



Inside CORNELIUS

Creative
Open-minded
Responsible
Nurturing
Empowered
Learners
Inclusive
US

EDITION:
16 OCT 2026



Dear All,

I cannot believe how quickly this half-term has flown by! It feels like only yesterday we were welcoming everyone back in September, and now we have just one week to go until half-term.

It has certainly been a busy few weeks! Open Evening, sporting events, trips, our form time programme, enrichment activities and the start of our additional academic support. There is always something happening at Cornelius!

What I have enjoyed most, though, is spending time in lessons, talking to our children and seeing the progress we are making. We still have plenty to do, and there will always be things we can do better, but I see so much every day that makes me proud of our school.

Thank you to all families for supporting excellent attendance and high expectations as we continue to raise standards across the school. One more week to go, and plenty still to look forward to!

Ms Conlon
Headteacher

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

From September 2026, the Government has changed the eligibility rules for Free School Meals. All families receiving Universal Credit are now entitled to Free School Meals for their children, regardless of earnings.

All families must reapply, even if their child previously received Free School Meals. If you think your child may be eligible, please contact the school office or email us at admin@corneliusvermuyden.com for further information and to apply.

Please don't miss out on this support!

MORE THAN A FREE MEAL

Being registered for Free School Meals can also provide:



Extra funding for our school to support your child's learning.



Additional support in school (such as help with uniform, trips and activities).



A healthy, nutritious meal every school day



Access to wider support and guidance for your family



A positive impact on your child's education, wellbeing and future opportunities.

LANGUAGES BAKE OFF

We celebrated European Day of Languages with a Bake-Off. A record-breaking 20+ cakes were entered. The event raised £110 for the Michael Barnard Trust, which provides support and interventions to our pupils.



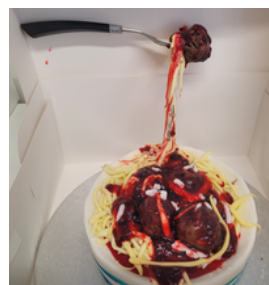
1st Alysia P, Y10
Loch Ness Monster (Scotland)



2nd Oscar H, Y7
Chocolate Eiffel Tower (France)



3rd Grace B, Y9
Traditional European Dresses



4th Sophie R, Y9
Defying Gravity Spaghetti & Meatballs (Italy)



5th Samanta V, Y7
Traditional Tinginys (sloth) cake (Lithuania)

YEAR 11 MOCK EXAMS

Our Year 11 pupils are preparing for their upcoming mock examinations. We encourage pupils to make the most of revision and support available during and after school as well as on Saturdays. Every lesson and every opportunity matters!

[The mock examination timetable can be accessed here](#)

OCTOBER SCHOOL TOURS

Every Tuesday & Thursday 8.30am - 9.30am

No booking required. Meet in reception.

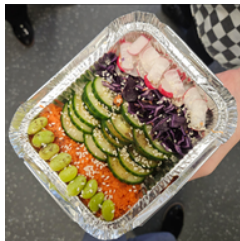
GUINNESS WORLD RECORD

As part of the National Year of Reading, our pupils took part in the Take Ten Challenge, joining schools across the country in a Guinness World Records attempt by stopping to read for ten minutes. We look forward to finding out whether the record has been broken!



ART, DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

A selection of work produced in ADT. A special well done to Millie (Y11), Evie (Y11), Musti (Y9), Edie (Y9) and Sophie (Y9), who have shown great effort, enthusiasm and commitment to their learning. Well done!



YEAR 11 NEXT STEPS



Year 11 pupils are attending assemblies from local colleges and sixth forms to explore their next steps.

Details of upcoming open evenings can be found [here](#).

MAMMA MIA

Our pupils had a wonderful time in London's West End watching Mamma Mia! We were proud to receive compliments from the audience about their excellent manners, making a fantastic trip even more memorable!



KEY DATES

- 19 Oct Y8 HPV Vaccinations
- 20 Oct Y7 Writing workshop
- 23 Oct Y9 Expect Respect Workshop
- 23 Oct Y11 Imperial University Trip
- 26 Oct Half Term begins
- 02 Nov Back to School
- 03 Nov Y9 Future Thinking Programme
- 03 Nov Girls' Football - Districts
- 03 Nov Y10 Cambridge University Trip
- 10 Nov Y9 Future Thinking Programme
- 10 Nov Cross Country - Districts
- 10 Nov Y7&8 Parents/Pupils Meet&Greet Evening (4pm-5pm)
- 11 Nov Y7 Road Safety Play
- 12 Nov SEEAT Scholars
- 12 Nov Reading Author Workshop
- 16 Nov Odd Socks Day (Anti Bullying Week)
- 16 Nov Y11 Mocks Begin
- 17 Nov Y9 Future Thinking Programme
- 17 Nov ASP Parent Information Evening (5pm-6pm)
- 18 Nov SEAAT Scholars
- 19 Nov Flu Vaccinations
- 23 Nov Y7 Netball
- 27 Nov Y11 Mocks End
- 30 Nov Y10 Netball
- 30 Nov Go Karting Trip
- 01 Dec Y9 Future Thinking Programme
- 02 Dec Y7, Y8, Y9 Science Workshop
- 03 Dec Cinema Reward Trip
- 03 Dec Y11 Leavers Celebration Evening (6pm-7pm)
- 07 Dec Jack Petchey Award Evening
- 08 Dec Cinema Reward Trip
- 10 Dec Flu Vaccinations
- 11 Dec Anglia Rusking University Trip
- 16 Dec 3-Day Germany Christmas Market Trip
- 18 Dec Last Day of Term (12.30pm Finish)

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