



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 again with a number of key updates. This is an extremely busy half term for us all at school with examinations for Year 10, Year 9 preparing for the options process which begins in the coming weeks and a wide variety of other activities taking place. Please follow our social media for regular updates.

Parental Support with Homework / Independent Study

We are enormously appreciative of the many ways in which parents support their children's education at Sir John Cass Red Coat School. In regards to homework, we recognise the efforts that parents and carers make, ensuring students have a quiet place to work at home on a regular basis in order to complete their homework. We also know from listening to students, that parental interest in homework is appreciated, even if students may not show it at the time! If you have any questions about homework in a particular subject, please contact your child's subject teacher in the first instance.

Year 9 Parents' Evening + Year 9 Options 2019

As parents and students will be aware, the time is quickly approaching for our Year 9 students to start considering the qualifications that they would like to study at GCSE in Years 10 and 11. Tutors, academic staff and pastoral leaders will be supporting students and their parents to ensure a positive pathway through this process. The Year 9 Parents' Evening will take place on 6th February 2019, with the Options Evening taking place after half term on 11th March 2019. At this event, all subjects will be represented by members of staff, who will provide information regarding the curriculum studied in each area, and will offer guidance on how to approach selecting courses for further study.

This is an exciting time for both students and the school. We are committed to working closely with students and their families to ensure that every individual studies courses that they enjoy, that they will achieve in and that will result in a broad portfolio of qualifications. Although nationally there is much concern about a narrow curriculum, I am pleased to assure parents that we continue to offer a broad and balanced curriculum that cherishes the Arts, Humanities, Sciences, Languages, PE, Art & Design Technology, English and Maths and many others as equal partners in an inspiring and fulfilling education.

Stepney Partnership

We are proud to work with our neighbouring schools and this week we were able to host a Paralympic sitting volleyball competition. Students from Smithy Street, Cayley, Halley, Redlands, Stephen Hawking, Stepney Greencoat and Harry Gosling Primary schools all took part. The games were fast and exciting and we hope that the event was enjoyed by all. We look forward to other events coming up this term including a music showcase.

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 10 examinations	From Monday 28 th February
Year 9 Parents' Evening	Wednesday 6 th February
Founder's Day	Wednesday 6 th February



Spring Half Term Holiday
Year 12 Parents' Evening
Year 9 Options Evening
Year 10 Parents' Evening

Monday 18th February – Friday 22nd February
Thursday 28th February
Monday 11th March
Thursday 21st March

Enrichment Activities – New clubs

As mentioned in one of my previous letters, we value the importance of enrichment activities and the contribution these make to our students' development. We have a range of extracurricular activities on offer and this term some new additions have been made to the programme including Creative Writing and Arabic. Full details can be found on the school website. Please encourage your child to participate.

Thank you as always for your support of Sir John Cass Red Coat School. 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,



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