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SWCHS Parent Newsletter



From the Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has not been an easy start to term but it has been a very positive time, nonetheless. Students have had to get used to a number of changes to school life and also some restrictions on where they can go, but they have done that with good humour and with grace. We have all enjoyed having students back in the classroom. Their energy and enthusiasm make teaching the best job in the world and we have been delighted with the progress students are making. I have included some pictures from lessons this term to try to capture that for you.

It has been a pleasure to meet the new Year 7 and the new Year 12 students. They really have made an excellent start at County High and we hope they are enjoying their education with us. This is usually a busy time of year with Open Evenings and Year Ahead Evenings. This year, those events have all been virtual. You may be interested to see the film we prepared for Year 6 students and their parents for the Virtual Open Evening - [Click here to view](#).

I also wanted to thank parents for all the support you have shown for the school – it does make such a difference to the staff.

Best wishes,

Polly Lankester



Teaching Staff Changes:

Welcome to the staff who have joined us this term.

Miss R Adams	Science
Mrs Julia Arlt	Languages
Mrs K Davies	Science
Miss M Davis	Art
Miss M Doe	Science
Miss J Donnithorne	Languages
Mr J Duddy	Lead Teacher D & T
Miss H Morgan	Cover Supervisor

Mrs JHesketh	History
Miss C Miller	Area Co-ordinator Vocational
Miss Fiona Muir	Music
Mr W Scheilling	Deputy Director of Maths
Mr P Singh	Assistant Head
Mr W White	Science

Welcome Year 7:

Year 7 have had an AMAZING first month at SWCHS. The transition from primary to secondary school is never easy... even without the additional logistical Covid safety hurdles! The year group are, however, doing incredibly well and have taken it all in their stride. We are all very proud of them.

Mrs Raynor (Year 7 Student Support Officer) and I visited each form group during their first registration. It was lovely to see the year group with their new tutors for the first time. All of the students were engaged with the activities on offer and were busy making new friends.



During the first few days Year 7 completed a number of activities with their tutors. These included; 'getting to know the form' games, a tour of the school, reviewing their 'All About Me' booklet and creating a self-portrait for the year office. Pictured are just a few students enjoying PE in the sunshine. We are now at the end of their first month at SWCHS and Year 7 have definitely found their feet!



We are extremely proud of our students and look forward to working with Year 7 over the coming months and years.

Mr J Millership
Year 7 Achievement Co-ordinator

Welcome Year 12:

On Wednesday 16th September, our Sixth Form Committee organised a quiz for new Year 12 students.

"We wanted to welcome Year 12 to Sixth Form and help them to get to know one another. Being former Year 12s, we understand the importance of the first few weeks of school and how hard it can be to settle into a completely new environment, especially for those who have never attended County High before."

The quiz consisted of five rounds, with our personal favourite being 'Where is Crittenden?', our take on Where's Wally. The quiz provided a brilliant opportunity for Year 12s to socialise, get to know people outside of their classes as well as meeting other members of the Sixth Form community. This, we believe, is essential in promoting the ethos of our Sixth Form."

Anna Williams, Malwina Kozłowska, Mathias Davies and Timothy Lane
Year 13 Students and Chairs of the Sixth Form Committee

[Click on this link for the full story](#)



Face Coverings in school:

From Monday 12th October, a face covering **MUST** be worn by all students in shared spaces inside the building, including corridors. They **must be of a plain, single coloured design** and are not required to be worn during lessons, whilst eating or whilst outside.

If your child has a medical reason why they cannot wear a mask, they should carry a note to that effect and show it to their Year Office.



Have your contact details changed?



It is extremely important that you inform us of any changes to your contact details. In case of emergency we may need to contact you urgently.

Please email office@swchs.net to advise us if you have recently moved house, changed email addresses or changed any of your contact telephone numbers.

PE Extra Curricular Clubs:

Please note that these days and times are subject to change. The link on our website will be regularly updated.

All students taking part in clubs should come to school in their PE kit.

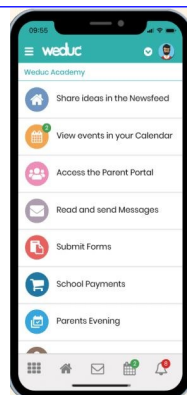
Currently all fixtures are cancelled. We will keep you updated on fixture information.

