

Welcome

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you and your families are safe, well and looking forward to spending some more quality time together over the school summer holiday.

I am delighted to see the number of opportunities we have provided your children with, as you will see from our regular weekly bulletins. I am proud of the diversity of experience we provide at the school. Parent and Carer communication has always been a major priority to me and having a weekly opportunity to communicate with you all was fantastic.

We anticipate some excellent results from our Year 11 learners next month, they have worked very hard, and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the colleagues at Cockshut Hill School who have worked tirelessly to support these children in achieving 'Nothing But The Best' in their GCSEs.

Our school Vision for next year remains as follows:

OUR VISION

- Happy and healthy learners and staff members.
- Positive professional relationships at all levels.
- The highest quality provision for all learners and staff members.
- Learners develop as professional, articulate and employable citizens.
- Learners have positive and inspiring experiences during their time at the school.
- Learners achieve their academic potential; colleagues achieve their professional potential.



Attached to this letter I have added the following documents for you to see:

Our Summit Roundup which has an array of fabulous opportunities and experiences our children have had access to this term, I'm sure you will agree that there has been plenty going on at our school and our Trust to be proud of!

Our Uniform Policy September 2025

OUR VALUES

- SMART
- ORGANISED
- AMBITIOUS
- RESPECTFUL




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Your child's attendance matters

We expect all children to be in school at least 97% of the time. We are lucky at CHS that a high percentage of our children are in school above this figure and many in fact have a 100% attendance record. High attendance is a key factor in children achieving their academic potential. Please continue to avoid booking holidays in term time as they will not be authorised. Our Term Dates for 2025/26 are already on our website to support you in this. Term Dates

We would also like to remind you that all learners should be on site by 8.30am every morning. Gates open from 8am, all children should enter via Gate 2 on Cockshut Hill.



With learners being on site this enables us to welcome children and check their appearance, still enabling them to reach tutor time by 8.40am. This gate will close at 08:35 and any learners that arrive after this time will need to enter via 'Standards Gate' at Gate 4 on Cockshut Hill. Arrival at gate 4 after 08:35 will also mean that learners will accrue a detention for lateness. This is also where any learner not in perfect uniform or with perfect equipment can remedy this before tutor time starts. Not only will this ensure they are fully prepared for the day but also prevent them from picking up a sanction during tutor time.

Your child's Health & Safety

Due to the location of our school being in a residential area, parking spaces around our school site are at a premium. Unfortunately, we continue to receive complaints from our neighbours concerning inconsiderate driving; blocking driveways and double parking. This is on both sides of the school; Cockshut Hill, and further up on Sedgemere Road.

We do ask that you park with care and consideration for pedestrians and our neighbours when parking around the school vicinity and please observe all driving and parking regulations for the area.

Can I also remind all parents and carers that learners should not be administering any medication on their own. If they require medicine during the school day, they must hand it in to our Student Services team before school with a letter from you explaining the requirements and giving your permission for this to happen.

Perfect Uniform

I have been really pleased with the continued significant improvement in the standard of our learners uniform this year. To support clarity and to increase further our high expectations, please see the attached Uniform policy.

I would, in particular, like your support in adhering to the following points in the policy:

- Pleated black skirt that must sit at knee length. If socks are worn, they must be plain black ankle socks, not long socks pushed down.
- Trousers must be of an appropriate length, sitting on or below the ankle. They must not be 'drainpipe' or 'turned up'. Learners who wear trousers must not have their lower leg or ankle exposed.
- Plain outdoor coat with a full-length zip. Fur/teddy jackets, denim, leather look, hoodies, tracksuit tops, body warmers/gilets, sweatshirts or other leisure type garments are not allowed.
- School shirts must be big enough so that the top button can be done up. All learners must have their top button done up every day so shirts must be big enough to allow this to happen.

Please remember that nose studs and tongue piercings are not allowed in school (including clear spacers or covered over). Therefore, please ensure that any piercings done over the holidays have got sufficient time to heal and be removed before our return to school.

A reminder that, just because an item may be labelled as school-wear, it does not mean that it will meet our uniform policy. If in doubt, please check. You can contact Miss Ash by email: laura.ash@cockshuthill.org.uk with any uniform queries over the summer.

If any families have old uniform that is still in good condition, we would love to accept any donations to support other learners and families. Any blazers, school shoes, ties, trousers, skirts, PE kits (including trainers) and school bags that are no longer needed or grown out of please hand into our main reception. In addition to this, if any families need support in school uniform please get in touch with our Student Services Manager, via our enquiry email address enquiry@cockshuthill.org.uk.

