



Friday, 14 July 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

End of Term Year 10– 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. Dates and Timings - Autumn Term 2023**
- 2. Safeguarding over the summer holidays**
- 3. Uniform and Mobile Phones**
- 4. Changes to the Senior Leadership Team**
- 5. Important Dates**

1. Dates and Timings of Autumn Term 2023

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 to ensure that all students make a positive start.

Details of when Year 11 students are back onsite can be found here: [Start of Term](#). They will line up in the Amphitheatre in tutor group order ready to be led into our first assembly of the year. The rest of the day will be spent participating in tutor activities and taking the final school photographs.

2. 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/mcbsf630z2ag8hrnsock/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.

3. Uniform and Mobile Phones



Blazers	These will need to be worn at all times unless permission has been given by the class teacher in the classroom to take it off.
School bag	Sydenham School bag only.
Socks	Black socks or tights only.
Jewellery	One pair of studs (not hoops). No bracelets, necklaces (unless religious) or rings.
Hair	Students' hair should be their own natural colour (no hair dye or different coloured additions)
Nails	No acrylics or coloured nail polish.
Mobile Phones	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 will need to be collected by the parent/carer the next day.

4. Changes to the Senior Leadership Team

We say goodbye to several 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 31 years and Ms Emmanuel 18 years) and both will be very much missed. We thank both colleagues for their excellent work at Sydenham School. Families are aware that I 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.

5. Important Dates

Meet the Tutor Evening: Wednesday 20th September.

This is an important opportunity to meet Year 11 tutors face to face where you will be able to discuss the year ahead with your child's tutor.

Year 11 Parents'/Carers' Evening: Wednesday 20th November.

Following the Parents'/Carers' Evenings 2023-24 Survey, all Parents'/Carers' Evenings will continue to take place remotely via Teams.

Some families will also be invited in for an additional meeting if their child requires additional support with their learning and these events will be referred to as 'Invited Parents'/Carers' Evenings – dates to be confirmed.

The first round of Year 11 Mock examinations will take place over a two-week period:

Week one: Monday 11th December.

Week two: Monday 18th December.

We would like to express our deepest appreciation for your constant support and collaboration throughout this year. We eagerly await the start of the next academic year, where we will continue to nurture and inspire your child to reach their fullest potential.

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