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Message from Mrs Wilmott

Dear Parents and Carers

What a busy but wonderful half term we have on our return to the new academic year!

We have returned with high expectations and students have risen to the challenge; from our youngest pupil in Year 3 to our eldest in Year 11 all students have returned with an eagerness to do well and have worked hard to achieve their best both academically and pastorally.

We have now also completed our first round of screening for students, which our SENDCO Ms Johnson is now analysing and students will receive appropriate interventions as a result of this work.

It has been a pleasure to see students so engaged in a wide variety of learning that has taken place over the previous weeks, particularly at how well our students have embraced our enrichment focus of **community** and worked hard to improve our school environment as a result. We now turn our attention to **charity** in preparation for our Christmas Fair on 12th December – be sure to save the date!

We have welcomed new staff to the team this half term also – Mrs Whitehorn (Primary Consultant) and Miss Ambrose (HLTA) have joined our Primary Team and Ms Haynes (Behaviour Support Worker) and Miss Gracey-Stokes (HLTA) joined the team at Cranbury Road. We welcome them to the staff body.

I look forward to an exciting half term ahead!

Mrs Wilmott
Headteacher



students taking our Harvest Festival donations to New Beginnings to support the local community and Autumn reefs created by the students at our ILP Hub.

Mrs Baggley – Deputy Head

Ready

This term we have had a real push on our students being Ready – Ready for the school day, ready for their learning and ready for their next steps. We thank parents for their continued support in ensuring their child/children arrive to school in their uniforms and would like to remind parents that students should also be bringing equipment to school ready to hit the ground running with their lessons. As the colder months approach us, students are permitted to wear their Cranbury College polo tops, t-shirts, and jumpers during the school day, but outdoor wear will be safely stored in the lockers upon entry. Sliders/flip flops/Crocs are not suitable footwear and prohibit students being able to safely take part in extracurricular activities.



Respectful

Friday 10th October was Mental health Awareness Day which we acknowledged at Cranbury College by wearing our yellow ribbons and carrying out different activities throughout the day to develop an understanding of mental health throughout our school community and the importance of recognising mental health issues and respecting those who are struggling in this area.

We also looked at various ways of supporting our own mental health and ways which we can help ourselves maintain a healthy mind.

We are very proud of the maturity that all of our students approached this topic with and we will continue to develop an understanding of this important topic throughout the academic year.

Safe

At Cranbury College we have an extensive Safeguarding Team and Interventions Team that work behind the scenes to ensure students are Ready, Respectful and Safe and they have a trusted adult to go to if they need. If you are concerned about your child or indeed believe they could benefit from further support, please do contact us at main reception and we will happily discuss with you our offer and how we can assist.

This academic year we have introduced an Intervention focus to every students timetable to ensure that all of our students receive additional support in building Healthy Relationships, School Expectations, Anger Management and Risk Taking Behaviours. Our students report that they are really enjoying these sessions and as staff we have certainly reaped the rewards of our cohort reflecting and supporting each other in these areas.

Mrs Seymour – Assistant Head

Ready

Students have shown a strong sense of readiness for learning this half term. The introduction of structured vocational days has increased engagement early in the week, while baseline testing has enabled staff to tailor lessons to individual needs. Preparations for the November mock exams are well underway, with students demonstrating growing confidence and taking greater responsibility for their own progress.

Respectful

Across all key stages, students have continued to show respect for both their learning and one another. The consistency of routines – particularly in English, Maths, and PE – has helped to build a strong sense of community.

The continued development of our curriculum has provided students with a broader and more balanced educational experience, giving them access to a wider range of qualifications and learning opportunities so far this year.



Safe

A consistent curriculum structure and clear routines have helped create a calm and safe learning environment – something that has been echoed by visitors to the school this half term. One visitor commented to Mrs Baggley on the purposeful atmosphere and noticeable positive change across the school. Students have benefitted from predictable lesson sequences, supported by the introduction of booklets and our I, You, We modelling approach, and from staff who encourage them to take risks in their learning, understanding that mistakes are part of the process. Regular PE sessions and enrichment activities have also supported wellbeing and fostered a strong sense of belonging throughout the school community.

Mr Sparks – Assistant Head

Ready

Our students have shown fantastic enthusiasm during this term's enrichment programme, taking part in painting and gardening projects across both the primary and secondary sites.

We have seen Primary and Secondary students working together and showing a real sense of community across the board.

These activities have helped to enhance our school environment while also giving back to the community – a true example of being ready to make a positive difference.



Respectful

This term, our school community came together to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support and to Show Racism the red card on our Wear It Red Day. These actions reflect the deep respect our students show for others – locally and globally.

Together, our pupils have earned an incredible 1665 VISION points this term. 1,400 VISION points at secondary and 265 VISION points at primary this term, recognising their positive choices and contributions every day.

Keep living our values – Ready, Safe, and Respect – and let's see how many more VISION points we can achieve next term!

Safe

Pupils have demonstrated real maturity by working safely and sensibly throughout the enrichment sessions, whether handling brushes, tools, or equipment or providing support for others to keep them safe.

We have also seen our community help to keep others within the wider community safe by sharing our Harvest Festival donations with the local foodbank so that those in need are able to have the essentials for survival.

Their teamwork and care for each other have created a safe and supportive atmosphere we can all be proud of.

Ms Whitehorn – Primary Consultant

Ready

We have seen wonderful progress in pupils' readiness to learn and their enthusiasm for taking on new challenges each day. As teachers, we know we've done our job well when pupils continue discussing their lessons even during lunchtime! One particularly engaging discussion took place after a lesson on the power of the sun, where pupils demonstrated thoughtful reasoning and worked together to reach a well-considered conclusion.

