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Dear parents and carers,

### Re: End of Autumn term and arrangements for January 2023

As we end the autumn term, it gives us the opportunity to look back over the last four months and appreciate the hard work of all of our young people. From our youngest to our oldest learners, we continue to be inspired by their ambition and their commitment to always giving their very best.

This term we have seen many students take up the responsibility of being role models for other students. Many are doing this through their student leadership roles (Student Principal and Vice Principals, Prefects, House Captains and school council reps) or their involvement in mentoring schemes, reading support and running extra-curricular activities. Others are being role models by demonstrating outstanding attitudes to their learning - with exemplary attendance and behaviour, as well as working hard to make great progress in their learning. Celebration assemblies over the past week have recognised the many great achievements of our students, and I extend my congratulations to each of our students for what they have accomplished this term.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff across the school, who work tirelessly to ensure our young people are well supported and able to achieve their very best, as well as express my thanks to you, parents and carers, for your support and everything you are doing to ensure your child is set up and ready each day to do their best at school.

### Start of term arrangements – January 2023

We return to school on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January at normal school times**. On this first day we will spend time in the morning lesson reminding students of school ways of working and enabling students time to think about their goals for the new year and the term ahead. There are some things we ask you to do to ensure a smooth start to the term:

- ensure your child is in **correct school uniform and footwear**. Correct school shoes (not boots or trainers) must be worn. Uniform can be **ordered online**: <https://www.schooluniformdirect.org.uk/>
- **acrylic nails are not allowed in school** – please ensure these are removed by 9<sup>th</sup> January
- for secondary students, please ensure they have a **full set of equipment** (see student planner for equipment list)
- please top up your child's **Parent Pay** account for school lunches

We know that cost of living is high, and putting pressure on families. If you need **support** with purchasing school uniform, or if you would like to find out if your child is eligible for free school meals, please contact [office@sydneyrussellschool.com](mailto:office@sydneyrussellschool.com)

### **Exciting news for 2023!**

I am pleased to announce that, in the summer term, we will be moving to a new supply model for our school uniform and parents will be able to purchase school uniform directly from the school, through a new school shop. This will enable us to reduce unnecessary supply costs which will result in parents paying less for school uniform in the future. We look forward to sharing more details on this in the coming months. For now, please continue to order any items you need through the existing supplier.

We also have the **school production of Matilda** to look forward to! **Tickets are now on sale** through Parent Pay for performances on **24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> January** at 7pm each evening. Book your tickets early to avoid disappointment.

You can find the **full list of key days for the term ahead** at the end of this letter and on the website.

I know that, for many, this can be a difficult time of the year – particularly as we think of those who are no longer with us, or those whose health might be affecting them. I hope that, whatever the circumstances, you are able to benefit from some much-needed time for a change of pace, time with those close to you, and some relaxation ahead of the new year.

As ever, I hope not to have to disturb you during the holidays, but should there be any urgent update, this would be sent via Edulink, as well as updated on the website.

I wish you and your families a very merry Christmas and every happiness for the New Year.

Yours faithfully,



Clare Cross

Principal

**SRS calendar dates 2022-23** - Please note, additional events/dates may be added. Parents will be notified via the weekly newsletter, Edulink and email.

Date	Event	Time	Venue
<i>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January Christmas holiday</i>			
<b>Spring term</b>			
09 January	Start of term – normal school day times		
19 January	Y7 Parents' Evening	4.30-7pm	Secondary site
24 January	SRS Musical Show Night 1	7pm	Secondary site
25 January	SRS Musical Show Night 2	7pm	Secondary site
26 January	SRS Musical Show Night 3	7pm	Secondary site
06 February	Safety week		
09 February	Y11 Parents' Evening (2)	4.30-7pm	Secondary site
<i>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February Half term holiday</i>			
20 February	Return to school – normal school day times		
02 March	Drop Everything and Read (World Book Day)		
16 March	Y12 Parents' Evening	4.30-7pm	Secondary site
20 March	Primary Parent Consultations begin		Primary site
23 March	Y9 Parents' Evening & GCSE Options Evening	4.30-7pm	Secondary site
30 March	Y9 Options deadline		
31 March	End of term – school finishes at 12pm		
<i>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April Easter holidays</i>			
17 April	Start of term – normal school day times		
27 April	Y8 Parents' Evening	4.30-7pm	Secondary site
01 May	Bank holiday – school closed to all students		
08 May	Y6 SATs begin		
	GCSE & A Level examinations begin (exact dates tbc)		
<i>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June Half term holiday</i>			
05 June	Return to school – normal school day times		
16 June	House Cup Results Day		
27 June	Y13 Soirée (details tbc)		
29 June	Y11 Prom (details tbc)		
04 July	Summer Showcase	6-7.30pm	Secondary site
11 July	Primary Sports Day		Secondary site
	Rewards day – details tbc		
12 July	Rewards day – details tbc		
13 July	Ariston Awards Ceremony (by invitation)	6.30-8pm	Secondary site
14 July	Secondary Sports Day		Secondary site
18 July	Drop Everything and Read		
19 July	End of term – school finishes at 12pm		
<i>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September Summer holiday</i>			