



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

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Headteacher: Mr P. Woods

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Dear parents / guardians,

As the school year now moves into the examination period I am writing to you with updates and news about an important change affecting the school uniform at Key Stage 4.

GCSE and Post 16 Examinations

Firstly, I would like to congratulate our students on their preparation for the examinations which have already started in several subjects. In particular, a group of Year 11s attended a weekend residential at the Cass Mountain Centre following the Easter holiday which is testament to their dedication and desire to excel in their GCSE results. Support sessions are running for all subjects and all examination students must be fully engaged in their revision. We recognise that this is a highly pressured period and it is essential we do all we can to prepare and support them over the coming two months.

School uniform

As we approach the end of Year 9 and the transition into Key Stage 4, the school sweatshirt will cease to be part of the uniform. This will be phased in starting in September 2018. The current Year 10 (next year's Year 11) may continue to wear the sweatshirt and they will be the last year group to do so. The current Year 9 (next year's Year 10) will wear their shirt and blazer from September but no sweatshirt.

Summer uniform

During the second half of this term from June until the end of the school year the summer polo shirt may be worn. All other elements of the uniform remain the same. Please be aware that any item worn over the polo shirt must be the school blazer or sweatshirt. All uniform is available at Khalsa Schoolwear, Bethnal Green Road.

Ramadan

As the period of Ramadan approaches I am sharing advice from the school's Muslim chaplain to students fasting during the examination period. The document is attached to this letter and can also be downloaded from the school website.

Eucharist

A reminder that Eucharist takes place on Fridays every week 1 during lunch for those students wishing to participate. Students are accompanied to and from St Dunstan's by a member of staff. In addition, drop-ins to see the Christian chaplain take place on Tuesdays every week 2.

Important dates

We have three parents' evenings this term as follows:

- Year 8 parents' evening - Wednesday 23rd May
- Year 9 parents' evening - Thursday 7th June
- Year 7 parents' evening - Wednesday 27th June

Details will be in letters from the Head of Year. Other important dates can be found on the school website, the weekly e-bulletin and our social media feeds.

As we mark key points in our faith community calendars with the start of the holy month of Ramadan and the festival of Pentecost when Christians celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit, I would like to wish you all well and good luck to all of our students taking examinations.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Woods
Headteacher