

15th May 2024

**RE: MAY HALF TERM LETTER**

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am very pleased to share with you that we have re-submitted our application to go co-ed in Year 7 from September 2025 and that we are also progressing our application to join the All Saints Catholic Academy Trust in the near future. Numbers of applications to the school are increasing and we are very much looking forward to welcoming girls to Year 7 from September 2025. We are an inclusive school and we welcome pupils of all faiths and none.

Our recruitment campaign will begin in June when we will welcome Year 5 pupils to our school for taster days and it will continue into September and October with our Open Evening on Tuesday, October 1st, our Open Saturday on October 6th and our visits to primary school Year 6 transition events. Please encourage your friends and families with sons and daughters currently in Year 5 to visit our Open events above. They will be made very welcome.

Our May half term holiday food bank delivery from FoodBank Aid is expected next week and parents will be emailed with details. Please bring your own shopping bags as we don't provide these.

Our Year 11's and Year 13's 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, June 3rd. A separate letter from Ms Kisten will be sent to parents.

Please encourage your son to revise thoroughly over the half term holiday and to arrive on time daily by 8.25am fully equipped to sit his exams. Academic reports will be sent to parents at the start of July.

We had a lovely taste of warm, summer weather over the weekend and let's hope there's more to follow! Boys should wear their shirts, ties and blazers from Monday, June 3rd and they should leave their outdoor coats and sweaters at home. Your son should also carry a water bottle and refill it using the water fountains at school. Boys are to wear black school shoes; trainers are not allowed.

Year 10 boys will have a 'Present Yourself' day on Friday, May 24th organised by an external provider. This will give our Year 10's an opportunity to think about future careers and the personal skills required to be successful. Boys are to wear their usual school uniform for this event.

Please note that the school will close early on Friday, May 24th for the May half term holiday. Boys will leave on Friday, May 24th at 1.30pm after lunchtime. The school re-opens on Monday, June 3rd 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 July 1st, 2024.

Our next Headteacher's First Friday on-line meeting for parents will take place on June 7th from 10.00-10.30 am. A number of parents are interested in setting up a Parent's Association at the school. Please contact [enquiries@sta.islington.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@sta.islington.sch.uk) if you are interested in the above, leaving your name and contact details.

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to develop your son's gifts and talents.  
Yours sincerely,



Paula Whyte  
Headteacher

## SUMMARY OF UPCOMING EVENTS

| DATE       | DAY       | INFORMATION  |
|------------|-----------|--|
| 24/05/2024 | Friday    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 10 Presenting Yourself Day</li> <li>• Final school day before May half term break</li> </ul>                                     |
| 03/06/2024 | Monday    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students return</li> <li>• Year's 7-9 End of Year exams begin – 1 week</li> <li>• Year's 10 and 12 Mock 2 begins – 2 weeks</li> </ul> |
| 07/06/2024 | Friday    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Headteacher's First Friday meeting from 10am to 10.30am</li> </ul>  |
| 19/06/2024 | Wednesday | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 11 Sixth Form Induction Day</li> </ul>   |
| 24/06/2024 | Monday    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 12 Progression Week</li> </ul>   |
| 01/07/2024 | Monday    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year's 10 and 12 Work Experience – All week</li> </ul>  |
| 04/07/2024 | Thursday  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff Inset Day – School closed</li> </ul>  |
| 05/07/2024 | Friday    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sports Day for Year's 7-9</li> </ul>  |
| 08/07/2024 | Monday    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 10 Sports Day</li> </ul>   |
| 19/07/2024 | Friday    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Last day of summer term for pupils</li> </ul>   |
| 01/10/2024 | Tuesday   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open Evening</li> </ul>   |