Pupils are also developing their ability to work cooperatively, listen actively, and provide constructive feedback during lessons. They are beginning to recognise the value of collaboration and have produced some impressive work as a result, particularly in maths.

Safe

Staff have worked hard this term to support pupils in class and to teach them effective strategies for managing behaviour and anxiety in school. Pupils are beginning to put these strategies into practice, which has led to noticeable improvements in classroom behaviour and more meaningful engagement in learning.

At the primary site, we would also like pupils to become more mindful of online safety. Many of our young learners enjoy playing online games, but it is important that they understand the potential risks involved. Promoting safe and responsible online behaviour will be a key focus for staff in the next half term.

Respectful

The new term is well underway, and what an exciting first autumn it has been! Pupils eagerly took on the challenge of working in the garden, planting winter flowers and taking responsibility for watering and caring for them as they grow. They have also shown great respect and teamwork while sharing the task of clearing the playground of leaves and, of course, had plenty of fun making leaf angels among the autumn colours!

This term's topic, Superheroes, has truly captured everyone's imagination. Pupils explored both fictional heroes and real-life figures who have made a difference in our society, leading to some thoughtful and respectful discussions. One memorable comment that made us all pause for thought was from a pupil who said, "Batman's cave couldn't really be a secret, someone must have built all that equipment!" A clever observation that certainly made us think!



Mrs Syed – Associate Senior Leader

Ready

We have had a busy start to the year at the ILP Hub with KS3 planting lots of new plants including flowers, shrubs and winter vegetables; with the helpful planting calendar that they made we never miss a planting deadline. The terrariums that were made are growing well and the students are learning how to look after them.

All students have engaged well with our new citizenship project and are looking forward to getting their AQA Unit Award certificates for these units.

Our first project has been all about our community and the students have been keen to talk and write what they like best about the community that they live in.

KS4 have been focused on their key subjects and are using different forms of revision to get them ready for their upcoming mock exams.



Respectful

All students have been enjoying the introduction of Tutor time at the ILP Hub, having this time at the beginning of each session settles the students. They can enjoy a snack and a chat before being getting ready to start the day. Students are polite and even offer to make staff toast. It's been so lovely hearing them share their stories of what they have been up to in their spare time outside of school.

This term we are focusing on how we speak to staff and each other; all students have shown respect and understand our clear expectations. Each one of them have been keen to earn 'Vision Points'. It's difficult when change is put in place especially after a school holiday, however each student is thriving and looking towards getting enough points to join their termly reward trips.

Safe

We have provided a calm safe space where students feel happy and safe. Students are thriving at the ILP Hub as a result of this and we have seen lots of positive behaviour choices made as a result.

This year we will continue to focus on our school sustainability, we now have the use of a food bin, and we continually talk to the students about recycling to reduce our carbon footprint. We will be getting separate bins at the hub so we can put this learning into practice.

We are also establishing our Hub garden, not only does it provide hands on learning experiences it also promotes biodiversity and makes our learning space colourful and exciting.

Miss Kendall – School Business Manager

Ready

This term saw the exciting launch of our newly improved hall and break space. These areas were reconfigured to give students more comfort and activities during their free time. Whether eating, chatting with friends, or playing a match on our new multi gaming table, students now have a more welcoming and enjoyable environment to spend their time in.

We also introduced new lockers at the student entrance, as a space for students keep their belongings and to promote a smooth entrance to school in the mornings. Alongside this, the new student entrance was launched helping everyone's day start and end in a calm and organised way, no matter the weather. All these changes are helping our students feel more prepared and ready to learn every day.



Respectful

We've been incredibly proud of the way our students have shown respect and kindness this term through a number of charity events. In September, we hosted a Macmillan Coffee Morning, where students and staff helped raise money for cancer support. Thank you to the parents who attended and participated in the cake raffle!

On the 17th of October we supported Wear It Red Day to raise awareness for Show Racism The Red Card, an anti-racism educational charity working to challenge racism through empowering role models within communities, organisations, and sports, in order to dismantle racism in society.

We also supported Wear It Pink Day on 21st October to help us raise awareness and support for Breast Cancer Now, a charity on a mission to make sure that by 2050, everyone diagnosed with breast cancer lives, and is supported to live well.

Safe

The Harvest Festival was another highlight, with students collecting and delivering donations to the food bank, which is then shared to local families in need. These events gave students the chance to think about others, work together, and show real care for their community, helping to keep them safe from hunger - values that we are proud to see growing stronger every day in school.

Behind the scenes our business support team have been busy ensuring that students remain safe whilst on site, collecting the key information in case of emergencies, including medical information and key contacts with the roll out of our new system My Child At School. If you have not yet set up your account please contact the admin team at cc-admin@maidenerlegghtrust.org who will be happy to help you.

Half Term Ahead

Key Dates For The Upcoming Half Term

Monday 3rd November – Students return to school

Monday 10th November – Anti-bullying Week

Tuesday 11th November – Armistice Day

Friday 14th November – Children In Need

Week Beginning 17th November – Road Safety Week

Week Beginning 21st November – Mock Examinations for Year 11 students

Week Beginning 21st November – Functional Skills Examinations in English and Maths for Year 10 and Year 11 students

Thursday 11th December – Christmas Lunch Day

Thursday 11th December – Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 11th December 10am – Primary Christmas Production

Friday 12th December, 11.30 – 1pm – Cranbury Christmas Fair

Monday 15th December – Hanukkah

Tuesday 16th December – Rewards Day

Friday 19th December – Staff Christmas Panto

Friday 19th December – School closes 1pm

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