



ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE



15th July 2020

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Dear Parents/Carers

We have been working hard in school this week on plans for a full reopening in September. Though things may be subject to change and we still have a number of 'loose ends' to tie off, St Joseph's College will be open largely as normal in September. There will be a number of adaptations that we will need to make to maintain a low risk environment with the cooperation of students, staff and parents. Everyone will have to understand that we will need to work together in order to keep each other safe. Students will have to be sensible about routines and hygiene requirements when entering classrooms and be aware that they are responsible for social distancing as much as possible. I am confident that we can make these changes with minimum of disruption.

Please may I remind all parents that you have a legal obligation to ensure that your son is attending school from the start of the autumn term. If a student has any qualifying medical grounds which will exclude them from returning to school, please can you contact your son's Academic Progress Leader (old HoY) before the end of the summer holidays.

Year Group	Name	Email addresses
APL Yr 7	Ms J Pemble	apl7@sjc.ac
APL Yr 8	Mr A Pavli	apl8@sjc.ac
APL Yr 9	Ms L Cameron	apl9@sjc.ac
APL Yr 10	Mr C Mbewe	apl10@sjc.ac
APL Yr 11	Mr D Nelson	apl11@sjc.ac
Sixth Form	Dr K Woodburn	apl6form@sjc.ac

There are many things we should celebrate at the end of this academic year, however everyone's current focus is on our plans for September and taking the appropriate steps necessary for us to reopen as safe as possible. These adaptations will always be subject to change depending on the latest government guidelines, but I promise you we will remain adaptable and versatile in our response to any given situation.

Adaptations for September

Start and End of Day:

- New start and finish times for KS3, KS4 and KS5. As follows: **(please see framework attached)**
 - Year 7, 8, 9, 12 & 13 **Start school at 8.15am** (students are to be on site at 8.10am)
 - Year 7, 8, 9, 12 & 13 finish school at 14.35pm
 - **Year 10 and 11 start school at 9.15am** (students are to be on site at 9.10am)
 - Years 10 and 11 Finish school at 15.35pm
 - Students to go straight home (no shops) and avoid public transport where possible

Teaching Groups from September:

- Year groups will be 'zoned' in the playground and any large spaces. They will have separate zones for lunch and catering outlets in order to keep year groups in their bubbles as much as possible
- To enable the creation of teaching groups across a range of subjects at Key Stage 3, your students may have moved class for one or more subjects



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- We will be offering a full curriculum for all students, but there will be adaptations made in practical subjects to ensure we are maintain a low risk environment
- We are introducing a one way systems around whole site
- Student desks will be desks facing front in all classrooms (where possible)

Uniform:

- Students who have PE for their first or last period will be able to come or go in their PE kit. If students are remaining in school, full school uniform will be required for the remainder of the day
- Full school uniform will be expected from all students
- Students MUST bring their own equipment as we cannot lend resources to students. Please check the equipment list on the website.

Catering:

- We are introducing staggered breaks and lunch times to reduce pressure in the canteen and café
- Catering will be offering a 'Grab and Go' menu which means that no plated food will be offered but hot food will be provided in other ways at break and lunch.

Hygiene:

- Hand washing as students arrive in school. Hand sanitising at the beginning of all lessons. The school buildings will be 'fogged' before students return – this gives active protection against viruses for 30 days on all surfaces. Fogging will take place again during the October half term
- I would like to ask parents to spend some time at home underlining the importance of good hand hygiene and students using tissues when coughing or sneezing (Catch it, Bin it, Kill it). I see this as the most crucial step in keeping our community safe from the virus.

Travel to/from school:

As previously mentioned, I would strongly encourage parents to think about how their son or daughter travels to school in September and **if at all possible**, find a way of coming to school that avoids using public transport. Please also keep checking the TFL website as free travel passes will not be valid for student travel in September, although this may change. Walking or cycling would be the best option, with the priority of owning a helmet and a lock but getting a lift from a parent or grandparent would be preferable to using public transport.

Start of Term - 2020/21

Tuesday 1st September	All staff in school for staff training
Wednesday 2nd September	All staff in school. Year 13 Exams start.
Thursday 3rd September	Year 7 in school; Year 12 Induction & Year 13 Exams
Friday 4th September	Years 7 & 11 in school. Year 13 Exams
Monday 7th September	Years 7, 10, 11, 12, 13 in school
Tuesday 8th September	Years 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13 in school
Wednesday 9th September	All year groups in school

***Remember Changed start times for Years 10 & 11**



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As we sit and look at the guidelines from the government and think about September, there may seem to be some insurmountable challenges ahead. But I know if we are sensible, work together, be a little bit creative and resilient we should be able to operate our school very much as normal in September. We will be keeping in regular communication with you as the term progresses and informing you of any changes we feel are necessary. From September, all our communication including reports will be via the MyEd app which you will need to download onto your devices. I know many of you have this already, but if not we encourage you to download it as it makes our communication with you far more efficient (***Please see more information regarding the MyEd app attached***).

At the end of every academic year, we say farewell and good luck to students in Year 13 moving onto university, apprenticeships and other opportunities. We look forward to celebrating your exam success with you in August and wish you every success in the future. To our Year 11's who will be receiving their exam results on the 20th August, we look forward to seeing you then and welcoming many of you back into our Sixth Form in September to continue your educational journey.

We also say goodbye to a number of staff who are leaving us this year. Most particularly to Mr Alex Smith who has made a massive contribution to the college as Director of Sport, Acting Head of Sixth Form and this year as Assistant Headteacher. We wish him and his family well as they move to the north of England. Furthermore, After 30 years of amazing service at St Joseph's College as Head of Art and Assistant Headteacher; with particular responsibilities for staff training, NQTs and teacher training, we say goodbye to Ms Diane Fryer who will be retiring this August. She will be greatly missed and we wish her the very best and a happy retirement.

Finally, thank you as always for your support during this very difficult period and wish you all a very relaxing summer break so that we can be refreshed and ready to return in September.

Yours sincerely

Mr David Garrido
Headmaster