



The COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL *Leftwich*

Achieving Excellence

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Joyous and Rewarding

With the first half of the Spring term now over half way through, I am writing to share some of the joyous and rewarding experiences we have encountered so far and trail those on the horizon.

The term so far has seen students embracing the afterschool tutoring – prioritising their learning and showing a commitment to achieving excellence. Year 11 students engaged in an energetic and lively assembly, run by the National Citizen Service, which included a talk from one of our alumni, TV and radio broadcaster Emma Jones, who spoke passionately about showing resilience and following your dreams. I hope many of our Year 11s embrace the opportunity the National Citizen Service offers in the summer.

Members of our computer programming Lego enrichment club acquitted themselves admirably at the Lego League tournament and finished in the top four. Mr Tomlin was delighted to be awarded the Coach of the Tournament. Our table tennis stars also acquitted themselves admirably at the regional table tennis finals and showed real determination and skill.

I have been delighted to visit so many lessons over the last few weeks and observe students' determination to learn in action. The calm and purposeful atmosphere I have witnessed in lessons means that students who wish to progress are provided with the environment to do just that. The well-structured and carefully sequenced lessons are providing students with the spring board to success and enabling their knowledge and skills to develop.

I hope you found the mid-year review with your child's tutor of use. Tutors enjoyed sharing our students' successes and their plans for even greater success in the next half of the year. Should any parent/carer have been unable to meet with your child's tutor, please contact the school so that we can make an additional telephone appointment.

MP, Mike Amesbury, Visit

I was delighted to show off our school to our MP, Mike Amesbury, this morning. Mr Amesbury was extremely impressed with the standard of student behaviour and engagement in their lessons, repeatedly commenting on the high level of discipline students demonstrated. Students took the opportunity to lobby Mr Amesbury regarding the need for lasting change to confront the climate change emergency.



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Year 6 Maths Challenge

Today also saw Year 6 students from seven of our partner Primary Schools spend the day at our school to work through a number of challenging maths problems with some of our Year 7 students and ably assisted by some of our Year 10 students. Thank you to the Maths department for creating and delivering this and well done to all the students who showed enthusiasm and determination throughout the day.

School Expansion

You will be aware from the consultation carried out in the 2021 Summer term that in collaboration with the Local Authority, we have secured funding for a new four classroom block. This exciting project will also include an even more welcoming visitor entrance and improvements to some internal spaces. This investment will provide existing students with the enhanced facilities they deserve and enable even more students to attend The County High School Leftwich and be provided with joyous and rewarding experiences and opportunities to achieve excellence. A sneak preview of the current external design is shared below. As the project develops the design will evolve.



Student Voice

Following feedback from students regarding the Year 9 & 10 boys' toilets, we are making some alterations to the facilities. Students will continue to have full access to the cubicles within the toilet block but not the urinals. We have separate toilet blocks for Year 7 & 8 students and the additional Year 11 toilet block. There are also a number of gender-neutral accessible toilets in the building. We hope students are reassured that we continue to listen to their views on a number of matters and, wherever possible, act to improve the student experience for all.

Finally

In the upcoming weeks, I look forward to reading to more tutor groups as part of our whole school literacy programme, designed to promote a love of reading. Parents/carers please continue to encourage students to read for pleasure outside of school. I also wish all our sporting stars success in a number of upcoming fixtures over the coming weeks including indoor athletics, and girls and boys football.

Students have been set the challenge of joining at least one enrichment club this term, many are exceeding this and fully embracing the opportunities. Taking part in enrichment activities enables students to have fun, broaden their curriculum, and develop, even further, their Knowledge and Skills, Character and Creativity & Imagination.

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For Reference: Current Arrangements and Procedures

Student Entrances at the Start of the Day

Year 7	Main Reception Entrance
Year 8	Entrance by the Canteen
Year 9	Service Drive Entrance (near MFL)
Year 10	A15/B17 Door
Year 11	PE Doors

School Day (all students start at 08:45 and finish at 15:20)

Tutor Time	08:45
Period 1	09:15
Period 2	10:15
Break	11:15
Period 3	11:35
Lunch	12:35
Period 4	13:20
Period 5	14:20
Canteen open from 8am Library open until 16:30 (Mon-Thurs), 16:00 (Fri)	

Food Serving Areas

Year 7 and 8	Study Zone	Cold food/grab and go
Year 9, 10 and 11	Gym	Cold food/grab and go
All year groups	Canteen	Hot food

School Uniform

Full school uniform should be worn every day.

[Uniform and Equipment reminder](#)

[Uniform Information - from website](#)

PE Kit

Students are to come to school in their full uniform. On the days they have PE they will get changed into their PE kit.

One-way System

We will continue with our one-way system to help with the safe movement around the building.

Behaviour Expectations

We expect students to:

- Be ready to learn
- Be respectful and safe
- Embrace opportunities

Please find a link to our Behaviour for Learning policy below, which **clearly identifies our expectations and the consequences if these expectations are not met**

http://leftwichhigh.com/documents/Policies/behaviour_for_learning.pdf



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COVID Control Measures

1. **Ensure good hygiene for everyone**
 - a. Continue to encourage washing of hands with soap and water
 - b. Hand sanitiser continues to be available at various points in the building
 - c. Tissues continue to be available and should be disposed of in bins
2. **Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes**
 - a. regularly touched surfaces will be cleaned more often
3. **Keep occupied spaces well ventilated**
 - a. windows and doors are kept open wherever possible
4. **Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID (see below)**

Students must not attend school if they:

1. have any of the symptoms of COVID
2. have received a positive LFD test result for COVID
3. have received a positive PCR test result for COVID

Self-isolation period for individuals who test positive for COVID-19

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/>

You can do a rapid lateral flow test from day 5 of your self-isolation period (but not before) and another test the next day. You can stop self-isolating if:

- both tests are negative
- you do not have a high temperature

You should stop testing after you've had 2 negative test results in a row. Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests will need to complete the full 10-day period of self-isolation.

Daily testing for close contacts of COVID-19

Adults who are fully vaccinated and all children and young people aged between 5 and 18 years and 6 months identified as a contact of someone with COVID-19 are strongly advised to take a LFD test every day for 7 days and continue to attend their setting as normal, unless they have a positive test result.

Confirmatory PCR tests

- Staff and Students should follow the latest government guidance on confirmatory PCR tests in [Stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) 12 infection following a positive LFD test](#)

Asymptomatic testing

- Testing remains important in reducing the risk of transmission of infection within schools.
- Staff and students should continue to test twice weekly at home, with lateral flow device (LFD) test kits, 3-4 days apart
- Testing remains voluntary

Face Coverings

- Face coverings are no longer advised for students, staff and visitors in communal areas.
- Staff and students should follow [wider advice on face coverings](#) outside of school, including on transport to and from school.



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