

Determined, ambitious learners

19 July 2019

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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: End of academic year 2018/19

It has been a hugely successful year at TCS and we are looking forward to celebrating the GCSE results with our Year 11 students in August. This is an opportunity both to look back on our successes and to ensure that everything is in place for an even better year ahead.

First day back for all students

The start of term for all students is Wednesday 4 September 2019. Students must arrive at the following times:

- Year 7 at 8.25am
- Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 at 9am

Behaviour expectations for 2019-20

Thank you to all of our parents for your support with the changes we have made to support our students in aiming for outstanding behaviour, both in and out of lessons. From September, we will continue to use a 'reminder, warning, removal to behaviour room' system to ensure consistently excellent behaviour.

All students must also be on site at 8.25am from September to support improved punctuality.

Squid changeover to Parent Mail

We are changing our cashless system from sQuid to ParentMail as this offers a better service for our school community. All families will need a ParentMail account which you will need to set up and top up your account before September, regardless of whether your child has free school meals or not.



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If you need any help with either FSM or ParentMail please contact Drew Phillips (term time only) contact@cumberlandcst.org or visit the school.

Free School Meals (FSM)

If you believe you are eligible for free school meals you must apply online via Newham's website. They will determine and approve applications based on the information they receive from the Department of Work and Pensions. The school will be advised monthly on eligibility. Please note applications can take up to 6 weeks to be authorised by Newham Borough.

2019/20 new school day timings

Please read the attached letter regarding the new school day/week from September 2019.

Safeguarding

A reminder that all students will need to be picked up by a parent or responsible adult if they are unwell or have an appointment e.g. doctor or dentist. The only time a student will not need to be picked up is when attending interviews for work experience or college.

Uniform

All students must have a sense of pride in their school and show this by wearing their full uniform at all times. Students are ambassadors for The Cumberland School and their behaviour when in uniform, including going to and from school, reflects on the school. Uniform items must be plain, without accessories, logos, decoration or any other colours. As part of our high expectations, please ensure that students are on time and in full school uniform on 4 September 2019.

All students must adhere to the following uniform expectations:

- Blazer: Navy blue TCS blazer with logo, must be worn at all times in the building
- Shirt: Plain white shirt with collar, must be tucked in
- Tie: TCS tie, worn to the waist. Two stripes must be visible
- Jumper (optional): TCS V-Neck with logo
- Trousers: Plain navy blue, tailored, regular fit (no denim, coloured pocket zips)
- Skirt: Plain navy blue, knee-length, pleated with logo
- Socks or tights: Plain
- Shoes: Plain black leather school shoes, providing adequate protection and support (no casuals, fabric, canvas, trainers, sandals, pumps, 'work type' shoes e.g., Doctor Martins, high heels, boots, coloured laces, coloured stitching)
- Coat: Plain navy blue or black, to be removed in class (no leather, suede, denim, hoody, sweatshirt, sports top, body warmer or gillet)
- The Cumberland School bag: for years 7 to 9
- Hijab, abaya: Plain navy blue. Students that choose to wear these must also wear shirt, tie and blazer

Jewellery, decoration and other items

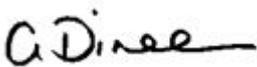
- A single necklace or bracelet for religious reasons
- Earrings: Small plain studs, matching pair or single
- Hair fasteners are allowed and should be either plain black or blue
- Belts: Belt buckles should not be oversized or emblazoned with logos
- Make-up: To be modest and discreet (no lipstick, false eyelashes, acrylic nails)
- No body jewellery, unnatural hair colour, tattoos, false nail extensions
- Hats: Plain black woollen hat, only to be worn outside the buildings during cold weather (baseball caps, visors)

We say farewell to some of our staff at the end of this year. I know that you would wish to join me in thanking them for their hard work and commitment to our school community and wishing them well for the future.

I will be taking up an appointment as Regional Director within the Community Schools Trust to help support other schools for the next academic year. Omar Deria will be acting as Head of School for 2019/20.

I know we will continue to grow as a trust and I thank you for your support over recent years.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "G. Dineen". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Gillian Dineen
Headteacher