

Carshalton Boys Sports College



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Dear Parent / Guardian

2019/2020 Academic Year

Firstly I hope you and your families have had a great holiday. At the end of the letter are details of when students start in September along with dates of our Information Evenings.

Examination Results

A summary of our examination results at both A level and GCSE is below:

A Level

100%, pass rate at A-level/vocational, with **53%** of the grades awarded at A*-B and **83%** achieving A*-C grades. **47** of our students have been offered and accepted places at University. Every student leaving Year 13 has education, training or employment in place, and we wish them every success in the future. Vocational subject outcomes have improved significantly this year with **41%** of student achieving the top grade of D* (Distinction *).

GCSE

Detailed below are the % figures for English, Maths and student obtaining English and Maths. Grades 4 - 9 are equivalent to grades C – A*.

English 4+	=	71%	Maths 4+	=	69%	English & Maths 4+	=	63%
English 5+	=	53%	Maths 5+	=	46%	English & Maths 5+	=	39%
English 7+	=	15%	Maths 7+	=	15%	English & Maths 7+	=	11%

The majority of other subjects had pass rates in line with national average.

All students, staff and parents should be very proud of these results, which demonstrate the huge effort and commitment put in by everyone involved. Special mention must go to Matthew Amanor-Boadu who achieved a truly exceptional 11 grade 9's at GCSE (making him one of the top 133 students in the country!)

Summer Building Works

Once again we have been busy over the summer holiday improving the school environment for students and staff. The new mezzanine level in the main hall has created a fantastic Library and student learning zone. We have installed a third Refuel area exclusively for Year 7 and Year 8 students. Along with an 'amphitheatre' seating area in the Year 7 playground.

Uniform

All students must wear complete school uniform at all times. Students must not wear trainers, caps, sweatshirts, hoodies or fleeces or any other item that is not deemed to be school uniform to, from or in school. Please note that the school coat is a compulsory piece of school uniform. If a student wears any item of non-school uniform either in or to/from school it will be confiscated and returned at the end of that half term. Please ensure that all items of uniform are labelled clearly with your son's name.

Food Account

Please ensure that there are sufficient funds on your son's food account before the start of term, this can be done via the WisePay website.

Jewellery

Students are not permitted to wear jewellery in or to/from school; this includes rings, earrings, bracelets and all other piercings. If a student does so he will be asked to remove the item (regardless of when the piercing occurred) and the item will be confiscated and returned at the end of that half term.

Mobile Phones

Mobile phones and other devices should be switched off or in 'silent' or 'flight' mode during lessons unless instructed otherwise by the teacher. The use of mobile phones or other devices to send text and other messages during lessons is strictly prohibited. Students using a mobile phone during lessons without permission, or using a phone inappropriately (eg cyberbullying), will have the phone confiscated; you will be contacted to come into school to collect the phone.

"Making a Difference"

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Behaviour for learning

The main emphasis in the school is of praise and reward so that a positive school ethos is engendered. Students are encouraged at all times to take a pride in themselves, their work and their school. The Behaviour for Learning code is in place so that every boy knows what is expected of him. It centres around five main principles; Perseverance, Respect, Independence and Collaboration, Discovery and Enthusiasm. Please note that if a student does not follow the Behaviour for Learning code and has an entry on SIMS for poor behaviour/lack of uniform or other misconduct this will result in a one-hour detention being given on the same day as the entry. Parents will be informed by text or phone call. If a student fails to attend a set detention (without good reason, approved by the Leadership Group) they will be given a two-hour detention the next day. If a student fails to complete two or more pieces of homework during any one week he will be given a two-hour detention on the following Monday, again parents will be advised of this by text message/phone call. If a student continues to fail to follow the schools code of conduct they may be given a Saturday detention, your son's Learning Co-ordinator will phone you to discuss this.

Attendance and Lateness

The link between regular attendance and achievement at school is well documented, and attendance at school is a legal requirement which you as a parent are obliged to enforce. In order for your son to achieve his full potential he should aim to attend school every day with an overall attendance of at least 95% each year. If for any reason your son's attendance drops below this then we are obliged by law to refer your son to our Education Welfare Service who may have to refer the case to court and could refer in a fine or other penalty.

Being punctual is not only a requirement in school but is a requirement of success in the work place. Lateness to school and lessons is disruptive to all students learning. At Carshalton Boys Sports College a policy is in place to address lateness. A one-hour detention will be given to any student who arrives late for school (after 8:30am) on the same day. You will be notified of this either by text message, email or phone call. Please do not book any holidays during term time, Government Guidelines now state that I will no longer be able to authorise holiday requests and you may be issued with a £60.00 fine.

Start of Term

Year 7	-	Wednesday 4th September 8:30am
Year's 8 to 11	-	Thursday 5 th September 8:30am
Year 13	-	Thursday 5 th September 8:30am
Year 12	-	Friday 6 th September 8:30am

Timetables will be issued during registration on the above dates in September but please note that it is Gold Week (week one of the timetable). Your son's timetable can also be viewed on the schoolcomms app or on school gateway.

We will be holding year group Information Evenings as listed below and would encourage you to attend.

Year	Date	Start Time	Venue
Year 7	3 rd October	5:15pm	Sports Hall and English Block*
Year 8	2 nd October	6:00pm	Sports Hall
Year 9	26 th September	6:00pm	Sports Hall
Year 10	12 th September	6:00pm	Sports Hall
Year 11	11 th September	6:00pm	Sports Hall
Year 12	24 th September	at 6pm	Main Hall
Year 13	24 th September	at 7pm	Main Hall

* Further details will follow in due course about the Year 7 Information/Pastoral Evening

Staff Training

Please note that the staff training afternoon will continue, following its successful introduction last year. Students will continue to leave early at 13:45pm, on a Thursday in Gold Week. A supervised study space will be available for students if you would prefer for your child to remain on site.

Thank you for your continued support and I wish you all well for the 2019/2020 academic year.

Yours sincerely



Simon Barber
Principal