

Cambridge Park Academy



Autumn Newsletter 2023

A warm welcome back to all of our Pupils, Parents, Carers and Staff!

I hope that you have all had a lovely summer break and have managed to enjoy the time with your friends and families. It has been absolutely brilliant to welcome everybody back and the first week has been a very positive one!

We have had a busy time working on our school environments and outdoor spaces as we look to make our school the best that it can be to meet the needs of our pupils – we are really pleased with the work carried out on our new outdoor 'all weather' area which can be accessed come rain or shine!



Last year was certainly a busy one at CPA and it has been good to reflect on the many challenges and successes that came our way during the academic year. For me, the opportunity to open our doors for families and our wider community stood out as one of the real positives and seeing pupils, parents and staff interacting at the many events was a brilliant reflection of what schools should stand for!

Another highlight was the number of people who engaged with our Parent Training sessions and Coffee Mornings – this is an area of growth for us and we look forward to sharing our events calendar for the coming year with sessions around understanding autism, curriculum, e-safety and much more. I think the real 'win' here isn't just the ability to provide and share bespoke training but more the platform where parents and carers can come together to talk about what daily life looks like for them. I have said it before and I will say it again, even though it may not always feel like it, we are all in this together. You can always pick up the phone or pop in to talk should you ever need to.

One of the things that has come from parental feedback surveys was that it would be good if we were able to share more information on what pupils were learning each term – I have two daughters myself and they tell me absolutely nothing about what is going on at school, so I know this feeling very well! Hopefully you will have received our new learning maps which give an overview of what subjects, areas and themes each class will be working on throughout the term – these can also be accessed via our website, which gives more information about each subject.





This week will see us launch our new whole-school Reward System and I am not sure whether the pupils or staff are more excited! Our 'CPA Coins' can be earned for a variety of reasons and will feed into a class reward box which will build towards enrichment and reward activities across the year. Each pupil will also now have their own Class Dojo which their own coins will contribute to, these will then be converted into individual prizes as part of our termly pop-up shop!

Finally, I wanted to say thank you to you all for making my first year as Principal at Cambridge Park such a positive experience – I have been made to feel very welcome by everyone and it has been a privilege to work as part of our CPA team and get to know so many of you during the year.

Our school is a very special place and, working together, it is incredibly exciting to look forward to creating an even better offer for our pupils!

Take care everyone,

Mr Kernan

Key dates:

10.10.23 - Helloyellow – pupils to wear something yellow – Mental Health Day

20.10.23 – Halloween Disco

17.11.23 Child in need – Just Dance/Non-uniform

4.12.23 Parent's Evening

7.12.23 Xmas Jumper Day

14.12.23 Primary Xmas Lunch

15.12.23 Secondary Xmas Lunch

19.12.23 Carol Concert with Parents

20.12.23 Father Christmas Visit

20.12.23 Christmas Party

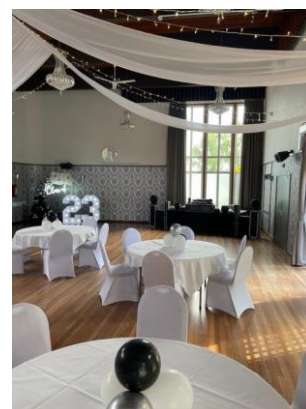
Our school in pictures!



**Fantastic Achievement
Congratulations
Completed Silver Duke of
Edinburgh**



**Our 2023 Prom for year 11 and 14
Leavers – a night to remember!**



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