



Parent Newsletter

St Mary Magdalene
Secondary

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Dear Parent/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well. I would like to wish all our families a happy half term and I hope you all get to spend some quality time with your children.

Clocks back! Dark nights ahead

We'll soon be setting the clocks back an hour and summer-time will end. The resources below will help remind children, including teenagers, about road safety and keeping safe in the dark.

Teaching Road Safety: A Guide for

Parents <https://www.rosopa.com/media/documents/road-safety/teaching-road-safety-a-guide-for-parents.pdf>

CAT4 assessments

In the week commencing 8 November, Year 7 students will be taking CAT4 assessments; these will be used to enable the school to provide students with target grades and support in the process of placing students into sets

after Christmas. There are three assessments in total which will be completed on iPads; please ensure your child brings into school a pair of earphones/headphones on the day of their assessment. Please note when these tests will take place:

Monday 8 November: 7KHS

Tuesday 9 November: 7AGZ, 7JME

Wednesday 10 November: 7AHN, 7DOE

Thursday 11 November: 7LFK, and any other students who missed assessments

Parking

Parking on Hendon and Neal Street is not permitted - the streets are a through road only. Only staff who have been issued with a staff parking permit are permitted to park in the bays outside the school building. Paid parking outside the school is only valid after 6.30pm and before 6.30am. The Greenwich Peninsula Security Team and CPM have an active security camera outside the school building and will issue you a parking ticket if you are parked incorrectly e.g. on the pavement or on the grass verges. Please can we remind you, parking on the pavements and on grass verges is a health and safety issue as this limits access to the pavements for our students. The school cannot be liable for any parking tickets parents/carers receive as the Greenwich Peninsula Security Team issue the tickets and not the school. There is free parking in the IKEA car park or paid parking at the O2 or Holiday Inn. Thank you for your co-operation.

Parenting Smart (Place2Be)

The children's mental health charity, Place2Be, has launched a new website aimed at helping parents with typical situations they can find themselves in with their children.

Advice can be found on over forty topics including:

Understanding sibling rivalry

My child is lying, what does it mean, what should I do?

My child has trouble going to sleep

My child says 'I hate you!'

Cultural identity: who am I?

The Parenting Smart website can be found here: <https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/>

Prayer from the Chaplain

Heavenly God.

Lord of the harvest, of work and of rest.

Encourage us to seek refreshment in relaxation.

Ignite within us new energy and a fresh spirit.

And bring us safely back when the time is right.

We ask for your blessing - Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Upcoming dates:

Please see the below table with dates of upcoming events for the academic year. Information on how to book appointments will be given closer to the time so please look out for further correspondence.

DATE	MEETING
Tuesday 2nd November 2021	Covid -19 Vaccination (only students with consent)
Wednesday 24th & 25th November 2021	Flu Vaccinations (Year 7-11)
Thursday 25th November 2021	Sixth Form Open Event and KS4 Information Evening 5pm-6pm
Wednesday 1st December 2021	Year 9 options evening 4pm-6pm
Tuesday 18th January 2022	Year 9 Parents' Evening 3.30pm-6.30pm
Wednesday 26th January 2022	Year 11 Parents' Evening 3.30pm-6.30pm
Thursday 10th March 2022	Year 10 Parents' Evening 3.30pm-6.30pm
Tuesday 22nd March 2022	Year 12 Parents' Evening 3.30pm-6.30pm
Thursday 28th April 2022	Year 7 Parents' Evening 3.30pm-6.30pm
Tuesday 10th May 2022	Year 8 Parents' Evening 3.30pm-6.30pm

Yours sincerely,

Mr R. Hussain
Principal