

15<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Dear Parents,

**Return to school September 2025**

I hope you and your families are well.

Our 2025 GCSE results were very strong once again:

- The average grade scored by our pupils across eight subjects (Attainment 8) was **5.7**, which equates to a **B-**, placing the school in the **top 7% of schools nationally**.
- **41%** of all GCSE grades were **7–9** (equivalent to **A–A\*\***), compared to **19% for boys nationally**.
- **69%** of all GCSE grades were **5–9** (equivalent to **C+/A\*\***), compared to **49% for boys nationally**.
- We are very proud of what our boys, their parents, and our staff have achieved by working closely together.
- Our **A-Level 2025** results were also very strong, with *58% of all grades at A\*/A/B*.
- **46%** of A-Level pupils secured a place at a **Russell Group university**, which is a significant achievement.

I am delighted that our first cohort of Year 7 girls have settled in seamlessly and are happy.

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

Please note that pupils in Years 7 and 8 are not allowed to take part in Whatsapp group chats for safeguarding reasons. Parents are asked to monitor their child’s use of social media to protect their wellbeing.

**Some important upcoming dates for your diaries:**

Tuesday, Sept 16th 5.00-6.00pm	Years 10/12 Curriculum Evening	Pupils and parents to attend please.
Thursday, Sept 18th (4.30-6.30pm)	Open Evening for prospective Year 7 parents Sept 2025	<b>All pupils in Years 7-13 will be dismissed early at 1pm on Thursday, Sept 18th to facilitate preparations for Open Evening. The school will re-open at the usual time on Friday, Sept 19th.</b>
Tuesday, Sept 23rd 5.00-6.00pm	Years 8/9 Curriculum Evening	Pupils and parents to attend please.
Thursday, Oct 2nd 5.00-6.00pm	Years 7 Curriculum & Welcome Evening	Pupils and parents to attend please.
Friday, October 17th.	Early close for October half term holiday (2 weeks)	Pupils will leave at 1.00pm after lunch.
Monday, Nov 3rd	School re-opens after October half term	All pupils to arrive by 8.30am in full school uniform with full equipment

During these difficult economic times, eligible secondary school pupils may qualify for free school meals. Please visit the London Borough of Islington website to check eligibility. If you receive any of the following benefits, your child may qualify, and the school will also receive additional funding

- 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 [enquiries@sta.islington.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@sta.islington.sch.uk) . All responses will be treated confidentially.

Our annual Remembrance Sunday Mass for past pupils who died during WW1 and WW2 will take place at 10am on Sunday, November 9th. Your families are very welcome to this Mass and to the wreath laying ceremony afterwards.

You are very welcome to meet with me virtually at our monthly first Friday meeting (10.00-10.30am) for parents. Our next virtual meeting will take place on Friday, September 26th, 2025. Please email [enquiries@sta.islington.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@sta.islington.sch.uk) for an invite. I look forward to meeting you.

With every good wish for the academic year 2025-2026.

Yours sincerely,



Ms Paula Whyte  
Headteacher



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