



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

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Dear parents and carers,

As we fast approach the start of the summer term our Year 11 and 13 students will soon be taking their examinations. We hope that full advantage will be taken over the Easter period to engage in a full revision programme and to use the various support sessions which will be running in school. The key message now is to make the remaining time count and to use time productively to ensure the success that all our students deserve.

Examinations – Years 11 + 13

Guiding and supporting students in preparing for their exams is a high priority for us. It is essential that our GCSE and A level students engage in serious revision and preparation for the forthcoming examinations over the Easter period. For some students their first examinations have already taken place with most occurring immediately on our return from the holiday.

Revision must be planned and be effective. Students have received advice from their Heads of Year as well as their subject teachers; however we also have a section of our website dedicated to supporting revision. On this page you can find a variety of documents and links outlining the most effective ways to revise.

Ramadan

As the period of Ramadan approaches I am sharing advice from the school's Muslim chaplain to students fasting during the examination period. This document can be downloaded from the school website.

Updates on work at Raines Foundation School

As I explained to you in September, the arrangement for me to work as Executive Headteacher across Sir John Cass Red Coat and Raines was a temporary one. Oaklands School will become the support school for Raines from April onwards. Patrice Canavan OBE, Headteacher at Oaklands School will be taking over from me as Executive Headteacher and Simon Ramsay, currently a Deputy Headteacher at Oaklands School will take up a head of school role at Raines. This means that I will be returning to Sir John Cass Red Coat five days per week.

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.

Easter Holiday	Monday 8 th April – Monday 22 nd April (<i>Students return to school on Tuesday 23rd April</i>)
Bank Holiday Monday	Monday 6 th May
Half Term Holiday	Monday 27 th May – Friday 31 st May

End of term arrangements

The term will end on Friday 5th April. On this date pupils will attend normal lessons periods one, two and three. At the end of period three (12.20pm) the students will be dismissed from school. Students may order a packed lunch from their form tutor; the order should be placed by Wednesday 3rd April. Packed lunches will be available to be collected in the second floor dining hall from 12.20pm. Please can I remind you that the summer term will start on Tuesday 23rd April 2019. This will be Week 2.

Easter is the most important feast of the Christian calendar and as the forty days of Lent conclude I wish you all an enjoyable break and look forward to seeing students back in school at the start of the summer term.

Yours sincerely,



Paul Woods
Headteacher