

**18th July 2025**

Dear Parents and Carers

As we come to the end of what has been an incredibly busy and successful half term at Campion, I wanted to take this opportunity to celebrate some of the highlights with you and express my gratitude for your continued support.

This term marked a very special milestone in our school calendar with our first ever Campion School Summer Fete. It was a truly joyful event, filled with laughter, music, and a fantastic sense of community. Students had the chance to enjoy a range of bouncy castle activities alongside their year groups, while also being treated to live musical performances from their talented peers. Their conduct throughout the day was exemplary — students modelled our core values, showing patience, politeness, and genuine appreciation for the event. We were delighted to receive so many messages of thanks from them, a testament to how valued and enjoyed the day truly was. We're already looking forward to making this a regular feature in our school calendar, with more termly celebrations planned for the next academic year.

We were also delighted to welcome our incoming Year 7 students for two busy and exciting transition days. It was a pleasure to begin getting to know the newest members of the Campion community, and we were so pleased by the enthusiasm and positivity they brought with them. A huge thank you must go to our transition leaders, who were excellent ambassadors for the school and provided invaluable support and guidance to ensure a smooth and welcoming experience for all.

Alongside this, our Sixth Form Induction gave prospective students the opportunity to experience life as a Campion sixth former. Through a variety of taster lessons and enrichment sessions, students were able to explore the subjects and opportunities available in our Sixth Form, gaining a real sense of the independence, challenge and support that characterises post-16 life at Campion.

This half term has also seen several Duke of Edinburgh expeditions head out across the region, with students embracing the challenge, teamwork, and resilience the award promotes. We have had more students than ever participating in the programme this year, and we are incredibly grateful to Mrs Gardner for leading such an enriching and well-organised series of expeditions. The experiences and memories our students have gained through the DofE scheme will no doubt stay with them for years to come.

Earlier in the year, our Campion Ensemble made us incredibly proud by performing at the Music for Youth Local Festival, where their talent and commitment captured the attention of the judges. So much so, they were invited to perform at the Music for Youth National Festival at the Birmingham Symphony Orchestra Hall — a truly prestigious opportunity. Their performance received glowing feedback, with judges praising their “absolutely brilliant energy and commitment,” “exceptional attention to detail,” and “great sense of endeavour.” We are so proud of them and all they have achieved.

## Calendar Dates

### **Wednesday 3rd September**

School reopens to years 7 and 12

### **Thursday 4th September**

School reopens to years 8, 9, 10, 11 and 13

### **Friday 19th September**

School photographs - years 7, 9 and 11

### **Wednesday 1st October**

Year 12 and 13 Meet the Tutors Evening

Year 11 Parent's Information Evening

### **Wednesday 8th October**

Year 6 Open Evening

### **Thursday 9th October**

Year 6 Open Morning

### **Wednesday 15th October**

Year 7 Parents' Information Evening

### **Wednesday 22nd October**

Year 10 Parents' Information Evening

### **Friday 24th October**

School closes for half term



We were also thrilled to celebrate the talents of our students during this week's 'Performing Arts on a Summer's Evening' event. It was a truly lovely occasion that showcased the hard work, creativity, and passion of all those involved. From solo performances to group acts, every student who took to the stage demonstrated incredible dedication and skill. We are so proud of all our performers for putting on such a memorable evening for the whole school community to enjoy.

This week we've also celebrated Champion Sports Week, which has brought with it a wonderful atmosphere of energy, pride, and healthy competition. A huge thank you goes to Mrs King and the entire PE team for their hard work and dedication in organising such a fantastic week for our students. The House spirit was in full force — students wore their House colours with pride, and the creativity of the team mascots was truly a sight to behold. The inflatable dinosaur events were a particular favourite and may well become a permanent fixture of Sports Week in the years to come!

### **Leavers**

I would like to take a moment to acknowledge and celebrate the retirements of two valued members of our staff. After nine dedicated years at Champion, Mr Williams, our Teacher of Science, will be retiring, as will Mrs Saeed, our Teacher of English, who has been with us for ten years. We are immensely grateful for their commitment, passion, and the positive impact they have made on countless students throughout their time here. We wish them both a very happy and fulfilling retirement and thank them sincerely for their outstanding service to our school community.

We would also like to take this opportunity to recognise the members of staff who will be leaving Champion at the end of this year to pursue new challenges and opportunities. We thank them sincerely for all their hard work, dedication, and the positive contributions they have made to our school community. We wish them every success in their future endeavours and are grateful for the time they have spent supporting our students and school.

