



Inside CORNELIUS

Creative
Open-minded
Responsible
Nurturing
Empowered
Learners
Inclusive
US

EDITION:
4 SEP 2026



Dear All,

Welcome to a new school year. It is wonderful to have the children back. I was so proud to see them looking smart, settling quickly into our routines and responding positively to our high expectations. Those high expectations really do matter. Last year, we saw what is possible when we raise standards across the school, with a significant improvement in our GCSE results. This year, we are determined to build on that success and continue moving Cornelius forward.

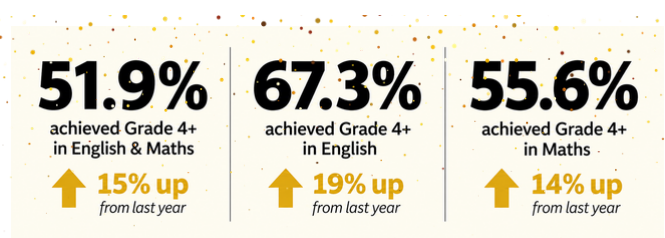
As we do that, I am delighted to welcome a number of new colleagues to Team Cornelius, who bring with them fresh energy, experience and enthusiasm. I am genuinely excited and hopeful about the year ahead.

As always, thank you for your support and encouragement.

Ms Conlon
Headteacher

GCSE RESULTS 2026

We are delighted with this year's GCSE results, which show significant improvement and reflect the hard work of our pupils and staff.



We are particularly proud that the proportion of disadvantaged pupils achieving Grade 4+ in both English and Maths **more than tripled**.

[Read the full results story.](#)

Y7 BASELINE ASSESSMENTS

This week, Year 7 pupils will start their GL baseline assessments. These short online assessments help us understand each pupil's starting point, identify their strengths and highlight where additional support may be needed.

These are not exams and pupils do not need to revise. We simply ask pupils to do their best.

HOUSE SYSTEM

This year, we are placing a renewed focus on our House system, making it a more visible and meaningful part of everyday life at Cornelius. As part of this, we have introduced vertical tutor groups for Years 7 and 8, bringing pupils together within their Houses to help pupils build relationships across year groups and strengthen their sense of belonging and House identity.



Year 7 pupils have also received their new House ties, and Year 8 pupils will receive theirs shortly free of charge.

[Find out more about our House system](#)

OPEN EVENING

Tuesday 29 September 2026

6 - 8.30pm



MEET OUR SENIOR LEADERS

Ms Conlon	Headteacher	Overall leadership, strategic direction and school improvement.
Ms O'Dell	Deputy Headteacher	Pastoral care, safeguarding and attendance.
Ms Trainor	Deputy Headteacher	Curriculum, teaching & learning and assessment & data.
Ms Gard	Assistant Headteacher	Inclusion.
Ms Ogden	Assistant Headteacher	Personal development.
Ms Walker	Associate Assistant Headteacher	Teacher training and early career teachers.
Ms Thornton	Senior Leader	Designated Safeguarding Lead.



MEET OUR PUPIL LEADERS

Head Pupil	Louie M.
Deputy Head Pupils	Amy B. and Sharon N.
Assistant Head Pupils	Jace M., Anais M. and Kayla S.
Prefects	Lola C., Elsie J., Evie D., Holly R., Oliver M., Sophie W., Liam W. and Erin N.



READY TO LEARN

Every pupil received a free equipment pack, ensuring everyone had what they needed to be ready to learn from day one.

We have also introduced equipment checks at the start of every lesson. Being organised and properly equipped helps lessons start promptly and protects valuable learning time.

Pupils are now responsible for looking after their equipment and replenishing or replacing items when they run out, are lost or become damaged.

Please support us by checking that your child has the equipment they need for school each day.



SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

The first round of school photographs has been completed for Years 7, 9 and 10. A link to purchase your child's photograph will be shared when we receive the photographs.

Photographs for Years 8 and 11 will take place next term, including the Y11 group photograph.



KEY DATES

11 Sep Nasa Live Webinar
22 Sep Year 11 Parent information evening (5-5.45pm)
28 Sep Clubs and KS4 after-school revision start
28 Sep District Senior Netball Rally
29 Sep Open evening (6-8.30pm)
30 Sep Late start (11.15am)
01 Oct Girls' Basketball
05 Oct Y7 Talk the Talk Workshop
06 Oct Y7&8 Girls' Netball
06 Oct Girls' Rugby Festival
08 Oct Reading Author Event
16 Oct Y7 Rugby Tournament
19 Oct Y8 HPV Vaccinations
26 Oct Half Term begins

WE ARE CORNELIUS