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Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to wish you all a warm welcome for the start of the 2021/22 academic year, and especially to our new Year 7 and Year 12 students. This is an exceptional school, with a rich history and long-standing tradition, and I am sure all our students, new and old, will thrive here.

The students have all made a fantastic start to this term, and have been exemplary in their behavior and attitude whilst we complete the lateral flow device tests for Covid. Once this initial period of testing and the associated staggered start to the year is complete, we are very much looking forward to returning to the Coopers Coborn way of life: high academic standards, outstanding extra-curricular provision and the Love as Brethren values we hold so dear.

A Level Results and Destinations

We are extremely proud of how well our outgoing Year 13 students performed. As they leave us, they are using their excellent academic results at A Level as a springboard to the next phase of their education and lives. We have students who secured places at either Oxford or Cambridge Universities, and many more who have gone on to study at other prestigious institutions. Many others have secured an apprenticeship or employment, with others taking a gap year. These are all fantastic achievements, even more so in light of the educational disruption caused by the pandemic, and as a school we wish them every success in the future.

GCSE Results

As with Year 13, the outgoing Year 11 students also performed exceptionally well, and should be very proud of their achievements. There were some notable individual successes, with students not only gaining fantastic grades, but also making substantial progress from their starting points. The fact that they performed so well, despite the difficulties of the previous two years, is a testament to their dedication, drive and determination to do the very best they could.

Extra-Curricular Provision

As a school we are proud of our focus on developing our students in a wide range of areas. We are not, and never will be, an 'exams factory'. The breadth of our extra-curricular provision is simply stunning and we are planning to run around 70 clubs this year, which is a return to our pre-pandemic provision, so do please encourage your child to participate in as many activities as they can. There is something for everyone! I would like to remind our Year 7 and 12 students that we have our Fresher's Fayre in the sports hall on Thursday 9th September where they will have the opportunity to sign up for clubs.



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Important Announcements

- I would first like to mention school uniform. The look of our school and our students carries a powerful message and it is important that our students take pride in their appearance. Uniform should be worn correctly at all times, including to and from school. The uniform regulations are printed in the student planners for clarity and ease of reference. Please also ensure that all items of uniform and kit are clearly labelled with your child's name. We frequently have a large amount of lost property and it is almost impossible to return it to its rightful owner if it is not properly named.
- Our website address is www.cooperscoborn.org.uk where you can find a wealth of information, including latest news and copies of all letters and forms sent out to parents.
- The 2021-2022 School Calendar can be found on our website (under 'What's On' and 'Calendar'). Please be aware that this is a live document and so there are inevitably changes being made on a regular basis.
- We have our own school Facebook page which we use to quickly alert you to any urgent messages as well as to publish news and stories from our staff and students (simply search and 'like' **The Coopers' Company and Coborn School**). Most departments also have their own individual Facebook pages. We also have a Twitter account, which can be found at [@cooperscoborn](https://twitter.com/cooperscoborn). Do please take the time to follow us on Twitter as we are increasing our use of it as a tool to promote the school.
- For those of you who attended the school yourselves, we wish to build on our Alumni Network so that we can celebrate your successes and potentially share your experiences with others – there is a huge bank of skills and talent amongst you all. If you would like to be a part of our Alumni Network please sign up to the Future First's alumni scheme by clicking on the 'Former Students' link on the website www.futurefirst.org.uk
- Our Parents' and Friends' Association is a friendly group of parents who in the past have arranged fundraising events to provide equipment such as minibuses, Theatre lighting, podcasting equipment etc, all of which enhances the teaching and learning for our students. If you are interested in learning more, please contact them on pa@cooperscoborn.org.uk. Towards the end of last term money raised by the PA was used to buy equipment for our PE, Art, Maths, English and Food Tech Departments.
- The school car park is closed to cars entering the car park each day between 3.00pm and 3.30pm. This is purely for health and safety reasons. The car park can become very congested and dangerous for students leaving the site at the end of the day. Closing the car park alleviates this problem. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter, and do please be considerate if you are parking on local streets, as inconsiderate parking causes difficulties for our local residents. Please ensure when you are using the main car park you adhere to the 10mph speed limit
- I appreciate that students are going to forget things from time to time. Could I please ask that you assist your child (especially our new Year 7s) to ensure they have everything they need each day. We would discourage parents from bringing in any forgotten items as the school office is only able to pass on anything that is urgent.



