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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you and your families are safe and well. With a very busy start to the year and a number of changes in the Academy I wanted to write to you all to update you on our progress and thank you for your superb support.

Our Amazing Year 11 students!

I wanted to start this letter by saying a huge well done to all our year 11 students, families and our fantastic staff that support them. Year 11 now start their school day at 08:30 and finish at 16:00 with extra sessions put in place at tutor time and in period 5. Year 11 have demonstrated a real positive and ambitious attitude in the way they have embraced this change and will be reaping the benefits of their hard work next summer. Teaching staff have gone the extra mile to provide these lessons on top of their usual allocations to ensure our students achieve the very best outcomes they can. Well done everybody!

Same Day Detentions.

Another big thank you for the support from families on our new Behaviour Policy which is on our website <https://www.cockshuthill.org.uk/> for your reference. Behaviour in lessons and around the Academy has significantly improved. The majority of detentions are for lateness to school and lessons and the non-completion of homework. Both punctuality and independent working are lifelong skills we all need to be successful in life, so thank you to all parents and carers for your continued encouragement and support of your children in these areas. Students should be on site every morning at 08.30am, walk to lessons with purpose and complete all homework set by their teachers.

Vaccinations.

The School Aged Immunisation Service (SAIS) have recently contacted us to say that the NHS will be administering COVID vaccines to those students with consent on the 15th October. We will be distributing consent forms to you in the coming days as part of this process. Only students with written consent from their parents/carers will be allowed to visit the immunisation team. Any students who wish to have the vaccine but do not have written consent will be directed back to their parents/carers and family GP for advice.

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Uniform.

Thank you all so much for your support of our updated Uniform Policy which you can view [here](#). It has made such a difference to the way our children look. They are so smart! There are now only a few students that we have to remind about their uniform with the main reminders concerning the following;

- Having their top button done up and their tie touching the top button
- Always having their shirts tucked in
- No gilets, denim, sweatshirts or hoodies are allowed on school site. Children should wear a coat to and from school.

We continue to expect all students to wear their uniform neatly and with pride. I say to them all in assemblies they are our greatest advert inside and outside of school. **So we will continue to be relentless in insisting on perfect uniform; not nearly perfect but perfect!**

Extra Curricular Provision

We are very proud of the fabulous offer your children have with regards to our enrichment programme after school. I would ask that you encourage your child to take up the opportunity to learn a new skill, develop an existing one or further improve their academic studies. A full timetable of our offer is on the website [here](#).

Our extra Open Evening – Monday 18th October

We had a very successful Open Evening last month. After my speech to a packed Warwick Hall for the first time in my five years at the school I had to do a second one due to demand! To support more families having the opportunity to view our school and speak to myself and our senior team we are holding an extra Open Evening on Monday 18th October from 6pm – 8pm. Please pass this on to any friends and family who are potential future students of our Academy.



Thank you again for your continued support of myself, our staff and our school.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jason Bridges'.

Jason Bridges
Principal