

Our reference: SMCLET1/LH

13th September 2023

Dear Parent/Carers

RE: Start of Term Update

We have now welcomed into college all of our 2023-24 cohort of sixth form students and having completed our first full week at Sigma Sixth, I wanted to take the opportunity to provide you with an update. All students have settled well and those new to the college have done an amazing job of adapting to new systems. Learner behaviour around the college has been impeccable, the quality of teaching and learning is excellent and the sense of common purpose and desire to learn is clear for all to see.

Student attendance has started out strong and it is vital that this continues throughout the term. There is a strong link between excellent attendance and achievement, and inevitably, students who frequently miss lessons quickly fall behind. Students who fail to reach our high expectations will be provided with support as outlined in the 'Sigma Sixth Support Strategy' which can be found in the [student handbook](#).

If you know in advance that your child will be absent, please email sixthform@cchs.school. If your child is suddenly unable to come into college due to illness or some other personal difficulty please email or call on 01255 424266 before 9.00am.

For the safety of all, please use the main car park when dropping or collecting your child from the site. Unfortunately, this week there has been severe congestion around the drop-off zone with some people parking in this area, resulting in the college bus being unable to park within its designated bay. Many thanks in anticipation of your support regarding this matter.

At Sigma Sixth we have a lively programme of extra-curricular activities, which includes The Duke of Edinburgh Award, Bar Mock Trial, Student Council and Debate Team. Our extra-curricular programme provides students with a chance to experience new opportunities, to both broaden their education outside of the classroom and compliment university and job applications, so please encourage your child to get involved. The [extra-curricular programme](#) is on our website and updated regularly.

Our campus café opens for breakfast at 8.15am and remains open until after lunch to offer students a range of high-quality food and drink, with a buoyant yet relaxed atmosphere. Options include grab and go items for takeaway such as pizza, paninis and sandwiches and a regularly changing lunchtime menu of hot meals. Cash payments only are accepted at present but our new card machines will be up and running soon.

Our sixth form has grown significantly over the last few years and our students have achieved excellent results, ensuring progression onto further education or career paths. We would like to take this opportunity to wish your child every success for the year ahead.

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Important date for next week:

- 21.9.22 Closure at 12.10pm to allow staff to prepare for the annual CCHS Open Evening at the Walton Road site.

If you have any queries about these updates please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind Regards

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Head of College