Mr Ipinmoye - Trainee Teacher of Maths  
Ms Farina-Sousa - Trainee Teacher of MFL  
Miss Denkiewicz - Trainee Teacher of Art  
Mr Burton - Teacher of Religious Studies  
Mrs Whitehead - Teacher of Science  
Mr Thurland - Teacher of PE  
Mr O'Reilly - Teacher of PE  
Mr Luff - Lunchtime supervisor  
Mr Jones - Teacher of Computer Science  
Mr Clark - Teacher of Maths  
Mrs Robinson - Head of Year 7  
Mrs Hull - Head of Year 8

### **Internal Promotions**

We are delighted to celebrate several internal promotions within our staff team this year. Congratulations to Mrs Aziz, who will be taking on the additional responsibility of Whole School STEM Lead, and to Mrs Cliffe, who will be our Whole School Oracy Lead. We are also very pleased to recognise Mrs Abdi, recently promoted to KS3 English Coordinator, who will now also take on the role of Deputy Professional Tutor, providing support to our Early Careers Teachers. Miss James will take on the role of Core PE Lead, and Mrs St Julien will be Careers Administrator. Additionally, Mrs Etheridge has been appointed as Head of Year 7.

We congratulate them all on their well-deserved promotions and look forward to the positive impact their leadership will have across Champion.

### **Welcome to:**

We are delighted to welcome several new members of staff who will be joining the Champion community this September. We look forward to the fresh perspectives, energy, and expertise they will bring to our school, and are confident they will make a positive impact on our students and wider school. We warmly welcome them and are excited to have them as part of the Champion team.

Mr Nathan Ellis – Vice Principal, Quality of Education  
Mr Kingsley Amadi – Teacher of Geography  
Mr Jake Butler – Second in Faculty, PE  
Mr Connor Brunton – Teacher of PE  
Miss Beatrice Glover – Teacher of Maths  
Mr Baah Kyeremeh – Teacher of Maths  
Mr Shahid Osman – Teacher of Computer Science  
Mr David Reynolds – Teacher of Physics  
Miss Ellie Schumacher-Smith – Teacher of Physics  
Miss Klaudia Wasko – Teacher of MFL  
Miss Katy Wray – Teacher of English  
Mr Nicholas Potterton – Pastoral and Behaviour Intervention Coordinator  
Mrs Dana Roberts – Head of Year 8  
Miss Laura Short – Receptionist

We are delighted to introduce Mr Nathan Ellis, who will be joining us as Vice Principal for Quality of Education. Please see below a brief introduction from Mr Ellis himself, where he shares a little about his background and vision for Campion.

It is an absolute pleasure and privilege to be able to introduce myself as the new Vice Principal for the Quality of Education at Campion School. Prior to joining Campion School, I have had an enjoyable, successful and rewarding career in education, including experience of both the independent and state sectors, and in both all-through and secondary settings. After a period of time working in a leadership role within Physical Education, I pursued further career progression within a pastoral sphere. This resulted in the undertaking of a Head of Year role before subsequently taking on the role of Key Stage 3 Leader.



For the last few years, I have been working as an Assistant Principal, undertaking a range of responsibilities across two secondary schools, and I am now thoroughly looking forward to joining the Campion School community and supporting the continued realisation of the school's core moral purpose. There can be no doubt that outstanding teaching and excellent pastoral care are the cornerstones of ensuring that young people fulfill their potential and also feel happy and safe during their secondary school years. As such, I am really excited to be able to bring my knowledge and experience to support the continued development and success of Campion School. In the meantime, I hope that all members of the Campion School community have a wonderful summer before returning re-energised and excited about the possibilities of the new academic year.

### **Heads of Year**

We are delighted to share with you the year groups each of our Heads of Year will be supporting from September. Heads of Year play a vital role in the pastoral care and academic progress of our students. They are key points of contact for both students and families, working closely with form tutors and teaching staff to support wellbeing, uphold high standards, and help every student achieve their potential both in and out of the classroom. We look forward to another strong year of support and guidance from our pastoral team.

Year 7	Miss Etheridge
Year 8	Mrs Roberts
Year 9	Mrs Edwards
Year 10	Mrs Smith
Year 11	Mr Brown

As we draw this term to a close, I want to thank you once again for your ongoing support. We are proud of every one of our students and all that they continue to accomplish. I wish you all a restful and enjoyable summer break, and we look forward to welcoming students back in the autumn for another exciting term ahead.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kim Bradley-Smith', written in a cursive style.

**Mrs Kim Bradley-Smith, Interim Principal**

# Safeguarding Update

## Keeping Children Safe This Summer

As we approach the summer holidays, we know this is a time of excitement, rest, and family fun. However, it's also a time when children may face increased risks. At Campion, the safety and wellbeing of our students is always our top priority. Below are some helpful reminders and tips to support you in keeping your child safe over the summer break.



