



Update from Ms Kennedy

Uniform Expectations

During the summer sunshine, students have been allowed to leave their jumpers off. However, as the weather now changes to autumn, please be advised that *students are expected to wear their school jumper to school and to start each lesson*. They may ask permission from their teacher to remove their jumper if they are hot.

Please also ensure that your child has a *suitable school coat* as hoodies are not allowed to be brought onsite (as set out in our 'Uniform Expectations and Guidance', hoodies brought onto site will be confiscated for the remainder of the half term) and are not considered a suitable alternative to a coat. Students are not permitted to wear non-school jumpers when at school.

For clarity, on the occasions when students wish to double their foot warmth, **socks should be the same colour as tights** (ie black socks worn over black tights).

Many thanks in advance for supporting the schools' expectations.

COVID19 Vaccinations

Vaccines for all students in years 9-11 will be available on **Thursday 30th September**. Please note that consent/non-consent must be given and a letter is to follow from the Suffolk Immunisations Team which will provide further details.

COVID19 Home Testing

Please ensure that students are testing 3 times per week (Sun, Tues & Thurs) Please continue to report student COVID19 tests to school at [Covid-19 Home Test Results Form](#) and to the NHS on <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>. Further test kits will be provided next week, however, if you run out of tests before then, you can get further kits online or from Pharmacies and COVID19 test centres.

Support for Young People & Parents

Please see these links to support sessions relating to 'Transition to Secondary' and 'Psychology in Schools for Parents' that may be useful in supporting students and parents in their return to school during the pandemic:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1xQli0jhJ5PcvkFCY0FKaI159ZSLICag0/view?usp=sharing>

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1DAUaznydOgKzb5UKDcV8Yvb86TWqYOTE/view?usp=sharing>

PE Kit Queries

Please ensure that all student have long navy socks, as required by the kit policy, for all sports and PE lessons until Easter. Tracksuit bottoms are allowed if plain and navy coloured. **Black tracksuit trousers are not allowed**. If you have any further queries, please get in touch with **Mr Snelling** on csnelling@countupper.org.

Photographs

Students will be issued with photograph proofs on **Monday 27th September**. All instructions for purchasing copies are with the proof.

Year Group News

Year Nine

Thank you to those parents who attended last night's Parent Information Evening. We are confident that students have made a good start with us and look forward to sending their first report home on **Thursday 7th October**.

Year Ten

Interim reports will be sent home on **Thursday 7th October**.

Year Eleven

Parents Evening will take place on **Thursday 21st October**.

Year Twelve

Target grades will be issued to students today (**Friday 24th September**) via their tutors.

Year Twelve and Thirteen

Please note that the Year 12 and Year 13 Parents' Evening is scheduled for **Monday 4th October 2021 from 4.30pm - 7.30pm**. This event will be conducted online via 'SchoolCloud'. Details

of how to log in, and to book and attend appointments will follow.

From now on, if you are absent through illness, please email **Miss Parnell** (dparnell@countyupper.org) and copy Mrs Stevens in or phone the absence line **01284 763638**. Please update each day you are away. If you know of absence in advance (eg open day / driving test etc) please email me directly for authorisation.

Dyslexia Awareness Week – 4-8th Oct 2021

Free online sessions for parents/carers

For information | All schools

The Specific Learning Difficulties (SpLD) Team would be grateful if schools could signpost parents to some free Teams presentations that will take place during Dyslexia Awareness Week, 4th – 8th October.

The presentations will be led by specialist teachers and staff from Westbourne Academy and will focus on:

- support for parents and students for transition to High School
- the SpLD Service’s offer to schools across Key Stages
- using IT to support your child at home
- supporting your secondary-aged child’s learning at home

The events and training tab on the website [SpLD Service](#) can be used for booking:

DA	week	general	flyer
DA	week	session	1
DA	week	session	2
DA	week	session	3
DA week session 4			

Open Evening

Our Open Evening for prospective new students will take place on **Thursday 14th October at 5pm**. If you have younger children who wish to join County Upper in September 2022, please do join us.

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