

3rd April 2025

Dear parents and carers,

As we hurtle towards the last Friday of term, I wanted to take the opportunity to give you a few school updates.

Events:

We have had a jam-packed calendar of events our students have taken part in both in and out of school. There are many highlights, some of which include -

High School Musical – our annual musical performance was a huge success with two sell out evening shows and further performances for visiting Year 5s and our Year 7s. All students who participated were fantastic and audiences commented on how entertaining and amazing it was. Thank you to all staff and students who put this together as it involved many, many hours of rehearsal and dedication. Thank you also to everyone who came to support.

Comic Relief – many activities occurred on our Comic Relief day including a bake sale, ‘Beat the Goalie’ and ‘Sponge the Teacher’. In total, school raised a massive £648.

Darts Tournament: Mr. Burrows has hosted a whole school darts tournament in his extra-curricular club this term. This was very popular and over three hundred students attended the final challenge in the theatre where Joe - a Year 10 student – was victorious. Well done!

Staff vs Students: our traditional hotly contested Staff vs Students football match will take place on Friday lunch time. Currently the overall total stands at one win apiece so each side are looking to be triumphant.

World Book Day: our celebration of books took place in March with lots of mini-competitions and reading challenges happening throughout the day. Staff looked amazing dressed up as book characters.

Sports Events: There is, as always, lots of sporting events to celebrate. Thank you to every student who has represented school. I am always in awe of the determination and sportsmanship our athletes show. Cansfield are now the *New Age Kurling* champions after our team came back gold medal winners with a trophy to add to our cabinet.

Student Conference: In order to ensure our student voice is at the heart of all decisions we make, there was a student conference held. Students gave their views and perspectives on a wide variety of school issues such as enrichment, curriculum and uniform. This is really useful for us as we begin to plan for September.

External Speakers: There has been a range of external speakers and guests into school this term. These have included careers talks and alumni.

Year 11 Revision: There have been revision sessions for all areas of the curriculum both after school and at weekends. These will continue throughout the Easter holidays and half term right up until Year 11 finish their exams.

Year 11:

Year 11 have been working very hard making their last preparations for the exams. These begin with Art / Photography after Easter. I would like to take this opportunity to send them the best of luck as we move into the formal examination period. The Leavers’ Assembly will be held on Friday 13th June followed by a night of celebration at their Prom on 26th June. Year 10 will officially become our Senior Students on 16th June.

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Departing Colleagues and New Appointments:

As we sometimes have to at this time of year, we have colleagues leaving us. It is with sadness that we say goodbye to Mr. Osborne who has left to explore a new opportunity. He leaves with our thanks and appreciation for everything he has done for Cansfield. From next term, please can you contact Miss Ferguson for any issues pertaining to Year 8.

New Attendance Laws:

You will have seen previous communication we have sent out regarding the new attendance laws that came into force nationally from August. Again, thank you for all your support with this. The latest research that has come out regarding attendance emphasises the fact that high attendance supports success in school.

Uniform and Standards:

We try to maintain the highest standard of uniform at Cansfield. If families are struggling, we always work together to ensure this does happen. Please can you reinforce this with your child/ren. Piercings and jewellery are not allowed. After the holidays, students will be asked to remove these at the gates and they may be confiscated. School shoes must also be worn. Please contact your child's Pastoral Head of Year if there is a medical reason that this cannot happen.

Next Term:

There are lots of key dates next term. These include:

- Year 8 Parents' Evening – 24th April
- Duke of Edinburgh Drop Down Day – 25th April
- Careers Workshops – 9th May
- Summer Concert – 9th July
- Sports Day – 11th July
- Enrichment Week – 14th July
- Year 10 Work Experience – 14th – 18th July

Please see the school website for our full calendar. School closes for half term on Friday 23rd May and reopens on Monday 2nd June. School closes for the summer break on Friday 18th July at 12.30 pm.

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Facebook – Cansfield High School

X - @Cansfield1

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Finally, I would like to thank you – our families – for all your support for school. It really makes a difference working together with you. I hope you all have an enjoyable and relaxing Easter. We return to school on Tuesday April 22nd.

Best wishes,



Nicola Daniels
Headteacher