



# 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 had a fantastic start to the term and I have been particularly impressed by the focus and purpose of students in settling into the new academic year. I would also like to offer my thanks to parents/carers for your support in ensuring such high levels of student attendance, smartly worn school uniform and completion of homework and independent learning tasks. We do not underestimate your hard work and effort put into helping your children excel at school, and our successes can be attributed to this collaborative approach.

## **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 final Open Morning, we will have shown over 1000 visitors around our wonderful school. 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. We have a school community to be very proud of.

## **Head Girl and Head Boy**

I would like to congratulate our new Head Girl, Mashwiyat Choudhury Tabassum and Head Boy, Mohammed Naymur Rahman 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

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.

## **Key Events for this term**

All dates can be found on the school website; however below are some key events coming up in the second half of this term. Please check our website and social media feeds for regular updates on events.

### **Autumn Term**

Autumn Half Term	Holiday Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct – Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> October
Prize Giving Evening	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> November
<i>(Please note that there will be a late start to school on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 11am)</i>	
Sixth Form Open Evening	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> November
<i>(Please note that there will be a late start to school on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 11am)</i>	
Year 11 examinations	Start the week beginning Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> November
Carol Service	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> December
Year 13 Parents' Evening	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December
Last day of Autumn Term	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> November (*11am start to school*)
- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November (*11am start to school*)

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

### **Kenton Day**

Year 8 students are involved in Kenton Day on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> 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 2018**

National Poetry Day took place on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October and the theme was Change. The day started with a whole school assembly in which we heard amazing poetry recitals and was followed with a number of students participating in a poetry workshop.

All students at Sir John Cass Red Coat can become involved in poetry and spoken word performance working alongside the award-winning poet Shareefa Energy by attending the “Speak Up! Spoken Word & Film Workshop” run by Ms Lording. This is part of the enrichment programme on offer at Sir John Cass Red Coat and full details can be found on the school website – [www.sjcr.net](http://www.sjcr.net). Please encourage your child to get involved in the many wonderful opportunities on offer.

### **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](mailto:info@sjcr.net).

Yours sincerely,

Paul Woods  
Headteacher