



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,

Happy New Year and a warm welcome back! 2019 promises much for Sir John Cass & Red Coat students and as we throw ourselves back into school life and embrace our vision: "We will achieve excellence and inspire generations the Cass Way", we can expect excellent progress and great achievements. We have a busy half term ahead of us and a number of key events in our school calendar fast approaching.

Change of Uniform

I have raised in previous letters that as of September 2019 our school uniform will be changing. Following consultations and feedback from students, staff and governors, the final uniform has been decided with the blue option being the preferred choice. A picture example can be seen on the school website.

The Cass Foundation has kindly agreed to provide students who are currently in Years 7-9 the compulsory items, which are the blazer and the year group tie. We will be arranging for fittings for blazers to take place in due course.

Parents / carers should purchase the grey skirt / trousers and the white shirt to go with the uniform. If wearing a school skirt, this should be no more than 2 inches above the knee, and should be worn with white knee or ankle length socks or black tights.

Students are also able to purchase the grey uniform jumper with the school logo. The school jumper is optional, and students who opt for the jumper must purchase it from our school uniform supplier. At present, headscarves can remain the same colour. As usual, students will be required to wear black, sensible shoes.

Students currently in Year 10 will remain in the same uniform for their last year at Sir John Cass & Red Coat Secondary School. Please note that these changes are from September 2019.

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.

Year 11 Parents' Evening	Wednesday 16 th January 2019
Late start (11am)	Monday 21 st January 2019
Year 10 examinations	From Monday 28 th January 2019
Year 9 Parents' Evening	Wednesday 6 th February 2019
Founder's Day	Wednesday 6 th February 2019
Spring Half Term Holiday	Monday 18 th February – Friday 22 nd February 2019

Update on work at Raine's Foundation School

I continue my work at Raine's Foundation School. On the 12th of December we had an Ofsted monitoring inspection visit. I can now tell you that the report has been published on the Ofsted website and I am extremely pleased with the findings made by the inspector. The inspector has confirmed that the interim executive board and senior leaders are taking effective action to tackle the areas requiring improvement at the last inspection. I can also confirm that the inspector commented that since September the quality of education that the pupils are receiving has improved 'quickly and dramatically'. He also commented that all staff and students that he spoke to were 'unanimous in their views that the school has improved dramatically this term'. The inspector has reported that one student described the school as 'unrecognisable'. I am sure you will along with me, be very pleased with the outcome of this inspection.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Woods
Headteacher