

14th September 2022

Start of Term Letter

Dear parents, carers and guardians,

Many thanks to you, the staff and students for your support so far this term and ensuring that we have had a smooth start to the year. From the school's perspective, it has been a good start to the term and to the school year ahead. We look forward to continuing this great start!

There are a couple of key messages and small changes to the school calendar of which you need to be aware. Please read through the following and should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact either the relevant member of staff or myself.

Year Ahead Evenings

Thank you to the parents who attended the Year Ahead Evenings for Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 last week and earlier this week. These were useful, informative and were well received.

Bank Holiday for the Queen's funeral

I'm sure you already know that next Monday, the 19th of September, is a bank holiday in the UK, in respect of the Queen's funeral. School will therefore be closed on that day. We will resume on Tuesday, the 20th of September, at our usual time of 8:30am.

Open Evening

A week later, we have our Open Evening on Tuesday, the 27th of September. School will close early on that day at 12:20pm. Please encourage any Year 6 pupils who may be interested in coming to Conisborough to visit on either the Open Evening, or on the subsequent Open Mornings. Please see the school's website for further information.

The school will return to work on Wednesday 28th September at the slightly later time of 9.30am (tutor time) and then to period 2.

Uniform

The vast majority of students are looking fantastic in the school uniform. A friendly reminder that the correct school uniform includes having a lanyard on which the student have their ID badge and card to purchase food in the canteen. Should your child need one, these can be purchased for £1 from Student Reception.

Attendance

We acknowledge that most people are absent at some point in the year, usually on average about once a month at most. This is equivalent to about 95% attendance. Our expectation as a school is that every child attends 100% of the time. Please ensure they attend every day and arrive through the school gates by 8.25am.

Conisborough PTA

We would like to (re-)start a Parent Teacher Association at Conisborough College and draw on the experience, enthusiasm and support of the fantastic parents we have as a great resource and support! If you would be interested in being involved in supporting our Parent Teacher Association, please contact our Assistant Headteacher, Will Conn for further details on wconn@conisboroughcollege.co.uk.

Conisborough Governors

In addition, we would like to invite parents who would be interested in being governors to join our Governing Body. You don't need to have previous experience as a governor (though this would help!), just an interest in education and ensuring we are doing the very best for your and other parents' children. Please contact Dawn Cunningham for further information on dcunningham@conisboroughcollege.co.uk.

Finally, should you have any further concerns or questions, please contact your child's Head of Year, or teacher as the first port of call.

Many thanks for your support and I am very much looking forward to a safe, happy and successful year ahead.

Best wishes,



Dr Michael Harpham

Headteacher