

September 2020

To the Parents/Carers of Year 6 Students

Dear Parent/Carer

We are sorry that we are unable to welcome prospective families to Cornelius Vermuyden School on-mass as normal for our open school on Saturday 26th September 2020. It is not possible to replicate the rounded experience that this occasion provides to our visitors and we hope to be able to resume the event next year.

I hope, however, that you will find a copy of our school prospectus, school promotional video and lots more information on our fantastic website which we would encourage you to visit: www.corneliusvermuyden.com

The Cornelius Vermuyden School is a very special community and a school that is continuing to improve.

There were many positives that were written within the 2019 Ofsted report, some of which I share with you below:-

'Pupils told inspectors that the school has improved over the past year. Parents, carers and pupils say the new leadership team has made a big difference. Leaders now have high expectations of pupils and want them to do well.... The new headteacher is leading an agenda of change';

'Pupils feel safe at school and bullying is not an issue. Staff are quick to deal with bullying if it does occur. Pupils said staff are very supportive when pupils have concerns';

'The school offers pupils many opportunities to develop socially. Pupils said that "every day was like a new chapter" and there is "always something new to learn". There is a wide range of enrichment clubs after school. These include debating, languages, film club and the eco committee;

'The headteacher and senior leaders are ambitious for pupils. Recent changes mean that pupils are able to study the full national curriculum in key stages 3 and 4';

'Most pupils behave well. When teachers have high expectations for behaviour, pupils are able to understand what they are learning and how it builds on previous lessons';

'Leaders have worked hard to encourage pupils to behave better and the situation is improving, but there is more to do';

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'Leaders provide good opportunities for pupils to learn about diversity, culture and the wider world. Weekly lessons cover topics such as healthy living and personal well-being. Pupils learn what it means to be a British citizen. The number of pupils going to training or further education when they leave school has risen substantially':

'The arrangements for safeguarding are effective';

'Pupils feel safe and are confident that staff will support them with any concerns they may have. Pupils say that everyone is welcome at the school and that it is OK to be different. Leaders ensure that pupils know how to keep themselves safe online and from risks they may face in their local area';

'The leadership team is clear that poor behaviour patterns from the past will not be tolerated. Senior leaders are in the early phases of changing the culture of the school and should continue with the implementation of systems that support positive pupil behaviour. These systems are having a positive impact on the school'.

Whilst examination arrangements were different this year, we were particularly proud of these students with their 2020 GCSE results:-

Michael Doran - 9, 9, 9, 9, 9, L2D*, 8, 8 (Canvey Junior School) (St Katherine's CofE School) Ty Walker - 9, 9, 9, 9, 9, 9, 9, 6 (Canvey Junior School) Ellie-Mae Berkeley - 9, L2D*, 8, 8, 8, 8, 8, 7 (St Joseph's Catholic Primary School) Amy Gardiner - 9, 9, 9, 9, 7, 7, 7, 6 (Northwick Park Primary School) Samuel Jessen - 9, 8, 8, 8, 8, 8, 7, 7 (Canvey Junior School) Ellie Keen - 9, 8, 8, 8, 8, 8, 7, 7 Shannon Beeching - 9, 9, L2D*, 8, 8, 7, 7, 7 (Winter Gardens Academy) (Leigh Beck Junior School) Megan Duckman - 8, 8, 8, 7, 7, 7, 6, 6 (St Katherine's CofE School) Eleanor Stevens - 8, 8, 8, 7, 7, 7, 6, 6

The following Year 10 (now Year 11) students attained outstanding grades in their English Literature studies:-

(St Joseph's Catholic Primary School) 9 Saffron Richards (Northwick Park Primary School) 9 Katie-Jane Cox (Leigh Beck Junior School) 8 Charlotte Balcombe (Winter Gardens Academy) 8 Courtney Beeching (Leigh Beck Junior School) 8 Tess Bowen (William Read Primary School) 8 **Jasmine Chesney** (Canvey Junior School) 8 Louise Daly (William Read Primary School) 8 Amy Dyos (Winter Gardens Academy) 7 Evah-Rose Holton (St Joseph's Catholic Primary School) Ryan Johnstone

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Isabelle Rooke	7	(Canvey Junior School)
Brooke Sheridan	7	(Winter Gardens Academy)
Alivia Taylor	7	(Winter Gardens Academy)
Paris Walker	7	(William Read Primary School)
Lara Philps	7	(Leigh Beck Junior School)
Jessica Allen	7	(Winter Gardens Academy)
Harvey Cook	7	(St Katherine's CofE School)
Emily Cooper	7	(Winter Gardens Academy)
Chloe Cruse	7	(Canvey Junior School)

The best way of finding out about our school is to come and visit us. We are holding a virtual open day, followed by tours during which you will be able to see the school in action. These tours will be during school time (8.45 am - 3.45 pm) and will be by appointment ONLY, strictly one family at a time. Tours can be booked via admin@corver.rmplc.co.uk, or by calling 01268 685011 extension 124. I hope to see you on one of these tours.

The school is newly built and opened in February 2012. The design achieved a coveted 'Excellent' grade at CABE review and was shortlisted for the national RIBA Award. Approximately £28m has been spent on the new school and facilities; state of the art classrooms with breakout spaces, science laboratories, ICT suites, sports hall with climbing wall, spacious hall/auditorium and fully equipped dance studio, drama studio, library facilities, immersive room for creative work, art studios and technology suites, new dining and café areas, breakout spaces and terraces, which enjoy views across playing fields and open land. In the school grounds we have 38 acres of land, two MUGAs (Multi Use Games Areas), hockey, cricket, football, rugby and netball pitches. In addition, we have an amphitheatre, science and ecology areas and landscaped gardens.

A bright future lies ahead for your child joining a school which is fully staffed with specialist teachers, a new school build and continuing high standards.

I hope that your child decides to join our school. Our commitment is to each student's happiness and success. If you would like to discuss your child's individual needs with me or a member of staff at the school, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

Mr I Hockey Headteacher

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