

24th September 2024

RE: WELCOME BACK PARENT LETTER – SEPTEMBER 2024

I hope you and your families are well.

Our 2024 GCSE results were very strong once again as evidenced by our Progress 8 score of +0.52 compared to a Progress 8 score of 0.0 nationally. The average grade scored by our pupils across eight subjects (Attainment 8) was 5.2 which equates to a B- placing the school in the top three secondary schools in Islington for the second consecutive year. We are very proud of what our boys, their parents and our staff have achieved by working closely together. Our A-Level 2024 results were also very strong with 50% of all grades at A*/A/B. One of our students secured an apprenticeship with Bloomberg and 33% secured a place at a Russell group university.

Our parental and staff consultations on the school joining the All Saints Catholic Academy Trust (CAT) started on Monday, September 23rd and will close on Friday, October 18th. Please read the information on the school's website and spend a few minutes completing the consultation questionnaire.

We are also waiting to hear from the DFE regarding going co-ed in Year 7 starting September 2025. Exciting times ahead, please God!

It has been a very productive return to school for all Year groups, the boys are looking smart and they have settled back into routines and attendance is very good. Thank you for your support with that. All boys are expected to complete all of their homework on time and to a high standard so I ask that you check that your son is working hard at home, presenting his work neatly and completing all tasks set to the best of his ability. Details of homework tasks are on G4S (Go 4 schools). Every parent should have access to this app to monitor your son's attendance, punctuality, details of homework set and to his daily behaviour records. Please contact the school or email enquiries@sta.islington.sch.uk if you need help with this.

Please note that boys in Years 7 and 8 are not allowed to take part in WhatsApp group chats for safeguarding reasons. Parents are asked to monitor their sons' use of social media to protect their wellbeing.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

In these tough economic times, please note that free school meals are available to eligible secondary school pupils. Please go to the London Borough of Islington website. Your child may be eligible for free school meals and the school will receive additional funding, if you get any of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit

- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

If your family is in financial hardship and your son is in need, please email details to our enquiries email enquiries@sta.islington.sch.uk All responses will be treated confidentially.

IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP

DATE	DAY	INFORMATION
01/10/2024	Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12:00-12:15: All students in all year groups will be dismissed early at 12:00 to facilitate preparations for Open Evening. • 16:30-19:00: Open Evening for prospective Sept 2025 Year 7 parents. The school will re-open at the usual time on Wednesday 2nd October.
03/10/2024	Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17:00-18:00: Year's 7, 8 & 9 Curriculum Evenings – Students and parents to attend please.
14/10/2024	Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17:00-18:00: Academisation Consultation meeting for all parents - All parents are invited. This is an opportunity for you to ask questions. The CEO of All Saints Trust, the Chair of Governors and the Headteacher will be in attendance.
18/10/2024	Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 13:30-13:15: Early finish at 13:00 for all students for October half term holiday.
10/11/2024	Sunday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00-12:00: Our annual Remembrance Sunday Mass for past pupils who died during WW1 and WW2 will take place at 10:00 on Sunday, November 10th. Your families are very welcome to this Mass and to the wreath laying ceremony afterwards.

A vacancy has arisen for a Parent Governor to join the Governing Body of St Aloysius, please read the accompanying letter for more information.

You are very welcome to meet with me virtually at our monthly first Friday meeting (10:00-10:30) for parents. Our next virtual meeting will take place on Friday, October 4th. Please email enquiries@sta.islington.sch.uk for an invite. I look forward to meeting you.

With every good wish for the academic year 2024-2025.

Yours sincerely,

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