



Cavendish Contact



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Message from the Head

Welcome to the new academic year. It was a real pleasure to meet our new Year 7 students last week and I wish them a successful and happy school career at Cavendish. We have had a positive start to the autumn term and I would like to thank parents for ensuring that students are arriving punctually and dressed in full school uniform.

Last year was a difficult year for the school, due in part to my extended absence on compassionate grounds. I am delighted to be back and am excited to be leading the school on the next stage of its journey. While our GCSE results dipped this year, our A level students enjoyed the best results in the recent history of the school with all Year 13 leavers moving on to courses of their choice. I wish them continued success and would like them to remain in contact with the school through our Alumni (details on the school website).

I look forward to meeting parents this half term, either at Parents' Evenings or in individual meetings to discuss student progress. Working together with parents is vitally important to ensure students make, or exceed, the expected progress and I value the feedback, suggestions and time that have been given.

The first opportunity is at our Informal Parents' Evenings which are being held as follows:

Year 7	Monday 12 th September	6pm	Main Hall
Year 8	Wednesday 14 th September	6pm	Pool Hall
Year 9	Wednesday 14 th September	6pm	Main Hall
Year 10	Thursday 15 th September	6pm	Main Hall
Year 11	Tuesday 13 th September	6pm	Main Hall
Year 12	Tuesday 13 th September	6.30pm	VI Form Centre,

Full details of the format for the evenings have already been sent to parents and are also available on the front page of the school website.

'Show My Homework' is now being used throughout the school and is enabling us to monitor home learning very closely. Feedback from parents has been extremely positive and students are increasingly meeting deadlines and producing higher quality work. Parents who have been unable to log onto the programme should contact Ms Debbie Shannon (d.shannon@cavendish.herts.sch.uk) in the first instance.

I wish all of our students a positive academic year.

Mrs Sarah Lansley, Headteacher

Diary of Events

September 2016

Monday 12th	Year 7 Parents' Information Evening
Tuesday 13th	Years 11 and 12 Parents' Information Evening
Wednesday 14th	Years 8 and 9 Parents' Information Evening
Thursday 15th	Year 10 Parents' Information Evening
Friday 23rd	Early closure (1.35pm) for Open Morning preparation
Saturday 24th	Open Morning
Monday 26th	INSET DAY
Wednesday 28th	UCAS/Student Finance meeting
Friday 30th	SCHOOL CLOSED in lieu of Open Morning



Appearance

(noun)

(spelling tip: ap-pear-ance)

Definition:

1. The way that someone or something looks;
2. An impression given by someone or something;
3. An act of performing or participating in a public event.
4. An act of arriving or becoming visible:

Examples of use:

1. she checked her *appearance* in the mirror.
2. she read it with every *appear-ance* of interest.
3. he is well known for his television *appearances*.
4. the sudden *appearance* of her daughter startled her.

Message from the Head Boy & Girl

As the new Head Boy and Head Girl, we are honoured to be representing The Cavendish School in this upcoming academic year. We are extremely excited as to what the next year holds and plan to use our roles effectively to not just aid the Sixth Form, but the main school also, strengthening the relationship between the two. It is our goal to leave behind a legacy for the current and future students of Cavendish and we aim to increase the involvement of our students in the community, using our skills to benefit others as well as our school.

Furthermore, it is in our interests to increase the awareness of Sixth Form in the lower school and also the involvement of the committee and Prefects with younger years. This would be beneficial as these older, more experienced students can give advice on areas such as exams, revision tips, work experience and career/study options. We believe that advice from fellow students is key and can resonate with our younger peers.

We have a strong team behind us including Mr Fisher, Mrs Bridgman, Mrs Bull, Mrs Cattermole, the Committee and our new Deputy Head Boy and Girl, Jack Price and Emily Curran.

We look forward to this upcoming year and are keen for it to be one of success, excitement and determination. Not only this, but one of the most influential years for Cavendish now and in the future.

Head Boy and Head Girl,
Harry Richardson and Sasha Olley

Open Morning Arrangements

Due to the Open Morning for prospective parents on Saturday 24th September 2016 (10am-1pm), the school will be finishing early on Friday 23rd September 2016. Students will be dismissed at 1:35pm, food will be available in the canteen at break time and we ask that all students who are entitled to Free School Meals purchase this at this time as there will be no lunch service.

School will also be closed on Monday 26th September 2016 for an Inset day.

In recognition that all members of staff and the majority of students will be involved with the Open Morning, **school will be closed on Friday 30th September 2016.**

Normandy 2017



There are still places left on this year's Normandy Trip which takes place from Friday 31st March to Wednesday 5th April 2017.

This trip is open to Year 10 students of French or History and Year 9 students considering these subjects for GCSE.

We spend time at an activity centre, shopping in the market and visiting the local area focussing on events of World War II.

The inclusive cost for the trip is £450.

A valid passport is not necessary as a group passport is applied for by the school. If you wish your child to participate please contact Mrs Deborah Archer or download a letter from the school website.



Closing date is: Thursday 29th September.



Can You Help?

The Cavendish School Parents' Association



We serve refreshments at Parents' Evenings
and sports events

We run fund-raising events

There are occasional meetings

**All profits raised are for the benefit of
all the children at The Cavendish School**

Interested or would like more information? Please contact:

either **The Cavendish School Office**

Tel: **01442 404333**

Email: **admin@cavendish.herts.sch.uk**

For the attention of:

Alison Field, The Parents Association Chair

or **Julie McKay, The Parents Association Secretary**