



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

*We will achieve excellence and inspire generations the Cass way*

Headteacher: Mr P. Woods

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Dear parents / carers,

As we approach the end of another busy year I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the support you have given both to your child and to the school. It is wonderful to end the year on the highlight of being judged "Outstanding" by SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools). As a church school, we are subject both to the Ofsted inspecting regime and to SIAMS. We were judged to be outstanding in all four categories which reflects the hard work by students, parents, carers, teachers and governors of the school.

## **Key Events**

For me one of the key developments has been The Cass Way put together by students and staff based within the biblical scripture "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you" Luke 6:31. The Cass Way is core to our values and our ethos of respect and support for one another. However, there have been many events too numerous to mention. Here are some examples:

- We have embraced various international days and themes events such as Science Week, Mental Health Awareness, Careers Week and International Women's Day, and we have raised awareness and donations for many causes including World Book Day, The Whitechapel Mission and Sports Relief to name a few.
- We have visited and received groups from schools in the Czech Republic, France and Finland, and will be visiting them again in their countries in the coming year. We have also taken groups to the Hay Festival, the Cass Mountain Centre in Wales, universities from the north east of England to Cambridge and multiple events in London from the British Film Institute to the London Zoo.
- In terms of sport, students have participated in numerous borough and national competitions and the successes are impressive: Years 7 and 8 boys and girls Boccia borough champions, Years 7 and 8 girls badminton borough champions, Year 7 and 8 girls borough football champions, Year 7 boys runners up borough football competition, Year 8 boys borough football competition runners up, Year 10 borough football champions, Year 11 girls borough football champions, girls borough champions indoor cricket and county finalists u15, outdoor cricket borough champions u13 girls and runners up u13 boys indoor cricket. These are just some of the amazing achievements this year in the PE department.
- Our music department continues to impress with performances with the London Symphony Orchestra, Classorama (steel pan orchestra) performances, Kenton Day, Founder's day, the carol service as well as many students taking their ABRSM (Royal Schools of Music) examinations.
- This July marked the Sir John Cass Foundation's tercentenary and we celebrated with an event at Carpenters' Hall in the City with musical performances from our students.

It has been a very eventful year for our school community and we will continue to update you with key events throughout the next academic year via our parents' weekly e-bulletin and the termly newsletter. I would also like to encourage you all to follow us on our Facebook and Twitter accounts @SJCRschool for regular updates on all school events.

## **School uniform - Reminder**

I mentioned in my last letter to parents that we are making changes to our school uniform and that the school sweatshirt will cease to be part of the uniform at Key Stage 4. This is being phased in from 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.

A full list of our school uniform can be found on our website – [www.sjcr.net](http://www.sjcr.net).

In addition, from September our Sixth Form will be adopting a smart dress code. A letter from the Sixth Form team explains the expectations and the details will be on the school website.

### **Timings of the school day**

Slight changes are being made to the internal timings of our school day. These changes do not affect the start or end of school times. The new times of lessons and breaks are as follows:

08.40 - 09.00	Morning Registration
09.00 - 10.00	Lesson 1
10.00 - 11.00	Lesson 2
11.00 - 11.20	Break
11.20 - 12.20	Lesson 3
12.20 - 13.20	Lesson 4
13.20 - 14.00	Lunch Break
14.00 - 15.00	Lesson 5

These timings will be listed in the new school planner which will be distributed to students in September.

### **School Leavers**

We would like to wish all students who will be leaving us at the end of Year 13 to pursue a degree or life in work the very best for their exams results and for the future, as we would with Year 11 students who will not be joining us to continue their education in Year 12.

We also have a few long standing teachers who will be leaving us at the end of this academic year:

- Ilias Avramidis (Bursar)
- Thomas Glavina (Head of Year 8)
- Oliver Marshall (Professional tutor)
- Colin McCabe (Head of PE)
- Paddy O'Brien (Deputy Headteacher)
- Anup Soormally (Science)

These teachers have been valuable members of staff and it has been a pleasure working with them. We wish them all the best for the future.

### **End of Year/ Start of Academic Year Arrangements**

This school year will end on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018. Pupils will follow their normal lessons for periods one and two, and from 11.15am until 11.30am there will be a staggered dismissal.

The new school year will begin with registration day for students in Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018. All students should attend school in full uniform at the following times.

11.45 – 12.45 – Year 8 in the Sports Hall

12.45 – 13.45 – Year 9 in the Sports Hall

11.45 – 12.45 – Year 10 in the Great Hall

12.45 – 13.35 – Year 11 in the Great Hall

Following the registration day students will attend school on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2018 with a start time of 8.40am for the new Year 7 and 11.00am for all students in Years 8-11.

Details for the start of Year 12 and 13 are shared in a letter from the Sixth Form team.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you as part of the school community for your continued support helping our school and your child to progress, and I wish you an enjoyable and restful summer break.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Woods  
Headteacher