

Executive Principal: Mrs Ruth Holden, MA, NPQH

Friday 4th December 2020

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Firstly, I would like to send you my good wishes to you and your families and I hope you are all in good health.

**Please find attached our Newsletter, I hope that you enjoy it!
Please also look at our website regularly to see our news and updates.**

News about the school

Can I please ask all parents and carers to be mindful of parking cars or picking up children from the front of the school. The traffic is often quite busy at 3.30pm on Gosset Road and parking at the school can cause even more congestion at this time.

Quarantine period for some students

Well done to Year 13 students who are continuing to be taught via our remote learning system Microsoft teams and return to us on Monday 14th December.

Unfortunately, following telephone calls from Public Health for England and the DFE, Year 11 are currently being taught via our remote learning system Microsoft teams, as they are in quarantine until Monday 14th December following positive cases of Covid 19 in the Year group, also in Year 7 - tutor groups 7C and 7D. It is a very difficult and challenging time at the moment, but thank you for the support and understanding from staff, students and parents.

Christmas holidays dates

Please remember that the school closes for the Christmas holidays on Friday 18th December for a half day. The school reopens on Monday 4th January for staff only, students return to school on Tuesday 5th January at the normal time.

News about Public Examinations

I am sure many of you have seen the news about the changes to Year 11 and 13 Public Examinations proposed for the summer term. I wanted to reassure parents and students that when the finer details and guidance fully comes out from the Government at the end of January, the school will ensure that we have everything correctly in place for students and that both parents and students will be fully communicated with about the changes and detail in all subjects.

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If your child has Covid Symptoms and you have sent for a test, please do not send your child into school until they have received a negative test result.

Please go on to our website and click on the special section called Covid 19 for all up to date advice and guidance from the Department for Education and from Public Health for England and from the school.

Well done again for the high attendance from students and staff on Microsoft Teams. I am proud of the way that the students and staff have found a way to teach and learn effectively. As well as our teachers and staff being brilliant at delivering lessons to students on Microsoft teams, they have also made it a priority to ensure that students' welfare is good and that they are doing everything they should for school.

Notices and reminders for all students and parents

There is hand sanitiser available all over the school and each year group will be taught in their own bubble with their own classrooms, desk, chairs and toilets.

For normal schools days, a face mask must be worn by all students and staff in all circulation spaces and fluid areas of the school at all times. Students must wear full school uniform to school and Sixth Formers must wear business dress.

All Government guidelines are in place and that students and staff are safe.

Thank you for working with the school in this difficult and challenging time.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully



Mrs Ruth Holden
Executive Principal

House colours and Christmas Jumpers

Next Friday 11th Year 7 students will have a House Colours Day and Year 8 - Year 13 students will have a Christmas Jumper Day. If you are in Year 8 to 13 you can donate £1 to wear a Christmas Jumper. If you are in Year 7 you can opt to wear a costume that represents your House colour instead. No hats, caps or football shirts please, but fancy dress is encouraged!

All the money raised will go to local charities, St Hilda's East and the Tower Hamlets Foodbank, run by First Love Foundation. As of this Friday your form tutors will



have a collection bucket and donation register. We want you to donate your £1 early this year so that we can get the much needed funds to our supported charities.

Christmas jumpers or House colours are not compulsory but for the price of a bottle of drink you can help make a huge difference to somebody's life!

Year 11 Art Sketchbooks of the week



Sonia Mehregan



Wilfred Carter



Ella Dalgleish