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TO PARENTS/CARERS OF ALL PUPILS

Dear Parent/Carer

First Completed Week Back

As we have now completed the first full week of this term, I wanted to take a moment to celebrate the fantastic start our pupils have made and relay some key messages to enable you to support your child during the time they are with us.

Walking around the school during lessons last week has been an absolute joy; the pupils are committed to their work, courteous, and determined to succeed. We are thrilled to welcome our new Year 7 pupils to the Cams Hill community, as well as a number of new colleagues.

Last week, I delivered assemblies to all year groups and introduced them to our new school values:

Courtesy: We foster a welcoming and respectful environment for learning, where everyone feels included and supported. We respect and appreciate each other, practice honesty and show kindness, compassion, and care for the community in which we live.

Courage: We encourage pupils to be resilient, independent, and capable of learning from both success and failure. This determination builds self-confidence, empowering pupils to make decisions and stand by their principles in an environment where creativity and innovation can flourish.

Commitment: We maintain the highest standards in everything we do, every day. We put emphasis on responsibility, hard work, dedication, and determination. We give our best in lessons, homework, clubs, and when representing the school. Hard work and resilience are essential life skills, while a readiness to learn and pride in our work are crucial to achieving success.

To ensure your child's happiness and success, it is vital that we work in partnership. With this in mind, here are a few key areas where we can work together:

Attendance: The single most important thing you can do is to ensure your child attends school every day, on time, and is ready to learn. Each lesson truly matters; this year, we are placing an even stronger emphasis on attendance. Please work closely with your child's Tutor and Year Team to support this. Mrs Newman (Associate Assistant Headteacher) will be in touch shortly with more information.

Being Ready: We have been impressed by the pupils' attitude and readiness to learn this week. Thank you for ensuring your child is prepared with the correct equipment and uniform. PE trainers and bottoms have been a focus this week - ensuring they are appropriate for sport and that jogging bottoms/leggings are plain black or blue. Each pupil must have 2 pens, 2 pencils, a 30cm ruler, and a calculator. Alongside being ready in school, being well rested and sleeping well are also key to supporting pupils to thrive.

Homework: We have clarified expectations for homework in the new school Homework Policy, which I reviewed with pupils in assemblies. As a minimum, pupils will receive one piece of homework per week in English, Maths, and Science. All homework will be set on ClassCharts to support pupils to meet deadlines and enable you to track this.

Grabbing Every Opportunity: At Cams Hill School, there are countless opportunities to join a club, get extra help with a subject, or take part in a performance etc. Please encourage your child to be courageous and seize every opportunity, try new things, and engage in activities outside of lessons.

Encouraging Reading: Please support your child to read for pleasure. Just twenty minutes of reading each day can develop vocabulary, reduce stress, and is linked to better GCSE outcomes. It does not have to be fiction; a physical book or magazine can be a refreshing break from screen time.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and I look forward to meeting each of you throughout the academic year and seeing your children thrive as valued members of the Cams Hill School community.

Yours sincerely

Mr I Hudson
Headteacher