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- From Wednesday 8th September normal lessons resume and all students should be in registration at 08.35. Please be reminded that all Wednesdays are now 6 lesson days with students finishing at 16:15.
- Over the course of the academic year you may well have need to contact a member of staff via email and as a school we welcome effective home/school communication. Whilst the majority of emails we receive are courteous, unfortunately we do sometimes receive communications which are overly demanding or disrespectful. The staff in this school work incredibly hard to support our students and give freely of their own time to provide a range of educational and cultural experiences. Kindly note that there is no expectation that they answer emails in the evenings, weekends or holidays, although they may choose to do so. If you do email a member of staff, please allow up to 72 hours (during the working week) for an initial response. For pastoral issues your first point of contact should be your child's Form Tutor. For academic issues, please contact the relevant subject teacher initially. In most cases this will be the best route to find an answer to your query. Polite and constructive discourse between school and home is a very powerful way to support your children. Again, I thank you for your support with this issue.
- We have a shared service operating across Welfare and First Aid/Medical:

For all Attendance and First Aid/Medical matters:

Main School Office - info@cooperscoborn.org.uk or 01708 250500

For all Welfare and Pupil Premium matters:

Jeannette Sears - jse@cooperscoborn.co.uk or 01708 251809

For Healthcare Plans and related matters:

Victoria Bradley - vbr@cooperscoborn.co.uk or 01708 251805

For Special Educational Needs & Disabilities, Looked After Children, Child Protection and Counselling matters:

Rachna Carron - rca@cooperscoborn.co.uk or 01708 255477

For reporting your child's absence: **07740 901200**

- At times, we have had students arriving at the start of the school day who are clearly unwell and unable to go to lessons. This is unsettling for the student concerned and very time-consuming for our staff. If your child is unwell, please keep him or her at home and follow the student absence procedure. I would also like to remind you that if your child is showing any of the main signs of Covid, (a new, continuous cough, a loss of sense of taste or smell, or a high temperature), they should not attend school and you should arrange a PCR test. Further information can be found at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>
- As per the Health & Safety policy, if your child requires medication, may I remind you that it is your responsibility to ensure that the school holds the correct medication for your child and that it is in date. Students must administer their own medication during school hours. If this is not possible, parents/carers will be required to come into school to administer the dose. School staff are not permitted to administer medication under any circumstances.



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Looking Ahead

- Please be aware that the School will be closing early at 1.15pm on the following dates:

Wednesday, 22 September 2021 – Year 7 2022 Open Evening – To Be Confirmed

Thursday, 25 November 2021 – Sixth Form 2022 Open Evening

Thursday, 16 December 2021 – Main School Prizegiving 2020-21

Friday, 17 December 2021 – Last day of Autumn Term

Monday, 24 January 2022 – Year 9 Options Evening

Friday, 1 April 2022 – Last day of Spring Term

Thursday, 7 July 2022 – Lower/Upper School Prizegiving 2021-22

Friday, 22 July 2022 – Last day of Summer Term

- Our CPD Days (when the school is closed to students) are:

Wednesday, 1 September 2021

Monday, 22 November 2021

Tuesday, 4 January 2022

Monday, 28 March 2022

Tuesday, 19 April 2022

Friday, 8 July 2022 (Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday Substitute Day)

Wishing you all a very Happy 2021-22 Academic New Year!

Yours sincerely

Ms Sue Hay
Headteacher