SWCHS PE Department: Extra-Curricular Clubs - Autumn Term 2020

Day	All Clubs run from 3.30pm to 4.30 pm			
Monday	Year 8 Football (Boys)	Year 8 Hockey (Girls)		
	Meet/leave bags in Sports Centre	Meet/leave bags in Sports Centre		
Tuesday	Year 7 Football (Boys)	Year 7 Hockey (Girls)	Year 7 Dance (Sue Raven)	
	Meet/leave bags in Sports Centre	Meet/leave bags in Sports Centre	Meet/leave bags in Sports Centre	
Wednesday	Year 9 Football (Boys)	Year 9 Hockey (Girls)		
	Meet/leave bags in Sports Centre	Meet/leave bags in Sports Centre		
Thursday	Year 10 Football (Boys)	Year 10 Hockey (Girls)	Year 11 Football (Boys)	Year 11 Hockey (Girls)
	Meet/leave bags in Sports Centre	Meet/leave bags in Sports Centre	Meet/leave bags in Pavilion	Meet/leave bags in Pavilion
Friday	Year 8 Dance (Sue Raven)			
	Meet/leave bags in Sports Centre			



We are excited to announce the re-launch of Weduc, our school to home communication tool.



Further information about Weduc can also be found on our website - [click here to visit our website](#)

ALL PARENTS PLEASE NOTE - From Monday 2nd November 2020 ALL SCHOOL COMMUNICATION will only be sent via the Weduc platform. After this date we will no longer be using our existing Capita 'In Touch' System to send emails home.

Please note that you can access Weduc via the website if you do not wish to use an App on your phone. www.weduc.co.uk

Open Evenings:

Usually at this time of year we are looking forward to welcoming prospective students and their families into school for both the Lower School and Sixth Form Open Evenings. However, this year we are approaching our open evenings in a slightly different way and will be holding Virtual Open Evenings for pupils who will be entering Year 7 and for those joining our Sixth Form in September 2021.



**Saffron Walden
County High School**

Welcome to our
Virtual Open Evening
2020

The Open Evening for students joining Year 7 in September 2020 is now live on our website. Click on the link below to view the presentations and information on our website

[SWCHS Virtual Open Evening for students joining Year 7](#)



**Virtual
Sixth Form
Open Evening**

"Joining the Sixth Form was one of the best decisions I ever made. It brought out the best in me."

"Coming from another school, I found SWCHS Sixth Form not only offered me a remarkable academic experience, but one that enhanced my extra-curricular activities and social life too."

View our prospectus on our website @ www.swchs.net



Available on our website from
Monday 2nd November 2020



**Saffron Walden
County High School**

A local school of exceptional quality

Hartley Learning Centre News:

If you can't get to the Library then the Library can come to you!

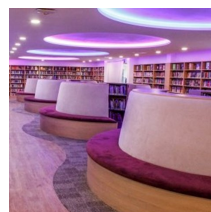
How do you request a book?

Find and fill in the online form on your Year Group channel in 'Teams' or join the SWCHS Book Group channel by asking Miss Lister to add you

I can deliver to your form room/work area OR you can click and collect from the Library

You are able to choose from the whole range of books in the Library
Fast and friendly service from your Librarian-Miss Lister

Any questions come and see me or email me:
jlister@swchs.net



You can follow us on Twitter and **Facebook** click on the symbol and follow the link. Please note that many of our subject areas also have their own Twitter account. Reporting Absences: Please call 01799 513030 when reporting your child's absence, do not use the email address info@swchs.net. Sixth Form students - email 6formabsence@swchs.net before 8.40am. Please email each of your subject teachers for that day.

Term Dates 2020-21

Autumn Term:

Friday 4th September 2020 - Friday 18th December 2020
Half Term 26th October 2020 - 30th October 2020

Spring Term:

Tuesday 5th January 2021 - Friday 26th March 2021
Half Term 15th February 2021 - 19th February 2021

Summer Term:

Monday 12th April 2021 - Wednesday 21st July 2021
Half Term 31st May 2021 - 4th June 2021
May Bank Holiday 3rd May 2021

School Closed for Staff Training Days

Friday 27th November 2020

Monday 4th January 2021

Monday 7th June 2021