



Parent Newsletter

St Mary Magdalene
Secondary

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I write to you to firstly wish you all a great summer, to provide a few more details about the week to come and provisional plans for September. As you will know, this Thursday is the last day of term for students as Friday 23rd July is an INSET day. The dismissal times for each year group are as follows:

Year 7 – 1230 dismissal
Year 8 – 1300 dismissal
Year 9 – 1345 dismissal
Year 10 – 1330 dismissal

As with a previous return to school after national lockdown, the expectation after the summer holidays is again to provide lateral flow tests for all students in school before the return in September. I will write to you over the Summer to confirm, however the provisional plan is as follows:

Wednesday 1st September – INSET day and lateral flow testing for Year 7 and Year 12

Thursday 2nd September – Year 7 and Year 12 return to school. Lateral flow testing for Year 8, 9, 10 and 11

Friday 3rd September – All students return to school and lateral flow testing at home resumes

Kooth

Kooth is available during summer holidays, Please see the attached documents for further information.

Parents of Year 11s

Please ensure you have read the letter sent home in late June regarding collecting exam results on 12 August, as well as information about the appeals process, which can be found on the ['Year group letters' page of the school website](#). Please note that the appeals form can also be found on the 'Year group letters' page of the school website as well as [here](#), and any appeals should be sent to Cathy Beaumont, our Exams Officer: examinationsofficer@koinoniafederation.com.

Work experience 2021/22

In the next academic year we are planning to run work experience (WEX) weeks for both the new Year 10s and Year 11s.

The dates are as follows:

Year 11 WEX week: 25th-29th October (half term)

Year 10 WEX week: 18th-22nd July (last week of term)

Please can you encourage your child to begin considering what they would like to do for their WEX, and thinking about whether any of their family and friends could take them on in their workplace. The new Year 11s WEX will be taking place in a school holiday to minimise disruption to their GCSE preparation, meaning that we will not be able to place any students within the federation. This makes this early planning and networking especially important for them. If you have any questions please contact Miss Botha (Careers Lead) via info.secondary@koinoniafederation.com.

Literature Quiz

As part of our Enrichment programme in the Library, students had an opportunity to represent SMM among other schools in our first virtual Royal Borough of Greenwich Literature Quiz. Students had an exciting chance to test their literature knowledge.

The RBG Quiz was a fantastic event and our pupils were awarded 2nd place; this is a great achievement for our school and we hope to take first place next year. Well done Gloria, Dandy, Gerald and Temi!



Maths competition

A huge congratulations to the following students; Wladyslaw Soroczywski, Eniola Oladimeji, Elizabeth-Rose Fakunmoju, Jaden Kuale and Divine Balogun, who recently competed in the Count on us Secondary Maths Challenge competition.

These students initially competed against 32 other schools in a bid to get to the finals. The team were successful and made it to the final round, where 12 schools competed for the top spot as the Secondary Maths Challenge winners. Although the team did not win, they made a noble effort in the competition, with the hosts commenting on how well they played. Well done students, you have made the school very proud. Additionally, a huge well done to the students who have consistently attended the Count on us Secondary Maths Club after school; your consistency and hard work has not gone unnoticed.



Yours sincerely,

Mr R. Hussain
Principal