



Parent Communications

Date: 18 December 2020

Message from the Principal



Dear Parents & Carers,

We're busy putting the testing centre together here today. My motivation is to get everyone tested as quickly and smoothly as possible so we can get everybody back without too much fuss.

The details are still coming in, but essentially this is what you need to know now;

- Only years 11 and 13 should come in during the first week back. (January 5th)
- Key worker children and vulnerable students (Key Worker Academy students) can come back too and there will be provision for you [KWA Register here](#). Everybody else, your learning will continue online with a combination of Live Lessons and Google Classroom. Just the same as we did during lockdown. Year 7, a training email will be sent to you so you know what to do. We're aiming to provide the normal timetable virtually.
- We will use the first week to start testing year group by year group. I will send you all the details about this on January 4th, including details around consent, what the test entails etc. Students (except the ones mentioned above) will come in for a test and then go home to continue with online learning.

A programme and booking information will be sent out on January 4th, so please look out for that and book a testing slot.

My aim is to work through the whole school by Friday 9th so we can get back to normal on Monday 11th

In the meantime, with regard to the coming days please do report any confirmed cases to us using the enquiries email enquiries@srwa.woodard.co.uk and we in turn will let any close contacts that need to isolate know by email.

While everybody will have a million questions about the above, I'm confident the information we send on January 4th will cover the answers to most questions. There is some more information here from the department of education and a lot more coming in.

It's a very busy end to what has been a challenging year. While for so many it has been awful I am taking solace from the way colleagues continue to support each other at the Academy and the support we have received from the community. Have a great Christmas and a Happy New Year .

Kieran Scanlon

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Key Dates

Date and Time	Year group	Event	Notes
Friday 18 December, 7.00-8.00pm	Everyone	“Christmas Unmasked” Online Virtual Performance	Drama, dance and music Performance
Friday 18 December, 12.45pm	All Year Groups	12.45pm end of school term	SRWA Performing Arts Channel
Monday 4 January 2021	All Year Groups	INSET DAY	No school
Wednesday 13 and Thursday 14 January	Year 8	Year 8 Parents' Evening	Online Booking System

Year 8 Parents' Evening

Year 8 Parents' Evening will be held across two evenings, 13 and 14 January. It will be held with video meetings online through our usual parents' evening booking system. For some families this will be the first parents' evening with us.

Booking opens today. A separate email with full details of signing in, booking appointments and using the system will be sent to all year 8 parents today. These evenings are always popular, so we encourage parents to book early.

Face Coverings in the Canteen

Please note that from January it will be mandatory for every student to wear a face covering when going through the canteen, except for those who are exempt due to a medical condition. If your child is exempt, please ensure they obtain an exemption card from their PSO/Chapter office.

Ofsted Parentview - on SRWA Website

We would love to have your feedback about the Academy. You can leave your comments here:

[Ofsted Parent View](#)

Year 11 Handbook

Our year 11 handbook is available for you to download and view from our website. It contains information about the entire year 11 curriculum, as well as useful information and advice for parents to support their child as they work towards their exams.

[Year 11 Handbook](#)

W6 Applications

Over the past two weeks we have been holding online interviews for all year 11s who have applied to W6 Sixth Form here at SRWA. It has been a pleasure to discuss their aspirations and interests. Interviews will continue in January.

There is still time to apply. Full information about all our subjects at W6 can be found here:

[W6 Subjects](#). Applications can be made online here: [W6 Applications](#).

Chelsea College Academy

On Friday 8 January, Chelsea FC Foundation will be hosting a College Academy trial for all year 11 boys. For those interested in attending this **free** opportunity, please contact Tom Atkinson on tatkinson@srwa.co.uk.

Successful students will be able to join our full time football programmes in the sixth form, as well as just joining the Chelsea Squad. Students interested can also read about the [Chelsea Foundation football academy at W6 here](#).

6 Days Test and Trace during the Christmas Holidays

Please see the following guidance from the DfE, containing information and relevant arrangements regarding positive cases of coronavirus, during the Christmas holidays:

- Where a student or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, the school should not be contacted. Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

- For the first 6 days after teaching ends, if a student or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, the school is asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school.
- School staff are not asked to conduct any contact tracing more than 6 days after the final day of teaching. For instance, where the last teaching day is on Friday 18 December, there should be no student contact tracing beyond Thursday 24 December.

Where pupils are required to self-isolate due to contact with a positive case after the first 6 days following the end of term, schools do not need to be informed about their absence until the first day of the new term.

For the first 6 days after the end of term, schools are not asked to be on-call at all times. Staff responsible for contact tracing may designate a limited period in the day to receive notification of positive cases and advise close contacts to self-isolate (this can be done by text or email).

For SRWA, this will be between 9.00am-11.00am from 19 December until 24 December, via the main email: enquiries@srwa.woodard.co.uk. Any notification of a positive case after 11.00am will be dealt with the next day.