### Online Safety

- **Monitor screen time:** Set daily limits and encourage regular breaks from devices. Keep an eye on your child's activity, especially on platforms like WhatsApp.
  - **Talk openly:** Discuss the apps your child uses. Make sure they know never to share personal information online.
  - **Check privacy settings:** Ensure all social media accounts are private and secure.
  - **Be app-aware:** Stay informed about trending platforms and games that may have chat or content-sharing functions.
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### Outdoor Safety

- **Stay visible:** Encourage your child to stay in well-lit, public areas if playing outside or visiting friends.
  - **Set boundaries:** Agree on safe places to go, who they can visit, and when to be home.
  - **Water safety:** If visiting beaches or pools, ensure children are supervised and understand the risks of open water. More information on this can be found here: [Pdf document](#)
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### Communication and Independence

- **Keep in touch:** Make sure your child has a way to contact you at all times.
  - **Emergency contact:** Help them memorise important phone numbers or keep a card with emergency details.
  - **Check-ins:** Agree regular times for your child to check in when they're out or with friends.
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### Travel Safety

- **Road awareness:** Remind children about safe road crossing and bike safety. Helmets are essential!
- **Public transport:** Ensure they know the correct route and have a plan in case they get lost.
- **Stranger danger:** Discuss how to respond if approached by someone they don't know.

For more information please see here: [THINK! Secondary Education website](#)

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### Mental Wellbeing

- **Routine helps:** Try to maintain a balance of activity, rest, and sleep to support mental health.
  - **Talk and listen:** Make time each day to check in with how your child is feeling.
  - **Look out for signs:** If your child seems withdrawn, anxious or unusually irritable, talk to them and reach out if needed.
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### If You're Worried

If you have a safeguarding concern during the holidays, you can contact:

- **MASH (Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub):** 0300 126 7000 or out of hours: 01604 626938
- **NSPCC Helpline:** 0808 800 5000
- **Childline (for children):** 0800 1111 or [www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk)
- **Young Minds:** <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/>
- **Shout:** <https://giveusashout.org/>
- **Kooth:** <https://www.kooth.com/>

Wishing all of our students and yourselves a great summer!

