



# 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,

I am writing to thank you for your support this term. It has been a busy few months and it seems a long time since we welcomed students in September. We have managed to achieve a huge amount both within and beyond the classroom and are looking forward to our Christmas holiday. This break is well earned for Years 11 and 13 who have completed their mock exams.

## **Update on work at Raine's Foundation School**

I continue my work at Raine's Foundation School. I am now pleased to report to you that Mr Siaw has been appointed as Associate Headteacher at Sir John Cass Red Coat. This arrangement will continue for the duration of my work at Raine's.

## **Staff news**

At this time of year, we say farewell to a small number of staff. Jilur Rahman (KS4 Lead Maths), Mohammed Abu Naser (KS3 Lead Maths) and Shahel Uddin (Head of Maths) have all gained promotions. In addition, Pippa Morrell (Teacher of History) is relocating out of London. We wish all of you the very best for the future and thank you for the magnificent contributions you have made to our school.

## **End of term arrangements**

The arrangements for the end of term are that school will close for the Christmas break on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December. Full attendance is expected in the morning and normal lessons will run during periods 1 and 2. At the end of period 2 students will return to their form room for tutorial time. From 11.15am onwards the students will be dismissed by their Head of Year. It is anticipated that all students will have left the school premises by 11.45am.

Students may order a packed lunch from their form tutor; the order should be placed by Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December and packed lunches will be collected from the second floor dining hall prior to leaving school on the 21<sup>st</sup> December.

The new term starts for students with our Academic Review Day on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019. Appointment times will be distributed in advance. Lessons resume as normal on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January. This will be Week 2. Please note that Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January is a staff training day.

## **Enrichment Activities**

Mr Malique has continued to work hard this term to promote enrichment activities and clubs within the school. There is a wide range of activities from lessons in Korean to Debate Club. The importance of activities beyond academic work must not be underestimated. Extracurricular activities complement our students' studies to develop a well-rounded person. Indeed, countless studies demonstrate that students who participate in enrichment activities have a marked improvement in their grades. This can be attributed to skills they learn such as better time management to accommodate their hobbies and class activities, better organizational skills and a boost in their self-esteem. To find out more there is a dedicated section of our website which is updated each term to show the clubs and activities that are running. Please encourage your child to participate.

## **Key Events for this term**

All dates can be found on the school website; however below are key events coming up. Please check our website and social media feeds for updates on events.

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
INSET day	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2019

Academic Review Day (Years 7-11)	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2019 ( <i>date moved from 9<sup>th</sup> January</i> )
Year 11 Parents' Evening	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> January 2019
Late start (11am)	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> January 2019
Year 10 examinations	From Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2019
Year 9 Parents' Evening	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February 2019
Founder's Day	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February 2019
Spring Half Term Holiday	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2019

**Years 12 + 13 arrangements – Tuesday 8th January**

Please note that the majority of Year 12 students have mock exams on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January. These students must be present in school for the start of their exams, but other students are not required to attend unless otherwise contacted. Some students may be required to attend targeted meetings with their tutor or the Assistant Head in charge of Year 12. In addition, an intervention morning will take place for GCSE Mathematics students. Further information will follow about this. Morning exams start at 8.30am and afternoon exams start at 1.30pm.

**SJCR Social Media**

Again, I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that the Sir John Cass social media accounts provide regular updates and useful information. These can be found @SJCRschool on Twitter and Facebook. Also, if you have provided us with your email address, we will send you our weekly E-Bulletin for parents.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy Christmas, a peaceful and relaxing holiday and a very Happy New Year. Thank you again for your support and I will be writing to you again next term.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Woods  
Headteacher