Public Health England guidance states that for most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

If your child does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from the nhs.uk website <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms>

If you are concerned about your child's symptoms, or they are worsening you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://111.nhs.uk/> or by phoning 111.

Further information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Leaving SRWA

Carol Luxford

This term we say goodbye to Carol Luxford, Carol joined Boundstone as a Welfare Assistant on 6 December 1993, so has clocked up 27 years of service! She remained supporting individual students with Educational Needs Health Care Plans for the next 10 year period between 1993-2003.

In September 2003, Carol was given a role in the SEND department as a Learning Support Assistant. In 2009 when Boundstone became SRWA, Carol was moved to a Senior Teaching Assistant role which became a Higher Level Teaching Assistant role in 2014 and was renamed 'Lead HLTA Humanities' in April 2019.

Carol has had various role title changes over the years, all on the same theme of supporting students with Special Educational Needs. She has had a huge impact on individuals within the Lancing, Sompting and Shoreham communities and we wish her the very best in her retirement.

Kelvin Coburn

We are also saying goodbye to Kelvin Coburn, Deputy Site Manager, who joined the Academy on

4 January 2011. After almost 10 years to the day, Kelvin is leaving for a Manager position in another academy. We wish him every success in his new role, and thank him for his support and dedication over the last 10 years.

Friends of SRWA

The Friends of SRWA are having their AGM on Thursday 28 January at 7.00pm to be held via Zoom. Should you wish to join the meeting please send an email to: friends@srwa.woodard.co.uk - you will then be sent login details, copies of the agenda and last year's minutes nearer the time. Parents/carers will also have the opportunity to become committee members or if they wish, to put themselves forward as officers - ie Chair, Secretary or Treasurer.

Accessing Support over Christmas

ChatHealth Service

As the Christmas holidays arrive, we'd like to remind you about ChatHealth, the NHS school nurse messaging service which is available to all students at the Academy. This service for young people in West Sussex is part of a unique, multi-award winning NHS scheme, which has been highly acclaimed by service users and NHS officials for improving access to healthcare. This service is still there to help, even during the Christmas holidays, their opening hours are 9.00am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday, except Christmas Day, Monday 28 December and New Year's Day when the service will temporarily close. Text 635434 or go to chathealth.nhs.uk.



FindItOut+ Service

Mental Health support services for young people can still be accessed over the Christmas period and the following information has come from the FindItOut+ service.



CRISIS SERVICES

- Call Sussex Mental Healthline on 0300 500 0101
- Go to A&E or call 999

NON-CRISIS SERVICES

- Speak to your GP or call 111 (for physical and/or mental health concerns)
- Call the Early Help Duty Line for advice from Early Help: 0330 222 8077
 - Find online resources via e-wellbeing: <https://e-wellbeing.co.uk/>
 - Call The Mix (for general support) on 0808 808 4994
- Call Papyrus Hopeline (for help with suicidal feelings) on 0800 068 4141

TEXT SERVICES

- TEXT: THE MIX to 85258 (for general support)
- TEXT: SHOUT to 85258 (for help with self-harm)
- TEXT: PYPYRUS to 07860 039967 (for help with suicidal feelings)

Staying Safe Near the Railway

Due to the high level of trespassing on the tracks by young people in our local area, Network Rail have asked us to help raise awareness in our students of the dangers of the train tracks.

We would ask that you think about taking the opportunity to share the relevant safety video with your children as you see fit - the Christmas holidays is one of the main periods that Network Rail consistently sees a spike in trespassing and 15 minutes can help save lives and provide important safety information to young people.

To watch the free safety video, just enter the email railsafety@learnliveuk.com when you first watch the video: <https://learnliveuk.com/network-rail-secondary-school-safety-talk/>

There is also a primary aged version here:

<https://learnliveuk.com/network-rail-primary-school-safety-talk/>

Road Safety

You may be aware that there was a road traffic accident outside the Academy a couple of weeks ago, involving a minibus from another school and four academy girls in Year 8. Thankfully, no-one was seriously injured and all of those involved are doing well.

This serves as a harsh reminder of how important road safety is, particularly in Upper Boundstone Lane where parking and flow of traffic can be difficult. Please can we remind you that there is **no stopping or parking on the yellow 'keep clear' signs directly outside the Academy gates. This area is marked for the safe crossing of students at the beginning and end of the day.** We thank you for your cooperation with this.

Shoreham Pop Up Cycle Lanes

The temporary Shoreham Pop Up Cycle Lanes were due to be removed this week, but this has now been postponed until the new year due to operational issues.

Christmas Card Competition

Congratulations to Harriet Dryer in Year 8, whose Christmas card design was chosen for the Academy card this year. A further winning design was chosen to be used by the Woodard Academies Trust for their internal Christmas cards, and the winner of this was Brooke Hyland-Krafft in Year 7.



SRWA Christmas card design - winner Harriet Dryer, Year 8

