



Welcome from Ms Kennedy



On behalf of all the staff, a very warm welcome to the 2021-22 academic year and particularly to those joining us for the first time, either in year nine or year twelve. We are sure that you will settle quickly and happily. In order to help establish good communication between home and school, we shall continue to issue two regular publications:

The '**County Courier**', of which this is the first of the academic year. This is designed to provide information for the school community and is sent out on the last working day of each week. It will be issued by Parentmail and put on the website on the day of issue.

A monthly celebration of our school and of groups and individuals within it. This publication entitled '**The Accolade**' will include photographs and will, we hope provide a permanent record of a broad range of success in and out of the classroom. The Accolade will be sent home, via Parentmail, on the last working day of each **half term**. It will also appear on our website on the day of issue.

We hope that these publications will enable good communication between home and school. **Do feel free to contact us at any time if you need information, advice or support.**

New members of staff

We are pleased to welcome the following teachers to our staff:

Mrs Cooper – Pastoral/Inclusions Coordinator
Mrs Cort – Psychology Teacher
Mrs Gannaway – Exams Officer
Mr Haysom – Head of Computer Science
Mr Higgin – Music Teacher
Mr Maiti – Science Teacher
Miss Parnell – Attendance Officer
Mr Stevenson – Deputy Headteacher (Curriculum)
Mrs Thuell – Deputy Headteacher (Pastoral)
Miss Werner – Musician in Residence
Mrs Manchett – General Admin Assistant

Student absence

All student absences must be reported from 0745hrs on **01284 763638**. **Parents should ring on the first day**

of absence and any subsequent days until their child returns to school.

Punctuality and School Day Timings

Your support in ensuring that students arrive to school on time is appreciated. Please note that the timings of the school day are as follows:

0900 – Registration
0920 – Lesson 1
1015 – Lesson 2
1110 – Break
1135 – Lesson 3
1225 – Lesson 4
1315 – Lunch
1355 – Lesson 5
1450 – Lesson 6
1540 – End of Day

Beginning of year information evenings

16/09 – Year 12 Parent Information Evening
23/09 – Year 9 Parent Information Evening
30/09 – Year 10 Parent Information Evening
04/10 – Year 12/13 – Parents' Evening
w/c 11/10 – School Open Evening TBC
21/10 – Year 11 Parents' Evening

More information will follow from the Heads of Year

COVID19 Home Testing

Thank you for your support and the student cooperation with our COVID19 mass testing that took place this week. Home tests have been issued to all students and these will last until **Sunday 3rd October**. Please continue to report student COVID19 tests taken on a Sunday night and Wednesday night to school at [Covid-19 Home Test Results Form](#) and to the NHS on <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>.

A new test logging system is soon to be used and further details of this will follow by Parentmail.

School Photographs

The main school will have photographs taken on **Monday 13th September**. All students will be required to wear a school jumper for the photograph please. 6th Form students can choose to have a photograph taken

and they will be notified of when their slots will be available. Those students who have siblings in the school can also book a slot for a joint photograph if required.

School Meals

School meals must be paid for on Parentmail by using the 'top up' area within the 'Accounts Section'. After our initial IT issues, this is now working and we would appreciate all dinner debts being cleared as soon as possible please. The lunch menu can be found on the school website at http://www.burytrust.org/county/atschool/docs/ViveMenus_Sep21.pdf

Uniform

Please remember that all uniform is now ordered using the website shop at <https://www.yourschoolwear.co.uk/county-upper-school-bury-st-edmunds-260-c.asp>

Musical instruments & Singing lessons

If your child wishes to have an instrument or singing lesson at school, please contact **Mr Jermy** at jjermy@countyupper.org

Parent Parking

Unfortunately, we do not have enough space in the school carpark for parents to park to drop off or collect students. We would be grateful if you would park elsewhere at our busiest times, ensuring that you are considerate to the local community and **please do not park or stop in the entrance to the school.**

Free School Meal Vouchers

Please note that the vouchers for students who were entitled to Free School Meals during the summer holiday will expire from **30th September**. If you haven't used them yet, please do so before that date.

FREE Sanitary Products

A reminder that the school can provide FREE sanitary products to ALL female students. Please encourage your children to collect multiple items from reception or their year head's office.

Year Group News

Year Nine

Students will receive a copy of their school data sheet to bring home next week. Please can you look carefully at the information that we have stored for your child, update it as necessary and return it to us via your child by Friday 24th September.

Vaccinations – HPV vaccinations are booked for Monday 11th October and further details will follow.

Year Twelve

Students will receive a copy of their school data sheet to bring home next week. Please can you look carefully at the information that we have stored for your child, update it as necessary and return it to us via your child by Friday 24th September.

Our designated safeguarding staff



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