

20th July 2018

Dear Parent(s),

End of term arrangements

We will finish at 12:20pm on Friday 20th July 2018. It will be a non-uniform day. We are asking that pupils pay £1 for the privilege of not wearing uniform. The student charity commission has decided that the money we collect will be donated to the Cancer Research UK.

GCSE Results Day 23rd August 2018

Results will be available in the canteen at our Upton Lane building from 10:30am to midday for Year 11 and from 11:00 am to midday for Year 10.

Staffing

You may have heard about teacher shortages and schools with unfilled vacancies for September 2018. We are not one of those schools. We are fully staffed with qualified teachers for September 2018.

First day back Tuesday 4th September 2018

School will start for pupils on Tuesday 4th September 2018

11.00	Year 7 arrive
12.40 – 1.40	Lunch for Year 7
1.30 – 1.40	Years 8,9,10 & 11 arrive
1.40 – 2.15	Tutor time
2.15 – 3.00	Lesson 5 (this will be a special lesson on our classroom expectations, pupils will only need to have pens with them).

Wednesday 5th September will be a normal Wednesday. That means pupils should arrive between 9:40-9:50am ready to start their first lesson at 10:00am. They will be dismissed at 4:00pm.

Term dates for next year

The term and holiday dates for next year 2018.19 can be found [here](#). Once again you will see that we have arranged things so that we can include two long weekends. The long weekends have been put at two points in the year where we have spotted dips in teacher attendance and dips in pupil behaviour. The November weekend is towards the end of a long term and the June weekend is at end of the GCSE exams. We have found that the long weekends help everyone recharge their batteries and help ensure teachers teach good lessons and pupils get the best from them.

Open Evenings

Our Open Evenings will be on Tuesday 18th September 2018 at Upton Lane and Tuesday 25th September 2018 at Grosvenor Road. They will run from 4:30pm to 7:30pm. These are events for parents of pupils in years 5 and 6 who are thinking of sending their children to us. If you know any such parents please pass the dates onto them.

Dates for next term

Monday 22 nd October 2018 – Friday 26 th October 2018	Half Term
Friday 23 rd November 2018	Long weekend
Friday 21 st December 2018	End of Term

Uniform

The School PE kit and all other uniform items are available from our uniform outfitters:

Fashion Shop 138 High Street North East Ham E6 2HT Tel: 020 8552 3200	Lucilla Limited 180a Cranbrook Road Ilford Essex IG1 4JA Tel: 020 8554 5133	Ian Howard 409 Barking Road East Ham London E6 2JT Tel: 020 8472 1729
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We have made two small changes. These will appear on the website in August.

Coats must now be plain black. Until the end of September it will be too warm to need to wear a coat over a blazer and so your children only really need to bring a light coat to school in case of rain. These coats should be kept in their bags.

Socks and tights must be black.

Your child must also have a sturdy school bag which is big enough to carry an A4 folder.

School meals and our cashless catering system ParentPay

Just a quick reminder that, from September, we are abandoning cards as a means of paying for food. On the first day of term we will give your child a PIN number which they use at the payment points.

You will still log on to ParentPay in the usual way to put money into your child's account (recommended) or use the cash top-up machines (not really recommended).

Free School Meals

The Government are making changes to the rules about who and who is not eligible for Free School Meals. We will be putting information out about the changes in September.

The summer holiday

Look on our website to see a link to some information on staying out of harm over the holidays.

And finally, I hope that you all have a lovely summer.

Yours sincerely



Andrew Seager
Headteacher