



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 and carers,

We have enjoyed an excellent start to the second half of this term at Sir John Cass Red Coat and I would like to extend my continued thanks for your support in ensuring such high levels of student attendance, smartly worn school uniform and completion of homework tasks. We do not underestimate the hard work and effort the parents put into helping their children excel at school, and our successes can be attributed to this collaborative approach.

Exam Contingency Day

The 2019 external examination timetable has a new feature this year which has been introduced nationally – a contingency day on 26th June 2019. This will be used if a significant, unexpected event arises nationally or locally during the exam period such that no students (or a large number of them) are able to take an exam when planned. This was instigated by the exam boards after the disruption caused to national exams during the Manchester bombing incident. Of course, we all hope there will not be such disruption and that the contingency day will not be needed. However, students should be available throughout the exam period, including on that day, in case their planned timetable is disrupted.

World Book Day

This year our World Book Day celebrations were an enormous success. As part of the event staff and students dressed up in book-related costumes and the author Author Saci Lloyd delivered 3 very engaging workshops to our Year 9 and the female engineering group. Thank you to Ms Charman and Ms Dow for once again organising these fun and engaging events for our students and staff to join in with. All donations were sent to Book Aid International which provides books to countries in Africa.

Drop Everything and Read

Children who read for enjoyment every day not only perform better in reading tests than those who do not, but also develop a broader vocabulary, increased general knowledge and better cultural understanding. It is for these reasons and more that we expect all students to bring a reading book to school. We also have fortnightly Drop Everything and Read sessions when students across the school spend an hour reading. Our next Drop Everything and Read sessions are on Wednesday 20th March and Monday 3rd April. Reminders are shared on our school social media.

Key Events for this term

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

Year 10 Parents' Evening	Thursday 21 st March
Year 8 Parents' Evening	Tuesday 2 nd April
Easter Holiday	Monday 8 th April – Monday 22 nd April 2019 (Students return to school on Tuesday 23 rd April)

Attendance

Every day really does count in your child's progress and we are always proud to say our attendance figures remain 'outstanding' year on year. Currently this year attendance stands at 96% and with your support, we are aiming to maintain or even better this figure by the end of the academic year. We also pride ourselves in having a low unauthorised attendance figure and ask you to support us with our procedures by contacting the school either by letter or phone call to explain your child's absence.

The remaining weeks of this term will be particularly busy for students preparing for examinations and before we know it the forty days of Lent will have passed and it will be Easter. As always, I would like to thank you for your support and 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Woods". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'P' and 'W'.

Paul Woods
Headteacher