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Dear parent / carer

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to share some important end of half term updates.

Calendar updates

Autumn term resumes	Monday 2nd November 2026
Year 11, 12 & 13 assessments	from Monday 2nd November 2026
Year 11 parents evening	Thursday 3rd December 2026
Year 8 & 10 parents evening	Thursday 10th December 2026
Last day of Autumn term	Friday 18th December 2026
First day of Spring term	Monday 4th January 2027

We are in the process of finalising dates for teacher training days in September 2027 and will share with parents in due course.

Events last Friday

Further to the messages I sent out last Friday and Sunday, I wanted to provide a brief update as, speaking to a number of parents and carers since last week, there is still a lot of speculation.

I will start by thanking the pupils for returning so calmly and sensibly on Monday morning. I talked to them all through a virtual assembly and reassured them that the school was safe and that we were returning to a normal routine. I also commended them and the staff for their actions at very short notice on the Friday. Counselling support has been available to pupils all week and we have settled back into our normal school routines.

I must remind parents/carers that this matter is sitting with the police and that any speculation or comments on social media may not be based on fact and has the potential to destabilise the school community.

Can I finally thank everyone for the deluge of positive messages and communications; the staff are extremely grateful to parents/carers who have been in touch with messages of praise and support. Speaking on behalf of the school we really appreciate this.

Open Evening

We were thrilled to invite between 500 and 600 prospective and existing families into the new building on Thursday 8th October 2026. Again, we have received some lovely feedback about the event, the vision for the school and for our brilliant new facilities.

Year 7 Parents Evening

We held our first parents evening of the academic year last night and we were delighted by a turn out of nearly 80% of our year 7 cohort. This is a big jump from previous years and demonstrates the important relationship that we want to continue to build with our families. Many thanks for supporting this and the impact that it will have on the progress your children will make at school.

Attendance

Despite the issue of a school-wide sickness bug in mid-September, our attendance figures are showing rapid improvement and are also likely to better than in previous years by the time we get to July 2027. I must thank parents/carers for supporting this; it is also a further demonstration of the important relationship that we want to keep building with our families.

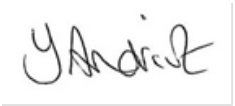
The old JCSC building and carpark

We no longer have responsibility for the old building and Kier are in the process of preparing for eventual demolition. This will, in time, be replaced by a grass football pitch for CCS.

We are, however, still using the carpark and it is our main source of spaces for staff, sixth form and school visitors. The county transport buses still drop off and pick up from there. This is a school carpark and not a public carpark and, for the safety of the staff, I am having to remind everyone that this is the case.

Thank you again for your continued support and I hope you and your children have a restful half-term holiday. I look forward to welcoming them back to CCS at the start of November.

Yours faithfully



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