours** of tutor time each week.

There is a **Pastoral Programme** in place which pupils will partake in. This includes:

- Weekly tutor review (student check ins)
- Opportunities for silent reading
- Talking Points/Discussions
- Student Council updates
- Assembly



School planners

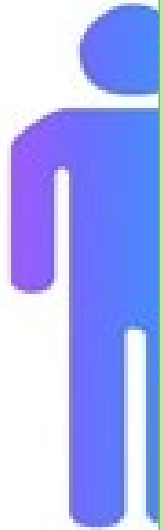
Today, each student in Year 7 has been issued with their **CNCS planner**.

Planners are an **essential part of our equipment** and are used to:

- Record student timetables
- Record homework
- Record notes (log on information / key dates)
- Increase communication between school and home

We kindly ask that you:

- Read the contract in your child's planner and sign it
- Continue to sign your child's planner weekly





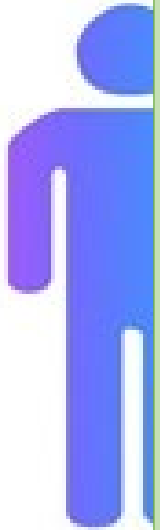
Attendance/punctuality

It is so important that all pupils attend school and that they are on time for school.

Pupils should all be aiming for 100% attendance. The 100% Attendance End of Year award is prestigious and pupils should all be aiming for this.

Pupils must be in school by 8.30am each morning. Being late will result in a DT. **If a child is not in tutor time/Period 1, a text will go home alerting you of this.**

If a pupil feels unwell during the school day, they should see their tutor. All authorised absences should be reported before 8am via telephone.





The School Day

Pupils will have **tutor times Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Fridays.**

They will have **x5 1 hour lessons** each day of a range of subjects – all students will follow an **A/B timetable over two weeks.**

The **school day ends at 3.10pm** on Mon, Weds, Thurs & Fridays. The day ends at **2.40pm on a Tuesday.**

After school clubs will be running soon and the library is open until 4pm every day (3.30pm on a Tuesday) – this is for Homework Club and pupils can use computers to complete their homework.



Social times

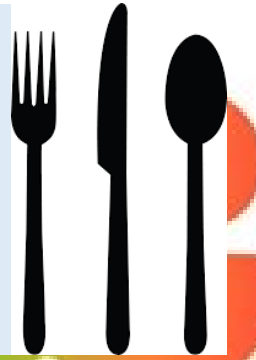
The canteen is open before school for tea and toast (no cost).

Break time is 20 minutes and lunch time is 40 minutes long.

Pupils have access to the whole site during social times: playgrounds, tennis courts, fields (weather depending), table tennis tables.

Behaviour and uniform expectations still apply during social times.

Lunch



The new lunch menu will be shared on our webpage but here is a sample of what is offered for a week:

Pupils can buy lunch via **fingerprint biometrics** OR using their **canteen card**.

Our Gateway App is used to put money on pupils' accounts.

Free School Meals will be available for those eligible.

WEEK ONE	Cluck Shop MONDAY	Classic TUESDAY	Roast WEDNESDAY	Around the World THURSDAY	Treat FRIDAY
ACADEMY Main £1.90	Salt & Pepper Chicken & Egg Fried Rice	Savory Minced Beef with Mash and Dumpling	Roast Gammon Roll with Mustard Mayo	Chicken Tikka Curry	Fish Finger Wrap served with Salt & Vinegar Mayo
ACADEMY Veggie £1.90	Vegetable & Bean Burrito	Vegetable Stew with Mash served with a Dumpling	Vegetable Hotpot	Vegetable Tikka Curry	Home Produced Cheese & Onion Roll
ACADEMY Sides	Egg Fried Rice Sweetcorn	Mash Potatoes Beans	Roast Potatoes Diced Carrots, Swede	Boiled Wholegrain Rice Garden Peas	Chips Mushy Peas Beans Curry Sauce
ACADEMY Extras	<i>Also Available Daily:</i> A selection of hot and cold grab & go favourites Meal Deal with a cake of the day £2.35!				



Year 7 Curriculum

Pupils in Year 7 follow a broad curriculum over an A/B two week timetable.

