



# Chipping Campden School

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Dear Parents and Carers

As the country mourns the passing of Queen Elizabeth II after 70 years on the throne, the school flag was lowered to half mast this morning and we joined in the gun salutes and church bells at 12 noon with one minute of applause to acknowledge her remarkable life and the ending of her reign. The sound of an entire school community respectfully clapping was as moving as it was poignant.

## Summer Examination Results

Back in August, we were delighted to be able to celebrate with students as they first collected their A Level results and then their GCSE results. Please click [HERE](#) to read a summary of their achievements which are particularly noteworthy given the significant disruption that both cohorts experienced throughout their two year courses.

Given their success, we have broken all records in enrolling over 200 students into Year 12 this year. We look forward to supporting and challenging those who came through Chipping Campden School as well as the many students who have joined us from a wide range of schools across the region as they embark on their post-16 studies.

## The learning journey starts here!

After an In-Service Education Training (INSET) day for staff on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September, we had a very busy day welcoming the new Year 7 and 12 cohorts into the school followed by the rest of the students on Wednesday.

I wanted to thank all parents and carers for your commitment to our school uniform. In Year 7 we had 230 immaculately dressed students keen to get their journey through Chipping Campden School off to a great start. This high standard of dress and attitude was reflected across the returning year groups too. The importance of making a great start and sustained progress was the key feature of my first assembly of the year to all year groups.

Alongside the new students we welcomed several new staff onto our team, beginning with Ms Larose (Maths), Mr White (Computer Science), Mrs Staerck (Head of Chemistry), Ms Kisiel (MFL), Mr Fuller and Ms Simpson (Art) and Mr Jones (Geography). In addition, we welcomed new staff to the support team beginning with Mrs Bennett, Pastoral Year Lead (Yr 7), Mrs Keen, Science Technician and Mrs McComish the SEN Administrator. Mrs Syme has also been appointed to lead our onsite Alternative Provision.

**New job opportunity – School Administrator:** In addition to the new staff who started this week, we have just posted a vacancy on our website for an Administrator to help manage the day-to-day operations of the school, particularly in relation to staff absence and cover. Click the link [Administrator - Eteach](#) for more details. The deadline for applications is 10.00am Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September.

## Everyone included on the journey

The school is very excited to have appointed Mrs Kingswood as an associate member of the senior leadership team to lead our next phase of inclusion work. The start of this term saw the launch of the Inclusive CCS initiative, following 6 months of research by the schools Diversity, Equality and Inclusion group. Through this initiative, we are committed to stamping out all prejudice language in school to ensure that everyone feels welcome on the journey and included in our community. 'Inclusive' has been added to Committed, Considerate and Safe as our main school rules. Staff and students have had further training about what inclusive means and how to report or challenge inappropriate language. We will continue exploring how we talk respectfully to one another language in assemblies, targeting, for example, racialised, misogynistic and homophobic words, to encourage greater inclusivity. Feedback from staff and students has been very positive and we look forward to making further progress in this area as we continue to celebrate diversity across our school community.

Additionally, the Diana Award have helped us train eight ambassadors, in years 9, 10 and 13, who will be leading on diversity and anti-bullying.

## The journey to and from School

After the challenges posed by the inflexibility of the Integrated Transport Department in more than one of the Local Authorities leaving students without a bus pass or seat at the start of the week, we have managed to make some progress. Where issues remain, we will continue to do all we can to find a solution.

Possibly as a result of the school bus issues, we have seen an unprecedented volume of cars parking in the vicinity of the school, all hoping to collect child/ren at 3.30pm. The narrow streets of this small market town were never designed for such an influx and the roads have repeatedly gridlocked. Can I therefore kindly ask that you wait just 10 or 15 minutes longer before coming to school to pick up your charges. This will enable coaches to get out and through the narrow streets without the bottle neck. Many of the buses do a double run so your child/ren will not be alone in waiting that little bit longer to be picked up. Finally, please would you avoid bringing your vehicle onto the school site. They present a real and present danger to students crossing the carpark to access their buses.

## Dates for the diary

We have two more parent and carers information evening scheduled for next week beginning with Year 8 on Tuesday 13th and Year 9 on Thursday 15th September 2022. Both sessions begin at 6.00pm and should be done within the hour.

Looking further ahead, I wanted to give you advance notice that **the school will close early at 1.00pm on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September** to plan for Open Evening. **The school will remain closed during Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September** for the second of our INSET days. Thus, all students will return to school on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October.

## Elevate: How to get help and keep your child motivated

As some of you may recall, our partners Elevate have run a series of free 60-minute webinars aimed at helping parents support their children at home.

The first in a series of webinars running this year begins on Tuesday 20th September and will focus exclusively on how parents can help motivate their child at home. [Click here to register for free](#)

## English and maths for adults

Fay Tucker, ESOL Learning Coordinator for Adult Education in Gloucestershire has contacted the school to ask me to highlight some courses running in the county to support you with your maths and English skills. See the attachments for further details.

## Teens In Crisis (TIC+) Parent support groups

We wanted to share with you details of FREE Parent Support Group that TIC+ are running in Cheltenham, Stroud and remotely from next week. These will take place over a course of 6 weeks, for parents/carers of children between the ages of 11-18 within Gloucestershire. This is the last chance to book on a Parent Support Group – bookings taken until Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2022. See below for course dates and booking links.

## And finally...

After a summer of sporting success for Team GB Athletics, I thought I'd better update you on the outcome of the summer season for our rising equestrian star, Rosie Campbell. I'm delighted to inform you that she won the Children on Horses Championship at the British Show Jumping National Championship show. After such an outstanding performance it is not surprising that she has also been selected to represent Team GB once more at the Nations Cup Final in Kronenberg, Netherlands in a couple of weeks' time. Well done, Rosie!

Have a peaceful weekend.

Yours sincerely,



John Sanderson,  
Principal

### Nobody Understands? Do you need to talk?

**TIC+** : chat 0300 303 8080 – free, anonymous phone line  
text 07520 634063

**Samaritans:** ring 116 123 email: [jo@samaritans.org](mailto:jo@samaritans.org)

**Childline:** ring 0800 1111

**Youngminds:** text YM to 85258

**Mindful:** <https://www.mindful.org/>

**CrimeStoppers:** 0800 555 111 (100% anonymous, always)

**Glos NHS:** <https://www.onyourmindglos.nhs.uk/>

**Teens In Crisis (TIC+) Parent support groups**

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Eventbrite Link</b>
13/09 - 18/10/22	Tues	19:00 - 20:30	Stroud	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/387058371007">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/387058371007</a>
15/09 - 20/10/22	Thur	10:30 - 12:00	Zoom	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/385124145687">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/385124145687</a>
15/09 - 20/10/22	Thur	13:15 - 14:45	Cheltenham	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/385137395317">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/385137395317</a>