

24<sup>th</sup> July 2019

Dear Parent(s),

### End of term arrangements

We will finish at 12:20pm on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2019. Pupils will be expected to come to school in their full uniform. There are two reasons for asking pupils to wear their uniform:

1. We have noticed that when pupils are not in uniform they don't focus on their lessons so well.
2. We have found out that some parents are put under pressure to buy their children new clothes and trainers for the day – something we do not want.

### GCSE Results Day 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2019

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

### End of Year Exam Results (PPEs)

All our pupils have now sat their end-of-year exams (PPEs). Over the summer holidays, we will be preparing the next set of report cards to send out at the beginning of September. These will report pupils results as GCSE grades. Why aren't we sending the cards out at the end-of this year?

Because, by the time we have all the pupils who missed an exam to sit it and their teacher to mark it, there is not enough time left to process the reports and issue before the end of term. And, we also think it's better that, as a parent, you get the card at a time when, if there is anything you want to talk to us about, we are around. So issuing the reports in early September is best.

### Staffing

You may have heard about teacher shortages and schools with unfilled vacancies for September 2019. We are not one of those schools. We are fully staffed with qualified teachers for September 2019.

### First day back Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019

School will start for pupils on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019

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).

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September will be a normal Tuesday. That means pupils should arrive between 8.30am – 8.40am ready to start their first lesson at 9.00am

### Term dates for next year

The term and holiday dates for next year 2019.20 are [here](#). Once again, you can see that we have

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arranged things to include two long weekends. The long weekends have been put at two points in the year where we have spotted spikes in teacher sickness 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 our teachers teach good lessons and our pupils get the best from them.

### Open Evenings

Our Open Evenings will be on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at Upton Lane and Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2019 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 21st October 2019 – Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2019	Half Term
Friday 22nd November 2019	Long weekend
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	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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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 – recently we have noticed quite a few pupils here and at other schools are wearing white socks.

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

### 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



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Headteacher