



7th September 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all of our new students and a “welcome back” to all of our returning students! I trust you all had a wonderful, restful summer!

You may well have read about our exam success in the local press. We were delighted to see so many students rewarded for their hard work and commitment during their time at Cox Green. Over 80% of our A Level students achieved A*-C grades. There were particular successes in Maths, Science and History as well in BTEC Sports Extended Diploma. We are delighted that our students have secured outstanding University, apprenticeship and employment destinations in the UK and overseas.

An impressive 76% of our GCSE students achieved Grade 4 or higher in English and 72% in Maths, with 25% of students achieving grade 7-9 in Maths and it is lovely to see so many of them returning to our 6th Form.

I am extremely proud of how well-presented the students are this term, and we appreciate your support in sending your children to school wearing the correct uniform. We have committed to reviewing the “tights” rule should the weather warm up, however until an announcement is made female students will wear black tights with a skirt.

Our building project is now complete and we are all enjoying the beautiful teaching and learning space as well as the wonderful new dine@coxgreen facility. I would like to thank all of the students and staff who have coped admirably over the past year with the impact of the building work and we are now in a position to enjoy the rewards. A huge thank you goes to our Business Manager Gill Newman who has managed the project from the start.

We have introduced a new house system this year, led by Mrs Bisset-Garside. Every student will be attached to a House and throughout the year we will be running competitions and events in which the whole school will be involved.

Following staff and parent feedback, we have also made changes to the detention process. Level 2 detentions now take place every day at Break 1. Escalated detentions of 45 minutes are held after school on a Monday, Tuesday and Friday. Leadership detentions of 90 minutes take place each Friday after school. Parents can view their child’s detentions on Insight, but please be aware it is the students’ responsibility to advise their parents/carers that they have had a detention.

We do share notices on social media and via our weekly newsletter so please do follow us on Facebook and Twitter if you do not already do so. We are incredibly proud of the students and love hearing about their successes both in and out of school, so if you have any “Good News Stories” you can share about student achievement, please do contact us.

We have a number of trips already scheduled for the academic year, and details will be going out once finalised. These trips are optional, but valuable experiences for all involved and we like as many students as possible to have the opportunity to participate.

The relationship with our neighbours is extremely important to us, so please do make sensible parking choices when dropping and collecting your child. Traffic parked irresponsibly or illegally will upset our local community and you will end up with a parking ticket!

I hold regular "Headteacher Surgery" sessions throughout the year. The first one will be held on 1st October and my PA Ellen MacKenzie will be happy to book an appointment for you if you have any items of concern, or issues that you would like to discuss.

Yours sincerely

Frances Walsh
Headteacher

Dates for your diary:

18 th September	Early closure at 12.45pm due to Open Evening
19 th September	Late start - Students to arrive for 9.40am
1 st October	Headteacher Surgery
19 th October	End of term – school closes normal time at 3.15