The number of lessons they have per fortnight is below:

- English – 7
- Maths – 8
- Science – 7
- R.E – 5
- P.E - 4
- French/Spanish – 1
- Art/Drama/Music – 2
- History/Geography/Technology - 3



Assessments

At CNCS, we have **x3 assessment points** each academic year:

- Autumn
- Spring
- Summer

To support with these assessments, pupils are given:

- Prior notice about the assessment period
- A timetable and revision pack to revise from



Assessments

- Once the assessments have been marked and moderated, we report these to parents via **Pupil Progress Reviews**.
- Pupils engage with their Progress Reviews during a tutor time session and **parents/carers are posted one home, too.**

Please be aware that for their **Autumn/Spring assessments**, we report their progress via:

- Percentage score (%)
- Comparison to Class Average (%)

This method of assessment reporting allows pupils to be compared against pupils of a similar ability.

In their **Summer Assessment**, pupils are given a '*Pathway to Greatness Grade*' which follows a Grade 9-1 flightpath looking at where they should be in Year 7.

Please be aware that teachers and Heads of Department review classes regularly and if we feel that a child should be in a different group, we will engage with parents accordingly.

Homework



Year 7 pupils will be given 20 minutes' worth of homework:

- Weekly for core subjects
- Fortnightly for non-core subjects
- Every 3 weeks for Music, Drama, Art

Most departments are utilising **online homework platforms** which will be introduced to students over the next few weeks.

To help manage their homework, students will be **issued with a homework timetable** where different subjects will set homework on different days of the week.

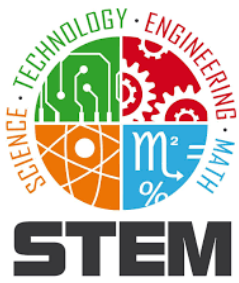
Homework club runs in the library every day after school (from Monday 12th September). (Until 4pm OR 3.30pm on a Tuesday)

Homework

For the next few weeks, Year 7 will be set a pastoral project to complete by Mr McLintock.

This will allow them time to settle in and find their feet. They will also get to know the homework timetable and will have had chance to explore the online homework platforms.

! All homework is set on Class Charts – you will receive parental log on information ASAP.



Extra-curricular



Over the next few weeks, we will share with students an **Extra-Curricular Timetable** which includes all of the lunch time/after school clubs and activities that run.

These are likely to include:

Football, Rugby, Dance, STEM club, Eco Club – and many more!

As soon as this is released, pupils will be given the opportunity to sign up.

We strongly request that ALL Year 7 pupils sign up for an extra-curricular activity within their first few weeks at CNCS.



Trips



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Since coming out of Covid-19, we are able to run trips again.

In addition to the Bushcraft residential trip in October, we are hoping to run:

- Theatre trip for the year group
- Careers event for the year group

We will always give as much notice as possible for any upcoming trips and would love for pupils to join us where possible.

How can you support as a parent/carer?



We truly value the school/home partnership in order to give your child a successful experience at CNCS.

To support, we ask:

- You help your child pack their bag for the first few weeks – do they have everything they need?
- Check your child has the correct uniform each morning
- Review and sign your child's planner – weekly
- Check and ask what homework they have; ask to see the finished product
- Ensure your child has a reading book as part of their equipment
- Encourage your child to leave home in good time so that they are not late
- Discourage your child from being absent from school
- Ask about your child's experience of school (friends, lessons)

If you have any concern or queries, please contact your child's tutor; we will always try and support or resolve any issues you may have.



Upcoming key dates

Just a few dates for your diary:

1. Friday 30th September – Teacher training day
2. 12th October – 14th October – Bushcraft Residential trip (optional)
3. Wednesday 7th December – Year 7 Carol Concert (attendance compulsory for all Y7)
4. Thursday 24th April 2023 – Year 7 Parents' Evening

Bushcraft Residential Trip (October 12th-14th)



- Letters going out by end of the week.
- £60 deposit to secure place – by 21st Sep
- Total payment: £177 (full payment required by 7th October.



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Any questions?



Where to next?

6pm-6.15pm – Welcome (Pope Francis Hall)

6.15pm-6.45pm – Meet the tutor (Various- see card provided)

6.45pm-7.00pm – Optional session 1

Parent Apps (Pope Francis Hall)

SEND Support (Bosco)

7.00pm-7.15pm – Optional session 2

Parent Apps (Pope Francis Hall)

SEND Support (Bosco)

In the case of a fire drill, please report to the tennis courts.