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Dear Parents, Students and Governors,

On behalf of all the staff, a very warm welcome to the 2019/20 academic year and particularly to those joining us for the first time, either in year nine or year twelve. We are sure you will settle quickly and happily. In order to help establish good communication between home and school, we shall continue to issue two regular publications:

- **'The County Courier'**, of which this is the first of the academic year. This is designed to provide information for the school community and is sent out on **the last working day of each week**. It will be issued by ParentMail and put on our website on the day of issue. This edition is also being sent by paper to give new parents a chance to register. Please ensure you register with ParentMail if you have not already done so. Details of how to register are on the website.
- A monthly celebration of our school and of groups and individuals within it. This publication, entitled **'The Accolade'** will include photographs and will, we hope, provide a permanent record of a broad range of success in and out of the classroom. 'The Accolade' will be sent home, via ParentMail, on the last working day of each school month. It will also appear on our website on the day of issue.

We hope that these publications will enable good communication between home and school. **Do feel free to contact us at any time if you need information, advice or support.**

Mrs V Neale

New members of staff

We are pleased to welcome the following teachers to our very stable team:

Mr K Bloodworth: Mathematics

Miss E Meakin: History/RE

Miss E Williamson: Science

Student absence

Mr J McWilliam continues to be responsible for all aspects of attendance and punctuality. Parents should contact him on all matters relating to this. He has a direct line, **01284 763638**, and he can be contacted from **7.45 am onwards**. **Parents should ring on the first day of absence and any subsequent days until their child returns.**

Beginning of Year Information Evenings

These are important evenings to set up the year. Each starts at **7.00 pm** and lasts about an hour. The dates are:

Year 12: Thursday 12th September

Year 9 : Thursday 19th September

Year 10: Thursday 26th September

In addition, **Year 13** parents and students are welcome to make **individual appointments** about UCAS with Mr Kemp between **7.00 pm and 8.30 pm** on **12th September**. Appointments **must be booked** on the booking sheet in the sixth form corridor.

Other Information

- Letters and photographs for students wishing to go **home for lunch** must be received by next Friday.

- This year's **calendar of events** is now available on the website and will be updated regularly as appropriate.

Entry to the site

There are now three entrances to County Upper: Anglian Lane, a single gate on Beeton's Way and the main entrance. Due to the roofing work, the Anglian Lane entrance is only available in an emergency at present. The Beeton's Way single gate and the main entrance will be open until 9.10am and from 3.40pm each day. At all other times, entry will only be through the main entrance. There is an electronic entry system for cars and for pedestrians. The only differences for students will be that those students with a lunch pass will show it at reception and sixth form students wishing to go out at lunchtime will also need to go to reception first. The entire site has new fencing alongside the new gates. **Parents are reminded that they should not drop off and pickup their children on the site at the beginning and end of the day.**

Fixtures

U16 Boys' Football vs Ormiston Sudbury Away – 10/09

U15 Boys' Football vs Thurston Football Home -11/09



Clubs, Activities and Extension GCSEs for the Autumn Term 2019

We are pleased to publish this term's list of regular clubs, activities and extension GCSEs. In addition, there will be the usual wide, regular range of one-off activities and trips notified as they occur. The staff give freely and generously of their time to ensure that there is a huge range and depth of activity on offer and we encourage every student to consider at least one extra curricular activity.

	Before School	Lunchtime	After School
Monday	Academy Basketball (Sports Hall) Basketball Morning Shooting Dance (Gym) Sax Quartet (8.45-9.20) GCSE Rock Band (8.45-9.20)	Yr10/Yr11 & 6 th Form Netball (Courts) Yr 11 Boys' Football (Astro) Open Badminton (Sports Hall) Swing Band (1.20-1.55) Spanish (Room 21 at 1.15 pm) Creative Writing Club (Room 11 at 1.15 pm) Latin (Community Lounge) 6 th Form Whipworm Genome (CC1) Beliefs & Values Club (1.30-1.55 RS Rm)	Yr 13 Physics Problem Solving (S4 at 4.00 pm) Science Club (S block 3.45-4.45pm) Connexus Netball & Football (Sports Hall/Field) Yr 9 Netball (Sports Hall) Yr 9 Football (Field) U19 Academy Basketball (Gym) Academy Golf (The Suffolk GC) Fixtures 'A' level English & Media coursework drop in (CC1)
Tuesday	Academy Basketball (Sports Hall) Basketball Morning Shooting Flute Group (8.45-9.20) Musical Theatre Choir (8.45-9.20)	Open Hockey (Astro) Yr 9 Netball (Courts) Table Tennis (Gym) Open Badminton (Sports Hall) Wind Band (1.20-1.55) Christian Union (C2) Japanese Yr1 (H3) Rubik Cube Club (C4) Gardening Club (every Tues lunch during Sept Rm 13)	Astronomy (CC1) 4.30-6.30pm (Y10+) Open Trampoline (Mini Hall) Yr 10/Yr 11 & 6 th Form Netball (Sports Hall) U19 Academy Basketball (Leisure Ctr) Fixtures
Wednesday	Cross Country (Field) Cricket (Sports Hall) Academy Basketball (Sports Hall) Dance (Gym) Chamber Orchestra (8.45-9.20)	History Society (H1 from 1.10 pm) Arts Award (Bronze/Silver) (D6 at 1.10 pm) Open Girls Rugby (Field) Yr10 Boys' Football (Astro) Open Handball (Gym) Y10/11 Boys Basketball (Sports Hall) Chamber Choir (1.20-1.55) Film Club (Room 11 at 1.10 pm) Japanese Yr2 (H3) Japanese Yr3 (24)	U19 Academy Basketball (Sports Hall) Yr 10 & 11 Boys' Football (Field) Girls Football (Astro) Fixtures
Thursday	Japanese for all (Library 8.30) Basketball Morning Shooting Cricket (Sports Hall) Barbershop (boys' vocal) (8.45-9.20) Girls' choir (8.45-9.20)	Politics Society (Conference Room at 1.05 pm) Year 9 Art Club Open Volleyball (Gym) Open Boys Rugby (Field) U14 & U16 Girls Basketball (Sports Hall) Y9 Boys Football (Field) Trust Band (1.20-1.55) Year 9 & 10 Design Club (D11) Latin (Community Lounge) Anime Club (1.15 Rm 15) Computer Science GCSE Catchup Club (CC2)	Drama Club/Festival rehearsals, (4-5pm) Photography (CC1) Open Handball (Sports Hall) U19 Academy Basketball (Gym) Fixtures
Friday	Academy Basketball (Sports Hall) Basketball Morning Shooting Clarinet Choir (8.45-9.20) Brass Ensemble (8.45-9.20)	Chess Club (Conference Room at 1.10 pm) GCSE PE Coursework (CC1) Open Trampoline (Mini Hall) Y9 Basketball (Sports Hall) Orchestra Music Theory Club (1.20-1.55) Lower String Ensemble (1.20-1.55) Yr 12 Maths for Physicists (S1) Photography GCSE Catchup Club (D1) Brazilian Portuguese (C1 1.15) Cospace – Robotic Simulation (CC2 1.15)	Debating Society U19 Academy Basketball (Sports Hall)

Bronze, Silver and Gold DofE meetings will take place as advised. The **library** is open every lunchtime. The **Art studios** are available to GCSE and 'A' level students at lunchtime and after school on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

