



23 September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Re: 'Strong starts and new ventures' (September 2024)**

I hope that you had an enjoyable time over the summer months. Our school has started strongly this year. Attendance is up (95.5% so far), punctuality has improved (less than 0.3% of pupils late to school so far this term) and standards are high and being reinforced within classrooms with 14 times as many positive reward points being awarded to pupils as negative marks.

Our site has seen some significant changes over the holiday period. Our Sixth Form block renovation has been completed and is now the base for the largest Sixth Form in Coventry with almost 400 pupils studying an incredible 34 different subjects across the site. This year, we will benefit from being part of the Finham Park Multi Academy Trust Sixth Form Partnership, a network of schools within our Trust that enables students to have access to a wide variety of enhanced opportunities outside of the academic curriculum offer. This will include access to even more trips and visits, shared work experience placements, and sporting fixtures between schools. (More to follow on this at our Sixth Form Open Evening on 28 November 2024).

In recent weekends, 181 of our alumni (ex-Year 13 pupils) left home to start their courses at university. Some of our current young people are now starting to think about their next steps already, whether that be applying to University through UCAS, exploring further education options, employment or researching training apprenticeships. Lots of early help and support is being given to informing them and guiding them around these choices.

Almost 60 clubs are now set up and are being advertised to pupils, with an average of 30 per year group to choose from. The Student Portal for the 'My Child at School' app is the way students can sign up to these clubs from Monday 23 September 2024. Some clubs will be only suitable for specific year groups, so you may not see all clubs listed. [Click here to access our website where they are all listed](#). 1674 pupils have already downloaded the free 'My Child at School (MCAS)' Student Portal app and over 1000 parents/ carers have now downloaded the free parent MCAS app. This is where we will be reporting on your child/ren(s) progress during their schooling and will be our primary means of communicating with you. To access it:

1. Download the MCAS app from your mobile device app store.
2. Enter the school's postcode (CV3 6EA) or enter the school's code (15023).
3. Input your email address, the one that the school has registered for you.
4. IMPORTANT: Check your email (and junk inbox) for your onetime passcode. (You will receive a onetime passcode to that email address, which is time-limited).
5. Input this code to enable your login to be activated.
6. NB: Message the school through the app to alert the school if you have more than one child here, but can only see one child on the MCAS app.

May I wish you all the best for the coming year and all the new opportunities that it will bring.

Yours faithfully,

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