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Dear Parents and Carers,

After more than one or two false dawns on opening the new Performing Arts Centre to the public and parents, we were finally able to hold our first official event on Thursday evening when we had the pleasure of welcoming parents and carers of Year 12 students into the building for an overview of life in our Sixth form.

Unfortunately, the planned ELEVATE event on Tuesday 27th September, which has been advertised to Year 11 parents and carers as being in the Performing Arts Centre will now have to switch back to the Main Hall as there are some final finishing works that need to be carried out. The start time of the ELEVATE event remains unchanged at 6.00pm and we trust that you will be able to experience the new facility in due course.

Jeans for Genes

Today was Sixth Form Jeans for Genes Day. The Jeans for Genes campaign raises awareness of the daily challenges faced by those living with a genetic disorder and raises money to fund projects that make a difference to the lives of those affected.

- 1 in 25 children are affected by a life altering genetic disorder.
- There are currently 6,000 genetic disorders, with more being discovered every day
- 30,000 children in the UK will be diagnosed with a genetic disorder

The Sixth Form students donated to this worthy cause today and raised more than £325. In return, they were permitted to wear their jeans for the day! Please click on the link to find out more: <https://www.jeansforgenes.org/>

New starters iPad scheme

We are pleased to inform you that the ordering portals for joining our iPad scheme are now open for students in Years 7 and 12, and **new starters** in Years 8, 9 and 10 **only**. Thus, this scheme is NOT for students who were part of the school last year and are currently in Years 8, 9, 10, 11 and 13.

The deadline for orders is 10:00pm on Sunday the 9th of October 2022. It is our intention to have devices ordered, delivered, and handed out before the half term break, but factors beyond our control may affect this.

Donations for the iPad scheme are as follows:

- Year 7 (and new starters in Years 8 and 9): £14.50 per month on a 3-year plan
- Ordering portal: <https://edutech.click/CCS-36-months>
- Year 12 (and new starters in Year 10): £17.50 per month on a 2-year plan
- Ordering portal: <https://edutech.click/CCS-24-months>

We understand that financial commitments at this time may be very challenging and would like to reassure all parents and carers that there is a support mechanism in place provided by the Birmingham eLearning Foundation (BeLF). Information about the support can be found on their website www.belf.org.uk or contact direct on 0121 314 3407 or email morag@belf.org.uk. We want every child to be supported to have a device, so please ensure you contact our charitable partners at BeLF if you need to access some financial support with this scheme. Regrettably, the school cannot do this on your behalf.

The scheme is designed to help level-up access to mobile learning technologies across our whole community. To be able to do this we need to stress the importance of completing the **gift aid** section for all those who pay income tax.

Thank you, in anticipation of your support with this scheme.

Principal: John Sanderson B.A (Hons), MA

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Transport Vacant Seat Scheme

Worcestershire County Council (WCC) have written to the school explaining that they are nearing a position to start with the vacant seat allocations. They are hoping to commence next week. WCC apologised for the inconvenience cause in the delays and thank families for their continued patience.

They asked me to pass on the message to parents and carers of children who are currently on the Worcestershire County Council vacant seat scheme list that they should start to hear from the Transport Commissioning and Allocations Officer with effect from next week.

As a school, we continue to work across all three counties to expedite the issuing of bus passes for travel.

Traffic issues

Thank you, to all those who have helped by waiting just 10 or 15 minutes longer before coming to school to pick up a child after school. This is helping to enable coaches to get out and through the narrow streets without the bottle neck of parked cars.

Similarly, thank you to all those who have acted upon my request not to bring vehicles onto the school site before and after school.

Waiting for Buses

Speaking of transport, I wanted to acknowledge the patience shown by students this week who have had to wait longer than usual on some days to get into and home from school. The bus companies have had to manage some challenging circumstances beyond their control but recognise that this has led to delays or last-minute changes to services.

As part of our duty of care for your child/ren as they wait for buses, would you kindly join me in making it clear to them that once dropped off on the school site in the morning they must not leave the school site until they get on their bus to go home again in the evening. This means, they may NOT leave the site in the morning before school starts nor in the afternoon between 3.30pm and their bus arriving.

School closures next week

I wanted to remind you all that **the school will close early at 1.00pm on Thursday 29th September** to plan for our main school Open Evening. All the usual bus routes will be available to take your child/ren home at the earlier time.

The school will remain closed during Friday 30th September for the second of our INSET days. Thus, all students will return to school on Monday 3rd October.

And finally...

While it can sometimes only take the actions of a small minority to tarnish the reputation of a school community, I'd like to think that the reverse is also true.

Earlier this week we received a message from a grateful motorist who broke down unexpectedly in the town traffic and was blocking the road only to be rescued by two of our students in the Sixth Form. Together they helped move the vehicle and then made sure the motorist was not too anguished by the whole experience. The two students in question were Tom Cooper-Carus and Jack Meadows. Gentlemen, I salute you!

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

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/>