



Parent Newsletter

St Mary Magdalene Secondary

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Dear Parent/Carers,

I write to thank you for all your support since we have returned after Easter and to wish you all a happy half term break. I would also like to congratulate our Year 11 students on completing a particularly challenging few weeks and in working towards achieving their desired GCSE grades. It has been a monumental effort both by students and staff and I would like to congratulate and thank all involved. This Friday is the last day of timetabled lessons for our Year 11 students. After half term, they will be completing work experience for two weeks before they return for a final, exciting, celebration and transition week.

As you will be aware, our school day always begins with Collective Worship; to ensure that none of this important time is lost, and as part of our wider drive to support students in developing good habits of punctuality, we are making a small change to our routines. As of Monday 7 June, students will be required to arrive on site between 8.30 and 8.35; any student arriving on the school site after 8.35 will be marked late and given a late detention the same day in line with our behaviour policy. I am confident your child will adapt swiftly to this small change, and I thank you in advance for your support.

Early dismissal Friday 28th May:

Tomorrow, students will be dismissed early. Please see below for dismissal times.

Year 11: 12.30pm

All pupils in Year 11 must be in their full school uniform tomorrow. There will be no practical PE lessons for Year 11 on Friday, so no pupils should be in their PE kit. Any pupils who arrive to school without their full school uniform will be asked to go home and change.

Year 7 & Year 8: 12.55pm

Year 9 & Year 10: 1.05pm

Parents Information Session: Kooth & Qwell

Kooth are running free online parent information sessions in June. Please see the attached letter for further information.

E-Scooters

The police and local authority are asking for school and parental support in regard to discouraging the use of E-Scooters by children and young people. Not only is there real concern around how some of these may be used in terms of road safety, many people may be unaware that the use of E-Scooters is actually illegal when driven in public places and on roads in London and the UK.

E-Scooters are classed as motor vehicles so riders must comply with various pieces of Road Traffic Legislation, including:

- driving with a licence
- driving/riding with insurance
- driving/riding other than on a road
- need to be taxed

If stopped using an E-Scooter illegally, the rider, even if a young person, could receive fixed penalties, penalty points, or even face prosecution. Vehicles are also likely to be seized and potentially destroyed.

Further information on E-Scooters can be found here on the [Met Police website](#).

Upcoming school dates:

Monday 31st May–Friday 4th June: Half term holiday

Monday 7th June: School re-opens

Monday 21st June–Friday 25th June: Year 11 Celebration and Transition Week

Friday 2nd July: INSET day – school closed to students

Wednesday 7th July: Year 7 and 12 induction day – Years 7-10 carry out remote learning from home

Thursday 22nd July: Last day for students

Friday 23rd July: INSET day – school closed to students

Mr R. Hussain

Principal