

May 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The ever-changing weather can only mean one thing – TT is upon us. Personally, I can't believe how this year has flown by. Our Year 11 and Year 13 students have already said goodbye to their timetabled lessons and are currently part way through their exam season. Both year groups have been working hard to ensure they are ready to take the next step in their education, training or work pathways and we wish them every success.

We have selected the new Head Students for 2024/2025 and are delighted to announce that, after two days of presentations and interviews, Sam Barker and Louis Kennedy are in post as Head Students, with Amelie Hutchinson and Lucy Sloane as their deputies. We are confident that they will excel in their roles and offer our congratulations.

Thank you to parents who gave feedback and suggestions for our review of the timing of the school day. We also had input from staff, students, Bus Vannin and other stakeholders. The final decision now rests with the school governors, but it seems likely that we will be changing our current timings with a move to start and finish a little earlier from September 2024. I will confirm the new timings after the TT break.

Sadly, we say goodbye to one of Assistant Headteachers, Mr Ian Kay this term. He will be greatly missed by his colleagues on the Leadership team and in Languages, but we are reassured that he will still maintain a link in his new role at DESC. Mrs Jody Astin was successfully appointed to replace Mr Kay as Assistant Headteacher, and we have taken the opportunity to reshuffle the school's leadership responsibilities. Among other duties Mrs Astin will support both Mr Baker and Mr Davies with Years 9 and 10 respectively. Mr Gareth Deakin will support Mrs Manson with Year 8 and Mrs Laura Williams will now be leading on our Primary School transition. We are also pleased to announce that Mrs Dawson will be stepping into the role of Subject Team Leader for Science in September. A new Head of Year 7 will be appointed before the summer holiday. We also have some teaching staff changes coming up, but these will not have an impact until the next academic year.

Preparations are already underway for next year's school performance of 'Sister Act'. This will undoubtedly be a fabulous event and we will keep you updated. Students will also have the opportunity to take part in the Tynwald Day Parade. This is always a very enjoyable event; if any students would like to take part and represent the school, they should let their tutor know in the first instance.

We have also sent out preliminary information about the 2025 Ski Trip for current year 9 students. This year's trip was a huge success with all students proving to be excellent ambassadors for the school as well as excellent skiers.

As we move into the final half term, we would appreciate your help with ensuring students attend school punctually, well equipped and that the school uniform policy is adhered to. We have noticed a big improvement in the standard of uniform in school and would like to thank you for supporting this.

We are making a few adjustments to our CRHS Behaviour Policy after the TT week break. Conversations will continue to be restorative in nature, but will all be held at the end of the school day, rather than the current system of some being at break or lunchtime. Restorative conversations between individual students and teachers typically last between 5 and 10 minutes and are classed as an 'informal detention'. As parents, you will receive a text message informing you if your child is required for an after-school conversation. For students who receive multiple after school conversations, the Leadership Team will be giving 'Appropriate Behaviour Lessons' which will last for 50 minutes. Again, these will take place at the end of the school day. Appropriate Behaviour Lessons are classed as a 'formal detention' and due notice of this sanction will, of course, be given to parents via text message or phone call.

All the school policies, including updates to our Behaviour Policy, can be found on the CRHS website if you would like any further information.

The website also highlights the very many recent CRHS sporting achievements – too many to list here – but I would like to congratulate all the PE team and students on their continued successes. We are now over halfway through another very busy Duke of Edinburgh season, so well done to those who have completed challenging expeditions and good luck to those for whom the challenge is yet to come!

Finally, I would like to wish you all a happy and safe half-term break. Hopefully the weather will be kind, whether you are spending the break on-island or further afield, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back for the last half term of this academic year from Monday 10th June.

Yours faithfully,



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Headteacher