

Dear Parent/Guardian

Date: 11/12/2018

Re: Drop Down Day 2 – Monday 17th December 2018

I am writing to you to inform you of the second Drop Down Day of the 2018/19 academic year which will be held on Monday 17th December. Below is a brief overview of what each year group will be doing on **Monday 17th December:**

Year 7 – Arts Exploration: Pantomime – Lead: Mr Jarvis

The Performing Arts team are leading a day for pupils to explore the different arts-based subjects before attending the Stratford Theatre Royal Pantomime, *Sleeping Beauty!* Pupils will be walking to and from the theatre. **All** pupils will be dismissed from the Upton Lane building at **4:30pm**.

Year 8 – Reading and The Big Debate – Lead: Mr Corlett and Ms Tennant-Hayes

Year 8 pupils will be working with the English team to build on their debating skills before entering into a big debate competition within the year group. On this day we will also update the Reading Age scores of all pupils to allow us to check reading accuracy and fluency, and that all pupils are at the expected level.

Year 9 – Geography Field Trip: Regeneration of Kings Cross – Lead: Mr Leach

The History and Geography team will be conducting a field trip in the style of the GCSE exam requirements. Pupils will be exploring the regeneration of Kings Cross. Pupils must bring with them:

- A pen, pencil, rubber and pencil sharpener
- Full school uniform (including school shoes and a black coat)
- A packed lunch (pupils who receive a Free School Meal will be provided with a lunch)

Year 10 – Jack Petchy: Speak Out! Challenge – Lead: Ms Khan and Mr Javid

The Jack Petchy foundation are coming into Stratford School Academy to lead the Speak Out! Challenge. Pupils will develop their public speaking and speech writing techniques before sharing their speeches with their peers and the professionals, with finalists invited to take part in the Newham final.

Year 11 – Science, Maths and Literature – Lead: Ms Bhunjun, Ms Mahroof and Ms Murali

Science = Pupils will be completing core-practicals needed ahead of their GCSE Science exams.

Maths = Pupils will be completing a 'Grade Booster' session, focusing on key Maths and examination skills to ensure they can achieve beyond their expected grade.

English Literature = The final PPE of this series, pupils will be completing English Literature Paper 2.

Your child must arrive to school as normal for 08:35 and attend registration time. Year 7 are the only group finishing later than normal. They will be dismissed at 4:30pm from the Upton Lane building.

Wednesday 19th December:

On Wednesday 19th December we will be running a Monday Week 1 timetable. This is to stop pupils missing the lessons they have on a Monday Week 1 multiple times this year. This means on Wednesday 19th December, pupils need to arrive to school for 08:35 and will leave at 15:00. There will not be a late start/finish on this day.

Yours sincerely,



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