



Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to everyone who continues to keep school COVID safe by carrying out the twice weekly LFD tests. Please continue to carry out these tests during the school holiday and report the results to school until Friday 9th July and then only to the NHS. We will issue students with enough testing kits to last them through the holiday. Please do ensure that you retain a test for the morning of the first day back to school in September.

Our co-Sponsors the University of Bristol are completing essential research into COVID through their CoMMInS programme. They have developed a Germ Defence web resource, at the end of this letter are details of how students can get involved and earn themselves a £20 gift voucher.

PTA's 'Bristol Balloon Fiesta'

Our wonderful PTA continue to develop innovative ways to support our school. We invite everyone to take part in our very own Bristol Balloon Fiesta!

Choose your virtual balloons **now** at <https://www.balloonrace.com/cgs-pta> to enter our race for the chance to win a £50 Amazon voucher and have some fun raising money for the School. Balloons cost £3 each online and are available up to the last day of term. The race starts on Saturday 10th July and runs until 17th July. The balloon that travels the furthest wins a £50 Amazon voucher and 2nd and 3rd place win £15 Amazon vouchers. You can watch the progress of your balloon at any time.

The money raised will go towards buying friendship benches for the grass area outdoors and other projects to enhance the school experience.

Changes to our pastoral leadership

COVID safe measures have prohibited us from having our House vertical tutor groups for over a year. Our current year 7s have been in year tutor groups since joining the school and each year group has its own unique needs post-COVID. To be able to provide bespoke tutor times and year-based assemblies we have made the decision to stay in year-based tutor groups next year. We believe that this will enable us to focus on meeting the age specific needs of our students. Our Heads of House will become Heads of Year.

The Houses system will continue. House points, House competitions and House prizes will continue. House student leadership and student led events will continue. House groups from across the years will continue to have a special relationship: offering House based Buddying/big sisters; academic mentoring and (when COVID safe measures allow) across year grouping of students for specific events and occasions. We love our House system and the community it has established, this will be retained moving forward.

Our pastoral leaders have contributed to this week's update to introduce themselves and their new roles:

Vice Principal Standards 11 – 18 - Mrs McClean

My role is to lead on maintaining the high standards across the school that allow all students to feel safe, make excellent progress and attainment in their lessons, and develop into confident, compelling individuals. I have responsibility for behaviour and attendance and am also Head of Sixth Form. I have been at the school since 2009 and have held a range of leadership roles during that time including Head of Y11, Academic Leader for Y10 and Y11, Assistant Principal Teaching and Learning and Assistant Principal Head of Sixth Form, as well as teaching English.

I am thoroughly looking forward to working with all students, staff, parents and the wider community to ensure we continue the high standards which our school is well known for to allow all students to achieve great things.

Head of Year 7 – Ms Bettles

I am a PE teacher and am really excited about becoming Head of Year 7. This role will allow me to really focus on the transition of the new year 7's in to secondary school and help them to settle quickly. I am looking forward to welcoming all our new year 7's as well as Year 7 camp and the Christmas party.

Head of Year 8 – Miss Adams-Foot

I am a Mathematics teacher. I will be starting my new role as Head of Year 8 in September and I cannot wait. I am optimistic that Year 8 will be the best year group at earning house points and winning lots of competitions!

My fingers are crossed for a “non-Covid” year next year so students can move around the school and make the most of specialised areas, such as science and art. This last year has been very strange for all of us and I look forward to supporting your children as they move to embrace the full secondary school experience.

Head of Year 9 - Ms Jones

At CGS, I currently teach French, Spanish, History and RS and I am thoroughly looking forward to the exciting opportunity of returning back to Heads of Year. I have worked on the Year 9 Options Process for the past five years and I will enjoy being able to solely focus on this year group. At the start of Year 9, students will get a detailed plan of the year so that they are well prepared for choosing their options.

Head of Year 10 – Ms Baggaley

I am a Geography teacher, teaching all years from 7 to 13. Year 10 is a really important year as students make the transition from KS3 to your GCSEs and begin to think about their next steps. Highlights include Duke of Edinburgh, organizing a buddy system between y11 and y10 for support with subjects and an end of year trip to celebrate all your hard work in the first year of your GCSEs.

Head of Year 11 - Mrs Hargreaves

I am the current Head of Johnson. I will be the Head of year 11 next year and I can't wait to start this role with our current year 10's. The past 18 months have been such a challenge for our students and part of my role will be overseeing subject interventions, support during exams, organising leavers events such as prom, yearbook and the leaver's hoodie to make sure they have the most successful year they can!

Next year, parents and carers will have their child's tutor as their first point of contact at school. We will arrange some introductions in September so all parents and carers know their child's tutor. Heads of Year instead of Heads of House leading the tutor teams and the whole year leadership.

Montpelier High School Emblem – ‘Iron on’ Badges

As previously announced, we will be selling 'iron on' badges to cover over the old CGS emblem on existing CGS blazers with the new MHS emblem. This will only be suitable to be used on the CGS blazer, and not any other uniform items.

The supplier will attend school on the morning of Tuesday 7th September, the first day of the new academic year, and using a heat press will secure the 'cover up' badge to existing CGS blazers. There is a charge of £2.00 per badge and the item will be available on ParentPay, from 5th July to 6th September for parents/carers to purchase.

Lunches

A range of hot and cold food is available for pre-ordering from our kitchen. Please click [HERE](#) to make your choices for next week. Please pre-select orders by 11pm on Sunday 27th June 2021 and ensure there is enough money to cover money owed (please note: only students who eligible for free school meals are not expected to pay for their lunches – all other student accounts will be charged). Many thanks for your continued support.

CoMMInS – Germ Defence

As some of our students have previously volunteered in a recent CoMMInS research study through the University of Bristol. Colston's Girls' School have been invited once again to take part in a new project, **Germ Defence**. They are also looking to recruit new students on this exciting new study. Please see the information provided and how to sign up. Each student will receive a £20 Love2Shop gift voucher.

What is our sub-study about?

Our research team have developed a website called **Germ Defence** which is designed to help school students, members of school staff and their families to stay safe from COVID-19. A previous research study found that members of the general public who follow the advice in Germ Defence are **less likely to catch viruses, and less likely to pass it onto others**. We now have a version of Germ Defence ready that we would like individuals, particularly young people, to look at and give us their feedback.

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What would your involvement look like?

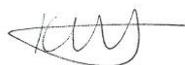
If you do have the capacity to help us, we would kindly ask you to **share this 1-minute recruitment video** [video](#) with your child. If they are interested in participating, they can then visit our [webpage](#) to sign-up to the study. All participants will receive a **£20** shopping voucher as a thank you for their time.

How well are we communicating with you?

Since the outbreak of the COVID pandemic I have written weekly updates to ensure that all our parents and carers are fully informed about the ways in which we have adapted our normal work to keep everyone safe. As we come to the end of a turbulent year and look ahead to next year, I would like to ask for your feedback on the ways that we share news with you. I would be grateful if you would complete a [short questionnaire](#) and submitting your responses by the end of Wednesday 30th June.

Have a lovely weekend,

Best wishes



Mrs Kerry McCullagh
Principal