

13th July 2023

END OF SUMMER TERM PARENT LETTER

Dear Parents,

I hope you and your families are keeping well and you are no doubt looking forward to a break. I would like to thank you for your continued support and I look forward to working with you next academic year.

It has been another successful academic year with the school winning two FFT (Fischer Family Trust) school attendance awards. The GCSE and A-Level examinations seem to have gone well and we await the results on 17th August for A-Level and on 24th August for GCSE. Our links with Channing and with Highgate schools continues to grow resulting in increased personal development opportunities for our pupils. A number of our boys starting Year 11 or 13 in September will attend Summer schools run by Highgate Public school from Monday 28th August to Friday 1st September.

FoodBank Aid sponsors our on-site food bank which is open to parents during the school day. Justina Forristal continues to offer parents support with debt management, applications for benefits, issues with housing etc. In the summer, she will meet locally with parents either at Highgate Library or another community venue (tbc) on Wednesdays. She can also meet people on zoom if they have an internet connection. They can text her directly on 07778 362086 or email positivefutures@hncp.org.uk to book an appointment. Justina will be on holiday from 21st August until the term starts again on 4th September. Justina has 3 small grants for any parent with a gas prepayment meter. Please contact her directly if you are interested.

Parents of boys with FSM (free school meals) will receive £90 of supermarket vouchers to cover the six-week holiday period. These vouchers will be sent via parental email.

I wrote recently explaining that the Governing Body intends to admit the first co-educational cohort to Year 7 in September 2024. We would like to hear your views by Tuesday 18th July on these proposals. Please email your comments to enquiries@sta.islington.sch.uk Alternatively, you can complete the form below:

<https://forms.gle/reCmhHHzdFMiyxB97>

I also write with information regarding the final week of term and the September return to school. A separate letter has been sent to parents of boys in Years 11 and 13 regarding the arrangements for exam results days in August. (17th August for A-level and 24th August for GCSE). The final week arrangements are as follows:

- Summer reports for Years 7-10 and 12 are now on Go4schools for parents to read. Reports will also be posted to parents shortly.
- End of year prize giving assemblies will take place as follows and boys will leave school at 3pm on the assigned day:

Wed 12th July – Year 7 / Thurs 13th July – Years 8 & 9 / Fri 14th July – Year 10 / Wed 19th July – Year 12

- **Wednesday, 19th July** is the last day of term and is a non-uniform day for pupils. **School will finish early at 12:00 for all pupils.** Boys will have usual lessons periods 1 to 3 with an extended break from 10:40 to 11:10.

DETAILS OF SUMMER ACTIVITIES PROVIDED BY ISLINGTON

Bookings are now open for Summerversity and Launchpad free events to keep your son busy over the summer holidays.

More details can be found at <https://www.summerversity.co.uk>

Details for the start of the 2023-24 academic year for Years 7-13 are below. Boys must attend on time in their correct school uniform (no trainers or hoodies) fully equipped with a school bag etc for the sessions below. Please make sure that your son is wearing black school shoes and a belt on his trousers.

SEPTEMBER REGISTRATION

Date	Year group	Time
Fri 1st Sept - Staff INSET day	Staff only on-site	
Mon 4 th Sept	• Years 7/11/13 Registration and Induction	11:30-12:30
Tue 5 th Sept	• Years 10 and 12 Registration and Induction • Full timetable Years 7/11//13	11:30-12:30 08:30-15:05
Wed 6 th Sept	• Years 8 and 9 Registration and Induction • Full timetable Years 7/10/11/12/13	11:30-12:30 08:30-15:05
Thurs 7th Sept	Full timetable for all Year groups	08:30-15:05

GENERAL REMINDERS

Your son must be on site by 08:30 at the latest. The gate closes at 08:30 and two or more lates in five school days will result in a two-hour late detention after school on Friday. Mobile phones are banned on school premises. If taken out on school premises, the phone will be confiscated for seven school days and the parent will have to collect it from the school's reception. Boys should not bring any valuables into school. Neither the Governors nor London Borough of Islington will accept responsibility for personal property brought onto the school premises or for the loss of any personal property on the school premises.

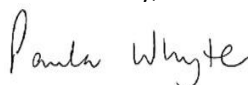
I'd like to remind you that you can track your son's progress, attendance, punctuality, behaviour and details of **homework set using 'Go4schools'** but you'll need a log-in to do this. If you need a logon for Go4schools please contact enquiries@sta.islington.sch.uk leaving your details. You can download the free app.

Please remind your son that he should not loiter around Archway travelling to and from school. He should avoid this area if possible, by boarding his bus after school either on the Archway road or at the top of Highgate Hill. Senior staff supervise the local area at the end of each day to ensure your son boards his bus safely.

Finally, I'd like to remind you that the next first Friday parental google meeting with the Headteacher will take place on Friday 8th September 10:00-10:30. You are all very welcome. Please email enquiries@sta.islington.sch.uk if you wish to attend and you will be emailed a link to the meeting.

I look forward to sharing our 2023 GCSE and A-Level results and our Year 13 university and apprenticeship destinations with you in September. I wish you all a restful and enjoyable summer break.

Yours sincerely,



Paula Whyte
Headteacher