



Inside CORNELIUS

Creative
Open-minded
Responsible
Nurturing
Empowered
Learners
Inclusive
US

EDITION:
18 SEP 2026



Dear All,

At Cornelius, we want every child to be ready to learn from the moment they enter the classroom. Our start of lesson routines ensure that every lesson begins calmly and consistently, maximising learning time and minimising disruption. Students are welcomed at the classroom door, enter in silence and go directly to their allocated seats. They take out their books, place their equipment on their desks and begin their Do Now activity while the teacher takes the register and checks equipment and books.

We ask parents and carers to support us by ensuring their child arrives at school on time, in the correct uniform and with all the equipment and books they need.

By working together, both at school and at home, to reinforce the importance of following instructions first time and being ready to learn, we can ensure that every child makes the most of every learning opportunity.

Ms Conlon
Headteacher

Year 10 & 11 GCSE EVENING

We will be hosting a GCSE Information Evening for Year 10 and 11 students and their parents and carers on Wednesday 23 September, from 5pm to 6pm.

The evening will provide important information about GCSE studies, what students can expect and how families can support their child in achieving the best possible outcomes.

We encourage all Year 10 and 11 families to attend. Please confirm your attendance by completing the registration form below.

[Register your attendance](#)

Y7 BASELINE ASSESSMENTS

Year 7 pupils continue 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.

SCHOOL TIES

We have started introducing new clip-on school ties in house colours to strengthen our House System and promote a sense of belonging and house pride. All Year 7 and Year 8 students are receiving a new tie in their allocated house colour, helping them identify with their house and encouraging greater participation in house activities and competitions.



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Clip-on ties are easy to put on, comfortable to wear and more inclusive, supporting students of all abilities to manage their uniform independently while maintaining a smart, consistent appearance throughout the school day.

All new house ties are provided free of charge.

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

OPEN EVENING

Tuesday 29 September 2026

6 - 8.30pm



POST-16 OPEN EVENINGS

As Year 11 students begin planning their next steps, we encourage families to attend sixth form and college open evenings. These provide an opportunity to explore courses, meet staff and learn more about entry requirements and future pathways.

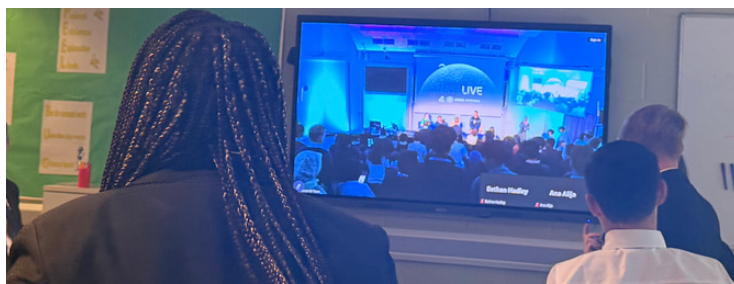
To help families plan ahead, we have put together a list of local sixth form and college open evenings.

[Click here to view the Post-16 Open Evening Dates](#)



LIVE AT NASA

We recently joined an exciting live session with NASA, exploring the fascinating world of space. The session provided an opportunity to learn about space exploration, discover more about NASA's work and gain an insight into the exciting careers available in science and technology.



An inspiring experience to encourage our students to think big, aim high and reach for the stars!



BREAKFAST CLUB

All students are welcome!

Free breakfast is available, alongside a selection of food and drinks to purchase.

Monday - Friday , 8am - 8.20am, in the canteen.



CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

We were delighted to welcome students from Emmanuel College, University of Cambridge, to Cornelius. They delivered an engaging presentation to a selected group of students from Years 7 to 11, sharing their experiences of university life and answering questions.



The visit provided a valuable opportunity for our students to explore higher education, raise their aspirations and consider the exciting opportunities available to them beyond school.



KEY DATES

23 Sep Y10&11 GCSE Information Evening (5-6pm)

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

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