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EXECUTIVE PRINCIPALS MESSAGE



Dear Parents/Carers/Students,

I would like to begin by expressing my sincere thanks to our wonderful students and staff for contributing to such a positive and successful term at Castle View Academy. It gives me great pride to share that the vast majority of CVA students continue to demonstrate maturity, kindness and respect for one another, and they have truly been a credit to themselves, their families and the school.

At CVA, we are proud of our high expectations, and it has been fantastic to see students consistently presenting themselves well and showing excellent manners. I have been particularly impressed by the day-to-day politeness I now see around the school - small gestures such as saying "please" and "thank you" make a big difference and reflect the character of our community.

Importantly, it is wonderful to see students working hard in lessons and showing real commitment to their learning, which will only benefit their future opportunities.

I would also like to recognise our Year 7 cohort (the Class of 2030) for such a strong and impressive start to their secondary school journey.

Finally, a special well done must go to all of our Year 11 students who have now completed their race 1 GCSE mock exams. Again, the vast majority of students approached their assessments with impressive academic maturity. The upcoming two terms will play a crucial role in shaping their adult futures, and as always, I truly hope they achieve the results they are working so hard for.



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UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS

As we head into the festive break, I would like to remind parents, carers and students of our uniform expectations.

As shared with parents, carers and students last year, from January, our policy on trousers will be changing. Only **black, loose fitting trousers** will be accepted. Stretchy, legging type material trousers are not allowed. Students found wearing these types of trouser will be asked to borrow a pair (or a skirt) from the uniform cupboard.

School shoes must be black formal leather/polishable shoes (Nike Air Force or similar trainers are not allowed). Finally, false nails, facial piercings and false eyelashes are also not allowed.

If any of these are seen in school in January students risk facing consequences until removed.

START OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS

Students will return to school on Wednesday the 7th January 2026 (week B); usual timings for all year groups. Please ensure excellent attendance and punctuality (arrive before 8.30am).

AND FINALLY

Once again, may I take this opportunity to thank parents and carers for all your support this term. As well as school, the impact individuals, and groups of people inside and outside the family have on a child's wellbeing and life are immense. My CVA New Year's wish is for us to continue to work together and alongside each other in the very best interests of all the students that attend Castle View Academy and in doing so, achieve our common goal of preparing them all for adult life in the very best way we can.

Best wishes and a Happy New Year,

Mr Oakes
Executive Principal, Castle View Academy