

1<sup>st</sup> June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you and your families had an enjoyable and restful half term break. It has been a pleasure to welcome all of our students back to school today as we begin what promises to be a busy and exciting final half term. This will include recruiting our Year 10 student leadership team, hosting Sports Day, celebrating rewards days and trips, and bringing our community together through CANSFest, with much more planned for the weeks ahead.

As you know, this year marks a very special milestone as we celebrate 100 years of Cansfield High School. It is a time to reflect on our proud history, celebrate our community, and look ahead with confidence to the future.

As part of this significant anniversary, we are introducing a new House System, which will become an important feature of school life. This is not about changing what already works well at Cansfield, but about building on it—strengthening our community and creating even more opportunities for students to feel a strong sense of belonging.

Significantly, this development has come directly from our students. The idea of introducing a House System was raised through student voice, and we have worked closely with them to begin shaping what this will look like. Every student will belong to a House, giving them a team to represent and a sense of pride, identity and connection throughout their time at school.

Students have already been actively involved through a competition to design House identities, helping to shape the traditions, values and character of each House. We have been consulting with students, staff and governors on the House names, which will be revealed very soon. Student voice will continue to play a central role as the system develops.

Throughout the year, students will have opportunities to take part in a wide range of House activities, including:

- Sports and competitions
- Reading and creative activities
- Academic challenges
- Charity events
- Leadership opportunities

While there will be an element of friendly competition, our core aim is to ensure that every student feels included, valued and able to take part. We want all students—whether already confident or needing a little encouragement—to feel supported in contributing and succeeding.

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The House System will also support students in building relationships across year groups, developing leadership skills, and growing in confidence and pride in their school. Each House will be supported by both staff and students, including designated House Leaders and student leadership roles, ensuring that student voice remains at the heart of this initiative.

This is an exciting step for Cansfield High School. It allows us to celebrate our history while creating new traditions for the future, strengthening our sense of community and our shared commitment to *Achieving Excellence Together*.

I would also like to take this opportunity to say a huge well done to our Year 11 students, who continue to demonstrate excellent commitment, resilience and maturity throughout their examinations. Their dedication has been evident not only in the formal exam setting, but also in their strong attendance at revision sessions over half term and after school. With just three more weeks to go, we look forward to celebrating their achievements as they complete their exams, attend their leavers' assembly, and enjoy their prom.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

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Mrs N Daniels  
Headteacher