

19 July 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

## End of Summer Term and Start of Autumn Term – Year 8 into Year 9

Thank you for your continued support throughout the school year. It has been a highly productive one which saw the resumption of so many enrichment opportunities and activities.

Even though the last few days have been affected by the high temperatures, we have had so many events to celebrate: our busiest-ever Summer Arts Festival; DofE Gold camping expeditions; Year 7 House trips; onsite employability workshops led by the Army; and Year 10 Work Experience.

We strongly recommend that all parents/carers read the [weekly newsletter](#). It has key information for parent/carers and also celebrates some of the amazing opportunities and achievements of our students. We will be continuing this publication next year - we'd be grateful for [your feedback](#) to help us make it even better!

Please note that the Summer Term ends tomorrow - 12.30pm on **Wednesday 20 July**.

## COVID-19 Arrangements for next Academic Year

From September 2022, we will introduce a policy of **no face coverings** unless there is a change of national guidance on safety measures. Simply, the wearing of face coverings does not allow for the best learning interactions to take place in the classroom.

## Enrichment Programme

Enrichment activities remain available to our students on the [school website](#). We also recommend our extensive [online reading platform](#), where over 1,500 books can be accessed for free. Please do encourage your son/ward to visit the site and continue with their fiction and non-fiction reading over the summer break.

All students are also encouraged to access academic studies to refresh their learning and prepare for the next academic year. Online sites we would recommend are: [BBC Bitesize](#), [SAM Learning](#), and [Oak National Academy](#).

## Personal Safety and Support this Summer

We ask that you support your son/daughter/ward in staying safe over the summer. Some students will need reminding about how to look after their own mental health during the holidays. Our own website contains some [useful guides](#).

Also, evidence tells us that secondary age students, if not supported, can take more risks over a period where they are spending less time with adults. Please check in and make sure you know what your son/daughter/ward is doing, and ensure you track their phone and check what they are doing online. We recommend reading [this guide](#) about water safety.

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During the holidays, if you have a concern about the safety or welfare of your child, please email the safeguarding team at [safeguarding@isleworthsyon.org](mailto:safeguarding@isleworthsyon.org). A member of staff will be monitoring the account.

If there is an emergency call 999 or, for non-urgent matters that require police attention, call 101.

## Start of the Autumn Term 2022

Students starting Year 9 return on **Wednesday 7 September**. Students come in for registration at **8.25am** ahead of their start-of-year assembly. Their timetabled lessons will start period 2.

## Key Dates for the Diary

### PROGRESS & PARTNERSHIP DAY – FRIDAY 14 OCTOBER 2022

This is a chance to reflect on academic progress this year and discuss how the new academic year has started. Each family will be able to set an individual appointment time.

### YEAR 9 PARENT/CARER EVENING – THURSDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2023

An opportunity for parents/carers to meet subject teachers and discuss progress.

### KS4 COURSES EVENING – THURSDAY 16 MARCH 2023

Students and parents/carers can learn about our KS4 courses and the process for selecting their options.

## Appearance Standards Ready for September 2022

Any student in breach of the published [standards](#) at the start of term will, unfortunately, be sanctioned. This could mean that your son/ward may not be allowed to return to either school or lessons until the issue is corrected. Thank you for your support in this important matter.

## The School Shop, Uniform and Stationery

Our shop is fully stocked with school uniform, PE & Games kit, equipment, and stationery. You can view the items for sale on the [school website](#). Our 'New to You' programme has now launched, so that parents/carers can buy used uniform at a discounted price. You can read [more information about this scheme](#).

The school shop will be open on selected dates during the summer holidays. The shop is available **by appointment only**. Without an appointment, you will not be able to purchase uniform. Please make sure you book as slots do go quickly. You will be asked to select a timeslot and complete some details. Please only book one timeslot so that all families have the opportunity - if you have multiple children in school, they can all be done in one appointment.

To book your appointment, please go to [www.isleworthsyon.org/shop](http://www.isleworthsyon.org/shop), in the 'Book a Summer Holidays Appointment' tab. Appointments begin on Monday 25 July. Days that are unavailable for booking are greyed out.

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- Please bring your son/ward with you to your appointment.
- We will only accept payments by credit or debit card.
- We are an eco-friendly school so, if possible, please bring your own carrier bag.
- The shop will be closed from Thursday 1 September to Tuesday 6 September.

## Free School Meals During the Summer Holidays

Parents/carers of students eligible for free school meals will have vouchers issued in two emails, one at the start of the holidays and the second voucher on 15 August. The vouchers will be to the value of £3 per day.

If your child receives free school meals, they are eligible for a voucher for the Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) programme which will be running over the summer. We have issued each eligible family with a voucher which was delivered by email on Saturday 2 July. You can read about the [Holiday Activities and Food Programme](#) and see some answers to [Frequently Asked Questions](#).

## Staffing Changes

As is usual at the end of the Summer Term some staff are moving on, either for promotion, re-location, or retirement.

The most notable of these staff is Mr Ferguson, who will be retiring from the school fulltime after 26 years of dedicated service to our school community. While he will still be supporting the school in a remote capacity, we want to acknowledge his time with us as families will not see him around the school from September.

On this point, we cannot begin to outline the many, vast positive as well as transformational influences which Mr Ferguson has had on the school during his stewardship. He has maintained an extremely strong passion for putting students first - standing up to what is right for our school no matter who he needs to tackle behind the scenes to get the job done.

Our school community will always be indebted to his hard-working approach and, in particular, his eye for detail in all aspects of school life; no area has been too small or too large.

## Further Communications through the Summer

If we need to communicate further through the summer, this will be done electronically, so please do watch out for further information by email, on the [Twitter feed](#), and on the [school website](#). Thank you, as ever, for your continued support. Do stay safe over the break and we wish you all a very good summer.

Yours sincerely,



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