

25th March 2024

RE: EASTER LETTER TO PARENTS

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are keeping well. I write to wish you and your families a very Happy Easter. It has been a very busy term with our **Years 11 and 13 pupils** preparing for their **Public examinations starting on May 9th**. All of these pupils now have their Public examination schedules and both pupils and parents should familiarise themselves with these in the run up to the Public examination season. I'm very pleased to share with you that 70% of our Year 13 pupils have a Russell group university offer (an elite group of universities) for Autumn 2024 subject to each securing his A-Level offer grades.

Easter revision in a number of subjects is being provided at the school for Years 11 and 13. Ms Kisten will write to parents with details. **All boys in Year 11 are to attend school from 08:30-13:00 on Tues/Wed/Thurs, April 2nd-4th and on Monday April 8th**. Boys will do supervised private study if not in a revision session on these dates. This is an excellent opportunity to help our pupils secure top grades in their forthcoming examinations. Please encourage your son to study hard over the Easter holidays balanced with exercise, good food and sufficient sleep.

Y10 students also need to begin preparations for their second GCSE Mock exam week beginning June 3rd/10th. Parents are asked to support home revision during the holiday so that boys are not leaving preparation for their Mock 2 exam to the last minute.

Boys in Years 10 and 12 also need to spend time over the Easter holidays finding a work experience placement for the week beginning July 1st. Please read an email sent recently to parents with details of free Easter holiday activities in Islington for your children. [CLICK HERE](#) for the information.

As the Spring term draws to a close, Years 7-8 will have a dropdown day on Thursday March 28th consisting of a session on emotional regulation, personal skills building and a presentation from Sky TV. Years 9-13 will have lessons as usual.

School will end at 1.30pm for all pupils as it is the final day of the Spring term. This is a non-uniform day for all pupils to raise funds for our Lenten charities (CAFOD, The Catholic Children's Society, Caritas Gaza). Pupils are asked to contribute £1 towards these charities on Thursday, March 28th.

From Wednesday, our food bank, sponsored by FoodBankAid, will be bulging at the seams with food, Easter treats, toiletries and kitchen items for our families. Parents are invited to call into the school this week (Wed-Thurs March 27th -28th) with shopping bags and to help yourselves for the Easter holidays. Alternatively, your son can fill shopping bags between 3.05 and 3.35.

The following are a few reminders as we start the Summer term on Monday, April 15th:

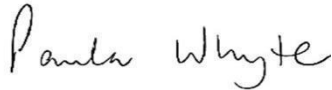
- Please encourage your son to visit his barber before he returns to school. Boys should be clean shaven with tidy haircuts.
- All boys are expected to wear black shoes as part of their uniform. Trainers are to be worn for PE lessons only.
- With the warm weather returning, there is no need for boys to wear coats and hats to school in the Summer term unless it is raining.
- Your son must be on site by 8.30am at the latest. The gate closes at 8.30am and two or more lates in five school days will result in a two-hour late detention after school on Friday.
- I'd like to remind you that you can track your son's progress, attendance, homework set, punctuality and behaviour 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.

- 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 elsewhere. Please make sure your son has a current oyster card to travel free on the buses.
- Finally, I'd like to remind you that the next first Friday parental google meeting with the Headteacher will take place on Friday May 3rd 10.00-10.30am. 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.

Thank you for your continued support. By working together, we can encourage your son to make excellent progress and to secure progression onto the next stage of his educational journey. Please encourage your son to attend the Easter ceremonies at your local church and to celebrate the joy and hope of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

I hope you have a restful holiday and enjoy the peace and blessings of Easter.

Yours sincerely,



Paula Whyte
Headteacher