



# Parent Newsletter

St Mary Magdalene Secondary

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Dear Parents/carers

Welcome back to all our students. I hope you all enjoyed half term and got to spend quality time with your children. In light of the Prime Minister's announcement on Saturday about a national lockdown in England from Thursday, we can confirm there will be no change for schools across the country and we will continue to provide all of our students full access to the entire curriculum as we have done since September. Whilst there are many differing opinions on schools remaining open during national lockdown, I am pleased that our students will not be missing any more time off school.

As always, a few notices:

### **Face masks**

Face masks must be worn by all students around the school building. This is now compulsory (unless exempt). Please ensure you send your child to school with a mask and please speak to them about why it is important to wear the mask. By next week Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November, students without a face mask may be sent back home to collect their mask.

### **Woolwich Town Centre incidents**

Over the last weekend of the October half term, a series of very serious incidents took place in the town centre of Woolwich. The Police are continuing to identify all young people, but unfortunately we have been informed that some students from St Mary Magdalene were involved. These incidents included lighting and launching fireworks towards members of the public and police. Students who are identified will be spoken to by the police and home contact will be made.

It has been reported that more mass-gathering will take place on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November. While the Police, will remain in the area and will send more units to patrol, we urge you to keep your child indoors and not to let them hang around after school. St Mary Magdalene have a prompt dismissal and encourage all students to go straight home. As the evenings are drawing closer, and with Covid-19 cases on the rise, it is important for their safety that once they finish school, they come straight home. We would appreciate it if you could reiterate the same message.

### **The following is a message from PC Mark Verrall:**

If groups of 6 or more are caught in Woolwich or anywhere in London they are in breach of Government rules. Furthermore, from Thursday as you will know, there will be a national lockdown so all students must go straight home. Any students not adhering to section 34 on the Anti-Social Behavioural Act may be liable to arrest.

### **Year 11 – Breakfast Self Study**

We are pleased to announce that from Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November we are inviting all year 11 students to join us for breakfast and self-study before school. We will be opening the main entrance at 8am and year 11 students are able to enjoy a light breakfast provided by the school. Students will make their way to a revision room from 08.10-08.40 where they will revise a subject of their choice. This is an excellent opportunity for your child to make the most of their time in year 11, especially as we work towards our mock examinations in December. Mr Lawrence (HOY), Mrs Pett

(Vice Principal) and Mr Hussain (Principal) will oversee these mornings and we hope to see as many students as possible. Please note that after 08.10 breakfast will not be provided but students are able to join in the self-study revision classrooms. At 08.20 students will be too late and will need to wait for their entrance to open and start school as normal. Students will have access to iMacs but will need to bring their books and revision resources with them.

In addition to this, the library will be open after school daily for study support from next Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November. Your child will know which day has been set for their respective year group. Year 11 will be able to access daily study support after school between 3.15pm and 4.15pm. This will be on a first come, first served basis with a daily sign up sheet found with Student Welfare. A full complement of subject-specific booster sessions at lunchtime and after school will also be offered from this week, as follows:

#### **Lunchtime booster sessions**

<b>Day</b>	<b>Subject and room</b>	<b>Subject and room</b>	<b>Subject and room</b>
Monday	RS, CS5	French, CS2	Spanish, CS16
Tuesday	BTEC Sport, LE3		
Wednesday	History, CS10	Spanish, CS15	
Thursday	Science, RD14		
Friday	Music, CH10	Food Prep, RD11	Computer Science, LE4

#### **After school booster sessions**

<b>Day</b>	<b>Subject and room</b>	<b>Subject and room</b>
Monday	Geography, CS13	Art, CS5
Tuesday	Maths, various L&E rooms	
Thursday	English, various C&H rooms	

Best wishes for the rest of this week,

Mr R Hussain  
**Principal**