

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 examination season draws to a close, I am writing to you with a number of updates for the coming weeks. This is a busy time of year with a number of events taking place in addition to continued hard work in the classroom.

Examinations

Hearty congratulations to students in Years 11 and 13 who have completed GCSE, A Level and BTEC examinations and courses this year. We look forward to seeing all of the results in August.

Please note the following details regarding the collection of results for students in Years 13 and 11:

- A Level examinations results are available to pick up from the school from 9.00am on Thursday 15th August 2019
- GCSE examinations results are available to pick up from 9.00am on Thursday 22nd August 2019

Parental surveys

We regularly ask parents to complete surveys covering a range of issues and our most recent survey was carried out at the Year 7 parents evening. The feedback we receive is important to us and you can read the full report on the school website.

One of the questions we ask is how well you think we as a school deal with issues of bullying. I am very pleased that the vast majority of you agree that the school deals effectively with this issue. However, a small minority of parents feel that we could do better in this regard. To this end we have devised and are implementing an anti-bullying campaign this week in which we will be covering the following:

- morning registration activities
- English, PE, drama and art lessons all with an anti-bullying focus.
- a visiting speaker in both Key Stage 3 and whole school assemblies
- the launch of anti-bullying ambassadors with the student voice
- a logo and poster design competition
- a fundraising day on Friday 5th July wearing odd socks and bake sale in support of The Stand Up Foundation and Stonewall

We want to ensure that all students know how to respond to bullying and that they understand the impact it can have. In addition, we will be discussing how the school responds to parental concerns at the Parents' Coffee Morning on 4th July.

The recent survey shows high levels of satisfaction and there are many very positive aspects to our school. It is essential, however, that we do not rest on our laurels and we will continue to work together in partnership to ensure that Sir John Cass Red Coat continues to be an outstanding school.

Primary school visits

Every year during the summer term we welcome primary schools visiting Sir John Cass Red Coat. On Tuesday 25th and Friday 28th June we welcomed groups who came in for Science Days and events will continue for the rest of the term including our annual Primary Languages Festival on Monday 1st July. We have also been busy visiting primary schools to talk about transition to secondary and we are about to hold the first of two transition days for students who will be joining us in September.

Please note that from 1st September the process for making applications for the academic year 2020-21 commences. We have been holding open mornings during June and July and will be doing so in the autumn term for prospective applicants. Bookings must be made and all information is on our school website - www.sjcr.net.

Stepney Partnership Fun Day



The annual Stepney Partnership Fun Day will be taking place from 3.30 - 5.30pm on Thursday 4th July at Sir John Cass Red Coat School and we encourage you to attend. This is a wonderful event bringing together the Stepney family of schools including Cayley, Halley, Marion Richardson, Redlands, Smithy Street, Stephen Hawking and Stepney Green as well as Sir John Cass Red Coat.

Key Events for this term

Key events for the coming term are listed below. Please check our website and social media feeds for regular updates on events.

Anti-bullying week Starts Monday 1st July

Year 11 Transition to Sixth Form Days

Tuesday 2nd + Wednesday 3rd July (full details in a letter to those concerned)

Stepney Fun Day Thursday 4th July
Sports Day Wednesday 17th July
End of academic year Friday 19th July

Full details regarding the end of term arrangements will be shared in a letter closer to the date, however please note that school will close early on Friday 19th July at 11.30am.

The new school year will begin with registration day for students on Tuesday 3rd September 2019. The new Year 7 will join us from Wednesday 4th September. Full details we be shared in my end of term letter.

I would like to thank you for your support and I will be writing again before the end of term.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Woods Headteacher