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Dear Families,

It gives me great pleasure to warmly welcome you all to the start of the new academic year. We have enjoyed a busy and productive summer with some fantastic improvements to our school site now in place.

Our new classroom block is ready for use and the canteen is almost operational with just a few final pieces of equipment and furniture waiting to be delivered. We will utilise our previous canteen facility during the transition period.

We have installed a sensory room to enhance our SEND provision and re-purposed the classroom spaces in this area to strengthen our support for students with additional needs. We have also repurposed two classrooms to provide a pastoral support hub in the centre of the school which will allow us to strengthen our care for students. Alongside this, we have removed a disused mobile from site.

We are working on plans to increase perimeter fencing to improve site security and our site team have been hard at work repainting and refreshing classrooms and corridors to improve the learning environment. I would like to personally thank the site and estates team for all their hard work through the summer break improving our fantastic school.

On the 1st of September we become part of The Learning Partnership Trust which places us in the largest Trust in Cheshire East. We are looking forward to the opportunities to collaborate with schools within the trust and to continue to strengthen our practice.

This truly is an exciting time as we welcome each year group who are all at the beginning of their journey albeit at different points! This is my first term at Congleton High School, and I wanted to start with a few small but important messages to some important people:

To our Yr7 students – I know you may be a little nervous but don't worry so am I! Starting somewhere new can be daunting but it is also exciting and empowering. You are about to begin one of the best journeys of your life so far and we cannot wait to start working with you.

Year 8 – you will continue the important learning you started last year. You will be exploring exciting new topics, developing new skills, strengthening relationships and I have no doubt there are many fantastic experiences just a step ahead of you this year!

Year 9 – what an important year for you. The final year consolidating your knowledge in Key Stage 3. Crucially this year, you will really take ownership of your future as you make decisions about your GCSE pathways. This is the year that learning really takes shape for you and I am looking forward to seeing what interests and skills you have. I have no doubt you will surprise and impress me in equal measure.

Year 10 – the start of your GCSE pathway. Such an exciting time! These are your choices and the first steps towards an incredible future. It will be hard work but my goodness it will be worth it. We will work hard together; we will aim for the stars but most importantly we will enjoy the journey.

Year 11 – this year your relationship with the school becomes even more special. You have worked with us for four years already. Our staff know and care for you, they have seen you take your 'first steps' at CHS and are right here to take some much bigger steps this year. I will be taking a great interest in your progress; I know that you will set a fantastic example for our younger students to follow. Hard work, humour, respect and courage will

all be vital. Once again, the hard work you do will be matched by the hard work of staff who are fully invested in your success.

Year 12 – welcome back! I am absolutely delighted that you have invested in CHS for another two years, or indeed chosen us for the first time! You are going to shape something special in our amazing Sixth Form. Once again, this part of your journey allows you to specialise even further than your GCSE choices. You know the hard work required. Now is the time to push on from all you have learned at GCSE and take the next step. Our fantastic Sixth Form team are right behind you – we believe in you. Now go and chase your dreams.

Finally, last but not least, Year 13 – you are now in your 7th year at CHS. You truly represent everything that is brilliant about our school. You have demonstrated that your hearts and minds are fully committed to excellence, you are CHS trend setters, dream chasers and role models. We will do everything we can to ensure you achieve the highest possible standards – we are so proud of who you are now and who you will become.

To all our amazing families, the education of your children is our greatest privilege. We welcome your feedback – if we get something wrong, we will learn from it. We must work together to achieve the excellence all our students are capable of. Our revised school motto emphasises this: we are ‘together in the pursuit of excellence’. Our school community will embody our values of ambition, curiosity and courage as we pursue the excellence our young people are capable of and truly deserve.

A little housekeeping to finish my first letter to you all. In order to support students effectively into school this week, I would like to remind you of our phased return as communicated at the end of term:

- 4th & 5th September – Staff INSET days
- 6th September – Years 7,11,12 8.40 start. Year 7 report to the main hall all other years to tutor groups
- 7th September – All years attend. All students will begin with an extended tutor session which begins at 8.40am

If you are dropping your child off at school, please ensure that they are on site by 8.35am so that they can be in lessons on time at 8.40am. Thanks in advance for your support with your child’s attendance and punctuality to school. Being here, on time every day maximises learning opportunities and supports your child’s progress.

A gentle reminder about uniform – we understand over the summer period students may have experimented with hair styles / nails etc. A reminder that we do not permit nose piercings, nail extensions, extreme hair styles, and hair should be natural colour. Please refer to our uniform policy for details. If you need assistance with uniform, please contact your child’s tutor so that we can support you with this.

At the end of this letter, I have also included what I hope is a useful summary of key events at the school this half term. We will be running a series of welcome/information events in the next few weeks for each year group. You will also be able to book a place so that we can plan for attendance at each event. Further information to follow on these.

Looking forward to working with you all this year.

Kind regards



H Thurland
Headteacher

Key Events Sept-October 2023

Date	Event	Time
04.09.23	INSET	8.30-15.15
05.09.23	INSET	8.30-15.15
06.09.23	Phased return 7,11,12	8.40-15.00
07.09.23	All years' return	8.40-15.00
14.09.23	Yr12 Information Evening*	18.00-18.30
	Yr13 Information Evening*	18.40-19.10
15.09.23	Cultural Diversity Day	8.45-15.00
21.09.23	Yr 7 Team Building Day	8.45-15.00
20.09.23	Yr10 Information Evening*	18.00-18.30
	Yr11 Information Evening*	18.40-19.10
28.09.23	Yr5&6 Open Evening – please book your place!	16.00-19.30
04.10.23	Yr7 Info Eve / Tutor Eve	18.00-19.00
05.10.23	Yr8 Information Evening*	18.00-18.30
	9 Information Evening*	18.40-19.10
19.10.23	Sixth Form Open Evening	17.00-20.00

*Information to be sent out along with booking form