



Monday 2 December 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

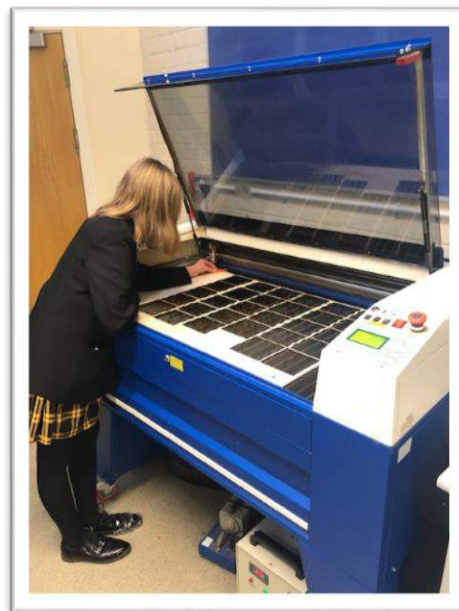
This week I wish to draw your attention to the forthcoming Celebration Assemblies but would like to begin with some great news regarding generous support from a local company.

### *Owen Mumford Ltd*



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In 2014, CNS received £10,000 from *Owen Mumford Ltd* to provide a laser cutter so that students were able to use the latest technology as part of their work in Years 7 to 13.



*Owen Mumford Ltd* researches, develops and manufactures medical products from its bases in Chipping Norton and Marlborough. For many years they have worked very closely with Mr Parker, our Careers & Enterprise Lead, to support the Human Library, work experience and site visits. A former student recently completed a Higher Level Engineering Apprenticeship with *Owen Mumford Ltd* and is now a highly successful post-graduate working just down the road. Many parents, carers and relatives of CNS students also work at one of their sites.

The machine that *Owen Mumford Ltd* funded has barely been switched off in all of that time. Your children will be able to tell you how central it has become to the design and manufacturing processes they learn about in class. Their generosity was extended again this week when we were handed another cheque to fund brand new sports kits for our school teams and I cannot thank them enough for these acts of genuine encouragement and very generous support for our school.

### *New Style Celebration Assemblies*

Starting in the final week of term, we shall be launching our new-style Celebration Assemblies. Student voice in recent times has encouraged us to do something different and find new ways to recognise and celebrate all forms of student success and achievement.

Our celebrations will be based on the new Personal Scorecard and also a series of awards from teachers, tutors, Heads of Year and PSAs that celebrate our students' character, in particular where they have shown compassion, courage, curiosity and creativity.

All prize winners will receive a certificate and a Christmas themed mini-gift as a thank you from us all.

## Personal Scorecards

Across Years 7 to 10, all students will also receive the first of three Personal Scorecards this year: Christmas, Easter and summer.

This Scorecard is best seen rather than described here, but each student will get a score out of 50 based on how good their attitudes to learning, attendance, punctuality and uniform is - plus the number of House Points they have collected. The Scorecard is completely unrelated to a student's ability and so we have aimed to devise something that celebrates commitment and effort, but also adds a new layer of reporting to parents and carers.

SILVER AWARD				
Personal Scorecard for <b>Anne Example</b>				
Autumn Term 2019				
Form and Tutor: <b>Year 9 with Dr. Tutor</b>				
<small>In order for all students to be the best they can be we strongly encourage all students to work hard in class and at home, being at school and on time for school and lessons is of course essential, as is their good behaviour in and out of lessons every day. Uniform and appearance is important and is an expression of our community and belonging. The table beneath summarises how well Name has achieved in these five areas.</small>				
Measure	Gold (10 points)	Silver (5 points)	Bronze (3 points)	Ungraded (0 points)
Attitude to Learning	Five or more Grade 1s and no 4s.	Five or more Grade 1s & 2s, and no 4s.	Three or more Grade 1s & 2s and no 4s.	It is important that all students possess a strong attitude to learning to maximise success.
Attendance	97.0% to 100%	95.0% to 96.9%	93.0% to 94.9%	It is important that all students miss as little school as possible.
Punctuality	Zero lateness to school or lessons since the last Scorecard.	No more than one lateness to school and/or one lateness to lessons since the last Scorecard.	No more than two latenesses to school and/or two latenesses to lessons since the last Scorecard.	It is important that all students arrive at school and lessons on time.
House Points	Above average number of House points collected by this year group.	Average number of House Points collected by this year group.	Below average number of House points collected by this year group.	It is important that all students are recognised for their effort, behaviour and conduct.
Uniform	Always perfect and no yellow slips since the last Scorecard.	Usually perfect and less than two yellow slips since the last Scorecard.	Often perfect and less than three yellow slips since the last Scorecard.	It is important that students wear their uniform with pride at all times.
Name's Score	<b>35/50</b>	Name's Award Level	<b>SILVER</b>	Average Year 9 Score <b>25/50</b>

We shall be sensitive to weak attendance resulting from illness or personal circumstances beyond a child's control, but also acknowledge the effort so many children show every day to be in school, on time, ready to learn, dressed to impress and putting their heart and soul into their education. We hope the Scorecard goes further in recognising those students who can so easily feel unnoticed.

## Celebration Assemblies: When, where, how...

All of our Celebration Assemblies will take place between 8:40am and 9:20am on consecutive mornings (see below). All parents and carers are very welcome and should wait outside the Old Reception at 8:40am, whereupon they will be escorted to their seats in the Main Hall.

**Year 7 Celebration Assembly: Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Year 8 Celebration Assembly: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Year 9 Celebration Assembly: Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Year 10 Celebration Assembly: Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

All parents and carers of Years 7 to 10 students will receive a letter from the respective Head of Year and PSA **next week**. This letter will summarise the prize winners for everyone to see in advance of the Celebration Assembly. However, all parents and carers are welcome to attend irrespective of whether or not their son or daughter will be presented with an award.

## And Years 11 to 13?

Year 11 will be served a breakfast at the Mock Results Day next week and we have a special treat lined up for them on the very last day that rewards them for their hard work and attitude across school and especially during their recent mocks. As for the Sixth Formers, they will be enjoying a Winter Ball on the evening of the very last day of term – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at The Cotswolds Hotel.

Yours sincerely,



Barry Doherty, Headteacher