



Success through respect, skills, learning and achievement

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a good summer break and we look forward to welcoming all students back to Campion this week. I am also very pleased to welcome our new Year 7 students, Sixth Form students and all other students, colleagues and parents joining our school community for the first time.

Pastoral Support

I would like to remind everyone of the new team looking after pastoral issues from September:

Steve King-Assistant Head and Designated Safeguarding Lead

Kerry Walker-Transition Manager (Year 7)

Hayleigh McKenna-Key Stage 3 Manager (Years 8 and 9)

Sharon Hammond-Key Stage 4 Manager

The Heads of House: Mark Lakey (Mulberry), Keith Watson (Elder), Tracey Wilks (Pine), Zoe Newbery (Hawthorn), James Mills (Aspen) and Judith Harvey (Chestnut)

And of course your child's form tutor. I will be asking Form tutors to make contact with parents in the coming week and provide you with email addresses. (For ease of contact the standard E-Mail address is ***teacher initial then dot then surname@campion.northants.sch.uk***)

Returning to good routines

If your child has a good night's sleep and breakfast, it makes a real difference to their ability to concentrate in lessons and to behave well. Please aim that they have a minimum of nine hours sleep every night before school. Please note that energy drinks and other fizzy drinks are not suitable for young people and should not be brought to school nor consumed prior to arriving at school.



Attendance and punctuality

Absence at Campion through the last academic year was 6%; while this has improved over the past year it is still below our target of 96% attendance and therefore remains a priority. Every missed session is a lost opportunity to learn. Holidays should not be booked during term time and as such will not be authorised.

If your child is reluctant to come to school, please let the form tutor know as soon as possible so we can explore together the causes. Please do try and book appointments where possible after school.

Learning starts at 8.45am and students are expected on site by 8.40am at the latest (we understand buses do sometimes run late due to traffic conditions and students will not be penalised for this).

Students are expected to arrive punctually to every lesson. Detentions will be applied if they are late to school or lessons.

Uniform

The school uniform must be worn by all students in Years 7 to 11. A copy of the uniform details as sent out to all parents in July of this year can be found below. Students who do not arrive at school in the correct uniform will be issued a detention and parents contacted. Key points in brief:

- Black leather/leather look shoes are the only acceptable footwear
- No facial piercings are allowed.
- Hair colouring must be natural with no large embellishments; make up should be discreet and natural looking.

Thank you for your support in reinforcing the uniform policy at home and ensuring that only school uniform items are worn or brought to school.

Homework

Please make sure that your child completes the homework recorded in their planner. If you have any concerns about homework, please raise this with the class teacher in the first instance and then with your child's tutor if necessary.

Beyond lessons...

Our extensive range of extracurricular activities will be underway soon and a list will be published shortly. We will

again be running an after-school Homework Club in the Library each evening from 3.05 until 4pm. All students are welcome to stay and use this facility.

Continuing in partnership


The partnership between home and school is a key ingredient for success and will impact directly on your child's future. You will shortly receive a guide to 'Your child in...' which will provide you with an overview of the main areas of study and expectations for whichever year group your child is in. While your child will be well-prepared by their teachers, parental support is also critical in encouraging them to do their very best.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with us should you have any concerns or want further guidance on how best to support your child at home. Likewise, should we have good news - or otherwise - to share, we too will be in touch with you.

I look forward to meeting you at our Progress Review Days and special events during the school year. A reminder of all of these important dates will be published weekly in the Root newsletter.

I wish your child a happy and successful year at Campion.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S King', written in a cursive style.

Mr S King

Assistant Head

Uniform requirements:

Blazers

The current style blazer will still be approved uniform for all existing students until existing stock has been sold. New style blazers will then be provided for all purchases. Therefore, there will be a cross over period of time with existing students wearing slightly different style blazers. All new Year 7 students will be wearing the new style blazer.

Black Jumpers

The current style black jumpers for Key Stage 4 students will also still be approved uniform until existing stock has run out. The new green jumpers will then be issued to all students. This will eventually mean that all students (both those in Key Stages 3 and 4), will be wearing green jumpers.

Trousers/Skirts for Girls

From September all girls will be expected to conform to a specific style of skirt and trousers. This means that the style of trousers currently favoured by many of our students will not be acceptable. Examples of acceptable styles can be found at:

Skirts

- Sportswear International – box pleated skirt and Colchester skirt
- Asda –pleated skirt or pencil skirt
- Marks and Spencer –traditional pleated skirt or pleated skirt
- John Lewis –A –line skirt, pleated skirt or panel pleated skirt

Skirts should be no shorter than one inch above the knee.

Trousers

- Sportswear International –Colchester trousers
- Asda – school basic trousers
- Marks and Spencer –cotton rich regular trousers
- John Lewis – belted school trousers with zip or button school trousers

Trousers must be traditional in style and not tight/stretchy in fabric. Whilst I advise that you purchase girls' trousers/skirts from one of the approved stockists to avoid any confusion, I accept that this is not always possible. **However, I do need to clarify that the current style of trousers worn by many girls will not be approved uniform from September. Any trousers or skirts must be the same style as those on the above list.**

Trousers for Boys

These should be traditional in style and not jeans/chinos. An example of the accepted style are the Savile suit trousers on the Sportswear International website.

Shirts for Girls

All girls will be expected to wear ties from September. Therefore, only traditional style shirts/blouses will be able to be worn. An example of these can be found on the Sportswear International website under uniform essentials –girls’ long sleeve or short sleeve blouses. Please be aware that reversed blouses or three quarter length sleeve blouses will not be acceptable.

Ties

As you are aware, all students are expected to wear new ties from September.

Badges

All House strips will gradually be replaced by a smart House pin. Students will be permitted to purchase new House pins immediately, but the expectation is that the old ones are to be replaced when a new blazer is purchased or the old House strip wears off. The cost of the new pin will be £3 and these can be ordered via ParentPay.