**Mrs Johnson and Mrs Hammond**

# Preparations for September 2025

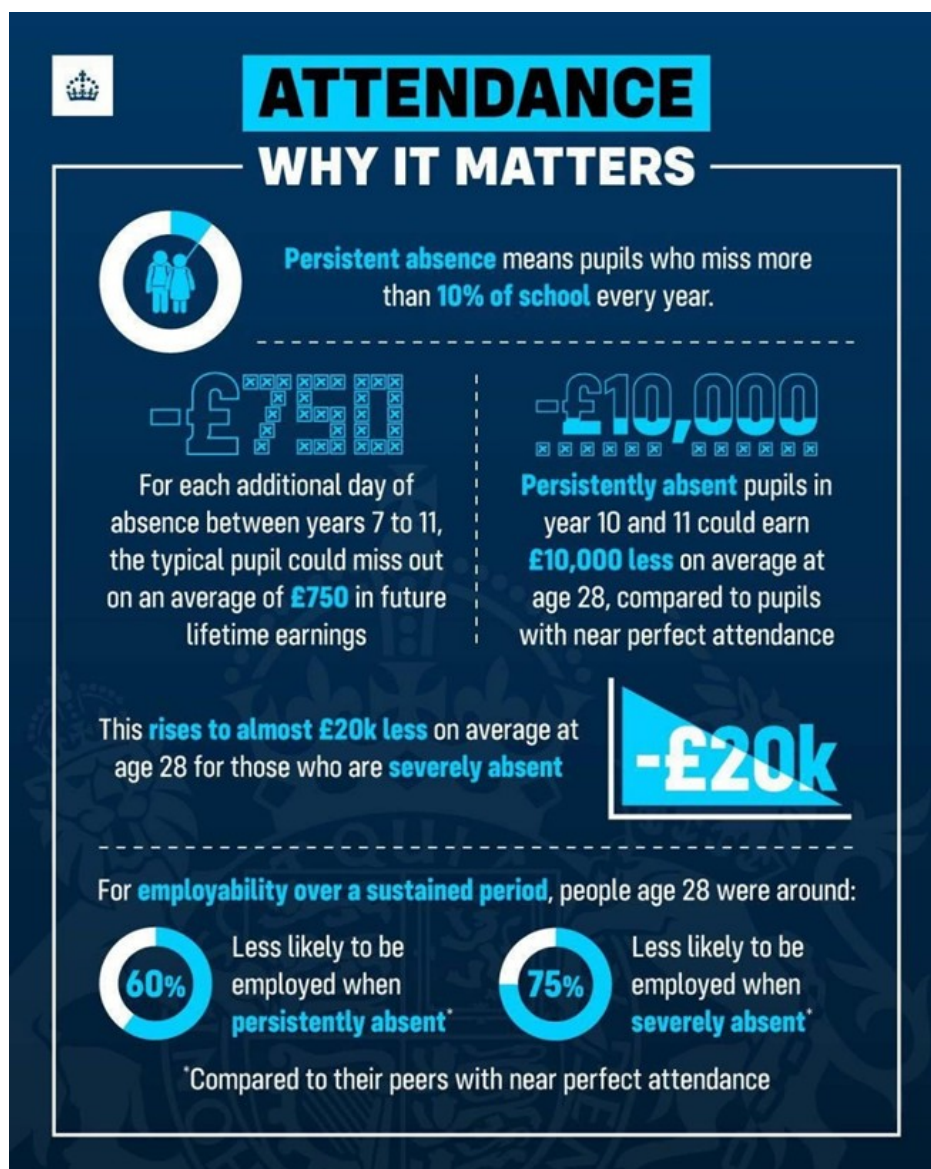
## Character and Behaviour for learning

Our school mission is to **create brilliant futures** and our values are **ambition, respect, integrity, and resilience**. These make up the **Campion Way** and are the first principles behind why we do what we do. As leaders and staff, we aim to model these values for your children and, in turn, we expect your children to demonstrate them routinely. These values matter because the development of the character of your children matters arguably more than any exam result. The new behaviour policy and our recognition and rewards systems are built around our values and we will actively teach your children about these through PSHE lessons, assemblies, and in all our interactions with them.



## Attendance

School is very grateful for the support of families who ensure that their child attends school as regularly as possible. We ask for students to achieve at least 97% attendance, or no more than 6 days absence each academic year. 90% attendance is categorised as Persistent Absence, equating to 1 day missed every two weeks or 19 days across the school year, and is proven to significantly negatively impact student outcomes.





## Uniform

We would like to take this opportunity to thank families for supporting school this year by ensuring their children attend in correct school uniform. This not only makes a significant difference in the overall presentation of pupils but also significantly reduces the workload of staff, allowing school to focus on providing the best for pupils in terms of teaching and learning and pastoral care.

We would be grateful if families would consider donating good quality, nearly-new items to school so they can be redistributed to children and families who need them.

It is that time of the year where families begin to consider replacing uniform. We know there is some confusion caused by the various retailers who continue to advertise a broad range of products as school uniform; we have found this year that the most confusion occurred with shoes and skirts. We are really keen for families to avoid spending money on items that do not meet the school uniform policy.



We would also take this opportunity to remind pupils and families that only one pair of stud earrings are permitted to be worn. All other piercings or jewellery of any description are not allowed in school. Staff are instructed to confiscate jewellery, beyond one pair of stud earrings, for return at the end of the school day. School is clear that multiple ear piercings or facial piercings are not allowed. If pupils and families wish for their children to have piercings done we would encourage this happens early in the summer holidays so that piercings can be removed in September when pupils return to school. Please note that pupils refusing to remove excess jewellery beyond that permitted in the uniform policy may be placed in the reflection room until jewellery is removed.

## Equipment and homework

We would also like to take the opportunity to remind pupils and families that we expect all pupils to arrive to school with the necessary equipment and homework for each school day. This enables teachers to focus on teaching and learning of all children. Homework is set by subject teachers and we expect it to be completed by the deadline and to a good standard. Homework supports learning overtime and helps develop independence in pupils. Pupils are responsible for having the correct equipment and homework each day.

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| • Pen              | • Scientific calculator             | • Reading book (can be from the library) |
| • Pencil           | • Highlighter                       | • Maths set                              |
| • Pencil sharpener | • Fine tip dry wipe mini whiteboard | • Colouring pencils/pens                 |
| • Ruler            | • pen                               | • Exercise books for the day             |
| • Rubber           | • Glue stick                        |  |

## ClassCharts

School has invested in a new online system that will streamline home-school communications, behaviour tracking, and allow families to see just how well their children are doing at school. ClassCharts is accessible via apps on Android or Apple devices, or through a web browser. We will share with you parent and student codes in due course. This will become a key tool for school and will, over time, be where we share homework and attendance information, too. ClassCharts is well liked by parents in other schools and we hope you will see the benefits of a system that allows teachers to, in real time, recognise the excellent decisions your children make about their conduct and learning.

**Mr Tillman**  
**Vice Principal**