

Date: 28|03| 2024

Dear parents and carers,

Re: End of Spring term letter to parents

It may have been a relatively short term, but it has been a busy one! I know that students, staff and families alike will be glad of the break. There have been many stand-out moments over the last three months which have showcased the very best of our school – with fantastic academic progress being made in learning, maturing attitudes to learning being demonstrated and continued high levels of student engagement in everything the school offers, we continue to be very proud of our young people and the desire they show to be their very best – keep it up!

The summer term is very important for every student in the school; each will have important assessments of their learning and progress, and for students in Year 2, Year 4, Year 6, Year 11 and Year 13 this will involve SATs, MTCs, GCSE and A Level examinations. It is important, therefore, that the next two weeks of holiday enable a balance of rest and, particularly for our older students, good use of this time to revise as they enter their final preparations for exams.

Students in Year 11 and Year 13 have been provided with a timetable for revision sessions which are running over the holidays. They should also make good use of individual revision time to maximise their success in the summer exams. With just a few weeks left of school for these students, every moment of revision is important.

Start of term arrangements – April 2024

We return to school on **Monday 15th April at normal school times**. As part of our start of term routine, we will spend time on this first day reminding students of school ways of working and enabling students time to think about their goals for 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:** www.srs-shop.co.uk
- **Primary children** can wear summer uniform if they wish (a green/white summer dress or playsuit, black tailored shorts – to be purchased from local supermarkets/stores e.g. Asda, Tesco, M&S)
- **acrylic nails are not allowed in school** – please ensure these are removed by 15th April 2024
- for secondary students, please ensure they have a **full set of equipment including a reading book** (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

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

It remains for me to wish you a restful holiday with your family and friends. As ever, should there be any urgent updates which you need to be aware of, this would be sent via Edulink, as well as updated on the website.

Yours faithfully,



Clare Cross

Principal

SRS calendar dates 2023-24 - Please note, additional events/dates may be added. Parents will be notified via the weekly newsletter, Edulink and email.

Date	Event	Time	Venue
<i>Monday 3rd April – Friday 14th April Easter holidays</i>			
15 April	Return to school – normal school day times		
16 April	Y9 GCSE Options Evening	4.30-7pm	Secondary site
19 April	Y9 GCSE Options deadline		
22 April	EYFS/KS1 “Book Look”	3.00-3.45	Primary Site
24 April	KS2 “Book Look”	3.00-3.45	Primary Site
25 April	Y10 Parents’ Evening	4.30-7pm	Secondary site
06 May	Bank holiday – school closed to all students		
09 May	GCSE & A Level examinations begin		
13 May	Y6 SATs begin		
22 May	Primary class photos		
<i>Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May Half term holiday</i>			
02 June	Y6 Residential trip (4 days)		
03 June	Return to school – normal school day times		
03 June	Y4 MTC screening (two-week window)		
10 June	Phonic Screening Week		
14 June	House Cup Results Day		
21 June	Y11 Prom		
27 June	Y13 Soirée		
01 July	Y10 A-Level Subject Taster days begin		

02 July	Summer Showcase	6-7.30pm	Secondary site
05 July	Inflatables Event TBC		Secondary site
08 July	Rewards trips begin		
12 July	Secondary Sports Day		Secondary site
12 July	Primary End of Year Reports to Parents		
15 July	School early closure (12pm primary, 12.30pm secondary) – staff training		Primary & Secondary sites
16 July	Primary Sports Day		Secondary site
17 July	Y6 Leavers' Party	4.00pm	Primary site
18 July	Ariston Awards Ceremony (by invitation)	6.30-8pm	Secondary site
19 July	End of term – school finishes at 12pm		
<i>Thursday 20th July – Friday 31st August 2024 Summer holiday</i>			
Academic year 2024-25 – Term dates			
Autumn term:			
2 September – INSET day (school closed to all students)			
3 September – start of autumn term for Y1-Y6 & Year 7 students			
4 September – start of autumn term for Y8-Y13 students			
25 October – school closed to all students and staff (start of half term holiday)			
<i>28 October – 1 November – half term holiday</i>			
4 November – INSET day (school closed to all students)			
5 November – all students return to school (normal school times)			
20 December – last day of autumn term (early finish)			
<i>23 December – 3 January – Christmas holiday</i>			
Spring term:			
6 January 2025 – start of spring term for all students (normal school times)			
<i>17 – 21 February – half term holiday</i>			
24 February - all students return to school (normal school times)			
4 April – last day of spring term (early finish)			
<i>7 - 21 April – Easter holiday</i>			
Summer term:			
22 April – start of summer term for all students (normal school times)			
5 May – Bank holiday (school closed)			
<i>26 – 30 May – half term holiday</i>			
2 June – all students return to school (normal school times)			
18 July – last day of summer term (early finish)			
<i>21 July – 29 August – summer holiday</i>			
<i>Term dates for 2025-26 will be published at the end of September 2024</i>			