

Cambridge School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 13th September 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

We have just finished the first full week and what a week it has been. Students are settling well into their new classes and forming positive relationships with their new classmates as well as the new adults who are teaching them. It is always a period of adjustment as people get used to change, but so far, so good. We are setting high standards for uniform this term and students are getting the message that non-compliance has consequences. We want students to get into good habits so that they understand the importance of looking smart and feeling smart. We all know how first impressions count and how we present ourselves has a direct bearing on how we are perceived and treated.

Attendance in the first three days of term was only 82.5% and that needs to improve dramatically and urgently. We will not be authorising term time holidays this year and penalty notices (fines) will be issued. Any unexpected trips at home or abroad to see ill relatives need to be supported with documentary evidence otherwise they will be unauthorised and a penalty notice will be issued. I want to be absolutely clear and direct about this so there are no surprises. Good attendance plus positive behaviour equals high achievement. That is the basic formula we will be repeating weekly, if not day in, day out.

We want you all to feel that school is a safe place for you and your child and I urge you to contact school immediately if you have any concerns. I want you to feel that you will be listened to, and more importantly heard, if you have an issue, however small you think it may be. Don't let things drift or fester, let us know so we can help.

Have a lovely weekend with your child and make sure they are well-rested for Monday!

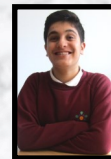
Yours sincerely

A. Campbell

Alan Campbell,
Head Teacher

Stars Of The Week

100% Student Attendance Award

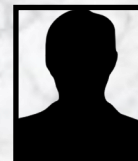


Jawad Rafiqi



Lázaro De Carvalho

Outstanding Behaviour Award



Joshua Matthews



Samual Pizey

Note: We're currently updating our student photos and adding our new students.

Some parents have not given permission for their child's photo to be used in external publications

Well done!

Important Dates

20th Sept: Jeans for Genes Day

24th Sept: UK Fitness Day

27th Sept: Macmillan Coffee Morning

October is Black History Month

3rd Oct: National Poetry Day

4th Oct: World Smile Day

W/C 7th Oct: Harvest Festival

10th Oct: World Mental Health Day

28th Oct—1st Nov: HALF TERM

Attendance: Week Ending 6th September



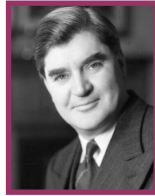
Akala Class

78%



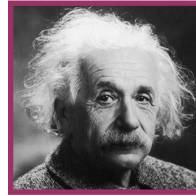
Angelou Class

97%



Bevan Class

72%



Einstein Class

100%



Farah Class

70%



Franklin Class

90%



Hawking Class

88%



Hockney Class

65%



Obama Class

96%



Seacole Class

88%



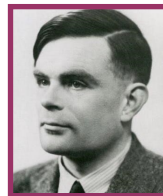
Rashford Class

90%



Rowling Class

74%



Turing Class

78%



Wiltshire Class

75%



Einstein Class!

House Competition: No Update This week

Points are awarded for good work and good behaviour, and can be earned for winning competitions



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Attendance and the Law

Parents/carers commit an offence if a child does not attend school regularly and the absence is not agreed by the school (i.e. the absence is unauthorised).

Section 7 of the Education Act 1996 places a duty on parents to ensure that their child of compulsory school age receives a suitable education, either by regular attendance at school or otherwise.

A pupil's unauthorised absence from school could result in one of the following:

Penalty Notice: penalty notices may be issued to address absence including holidays taken during term time. The penalty is £80 payable (per parent, per child) within 21 days, rising to £160 if paid between 22 and 28 days. When a second penalty notice is imposed within a 3-year period, the fine is £160 (per parent, per child) A Penalty Notice is an alternative to prosecution; it does not require a court appearance, but still aims to improve school attendance. Failure to pay may result in prosecution.

Prosecution: under Section 444 of the Education Act 1996. Prosecution could result in a criminal record and fines up to £2500 and/or 3 months imprisonment. A range of other outcomes are also available such as Parenting Orders or Community Sentences.

At Cambridge School, our objective is to collaborate with parents proactively, well before any penalties are necessary, to ensure all our learners understand the value of education and attend school regularly.

Education Act 1996: <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1996/56/contents>

Did You Know... ?

If Your Child's Attendance
During the School Year...

Your Child Would Have Lost
Approximately...

or They Would Have
Missed Approximately...

was **95%**

9 Days from School

50 Lessons

was **90%**

19 Days from School

100 Lessons

was **85%**

29 Days from School

150 Lessons

was **80%**

38 Days from School

200 Lessons

was **75%**

48 Days from School

250 Lessons

Getting Your Child to School Really Matters

6 REASONS TO JOIN OUR PTA!



FOR THE CHILDREN

THE EVENTS WE PLAN WILL IMPROVE YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL EXPERIENCE

BECOME A ROLE MODEL TO SHOW YOUR CHILD YOU VALUE THEIR EDUCATION.

FOR THE SCHOOL

HELP THE SCHOOL TO RAISE FUNDS.

HAVE A VOICE IN THE PURCHASES THAT ARE MADE TO SUPPORT THE CHILDREN.

BE CONNECTED

THERE IS NO BETTER WAY OF KNOWING WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SCHOOL.

MEET OTHERS THAT SHARE THE SAME COMMON GOALS TO HELP IMPROVE THE SCHOOL.

FOR YOU

VOLUNTEERING IS A REWARDING EXPERIENCE.

YOU CAN DONATE AS MUCH OR AS LITTLE TIME AS YOU LIKE.

WE PLAN TO HOST MANY SOCIAL EVENTS TO RAISE MONEY AND ALSO TO ENJOY EACH OTHERS COMPANY.

IT IS FUN!

WE AIM TO ENJOY OURSELVES IN ALL OUR ROLES.

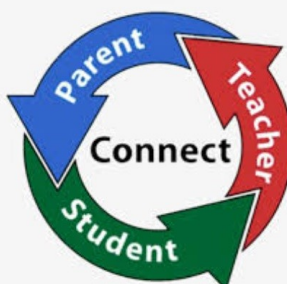
FROM PLANNING EVENTS TO RUNNING A STALL IS EXCITING!

KEEP THE PTA GOING

AS PARENTS LEAVE SCHOOL WE NEED TO KEEP THE COMMITTEE GOING.

COME JOIN OUR FRIENDLY TEAM AS MANY HANDS MAKE IT LIGHT WORK!

CONTACT US



Email any of us if you're interested in joining Cambridge School's Parent & Teacher Association:

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