



Chesterton Community Sports College

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I would like to take this opportunity to provide you with some important dates for this academic term.

Thursday 15th September- Parental Portal and Show my Homework Evening 6pm start. This evening will allow parents to become familiar with the parental portal and Show my Homework app.

Friday 23rd September- School closed to pupils for staff training day.

Thursday 13th October- Settle in evening 3.15pm - 7pm. This is an opportunity for parents to speak to form tutors to discuss how pupils have settled in for the first term.

Monday 24th – Friday 28th October – October half term

Monday 31st October – School re-opens

Parent Portal

In order to keep parents/carers up to date with notices, homework and attendance, parents/carers can log onto the parent portal. In order to access the portal, please go to the school website and click on the parent portal tab on the top right hand corner of the page. Parents/carers can register via this link.

Please also use this facility to check personal information is up to date and current.

Library

At the school library we use a voluntary biometric recognition system. This is used as part of the library management to enable pupils to borrow and return library resources using an automated touch pad, which is able to recognise skin patterns. This modern technology replaces the old-fashioned library cards which undoubtedly get lost. This means that your child can take responsibility for their own library books.

In order to comply with the provisions of the Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 (which came into force in September 2013), we need written permission from a parent/guardian in order for students to have their thumbprint registered.

The touch pad translates each pupil's print pattern into a series of numbers. These numbers, which are stored on the library computer, then become the pupil's individual membership identification.

The touch pad print data is confidential and cannot be used for any other purpose. Therefore, can you please sign the permission slip to enable your son/daughter to use the library resources fully.

Extra-curricular activities

During the first week of term the extra curricular timetable will be organised and most activities will commence from the 12th September. Pupils will be provided with a copy of the extra curricular timetable for PE/Sports club, subject teachers will discuss other clubs running during the term.

Homework club will run in the library Monday-Thursday after school 2.55pm - 4pm. Pupils who wish to complete homework or who need to use resources are welcome to attend the club as and when required. Staff are available if pupils require any support.

Show my Homework & My Ed App

These apps can be downloaded, and will enable you to view up to date information about all aspects of your child's school life. Show my homework can also be downloaded by your child to help them keep track of their homework from all of their subjects. More information will be given at the launch evening on 15th September.

May we take this opportunity to say thank you in advance for your support during the academic year. We hope your child has an enjoyable first term. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Kind Regards

Miss R Grocott
Head of Year 7

Mrs S Hawkins
Head of Key Stage 3

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Please could you complete the below slip and return to the school office ASAP, Many thanks.

Pupil Name: _____

Form Tutor/Year group: _____

I hereby give permission to enable the school to take a biometric print of my child's thumb print for use of the library facilities YES / NO * (delete as appropriate)

Signed (parent/carer) _____

Print Name _____

Date _____