



# CAMPSMOUNT

14<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Dear parent,

## Thank you

We approach the end of what has been an exciting year that has seen Campsmount Academy deepen its connection with the community. We made the decision early to hold many live events so stakeholders could visit the school often. This year we have worked together during open evening, revision evening, parents' evening, transition evening and multiple performance evenings to name a few. Next year we look forward to working in partnership to support our relationships with stakeholders further and enhance the development and life chances of your children.

## End of term arrangements

The school will close for the summer break at 13:00 on the final day – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July. We have contacted the bus companies and will confirm transport arrangements early next week.

## Returning in September – staggering the start

Later in this letter, I mention the support we have been putting in place for the Year 6 students that are transitioning into Campsmount Academy. One of the steps we are taking is to stagger the return dates for various year groups returning to school in September 2023. This allows the new Year 7 and their teachers in particular the opportunity to be fully set up before the whole school returns.

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	School staff training day (INSET). No students
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	School staff training day (INSET). No students
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 7s first day. Year 11, 12 and 13 return 08:30 start of tutor/prepare period
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	All students return to school 08:30 start of tutor/prepare period

## Celebrating the wonderful things. Are you up to date?

Each half term we distribute our half-termly newsletter to provide some key highlights. To keep up to date almost daily then please follow our social media pages. Following feedback from parents and governors we launched our Facebook page earlier in the year for our community to engage with.

Facebook - Campsmount Academy

Instagram - CampsmountAcademy

Twitter - @CampsmountAcad

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Whilst we are on the topic of celebration, I would like to wish our Year 11 and Year 13 cohort of 2022-2023 the very best of luck. Year 13 students will receive their examination results on August 17<sup>th</sup> from 08:00 – 10:00 in the Post 16 area. Year 11s, once they have arrived through the main entrance, will collect their results between 08:00-10:00 on August 24<sup>th</sup> – letters with further information will be sent to the respective year groups.

## Transition

This week we had three fun filled days with our Year 6 students that are making the move from the primary years of their education into Campsmount Academy. The staff organised the event in excellent fashion, and the students were able to enjoy a range of activities that saw them successfully engage in their new home from home.

Their transition was also supported by an informative parents' introduction evening last night where we hosted over 250 people in the hall supporting the next steps for our young people.

## Standards

The highest standards of the school uniform are important all year round. Our uniform is part of our identity and it gives Campsmount Academy students a sense of pride and belonging within our school community.

Attached to the link below is the uniform expectations booklet. It indicates the expectations for uniform and provides direction if you are looking to purchase uniform. It is particularly important that we start in September with the highest standards of uniform – especially whilst we have the opportunity over the summer to be fully prepared.

Please read the guidance carefully as there are some minor changes such as, all students will require a bag each day to support their preparedness and confiscated items will need to be collected by parents.

### [Uniform Guidance](#)

In terms of being prepared for the new school year, students are also expected to arrive fully equipped for learning – this means pens, pencils and a ruler at a minimum in order to engage in learning.

## Year 11 – period 6

We would like to thank all parents and students who were able to attend the Year 11 information evening on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July. A copy of the presentation that was shared on the evening will be sent to all parents.

One of the key support strategies presented to parents and students on the evening was the period 6 lesson at the end of each day, Monday to Thursday, 15:00-15:45. We fully expect all Year 11 students to attend this additional lesson and make use of the valuable time spent with their teachers completing coursework and preparing for exams. We need the support from



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everyone to give our students the best opportunities in the future, and after all our vision is 'Creating the best version of you today, for success tomorrow'.

## **Have a great summer, but a SAFE one**

Recently you were sent a letter from the Fire and Rescue Service highlighting Water Safety. If there is one take away message, it is to swim in lifeguarded waters only as too many young people have lost their lives swimming in unregulated bodies of water.

Next week the Fire and Rescue Service will be visiting the academy to speak with students regarding fire safety and the implications of entering unregulated and unsupervised buildings.

## **And finally**

We look forward to welcoming our students back in September, but in the meantime, from all of us at Campsmount Academy we would like to wish you a fantastic summer break.

Yours sincerely

Mr I Midgley  
Principal