

18 July 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

## End of Summer Term and Start of Autumn Term 2023 Year 7 into Year 8

Thank you for your continued support throughout the school year. Yet again, it has been a highly successful year with students, first, showing a fantastic thirst for learning within the curriculum and, second, attending a plethora of outstanding enrichment opportunities. The Annual Review - which documents all of these activities - will be provided to all families on our Progress and Partnership Day (19 October); it stands to be a bumper-packed version.

After an excellent examination series, we have had few very busy weeks which we really hope have helped to create life-long memories. Some of these unforgettable, momentous events have included our fabulous Summer Arts Festival, DofE Bronze and Gold camping expeditions, a vast array of day trip events during Wider Learning Week, as well as Year 10 Work Experience. Remember, a great way to keep up to date with school and our achievements is through the [Isleworthian newsletter](#), published every Friday.

### End of Term

Please note that the Summer Term ends at 12.30pm on Wednesday 19 July.

### Reading and Student Enrichment during the Summer

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. Research suggests that students do suffer a learning loss over the summer holidays so, do encourage your son/ward to read daily over the summer and engage to purposeful activities.

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

## Start of the Autumn Term 2023

Students starting Year 8 return on **Thursday 7 September**. Students need to arrive at **11.00am** and go straight to the school hall. They will finish at the usual time of **3.05pm**.

## Key Dates for the Diary

### PROGRESS & PARTNERSHIP DAY – THURSDAY 19 OCTOBER 2023

This is a chance to reflect on academic progress during the last academic year and discuss how the new academic year has started. Each family will be able to set an individual appointment time; the normal timetable will be suspended to allow for these individual appointments.

### YEAR 8 PARENT/CARER EVENING – THURSDAY 25 APRIL 2024

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

## Appearance Standards Ready for September 2023

Any student in breach of the published appearance and uniform [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 enables parents/carers to 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 24 July. Days that are unavailable for booking are greyed out.

A few other notes:

- Please bring your son/ward with you to your appointment.

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- We will only accept payments by credit or debit card; no cash will be accepted.
- We are an eco-friendly school so, if possible, please bring your own carrier bag.

## Lost Property

All unclaimed lost property items will be disposed of at the end of this term. Mrs Jennings will be in school on Thursday 20 and Friday 21 July until 3.30pm - parent/carers are welcome to come into school on those days to look for lost items. If you are coming into school on these days, please go to the school reception and wait for a member of staff who will assist you.

## 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 1 July.

## Staffing Changes

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

Mr Dorris is returning to his native Ireland after 21 years of dedicated service to our school community. He has been an outstanding Isleworthian and had a significant impact on so many students, particularly those going on to study computer science post-GCSE and A level. He will be missed and we wish him our best.

A few other notable leavers who have been with the school for five years or more include Ms Durnien, Mr Samuel and Ms Bleau-Emmanuel. We wish them well and thank them for their dedication, commitment and passion; they will forever be Isleworthians.

## 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](#).

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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,



**Simon Fisher**  
Co-Headteacher



**Jo Higginbottom**  
Co-Headteacher