



Friday, 14 July 2023

Dear Families,

## End of Term Year 11 – July 2023

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 congratulate them on their hard work and focus.

This letter outlines the following important information about:

1. **Vote of thanks**
2. **Prom**
3. **Exam Results Days**
4. **Dates and Timings - Autumn Term 2023**
5. **Safeguarding over the summer holidays**
6. **Changes to the Senior Leadership Team.**

### 1. **Vote of thanks**

I want to begin by congratulating Year 11 on the completion of their GCSE exams. A lot of hard work went into the exam period and we are very proud of the way in which students managed this challenging time. Year 11 demonstrated real maturity and independence by managing their revision and exam timetables in such a positive way. I also want to thank parents, carers, family and friends for supporting the students so well during the exam period. Your role has been crucial in helping students to stay focused and motivated. I wish Year 11 all the best on results day and hope that they achieve the outcomes they deserve and have worked so hard for.

### 2. **Prom**

We celebrated the Year 11 Prom on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2023. The theme was the 'Great Gatsby' and the Main school hall was transformed into a glamorous and stylish venue. The students had a lovely time with their Year group and staff. It was lovely to see the students arrive in their beautiful outfits, walk the red carpet and enjoy the festivity. I want to thank our Prom committee who gave up their Thursday lunchtimes to meet with Mr Husain (Deputy Head of Year) and Ms Nkrumah (Head of Year) to plan the Prom. The Prom committee also helped to raise £200 by selling homemade cakes and ice lollies. **Well done to:** Rose Williams, Naomi Blankson Wilson, Olivia Doctrove, Jumana Rakik, Priscilla Akutei, Esther Araromi, Suha Nazir, Sumaya Mohamed, Kandy Baker, Fisayo Amusan, Deborah Fisher, Angel Dike. I also want to thank all the staff who helped to set up the hall and prepare for the event. Finally, thank you to our DJ, Mr Howard, a parent of a Year 11 student who kept us entertained with great music and positive energy.

### 3. **Exam Results Day**



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

A-Level and Level 3 BTEC Results Day: 17<sup>th</sup> August 2023

GCSE Results Day: 24<sup>th</sup> August 2023

SFH6 Enrolment: 25<sup>th</sup> August 2023

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 Result Days

**Students who are enrolling into our Sixth Form, SFH6, will be sent an email on the morning of GCSE results day outlining the next steps they need to take to complete their enrolment for September.**

#### **4. Dates and Timings-Autumn Term 2023**

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

Details of when Year 12 students are back onsite on can be found here: [Start of Term](#)

#### **5. Safeguarding in 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.finalseite.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](mailto: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.

#### **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 Pooley and Ms Emmanuel are both leaving at the end of this term. They are long standing members of staff (Ms Pooley 31years and Ms Emmanuel 18years) and both will be very much missed. We thank both colleagues for their excellent work at Sydenham School. Families are aware that Mrs Lowe will be leaving at the end of this academic year and that Ms Wijnberg has been appointed as the new Headteacher from September 2023.

The new SLT structure will be as follows:

Ms Emma Wijnberg – Headteacher

Ms Hannah Coleridge - Deputy Headteacher

Ms Anna Siddell – Deputy Headteacher

Mr Mark Freakes – Assistant Headteacher

Ms Eleanor George – Assistant Headteacher

Ms Sarah Millar – Assistant Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead

Ms Sian Morrison – Assistant Headteacher

Ms Allie Smart – Assistant Headteacher.

I hope that you have a lovely and enjoyable summer break together. Please do take the very best of care.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Lowe  
Headteacher