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 3rd September 2025 08:30:

- Learners return to school for new the academic year

Thursday 11th September 2025 18:00- 20:00:

- Open Evening (school will close at 1:15 for all learners)

Tuesday 16th September 2025 17:30 – 18:30:

- Year 11 revision event for parents and carers
(lots of free revision resources are available for collection)

Head Students for 25-26

I am pleased to announce our new head students for 2025-26

Head Students: Toha Nahar, (Y10) & Ava Cole, (Y9)

Deputy Head Students:

Jumaal Salim Year 10
Ryan Sethna Year 10
Bella Harding Year 10
Om Pankhania Year 10

House Captains:

Harvey Singh	Alder House
Gracie-Mae Corbett	Maple House
Abdulrahman Ahmed	Oak House
Deeba Ahmed	Yew House

Vice house Captains:

Salmeen Qamar	Alder House
Abbas ibrahim	Maple House
Mehdi Ibrahim	Oak House
Aqsa Noor	Yew House

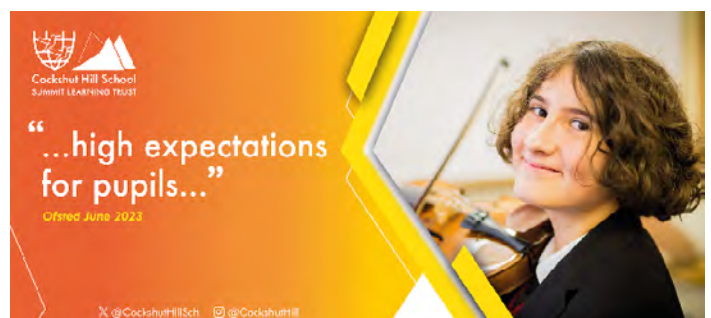
Your child's Teachers

As ever at this time of year we have the sad task of saying goodbye to some colleagues who go on to new experiences. They will all be missed by both our learners and colleagues, but we do of course thank them for their service to the school and wish them well for their future career.

Mr. Cadd, Miss Cronin, Miss Hawa, Miss Dowding, Miss Wright, Mr. Harper, Mr. Sutcliffe, Mr. Boyle and Mr. Pagnam.

We also look forward to welcoming the following staff who will be joining us in September:

- Miss Williams who will be joining our Art and Design Team
- Ms. Skelton who will be joining our Art and Design Team
- Ms. Creaton who will be joining our MFL Team
- Ms. Belmonte-Thomez who will be joining our MFL Team
- Mr. Sibardeem who will be joining our Maths Team
- Miss McLean who will be joining our RE Team
- Miss Hassan who will be joining our Science Team
- Mr. Vernon who will be joining our History Team
- Ms. Adkins who will be joining our Geography Team
- Mr. Brasher who will be joining our Geography Team
- Ms. Crutchley who will be joining our Performing Arts Team



Message from Mr. Clarke (Principal Designate):



I am delighted to introduce myself as the incoming Principal of Cockshut Hill School in September. I am deeply privileged to be succeeding Mr Bridges, whose leadership has made a significant and lasting impact on the school community. I am committed to upholding the high standards

and values of Cockshut Hill and look forward to working in partnership with learners, colleagues, parents, and carers to continue the school's journey of excellence. I will be in touch at the beginning of the new academic year and very much look forward to working in partnership with the whole community.

Wishing you all a happy summer.



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Safeguarding over the summer

If there are any safeguarding concerns about yourselves or your friends, Ms Shepperson and Mr Stevens are still available during the whole summer.

Visit our Safeguarding Page for more information:

<https://cockshuthill.org.uk/safeguarding/>

Farewell message from Mr. Bridges



As many of you will know, I will be retiring at the end of this academic year. I joined Cockshut Hill School in September 2016 — and it's fair to say the school then was a very different place.

I'm incredibly proud of the journey we've been on and the improvements we've made together as a team. Cockshut Hill holds a special place in my heart: my late mother and all of her siblings attended this school in the 1940s and 50s. She always told me to "leave somewhere better than you found it" — and I know she would have been proud of what we've achieved here. I think we can all agree that, in this case, we've certainly honoured that sentiment.

There have been many highlights during my time here. I've particularly loved our big annual events — Remembrance Day, Sports Day, and of course, our Year 11 Prom. These moments showcase the spirit, pride and sense of community that make Cockshut Hill such a special place.

One of the most significant milestones came in July 2023, when the school received its first ever Good and Outstanding OFSTED rating — a true testament to the relentless commitment of our staff, learners, and wider community. When I started here, pupil numbers were falling and many school places were unfilled. I leave the school in a very different position — with full cohorts and waiting lists for places. That's something we should all take great pride in.

I'm confident that Cockshut Hill's success will continue under the leadership of Mr Jody Clarke. I'm sure he will build on the school's many strengths and take it forward into an exciting new chapter.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to recognise the vital role of Summit Learning Trust in our transformation. The leadership and support of CEO Mr. Green, Deputy CEO Mr. Uppal, Ms. Crowston (Chair of Trustees), and our own Chair of Governors and Deputy Chair of Trustees, Mr. Beamish, has been invaluable. Their guidance, challenge and friendship to me and the leadership team has made a real and lasting difference.

And finally, it has been the greatest privilege to serve this school and its community. I wish you and your families 'Nothing But The Best' for the future.

Yours sincerely

Jason Bridges
Principal



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