



CANNOCK CHASE HIGH SCHOOL

A C H I E V E M E N T F O R A L L

My Ref:

Your Ref:

Date:

September 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian

The start of the new school year saw Year 11 return with positive, enthusiastic and determined attitudes. Many members of staff commented on their motivation to succeed, which is excellent news. Now that we have settled back into school, I would like to outline some important plans for Year 11.

As you are aware we have 24 Prefects in our Year group who all look extremely smart and easily recognisable in their new graphite coloured blazers. They are carrying out 'School Service' which includes, amongst other duties, supporting younger students with their studies, supporting our Display Technician, meeting and greeting supply staff, supporting in our Library, Chairing Year Group Councils for the younger Years and attending whole school events such as our Open Evening and the Remembrance Parade in Cannock town centre.

An important event at the end of Year 11 to celebrate the five years students have spent at Cannock Chase High School is our Prom. This will take place on Friday 5 July 2019 at Cannock Golf Club. We are still looking for parents to join our Prom Committee to support in organising fund raising events, identifying contacts appropriate to the glitz and glamour of a Prom (limousine hire, hairdressers, nail artists, dress and suit hire/sales to name but a few). If you have spare time and are available to meet at specific times throughout the year please e-mail me and let me know (d.jinks@cannockchase-high.staffs.sch.uk).

In summer 2019 there is a trip to Peru to support rural and indigenous communities improve their living standards. Danny Edwards (11C) is fundraising for this at the moment. He has already raised enough money to cover his personal costs and needs to raise a further £2,000 to cover the cost of supplies and materials needed for the community projects. These projects will include making bricks to build walls and buildings, painting and renovating classrooms, planting crops, digging drainage channels and constructing pipework to ensure a fresh water supply. If you feel you could donate to this very worthwhile cause please let me know and send a donation in with your child. I am sure the youngsters in Peru appreciate all the kindness Danny will offer to them, and your support would be of great benefit.

In education terms, this year is the most important year in your child's life. There are a number of important dates to remember this year and you should have received a 'Dates for your Diary' postcard from your child. Our first Year 11 Parents' Evening is on Thursday 4 October. It would be really pleasing to see as many parents as possible supporting their child by attending this and other calendared events. If you cannot attend the Parents' Evening would you notify school as early as possible.

In PSHE this year, Year 11 students will be spending considerable time in the computer rooms, using UNIFROG to search Post 16 options and updating their log of activities, in preparation for writing CVs and completing application forms for CCHS VI Form, college or elsewhere. Parents also have access to UNIFROG and I recommend you use this facility along with your child. The letter explaining UNIFROG was sent home with your child during the first week of term. Some Year 11 students have

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already had a Careers Information and Guidance meeting in school and many more appointments are booked for the weeks ahead. If you or your child feel an appointment is needed sooner rather than later please let me know.

There is evidence that attendance and exam grades are very closely linked and with this in mind I ask that you ensure your child attends school regularly. Should there be a time when absence is unavoidable your child should email his/her teachers to request work and submit the completed work to the teacher on return to school. The format for staff email addresses is initial.lastname@cannockchase-high.staffs.sch.uk.

I am excited for the year ahead and seeing Year 11 students open their 'brown envelope' next August to enable them to take the next steps towards their future career path.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any concerns or questions regarding your child in school. I look forward to working with you all this year.

Yours sincerely

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

Miss D Jinks
Director of Year 11 (Extension 209)