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19th October 2018



Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the end of our first half term we would like to take the opportunity to say what a wonderful start to the school year it has been. On a daily basis now, the school community is demonstrating its commitment to our 5 key values – aspiration, hard work, achievement, belief and respect.

Our new Year 7 students have settled in exceptionally well and completed their CATs tests - their effort and behaviour during these tests was outstanding. All Year 7's have joined at least one co-curricular club of which there are many to choose from including: martial arts at lunch time, led by an outside expert and the school choir to name but a few. There are at least 8 different co-curricular clubs to choose from each day. "Education with Character" is reflected in our new co-curricular timetable and our range of sporting activities which include football fixtures, a brand new netball team and Zumba classes. Please encourage your child to take part in co-curricular clubs by visiting the school website for further details and discussing these together.

Year 11 students have taken part in Leadership lessons and Prefects/Senior Prefects now have 'red' and 'silver' ties. The Senior Prefects have been developing their leadership skills during weekly meetings and at various events throughout the first half term. They have been active ambassadors at Open Evening, GCSE Champions Evening and Year 7 Settling In Evening. These events have been extremely well attended which is a reflection on how much you, as parents/carers are supporting your children and the school. A reminder that all Y11 students now have a compulsory extended school day which provides opportunities for them to focus on revision, exam skills and coursework.

The whole school took part in a "Raising Aspirations Day" on 28th September which promoted future careers and growth mindset for all of our students. In addition, Year 9 engaged in a "Careers Speed-dating Session". Please see our 'twitter' feed to see all of the events which have taken place this half term.

The new behaviour system is now well underway and we are quickly creating a 'whole school culture of success and high performance'. I am sure you agree that this new behaviour system is essential if every student is to be provided with the opportunity to achieve their full potential.

As part of our initiative in driving up standards may I remind you of the following:

- Students should wear black footwear which covers the foot and can be polished – going forward all students must wear a shoe and not a trainer. We ask that when your child needs replacement footwear you replace it with a shoe and not a polishable trainer
- Small 'slip on Dolly' shoes for girls can be a safety risk - our advice would be that when your child needs replacement footwear you should purchase a shoe which covers and secures the foot
- Jumpers are compulsory when students return to school on 29th October 2018 as mentioned in the letter sent home on 14th September 2018 (October half term to Easter).
- Hoodies are not allowed to be worn for school



- Students must arrive to school by 8.25 am – lateness will result in an after school same day detention
- Good attendance is linked to good progress. Please ensure that your child attends school every day, on time, in correct uniform and ready to learn with necessary equipment
- Internal Exclusion (IE) is used when students fail to meet the standards and expectations and impact negatively on the school's drive to provide a culture of success and high performance.

Please be reminded of the importance of attending your child's Parent's Evening. Parent's Evenings give you an opportunity to work with the teachers to improve all aspects of your child's education. These are scheduled as follows **(please note minor changes from last letter to parents/carers):**

- Thursday 13th December Year 10
- Thursday 24th January Year 11
- Thursday 14th February Year 8
- Thursday 28th March – Final Count Down Year 11
- Thursday 18th April Options Evening Year 9
- Thursday 25th April Year 9 Parents Evening
- Thursday 6th June Year 7

There are many more events and activities which are ongoing so please visit our website regularly to keep up to date with any upcoming events, Irlam & Cadishead College news, additional activities and opportunities. The website is www.iccollege.org.uk and/or follow us on twitter @_ICCollege. A group of languages students are well on their way to Paris and parents/carers can follow their journey and activities via our twitter page.

Once again, we would like to thank you for your ongoing support on our journey to ICC becoming the 'school of first choice in the local community'.

Yours faithfully,

Mr F McCarron
Executive Principal

Ms T Holdsworth
Acting Principal