



Parent Newsletter

St Mary Magdalene Secondary

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Dear Parent/Carers,

We have come to the end of one of the most challenging periods we have all had to experience. I write to you, to thank you all for all your support with home learning for our students since lockdown began in March. I know that it has been difficult and you will have experienced more pressure than normal.

We have been working on a new plan to enable all of our students to return to school in September and will continue to do so over the summer. Please do check your emails and the school website (secondary phase) towards the end of August for further information. For now, please note the following return dates:

Wednesday 2nd September: INSET day

Thursday 3rd September: INSET day

Friday 4th September: Year 7 full Induction day

Monday 7th September: Return for all students

Please note, the aim is for all students to experience a full learning day at school and for the timetable to be as close to a normal day as possible. We do however, have to ensure the school is a safe place for all students and staff, and as such we have put in many measures to reduce the risk of transmission and avoid any partial school closure. Our aim will be to keep whole year groups as close to a bubble as possible:

- Separate gate entrance for each year group
- Staggered dismissal time
- Staggered lunch time and separate outdoor space to be used for each year group
- All breaks to be held within classrooms
- Please provide a packed lunch for the first week (no fizzy/energy drinks) and the school will provide FSM lunches

All of the above will be provided in greater detail towards the end of August. This will be emailed to you and a text reminder will also be sent to ensure all emails have been viewed.

As always, if you have any queries or concerns regarding any of the above, please do email the school on:

info@koinoniafederation.com or romard@koinoniafederation.com

Short story competition:

Last week Year 7 and 8 were asked to plan and write an inventive and creative short story. English teachers chose the top submissions from their classes and Miss Geldart decided on a winner for each year group. Each nominated student is awarded an R3 and the two winning students will be given a £10 book voucher. Well done! We really enjoyed reading your stories.

Year 8:

- **Nwakanma Ezeoke – winner**
- Emmanuel Akinwunmi
- Tyree George Nugent
- Anu Solala
- Michelle Imafidon
- Divine Balogun
- Malven Ampofo Akoto

Year 7:

- **Nike Adesida – winner**
- Demar Temple
- Diandra Hewitt Watt
- Martha Walsh
- Seun Bankole
- Nele Voinilo

Message from the Chaplain:

*One of my favourite films as a child was The Sound of Music.
I still love the songs and especially 'So Long, Farewell'*

*The children in the film get ready to sing a goodbye song and they all do their own part in their own way.
Some want to stay because they are having a good time. Others want to go because they want to be going on to the next
place already.*

And some just want to say goodbye properly.

*This week we will say Goodbye to some people. And Farewell to others.
We will say to most – 'See you again in September' and be ready to catch up with Summertime stories.
As you say Goodbye this week, remember that God goes with you.
And as you wonder what everyone else is doing , remember God goes with them too.*

*This summer – Remember to give thanks for our teachers and support staff and our school as they pack up and prepare
for September.*

*Remember to give thanks for the time we had together this year and the times we will share soon.
And Remember that even when we are far apart, we are all part of one Family of Faith and a Fellowship of Koinonia
Students, Staff and Families.*

Have a great summer and God Bless You in the days and weeks to come. Amen

Let all that you do be done in love (1 Corinthians 16:14).

I once again thank you for all your support over the past few months and wish you a very warm and enjoyable summer holiday ahead.

Sincerely,

Mr R Hussain
Principal