



Parent Communications

Date: 3rd September 2021

Message from the Principal



Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope this letter finds you and your families well. As I write we are in the middle of our in-service training at school and I have to say there is a good buzz in the staff room. The site looks great and we're definitely ready for our students to return. A massive welcome to our year 7 families, exciting times and I dare say a few nerves, but they will settle in quickly and we are ready to support you if there are any issues.

Some information below regarding Lateral Flow Testing, which will commence next week in line with the guidance. As always we'll continue to follow the rules with a healthy dose of common sense. I include a link here for those of you that find comfort in the detail. [DFE](#)

[GUIDANCE](#) No doubt things will change again, but we'll do our best to ensure our students have a really productive and enjoyable year.

The theme of the year ahead is 'high performance'. What does high performance mean to our community, our students and our colleagues? I hope it's a question that we try to answer together over this coming year and that we can build on our momentum to challenge and support each other to be the best that we can be. We have enjoyed great support from the community in recent times. Please feel free to challenge us over the year ahead, your feedback is very welcome and does make a difference.

And finally, congratulations to all of our examination classes! The results were fantastic, with pretty much all of our year 13 students getting their first choice of university place. Well done to Morgan Sadler who is joining an ever growing number of W6 pupils now studying at Oxford. It's a great achievement and it was wonderful to see them all doing so well. Our sixth form has very quietly become a real centre of excellence in recent years and something that we all should be very proud of.

Enjoy the last weekend of the summer break, we will continue to write to you fortnightly with updates.

All the best,

Kieran

Sad news

Since putting the bulletin together I have received the very sad news that our Chair of Academy Council David Simmons, has passed away. Dave was a great supporter of the Academy since joining in 2013. He knew the Academy inside out and played a big part in its improvement journey. He was very generous with his time; he was wise and he was fearless. I shall personally miss him a great deal. We will include further details in our next bulletin if you wish to pay your respects or make a charitable donation in his memory.

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Key Dates

Date and Time	Year group	Event	Notes
Monday 6th September	Year 7, 12 and 13	School returns for year 7, 12 and 13 Students	Arrive for 08:50
Tuesday 7th September	All year groups	School returns for all students	Years 7, 8, 9 and 12 arrive for 08:50 Years 10 and 11 arrive for 09:30 Year 13 arrive for 10:00
Wednesday 15th September	All year groups	Meet The Tutor Evening	Online event on our parents evening system to meet the year group team and tutors. 17:00 - 18:00 More details to follow

PE Uniform

Remember, that as we are no longer required to maintain social distancing and year group bubbles in school, we will be expecting all students to be in full uniform and to bring PE kit with them to change into for their PE lessons. Please support your child in ensuring they attend the Academy in full uniform each day, and that they also have the correct PE kit for their lessons.

Meet The Tutor Evening

We are delighted that we are back in the position of having full tutor groups, tutors and our new heads of year. Therefore, on the evening of Wednesday 15th September, we are hosting an online “Meet the Tutor” evening. This will be a chance to get to know the year group team better, and touch base with those staff who will be the first port of call for you and your child. There will be events for each year group over the evening.

There will be a welcome video from each year group team, and an opportunity for you to book an appointment with your child’s tutor to get to know them and to share any information you believe will help them support your child in their journey at SRWA.

Full details about this event will go about separately in the coming days, including how to join the online event.

Update details of contacts for year groups.

A reminder to all parents that our pastoral system is changing this year. We wrote to parents in July with details of the students' new Head of Year, Pastoral Support Officer and tutor group and we are excited about the new change.

A reminder of the key contact details of each year group can be found below.

Key Pastoral Support Contact List

Year/Area	Role	Name	Email
Year 7	PSO	Val Westgate	vwestgate@srwa.woodard.co.uk
Year 7	Head of Year	Deb Barr	dbarr@srwa.woodard.co.uk
Year 7	Chapter Head	Harry Scantlebury	hscantlebury@srwa.woodard.co.uk
Year 8	PSO	Tracy Smart	tsmart@srwa.woodard.co.uk
Year 8	Head of Year	Dave Phillips	dphillips@srwa.woodard.co.uk
Year 8	Chapter Head	Mel English	menglish@srwa.woodard.co.uk
Year 9	PSO	Helen McDonald	hmcdonald@srwa.woodard.co.uk
Year 9	Head of Year	Henri Heery	hheery@srwa.woodard.co.uk
Year 9	Chapter Head	Mark Fox	mfox@srwa.woodard.co.uk
Year 10	PSO	Kerry Ramshaw	kramshaw@srwa.woodard.co.uk
Year 10	Head of Year	Charlotte Earl-Novell	cearl-novell@srwa.woodard.co.uk
Year 10	Chapter Head	Simon Davies	sdavies@srwa.woodard.co.uk
Year 11	PSO	Claire Smith	csmith@srwa.woodard.co.uk
Year 11	Head of Year	Sarah Miller	smiller@srwa.woodard.co.uk
Year 11	Chapter Head	Eber Kington	ekington@srwa.woodard.co.uk
W6	W6 Pastoral	Anne Morley	amorley@srwa.woodard.co.uk
W6	W6 Director	Jane Everett	jeverett@srwa.woodard.co.uk
W6	Chapter Head	Mark Monahan	mmonahan@srwa.woodard.co.uk
Safeguarding	DSL	Eber Kington	dsl@srwa.woodard.co.uk
Chaplaincy	Chaplain	Paul Sanderson	psanderson@srwa.woodard.co.uk

