

18th May 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

RE: MAY HALF TERM PARENT LETTER

Our Easter holiday food bank was a huge success and I am very pleased that families found this helpful in the current cost of living crisis. Our May half term holiday food bank delivery from FoodBankAid has arrived and parents are welcome to access it during school hours until 5pm. Boys in Years 7-10 and 12 can access the foodbank from 3.05-3.45 daily from Friday 19th May to Thurs 25th May. Boys and parents will need to bring their own shopping bags as we don't provide these.

I am very pleased to share with you that the school has secured some funding from Lady Gould's charity to provide for our families who are most in need with items such as toiletries, school shoes, bedding, kitchen equipment and basic foodstuffs. If you need support with the above, please contact Lorna Jones who is our Office Manager through enquiries@sta.islington.sch.uk or call her on the school's number (020 7561 7800).

Our Year 11 and Year 13 students have made a good start to their public examinations. We wish them all the best over the coming weeks. Boys in Years 7/8/9/10 and 12 will sit their summer exams straight after the May half term starting on Mon 5th June. A separate letter from Ms Kisten has already been sent to parents. Please encourage your son to revise thoroughly over the half term holiday and to arrive on time daily by 8.25am and be fully equipped to sit his exams.

Please note the following half term activities:

MAY HALF TERM ACTIVITY FOR CHILDREN WITH A SOCIAL WORKER

Take a Step is a day of FREE half-term creative activities and workshops for young people, children of all ages and families!

Date: Wednesday 31 May 2023

Time: 11:00am - 3:00pm

Location: Lift Youth Hub, White Lion Street N1 9PW.

Accessibility: Lift is a fully wheelchair accessible venue

Food: Refreshments and lunch will be provided.

Suitable for **families and children in need aged 4-19**, and offers a range of exciting activities for all, including dance, theatre and drama, crafts, performance, games, music, and cooking. Guests can discover what's on offer from a wide variety of Islington creative and cultural organisations, both in half-term and beyond.

How to Book: **Attendance is free** but we ask that guests register by emailing takeastep@islington.gov.uk. Social workers and Support workers may register families or young people on their behalf or attend themselves with a child or young person.

Take a Step is an event led by Islington Council, Lift Youth Hub, Music Education Islington, Awesome Adventure Playgrounds, Yaram Arts, The Almeida Theatre and Angel Shed Theatre.

The Islington Youth Clubs remain open during the half-term. Here is the link:

<https://www.islington.gov.uk/children-and-families/things-to-do/youth-hubs-and-clubs>

There is currently a vacancy for a parent Governor. This is an important strategic role in supporting the Governing Body on making decisions. Please read the attached letter for further information if you are interested.

There has been an increase in the number of school child robberies across Islington over the past few months. Please encourage your son not to visit fast food shops in Archway nor loiter at Archway on his way home. He should get on a bus either on the A1 or on Highgate hill and travel home directly from there.

Please note that the school will close early on Friday 26th May for the May half term holiday. Boys will leave on Friday 26th May at 1.30pm after lunchtime. The school re-opens on Monday 5th June at the usual time for all Year groups.

Wishing you all a restful May half term and best wishes to our Years 11 and 13 boys for the rest of their Public examinations. Boys in Years 10 and 12 should use the half term, besides studying, to secure a work experience placement for the week beginning 3rd July 2023.

Our next Headteacher's First Friday on-line meeting for parents will take place on Friday 9th June from 10.00-10.30am. Please contact enquiries@sta.islington.sch.uk if you would like to join this meeting.

Please contact the school regarding the support above if you need it. All requests are treated confidentially.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



Ms Paula Whyte
Headteacher