



16th July 2020

Dear Parents,

I am writing to let you know how excited we are to see your son/daughter in September. I would like to make you aware of some of the things we have been doing in order to make the transition from GCSE to Level 3 study as smooth as possible

Firstly, we have created a newsletter targeted specially at our Year 12 and Year 11 students. We have kept this separate from the main school newsletter in order to highlight the different opportunities available to students when they consider their futures at the moment. Lockdown has obviously made it difficult to visit university open days or secure work placements, but there are some interesting and valuable virtual opportunities around. In addition to this, we have also created a Personal Statement page on Microsoft teams, which while aimed particularly at Year 12 students has regular posts and updates from universities and employers that could be of interest to Year 11 students. We know from experience that the more thought students can put into their future career paths earlier on in their post-16 journey, the more success they achieve due to the focus they gain.

The circumstances of COVID 19 mean we are unable to hold our induction days in the way we have done in the past. However, we have put together a virtual introduction to the CGS Sixth Form that can be accessed from the Sixth Form section of our website. <http://cgss.co/tx150720a> I would really recommend looking at this as we have tried hard to answer the frequently asked questions many students have. It also covers our newly amended dress policy that will start in September, which all students have received in my previous letter.

We have also asked each department to set some transition work for Year 11 students so they can use the time they have in lockdown and throughout the summer to prepare themselves for the demands of Level 3 study. This can be accessed by logging into Doodle and selecting PSHE then looking for the subjects they have applied for. If you have any trouble locating a particular subject's transition work, please email sixthform@coxgreen.com and we will be happy to forward your enquiries to the relevant staff.

If there are concerns on the Sports Academy side, then please contact Ellis Cowd on e.cowd@coxgreen.com with any questions. We understand that the football aspect has also been majorly effected over the previous months, and we want to get you back to a sense of normality as soon as possible. Ashley will be in contact over the break with information about pre-season and any relevant dates.

Finally, I would like to remind you of the opportunity we have to participate in the Eton Future X programme. This is a 7-10 hour course on developing a resilient mind-set and is only available for free until July 31st. Details of how to log onto this course have been e-mailed to your son/daughter's school e-mail account and many students have taken advantage of the offer and claimed their certificate at the end of the course – don't your son/daughter miss out on this once only opportunity!

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me by email (r.gibbons@coxgreen.com).

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs. R. Gibbons
KS5 Leader