



Upper School Newsletter

Summer 2020

Dear Families,

As this term comes to end, it seems like the right time for reflection. Being away has compelled us all to look at our lives and the world through a different lens and has given us a chance to press the reset button. What have we learnt from our experiences, be them positive or negative and how have they affected us? The answers to these questions will definitely shape our perspectives on how we move forward and manage our lives in terms of work and relationships. However, we will all have encountered a range of differing experiences and our young people will have too. These experiences are a part of us now and will help our young people to learn and grow as they continue on their journey to adulthood.

I would like to acknowledge the effort it has taken for students to adjust to different ways of working. From organising their timetable at home, to logging in to live Teams lessons, students have had to develop even greater independent learning skills. For some, this may have been challenging as change can be difficult to navigate, especially when you have to work in a completely different setting. In September, teachers and support staff will be working diligently to ensure students re-establish their learning routines and provide support where necessary.

Looking ahead, I cannot wait to see the students return with an even bigger appetite to learn and with a positive attitude to make our school community a safe and welcoming place. I hope you all have a fantastic summer and see you in September.

Messages for individual year groups

Year 8

I would just like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the upper school. We send a termly newsletter to all families and it is a place where we celebrate the successes of term. This term's newsletter is quite light as students have not been at school but you can access previous newsletters here to get an idea of what to expect.

Year 9

As students are moving into Year 10, please remember to purchase blue shirts. Students will no longer require their white shirts.

Year 10

The Summer School is running for Year 10 students from 20 July to 7 August. All information has been sent via email. Your child would have been invited in for specific sessions. If you have any queries, please email: summerschool@sns.hackney.sch.uk

First day of autumn term

Year 11 – Friday 4 September

Year 10 – Monday 10 September

Year 9 – Monday 10 September

The Upper School Team

Head of Year 8 into 9 – Ian Burn

Head of Year 9 into 10 – Moji Awojobi

Head of Year 10 into 11 – Maria Yong

Deputy Head of Upper School – Michael Collins

Head of Upper School – Roxanne Lashley



Ms Roxanne Lashley
Head of Upper School



Mr Michael Collins
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