

Date: 30|03|2023

Dear parents and carers,

**Re: End of Spring term letter to parents**

It has been an incredibly busy term and the students will be glad of the break, having worked hard since January. In celebration assemblies this week, huge numbers of students have been recognised for their academic progress, their exemplary attitude to learning, their outstanding attendance and their role modelling of leadership and community engagement. Congratulations to all the students awarded this week – keep up your excellent work!

The summer term is important for every student in the school; each will have important assessments of their learning and progress, and for students in Year 2, Year 6, Year 11 and Year 13 this will involve SATs, 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 support 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 2023**

We return to school on **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023
- 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)

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 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
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	Bank holiday – school closed to all students		
09 May	Y6 SATs begin		
15 May	GCSE & A Level examinations begin		
<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		
26 June	Y13 Soirée		
30 June	Y11 Prom		
04 July	Summer Showcase	6-7.30pm	Secondary site
07 July	Primary Inflatables day	4-6pm	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>			
Autumn term starts: Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2023 ( <i>term dates for 2023-2024 can be found on the school website</i> )			