

JAn/LHe

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Dear parent / carer,

I hope this letter finds you well. We have finally moved into our exciting new school building and I wanted to share some important information and dates for the diary with you.

The new building

We are all delighted with the excellent new building provided by Northumberland County Council and constructed by Kier. I really encourage you all to come in and see the facilities during our Open Evening on Thursday 8th October – more on this below.

I have been doing assemblies this week focusing on how we are all settling into the new school. We have a one-way system which is designed to support the young people moving calmly and purposefully from lesson to lesson. This will also help us all become familiar with the new layout of departmental areas. I have reminded pupils that we only eat in the dining hall and that there is plenty of space for them to do this. I am putting a lot of emphasis on looking after our new school; I do not want to see any chewing gum or litter anywhere and we are going to treat all of the spaces with a great deal of respect.

I want to thank the parents and carers who contacted me to voice concerns over the toilet arrangements in the new build; there were questions over safety and privacy. On the basis of the meeting, I am making the following changes *from Monday 5th October*:

- The toilet in the main atrium which is currently used by pupils with toilet passes **during lessons** will be segregated so that one side will be allocated to boys and one side to girls. This will still be staffed and cleaned throughout the day (as it is now).
- **At break and lunch**, the downstairs toilet blocks x 2 are for girls and the upstairs toilet blocks x 2 are for boys. There will be appropriate duty staff in these areas (as it is now).
- If any pupil has access issues, they can get the key for the accessible toilet in the main atrium as per the current arrangement.

These changes have been communicated to staff and they are being communicated to pupils in form time on Monday morning.

Open Evening on Thursday 8th October

I want to urge as many parents/carers as possible to come and join us for our Open Evening on Thursday next week. This event is for an audience of prospective parents/carers and their children as well as existing CCS families.

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Unlike previous open evenings in the old JCSC build, we are doing this slightly differently to mark a new start. Attendees can register to arrive for either 4.30pm, 5.30pm or 6.30pm. I will do an initial presentation in the main hall to outline our vision, values and ethos and how we want to transform education for the pupils. The audience will then be taken around in guided tour groups so that they can see all of the new facilities but also get an understanding of our curriculum, teaching and learning and inclusive approach by visiting each of our directorates and key parts of the school.

You can sign up by noon on Thursday 8th October using this link

[Open Evening 2026 Tickets, Thursday, October 8 • 4:30 PM - 7:30 PM | Eventbrite](#)

Breakfast Club

The CCS Breakfast Club is open every morning from 8.00am in the main hall and there is a wide-ranging offer of food to help start the day. This can be accessed at the very front of the new main hall through the double doors and is staffed by a member of our inclusion team.

Transition

Despite the disruption of having to learn about two new buildings in the space of the first month, I have been really impressed with how the new Year 7 have settled into secondary school life. They look smart in their uniform and they are already demonstrating Be Kind, Work Hard, Aim High.

Last academic year we piloted a transition project with Amble Links to further improve the journey between primary and secondary for the pupils. This involved more opportunities for staff to liaise with the primary school pupils, staff and parents and we are looking to roll this out across the whole Coquet Partnership this year. I want to thank our new parents and carers from across all of the feeder schools for working with us to settle their children into the next phase of education.

Tassomai, Get Exam Ready & Champions Hour

We know from a forensic study of our GCSE results that the pupils who attend well and engage in our academic support achieve well at the end of Year 11. We have started our cycle of Year 11 GER and I urge parents and carers to support this additionality. For pupils who want to stay in school after GER (from 4.00pm), the library stays open for Champions Hour and, again, I recommend that this is seen as an important study support for your children.

All year groups are now set up to use Tassomai which will support the long-term retention of knowledge related to subjects in school. Again, regular engagement in Tassomai is proven to improve the academic progress of young people and I need this to be prioritised from home to ensure that the pupils complete their daily goals. Many thanks in anticipation of your support with all of this.

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Attendance and punctuality

Existing parents and carers will know by now that this is a common item on my letters home as attendance continues to be one of our biggest priorities. As I mentioned above, the link between attendance and achievement is undeniable and coming into school every day and working hard every day is the route to success. Please work us by communicating with our inclusion team (our Year Managers and our Attendance Leader) and working with us to remove any barriers to ensuring that attendance is excellent.

I want to remind parents and carers of sixth form that they are allowed to go off-site for lunch each day by signing out but they must return to school in time for the end of lunch so they can continue their learning and studies into the afternoon. They now have some excellent study spaces in the school.

I want to finish this letter by thanking NCC and Kier for working closely and positively with us over the last two years. Having visited other recent new builds, I know that we have been given a top rate school. I must also pay full respect to all of the CCS staff for managing the pressures of packing, waiting and then decanting alongside their day-to-day jobs teaching and supporting the safety and education of the pupils; they have truly embodied the Be Kind / Work Hard / Aim High ethos themselves. I have received some lovely messages from other schools and from parents and carers who have supported us along the way. It is really appreciated and I cannot wait to proudly invite visitors into the fantastic new Coquet Community School.

Yours faithfully,



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