



18th September 2017

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Dear parents/carers,

I have been delighted, with all my colleagues, to **welcome** all our students to the new school year. It has been a pleasure to see everyone. In particular, I want to welcome all our new students – in Year 7 and Year 12 and those who have joined us in other years. I am very proud of the positive attitude shown by everyone at the start of this term.

I am pleased to report to you that we had some very pleasing **results** from the full range of our Year 11 groups last year and from our Year 13 groups. I know that the new style of GCSE curriculum and new assessment grades (9-1 instead of A*-G) makes comparisons difficult but we judge that our students had very positive progress (Progress 8) outcomes. This is also reflected at A level – where results were outstanding again.

We are expecting this positive attitude and hard work to continue from each of our students throughout the year. A key part of the effort students make to take learning forward is via their **homework**. I just want to remind you of the homework amounts we do expect:

- **Year 7** students should expect to spend a minimum of 30 minutes per subject per week on homework (NB we have a staggered start for Year 7 homework so that students can ensure good routines are established with a smaller number of subjects initially)
- **Year 8** students should expect to spend a minimum of 45 minutes per subject per week on homework.
- **Year 9** students should expect to spend a minimum of 60 minutes per subject per week on homework.
- **Year 10 / 11** students should expect to spend a minimum of 75 minutes per subject per week on homework.
- **Year 12 / 13** students should expect to spend a minimum of five hours per subject per week on homework.

Please do contact your child's form tutor or subject teacher if you have any queries. We are enclosing your child's timetable and list of teachers for information.

I do want to remind you that students may not wear any trainer like shoes to school. We realise there is an anomaly in the **uniform policy** re Kicker brand trainers; these are not allowed but we appreciate that some parents have already bought these. There is an amnesty on these for those students who possess them as of now – but not for any other students. The updated policy will be circulated.

We all want our students to get home safely. I am requesting any parents who collect their child by car **not to park** on the double yellow lines near school. We do have a large number of students leaving: having cars parked near to the school gates makes that busy area less safe. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Finally, we look forward to seeing you in the school over the coming weeks. I am pleased to attach dates for this term overleaf.

With best wishes,

Annie Gammon
Headteacher

Dates for parents for the Autumn term 2017

Monday 18th September Year 6 Open evening 5pm-7.30pm

Thursday 21st September Support evening for Turkish/Kurdish parents 6pm-7pm

Wednesday 27th September Year 7 parents support and celebration evening 6pm-7.30pm

Monday 9th October Year 6 Open evening (2) 5pm-7.30pm

Tuesday 17th October Parents' Forum 7pm-8pm Refreshments provided

23rd to 27th October Half term

Thursday 2nd November Year 11 Parents' evening 5pm to 7.30pm

Friday 3rd November Late start following parents' evening, includes staff training. School starts 10.55am.

Tuesday 7th November Sixth form open evening 5pm-7.30pm

Wednesday 8th November Year 9 support evening 6pm – 7pm

Monday 20th November Year 13 Parents' evening 5pm to 7.30pm

Tuesday 21st November Parents' advice session – topic to be confirmed 7pm-8.15pm

Friday 24th November – Celebration dinner SNS 35th Birthday – details to follow

Tuesday 5th December – Progress review day

Wednesday 13th-Friday 15th December – School show "Rent"

Friday 22nd December – last day of term, finish 12 noon.

First day of Spring term is Monday 8th January 2018