



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 and carers,

We have enjoyed two excellent weeks since my last letter. We continue to focus on attendance and punctuality and I would like to thank you for your support so far. A successful education is always accomplished through working in partnership and this approach is thriving at Sir John Cass Red Coat.

Attendance

It is widely recognised that the educational outcomes of children and young people can be significantly impacted upon by periods of absence. Therefore we want to encourage parents to ensure that their child attends school every day. We do appreciate the fact that a large number of students have excellent attendance and this should be commended. In particular I would like to congratulate students in 7E, 8E, 9S, 10R and 11D for having the highest levels of attendance for their year groups.

A reminder that in the first instance, if your child presents themselves to you as 'unwell' then please send them to school regardless. At school we have a full time medical needs coordinator, Ms Anderson. If they continue to feel unwell Ms Anderson can assess them and we will call you should there be a need for them to go home.

Punctuality

I would like to remind parents that students who arrive late to school will automatically have a detention in the VLE at the end of school. It is the responsibility of students to attend detentions and to make their own way to the VLE. Failure to do so will result in further action being taken.

Open Evening / Open Mornings

My sincere thanks go out to all members of the school community for a highly successful Open Evening for prospective Year 6 students and their parents. Following our Open Evening, we have already shown over 1000 visitors around our wonderful school and we still have one more open morning to go. Feedback so far has been enormously positive, with many highlighting the incredible role our students play as ambassadors for the school. Thank you to all the students and staff who have contributed to these events and who have made our prospective parents and students feel so welcome and inspired. I would particularly like to thank Ubayd in Year 9 and Harriett in Year 7 for their excellent speeches. We are of course proud of the work that goes on at Sir John Cass Red Coat every day and our final open morning takes place on Tuesday 8th October. Those wishing to attend are requested to sign up on our website.

Head Girl and Head Boy

I would like to congratulate our new Head Girl, Blessing Brobbey and Head Boy, Tufayel Ahmed 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 7th November. We also have a group of Sixth Form Student Leaders who will be assuming a range of leadership responsibilities across the school working as role models and developing their skills. Among these we have our Deputy Head Girl, Ruksana Begum, the Deputy Head Boy, Ahmad Carmally, the Assistant Head Girl, Maisha Uddin and the Assistant Head Boy, Zakaria Hussain.

I would like to congratulate our Sixth form students for their contributions so far and look forward to working together with you throughout the academic year.

Kenton Day

Year 8 students will be involved in Kenton Day on Thursday 17th 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.

National Poetry Day 2019

National Poetry Day took place on Thursday 3rd October and the theme was Truth. The day started with a whole school assembly delivered by the performance poet Justin Coe and was followed with a number of students participating in a poetry workshop.

Key Events for this term

All dates can be found on the school website, however below is a reminder of the main events this term. Please check our website and social media feeds for regular updates.

Autumn Term

Autumn Half Term Holiday	Monday 21st Oct – Friday 25th October
Prize Giving	Thursday 7th November
Late start (<i>11am start for students</i>)	Friday 8th November
Anti-Bullying Week	From Monday 11th November
Sixth Form Open Evening	Tuesday 12th November
Late start (<i>11am start for students</i>)	Wednesday 13th November
Year 11 Examinations	From Monday 18th November
Year 13 Parents' Evening	Wednesday 27th November
Year 11 Parents' Evening	Wednesday 11th December
Last day of Autumn Term	Friday 20th December

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 8th November (*11am start to school*)
- Wednesday 13th November (*11am start to school*)

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

SJCR Social Media

I would again like to take this opportunity to encourage you all to follow the Sir John Cass Red Coat social media accounts which provide regular updates and useful information. These can be found @SJCRschool on Twitter and Facebook.

Thank you as always for your support. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us via email on info@sjcr.net.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Woods
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