



3<sup>rd</sup> October 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

## **October updates**

### ***Open Events***

Over the past two weeks, we have welcomed nearly 2,000 visitors to The Collegiate for our Open Events. I was especially proud of our staff and students during last Thursday's annual Open Evening. Over 900 students gave up their time to help, and they did an outstanding job. I received so much positive feedback from visitors, with the most frequent comment highlighting our wonderful students—their politeness, confidence, and maturity truly stood out. Thank you to parents and carers for supporting them in being part of this important community event. We still have one final Open Morning to come, on 8<sup>th</sup> October.

### ***October Events***

In addition to our further Open Morning, October will see plenty of activity at the Collegiate. The annual Year 7 Choir of the Year performance will take place on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October. Year 7 parents have been invited, and all tickets have now been allocated. We are really looking forward to seeing the talents of our newest cohort. The Duke of Edinburgh programme sees student begin an expedition today and we all hope the weather improves for them as they camp overnight, this evening. We also have our KS4 to KS5 transition events for students and parents, including our College VI Open Evening at 6pm on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October.

### ***Ofsted Pilot Inspection***

Earlier this week, I wrote to inform parents and carers that we had volunteered to take part in an Ofsted Pilot Inspection. The process proved to be incredibly beneficial, and the feedback we received was overwhelmingly positive. It highlighted the outstanding work happening across our school every day, as well as the unwavering dedication of our staff in supporting every pupil. Although the feedback is not formal or published, it has already given us valuable insights that will help us continue to provide the best possible education for your children. Our students once again demonstrated the excellent behaviour and attitudes to learning they show consistently, and the inspectors were particularly impressed by their kindness, confidence, and hard work in lessons. I am immensely proud of our entire school community throughout this process and look forward to sharing more details with you in due course.

### ***Local Traffic***

In a previous letter, I thanked parents for not driving to the school gate or onto the site at the beginning or end of day unless this has been arranged for individual circumstances. Again, I must remind families of the importance of minimising vehicle movement when students arrive and leave. For the safety of our young people, it is vital that parents avoid driving along Honister Heights and up to the gate. In addition, our neighbours, who show such support and patience, must have



constant easy access to their driveways and properties. Please be considerate of them, ensuring their properties are never obstructed.

## **Safeguarding Briefing**

Safeguarding our students is our first priority and we are constantly working to reflect on and enhance our work. I recognise that, as students' progress through secondary school, they begin to become more independent. It is crucial that we guide and support this independence and that is why, at school, we are continuing to enhance the education we provide for students about how they behave when they are independent from adult supervision on their journey to and from The Collegiate. We are very clear that, while in our uniform, students represent our school demonstrating their good manners, respect and consideration for the community. I am aware that there have been times this term that students are spending time in the local area after school and not going straight home. Whilst I would encourage students to socialise and enjoy time with friends, I am also concerned that with too much unstructured time, young people may occasionally find opportunities to behave in ways which are not always socially acceptable and do not demonstrate the values we hold. In this Safeguarding Briefing I would like to ask parents to reflect on what their child does in their time after school. My advice would be that, unless they have a structured activity – such as a club, a library visit, a physical activity or visiting a friend's home – they go straight home. Many parents use great Apps to help them keep in touch with their child, or understand their location, such as Life360 or Find My Friend, which I would recommend to parents and carers if you do not have one of these safeguarding tools.

Yours sincerely

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