

1st April 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

**RE: EASTER LETTER TO PARENTS**

I hope you are keeping well. I write to wish you and your families a very Happy Easter.

The school was granted an Academy Order on February 27th by the Department for Education which is very good news for the school. The next few months will be busy as we prepare to join The All Saints Catholic Academy Trust from September 1st, 2025 and as we prepare to admit girls to Year 7 for the first time in September 2025. These are two significant milestones in the long history of St Aloysius College (founded in 1879). Exciting times ahead!

We are also busy preparing our **Years 11 and 13 pupils** for their **Public examinations starting on May 8th**. All of these pupils now have their Public examinations 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 33 % of our Year 13 pupils have a Russell group university offer (an elite group of universities) for Autumn 2025 subject to each securing their A-Level offer grades.

Easter revision in a number of subjects is being provided at the school for Years 11 and 13. Ms Kisten has written to parents with details. Please encourage your son to study hard over the Easter holidays balanced with exercise, good food and sufficient sleep to help him to secure top grades in his forthcoming examinations.

Y10 students also need to begin preparations for their second GCSE Mock exam weeks beginning June 2nd/9th. 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 June 30th.

Please read an email sent recently (11 x11) to parents with details of free Easter holiday activities in Islington for your children:

<https://book.plinth.org.uk/calendar/NYxYIFMJBj9bQ0EmPML7>

As the Spring term draws to a close, Years 7/8/9 will have a drop-down day on Friday, April 4th consisting of a session on emotional regulation, personal skills building and a presentation from a corporate company.

Years 10-13 will attend lessons as usual.

School will end at 1.15pm for all pupils as it is the final day of the Spring term. This is a non-uniform, football shirt day for all pupils to raise funds for cancer research and for our Lenten charities (CAFOD, The Catholic Children's Society, Caritas Gaza). Pupils are asked to contribute £1 towards these charities on Friday, April 4th.

Parents of boys on FSM will receive supermarket vouchers to the value of £30 (for each boy) to purchase food over the Easter holidays. These will be sent to parents by email.

The following are a few reminders as we start the Summer term on **Tuesday, April 22nd** because of the Easter Bank holiday on Monday, April 21st:

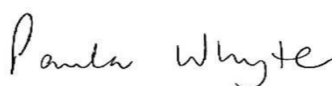
- All boys are expected to wear black shoes as part of their uniform. Trainers are to be worn for PE lessons only.
- With the warm weather returning, there is no need for boys to wear coats and hats to school in the Summer term unless it is raining.
- Your son must be on site by 8.30am at the latest. The gate closes at 8.30am and two or more late's in five school days will result in a two-hour late detention after school on Friday. Your son needs a swipe card to open the top forest gate into the school site. Please remind him to speak to Lorna in reception if he doesn't have a swipe card.
- Please encourage your son to visit his barber before he returns to school. Boys should be clean shaven with tidy haircuts.
- 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](mailto: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. Some boys don't have a ZIP card for free travel on the buses resulting in some bus drivers not allowing them to board the bus to and from school. Please take time to order a ZIP card on-line on the TFL website over the Easter holidays as it takes a couple of weeks to arrive.
- Finally, I'd like to remind you that the next first Friday parental google meeting with the Headteacher will take place on Friday May 2nd 10.00-10.30am. You are all very welcome. Please email [enquiries@sta.islington.sch.uk](mailto: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 Catholic church.

Wishing you and your families all the peace and blessings of Easter!

I hope you have a restful holiday and I am looking forward to seeing you on the next first Friday parental google meeting.

Yours sincerely,



Paula Whyte  
Headteacher