Breakfast Club

We are pleased to announce that we are restarting our Breakfast Club this academic year. Breakfast club is available for all pupils at SRWA and will start at 8.15am each school day. Students can enter through the main reception to sign in. The library will be open from 8.30am.

If you would like your child to attend Breakfast Club please complete the sign up sheet below, indicating the days required.

PLEASE NOTE - breakfast club will not start until week beginning 13th September due to COVID testing.

[Breakfast club Autumn term 2021 - sign up](#)

SRWA Coach / Swiftpay

Thank you for your patience whilst we have been switching our online payment system from Wisepay to Swiftpay.

There are still some manual balance transfers to be posted to the system; this will be done by the Finance Manager upon her return from annual leave next week. Please rest assured that any monies paid via Wisepay have been received into our bank account and will show on your Swiftpay account next week.

If you have requested a place for your child on the SRWA private coach service but have not yet been able to make payment, then please be assured that your child/ren will still be able to use the coach service from Monday. As soon as the Swiftpay account for coach payments is active, you will receive a further email to make payment and will have 7 days to do so. Your child/ren will be able to use the coach during this time, whilst we receive payments in.

If you have not requested a place for your child on the SRWA private coach service and wish to go on the waiting list, please contact the Office Manager by email jdownes@srwa.co.uk. Please note that all available spaces have currently been allocated, but changes are often made at the start of term and we will review this in 2 weeks time.

Please note that if you are eligible for free school transport and did not request a place on the coach before the end of the last academic year, then you will have likely received a train pass from WSCC. We are unable to change this at present as there are no further available spaces to be allocated. However, if you send your details to the Office Manager, as above, you may go on the waiting list for an available space and we will contact you if one becomes available.

Please note that all children who have been allocated a place on the coach will be given a bus pass next week, but the names have been given to the drivers so there will be no delay in your child using the coach from Monday.

Stacey Bull (Head of Operations)

Links to August COVID guidance

As noted in Mr Scanlon's message above, you can find the full details of the DfE's COVID guidance for schools. [DfE GUIDANCE](#)

There is also a helpful guide produced by the NHS which gives easy to digest information about the return to secondary school for students. We have a copy of it on our website: [NHS What you need to know](#).

Reminder: Permissions and COVID Testing in Arbor

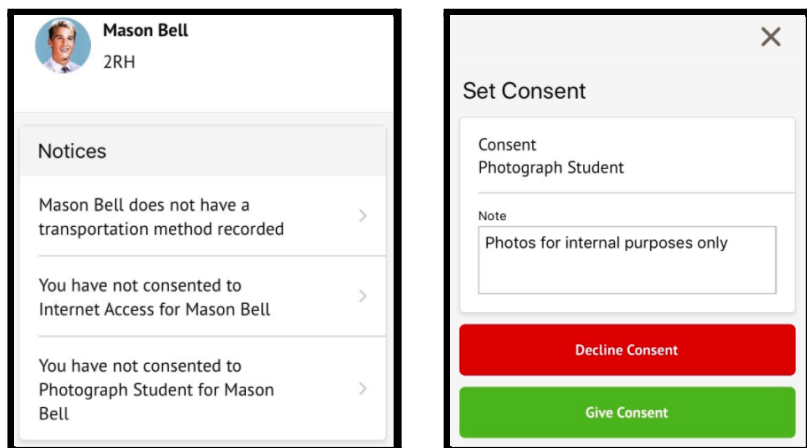
As per the latest DfE guidance, we will need to resume the process of in-school COVID testing. To be able to do this, we need your consent.

We use Arbor to collect all permissions and consents. If you have not given consent yet for your child to be tested in school, please sign in here: [Arbor](#)

If you have issues signing in or accessing Arbor you can also [find help guides here](#).

Once you sign in, you will see a Notices section with details of messages and consents for you to action. Simply click on any consent notices, and you will then be able to read through and give your consent. See images below.

It would also help us if you could complete any other outstanding consents such as photographic permissions.



You can also update the information we have for you and your child at any time. Anywhere that you see a small arrow on a data field in Arbor, you can click and update it. Keeping mobile phone numbers and parental email addresses up to date helps keep you informed. See image below.

