

# Sir John Cass's Foundation and Red Coat CofE Secondary School & Sixth Form College

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

First, a big thank you to all parents/carers for their support so far this term. We have had a fantastic start to the term in all year groups. Attendance and punctuality are very good, as is uniform. More importantly, students' attitude to learning has been exceptionally positive. We know that this is down to the strong partnership between school and home and so we thank parents for all they have done to support and encourage their children. Keep up the good work!

#### **Head Girl and Head Boy**

I would like to congratulate our new Head Girl, Naima Rahim and Head Boy, Samson Adeola on their recent appointment to these roles. They are outstanding role models and you will be able to meet them when they make their speeches at the Prize Giving Evening on 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

#### **Key Events for this term**

All dates can be found on the school website; however below are some key events coming up in the second half of this term. Please check our website and social media feeds for regular updates on events.

## **Autumn Term**

Autumn Half Term Holiday Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2017

Prize Giving Evening Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2017

(Please note that there will be a late start to school on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 11am)

Sixth Form Open Evening Thursday 16th November 2017

(Please note that there will be a late start to school on Friday 17th November at 11am)

Academic Review Day

Year 13 Parents' Evening
Last day of Autumn Term

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2017

## Late starts

Please note that on the following two dates school will start at the later time of 11am for all students. These two late starts will be following our Prize Giving Evening and the Sixth Form Open Evening.

- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November (11am start to school)
- Friday 17th November (11am start to school)

Reminders will be sent out via text, the school website and the school's social media accounts.

## Focus Weeks

From Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October for a period of 3 weeks there will be a focus on punctuality. Being on time sets the day and lessons off to a good start and it is a key organisational skill for the future.

# **Kenton Day**

Year 8 students are involved in Kenton Day on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October. Each year we join together with Stepney Greencoat Primary School to celebrate Kenton Day in memory of Benjamin Kenton (born 1720) who left his fortune to charity work in the Stepney area.



## **Mental Health Week**

On 12<sup>th</sup> October students and staff ran a whole school assembly on mental health and wellbeing. The aim was to increase awareness of the importance of promoting and protecting emotional wellbeing as well as to share advice and to highlight where support can be found. This work is very important to us and will continue through the year.

#### **SJCR Social Media**

I would like to take this opportunity to encourage parents / carers to follow the Sir John Cass social media accounts which provide regular updates and useful information. These can been found @SJCRschool on Twitter and Facebook.

Thank you again for your support and I will be writing to you again later this term.

Yours sincerely,

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Headteacher