



Friday, 15 July 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

End of Term – July 2022

We hope you are well and looking forward to enjoying at least some of the summer break together as a family. It has been a full and productive year. We are proud of our students and staff and applaud their hard work and focus.

This letter outlines the following important information about:

1. **Changes to the School Timings on Monday, 18 July and Tuesday, 19 July**
2. **Dates and Timings - Autumn Term 2022**
3. **Exam Results Days**
4. **Safeguarding over the summer holidays**
5. **Uniform and Mobile Phones**
6. **Changes to the Senior Leadership Team**
7. **Ofsted.**

1. Changes to the School Timings on Monday, 18 July and Tuesday, 19 July

It is very likely that the weather for next week will continue to be sunny with temperatures rising. As the government has now issued a Red alert for Monday and Tuesday, we have decided that we will close the school at 12.30 on each day to enable students and staff to get home before the hottest part of the day. Students entitled to free school meals will be able to collect a packed lunch before they leave school. Lessons will be delivered online for Periods 5 and 6.

Please make sure that your child brings a hat and water bottle to school and that they use sun protection cream. Students do not need to wear or bring in jumpers or blazers to school during this hot weather. We will also ensure that students have supervised indoor spaces during break times so that they can stay out of the sun.

2. Dates and Timings – Autumn Term 2022

We very much look forward to welcoming students back to school for the autumn term during the week commencing Monday 5th September. We will have a staggered start to the school year in order to ensure that all students make a really positive start.

Students will therefore be welcomed back as follows:

Monday 5 th September	Year 7 - 8:40am Main Gate and line up in the Year 7 Courtyard
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	Year 12 – 9:20am Back Gate
	Year 8 – 2:00pm Main Gate and line up in the Year 7 Courtyard
	Year 9 – 2:00pm Main Gate and line up in the STEM Courtyard
	Year 10 - 1:40pm STEM gate and line up in the STEM Courtyard
	Year 11 - 1:40pm STEM Gate and line up in the Amphitheatre
	Year 13 - 1:40pm Back Gate and straight to the Sixth Form
Tuesday 6 th September	All Years - 8:40am Years 7, 8 and 9 Main Gate Years 10 and 11 STEM Gate Years 12 and 13 Back Gate

3. Exam Results Days

Exam results days will be on the dates below during the summer holidays.

A-Level and Level 3 BTEC Results Day: 18th August

GCSE Results Day: 25th August

SFH6 Enrolment: 26th August.

On these days, students who wish to collect their results in-person should arrive to school between 8.30am and 12.00pm. Year 11 results will be available for collection in the Main School Hall and Sixth Form results can be collected in the Sixth Form Common Room. Sixth Form students with results from Forest Hill School can collect results in Forest Hill School Library on the ground floor. Students are not required to wear uniform to collect their results on either site.

All of our students have worked incredibly hard during their time at Sydenham School. We cannot wait to celebrate their well-deserved success with as many students as possible on these Results Days.

4. Safeguarding over the summer holidays

If your family requires welfare or wellbeing support over the summer holidays, please refer to our safeguarding guide for a directory of services which can be found here:

<https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1594294245/sydenhamlewishamschuk/mcbsf630z2ag8hrnssock/SummerSupportGuide.pdf>

If you have a safeguarding concern about your child or any child who attends Sydenham School, please contact the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) for the borough in which the child resides.

Lewisham MASH can be contacted on 0208 314 6660 or MASHagency@lewisham.gov.uk.



If you have an urgent safeguarding concern, please contact the relevant emergency service. If you have an urgent medical problem and you are not sure what to do, go to 111.nhs.uk or call 111. If you want to contact the police, ambulance or fire brigade, dial 999 in an emergency or 101 to report a concern or a crime.

5. Uniform and Mobile Phones

Please ensure all students arrive to school in full school uniform worn correctly including only wearing one small pair of stud earrings in the lower ear lobe if desired. If students have dyed their hair for the summer this needs to be washed out before they return to school in September. Students also need to be using only the Sydenham School bag.

We would be grateful if you could remind your child about the school policy regarding mobile phones before they return in September. All mobile phones should be switched off and kept in the student's bag while they are on the school site. If the mobile phone is seen on site, it will be confiscated and only returned after a parental meeting with the Headteacher. These procedures will begin again from the start of the Autumn term.

6. Changes to the Senior Leadership Team

We say goodbye to a number of colleagues at the end of this term and thank all of our colleagues for their sterling work throughout the year. We wish each of them every deserved success.

The Senior Leadership Team (SLT) will be reconfigured for September. The structure of these changes is outlined below.

Ms Gostling and Ms Quartey are both leaving at the end of this term to take up more senior roles. We have therefore taken the opportunity to rebalance the SLT by having two, instead of three, Deputy Headteachers and four, instead of two, Assistant Headteachers. We thank both colleagues for their excellent work at Sydenham School.

The new structure is as follows:

Ms Gloria Lowe – Headteacher

Ms Gill Pooley – Deputy Headteacher

Ms Emma Wijnberg – Deputy Headteacher

Ms Janet Emmanuel – Assistant Headteacher

Ms Eleanor George – Assistant Headteacher (newly appointed)

Ms Sarah Millar – Assistant Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead

Ms Allie Smart – Assistant Headteacher.



7. Ofsted

As families are aware, the school underwent a Section 8 OFSTED inspection on 21st-22nd June. We are awaiting the final report but would like to take this opportunity to thank parents/carers, students, Governors and colleagues for their role in the inspection process. Feedback from all our stakeholders was an invaluable part of the inspection process and we are grateful for your continued support of Sydenham School.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Lowe

Headteacher