



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

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Dear parents / guardians,

This term is promising to be as busy as ever. I am sure you will join with me in wishing our Year 11 and Year 13 students well during this key examination period. In addition, we have Year 10 exams fast approaching as well as preparations to welcome our new Year 7s in September and the parents' evening for our current Year 7s.

Summer uniform

During the second half of this term from 3rd June until the end of the school year the summer polo shirt may be worn. All other elements of the uniform remain the same. Please be aware that any item worn over the polo shirt must be the school blazer. I would also like to remind you that I will be writing immediately after the half term with full details about our new school uniform and how you will be able to get the new blazer and tie paid for by the Sir John Cass Foundation.

Year 10 examinations

As Year 10 approach the final year of GCSE, it is essential that all students experience the formal examination process. Therefore, all Year 10 students will be sitting their 'End of Year' exams commencing the week beginning Monday 17th June 2019. During this time they will sit a series of exams under exam conditions. The timetable will be issued closer to the exam period.

Your child should view this period of time as an opportunity to see how successful their revision and learning techniques are and how effectively your child is able to cope with examination conditions. When students are not sitting an exam they will be in normal lessons. Students will be expected to treat the exams seriously to help them understand and develop appropriate exam etiquette.

To make the exam period as effective as possible your child should be using the following weeks to prepare and organise. Working to a revision schedule is essential and to this end we have created a section on the school website which provides advice and support for revision. The guidelines given should be used to plan revision for the coming weeks. Staff at school will also be talking to students about revision technique.

The school expects all of the students to take the exam period seriously. I hope to see your child achieving highly and making large steps towards meeting all target grades.

Key Events for this term

Key events for the coming term are listed below. Please check our website and social media feeds for regular updates on events.

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| Half term holiday | Monday 27 th -Friday 31 st May |
| 1 day school closure for Eid | <i>to be confirmed – Tuesday 4th / Wednesday 5th June possible dates</i> |
| Year 7 parents' evening | Tuesday 18 th June (4.00-6.30pm) |
| Anti-bullying week | Starts Monday 1 st July |
| Stepney Fun Day | Thursday 4 th July |
| Sports Day | Wednesday 17 th July |
| End of academic year | Friday 19 th July |

Eid Al-Fitr

As the month of Ramadan draws to an end, we expect the date for our Eid closure to be either Tuesday 4th or Wednesday 5th June. Please check our school website and social media for confirmation. Please note that a number of GCSE and A level examinations will be taking place as normal on these days. Students in Years 11 and 13 are aware of these dates and must attend school as normal. These are public examinations and cannot be rescheduled.

To all those who will be celebrating, Eid Mubarak from everyone at Sir John Cass Red Coat and to all students in Years 11 and 13 good luck for your examinations.

Yours sincerely,



Paul Woods
Headteacher