



# 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 are rapidly moving through the term as Year 11 begin their mock exams and students prepare for end of term assessments in many subjects. We have already had very well attended evenings for Year 7 and Year 11 and I would like to thank you for the level of engagement and enthusiasm you have shown for supporting your child's learning.

## **Attendance at School**

Good attendance at school is important for academic progress, social interaction with peers and the opportunity to participate in clubs and try new activities. At Sir John Cass Red Coat we have a clear expectation that students should aim for 100% attendance every year. We will be rewarding tutor groups with the best attendance as well as individuals throughout the year.

The tutor groups with the best attendance for last week were 7E, 8E, 9S, 10E and 11S and the group with the highest across the school for last week was 7E. We will be publishing this weekly information on our school website as well as details on the reward winners celebrating excellent levels of attendance at Sir John Cass Red Coat.

## **Sixth Form Open Evening**

I would like to remind you that our Sixth Form Open Evening will take place on Tuesday 12th November and this is an opportunity for anyone interested to visit our high achieving post-16 provision. Visitors are given a tour of the Sixth Form and can attend a presentation outlining the strong quality offer we have at Sir John Cass Red Coat for post-16 study. Please note that there will be a late start to school on Wednesday 13th November at 11am affecting all students.

## **Year 11 examinations**

The Year 11 GCSE mock examinations started the week beginning Monday 4th November and continue until the 26th of the month. It is essential that students are revising thoroughly and following a revision timetable. Students have been provided with materials from all of their subject areas to help them prepare and the mock examination timetable can be downloaded from the school website news section. I wish our Year 11 students the best of luck for the two week examination period.

## **After school tuition**

I would like to remind parents/carers that Year 10 and Year 11 students have an after school tuition timetable. The support offered in these sessions is key to the future success of many students in their examinations and targeted work is carried out to ensure that they are well prepared for their GCSE examinations. Please ensure that your child is attending and completing any work set. The timetable can be found on our website at [www.sjcr.net/for-students/school-information/extension-timetable/](http://www.sjcr.net/for-students/school-information/extension-timetable/)

## **Year 7 Parent Survey – October 2019**

In our first survey of the academic year, we asked parents who attended the Year 7 settling in evening a series of questions. For the results of this survey please visit the SJCR parent surveys section of our website.

In response, we are going to look into how we can further promote the enrichment offer so that parents are aware of the clubs and activities running. We include a lot of information on our school website including the termly enrichment offer programme and we provide regular updates on the school's social media. We would like to encourage parents to follow us on Twitter or Facebook @SJCRschool in order to receive regular information on what



is happening at school. In addition, a few parents stated that they were unsure who to contact in school regarding issues. In response we have recirculated the booklet which was given to all parents at the start of term which lists contact details of all key members of staff. This can also be found on the school website in the SJCR guidance and advice section.

### **Erasmus+ funding**

Our school has been successful in a bid for funding to develop an international project working with schools in Spain, Italy and Greece. This Erasmus+ funding will allow students to collaborate on common themes and to attend meetings in each other's schools. The overall theme is related to our shared cultural heritage.

The first meeting will take place in Sicily in early December with a group of Year 9 students attending. We are looking forward to working with our partners on this project in the coming years and we will keep you updated on the delivery of the Erasmus+ programme.

### **School production**

It is with great pleasure that I can announce that students have voted for Aladdin as our summer school production. Auditions have been taking place and rehearsals will start at the end of November. We would love parents to get involved as we transform the Great Hall into an Arabic palace and the market streets of Baghdad. Parents and students can help with set design, costume making and sourcing fabrics, front of house and interval refreshments and more. If you are willing to support, please contact the Head of Performing Arts, Ms L. Hall.

### **Key Events for this term**

All dates can be found on the school website. However, below is a reminder of the main events this term. Please check our website and social media feeds for regular updates.

#### **Autumn Term**

Anti-Bullying Week	From Monday 11th November
Sixth Form Open Evening	Tuesday 12th November
Late start ( <i>11am start for students</i> )	Wednesday 13th November
Year 13 Parents' Evening	Wednesday 27th November
Year 11 Parents' Evening	Wednesday 11th December
Last day of Autumn Term	Friday 20th December

### **Late starts**

Please note that on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November school will start at the later time of 11am for all students. This late start will be following our Sixth Form Open Evening. Reminders will be sent out via text, the school website and the school's social media accounts.

Thank you as always for your support and I be writing again in the next few weeks.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Woods  
Headteacher