

Dear Parents/Carers

September 2016

I would like to welcome you all back and hope everyone had an enjoyable, restful summer.

I am really excited about the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead for the school this coming year. I can now report that much of the building work is nearing completion. The front of school, including the bus lane and new reception area, should be finished within the next few weeks; the main build at the back of school will be ready for teaching sometime during November.

Our results in the summer once again included many outstanding achievements from our students in their GCSEs, BTECs and A Levels. These results demonstrated not only the dedication and commitment of our students but also staff and parents/carers who have supported them throughout their studies; well done to you all!

As mentioned before the summer, the school have engaged the services of Robert Preston, currently Headteacher at The Misbourne, to help myself and the staff address the issues raised by Ofsted; I am delighted to be working with Robert and his wealth of experience is already proving invaluable.

Finally, I would also like to wish parents/carers a happy Eid. In view of this religious festival celebration I will allow students to take 1 day off school for this occasion.

Please contact the school if you have any questions or concerns. Having done this, if you would like to meet with me, I would encourage you to attend one of my Open Door Sessions, which take place on:

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October from 4.30 – 5.30 pm**

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December from 4.30 – 5.30 pm**

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January from 4.30 – 5.30 pm**

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March from 4.30 – 5.30 pm**

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June from 4.30 – 5.30 pm**

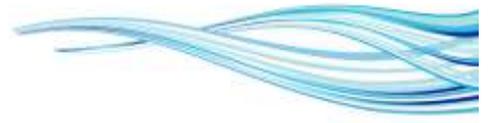
These sessions provide an opportunity for you to come and meet with me on an individual basis. Please be aware that we are not currently running the Parent Council Meetings until further notice.

## **Staffing:**

We also start the year in the position of being fully staffed. I am delighted to report that we have made some very good appointments and I would like to welcome the following new staff to our school.

Emma Cox  
Helen Gowers  
Rhianne Schofield  
Melanie MacFarlane  
Gareth Roberts  
Michelle South  
Amy Trahearn

Beauty Therapist  
Teacher of English  
Teacher of Science  
Head of Music  
Head of PE  
Teacher of Art  
Teacher of History



Tristan Tahan  
Lois Kendall  
Gemma Chilton  
Claire Quelch  
Sandhya Sundar  
Ann Cullen  
Jacqui Williams  
Lucy Durling  
Darren Martin  
Serena Ahmed  
Sivani Thanikumaran

Teacher of Maths  
Teacher of Psychology  
Head Chef  
Lead Cover Supervisor  
Teacher of Science  
LSA  
LSA  
Graduate TA  
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## **Uniform:**

We want all students to continue to feel pride in Sir William Ramsay School and we expect them to arrive fully equipped, in perfect school uniform every day. Correct uniform also allows us to maintain our high expectations and to focus on what really matters: learning. Thank you for your ongoing support with this policy.

**Students are not permitted to wear hooded tops as outdoor uniform unless they are zipped tops, in place of coats, which can be easily removed on entry to classrooms.**

We introduced our new uniform standards for our Sixth Form students 2 years ago. We will therefore continue to challenge any student who comes to school in incorrect uniform and either withdraw her/him from class or send her/him home to change.

Sir William Ramsay School also has a no jewellery, electrical equipment policy. If these items are discovered on students they will be confiscated and only parents/carers will be able to collect them. Students are now allowed to bring mobile phones into school. If a student is seen with a mobile phone/or heard going off during a school day including break and lunch time, the phone will be confiscated and handed into the main office school safe. In this instance only parent/carers will be able to collect the confiscated mobile phone.

Also attached is a copy of the Free School Meals application form. This form must be completed and returned to school (*for the attention of Mrs Sarah Hanson*) as soon as possible. This form is to be completed for new entitlements only. URL:-

<http://www.swr.bucks.sch.uk/site/data/files/cafe/B8D51EFAF6F76D6692A9649A35B195A3.pdf>

A copy of the 2016/2017 School Calendar is attached to this letter for parents/carers that do not have access to the internet. An updated calendar can be found on our school website. Please note that there may be times when changes may have to be made to the calendar. We will let you know should this happen. Please check the website calendar for updates. I would like to highlight that **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September is our Open Evening, and all students will be leaving at 1.30pm on that day.** Please ensure that arrangements are made for your children to travel home at this earlier time. (We will arrange for our school buses *and taxis* to collect students at this earlier time). Please also note that **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November is a staff INSET day and students will not be in school on this day.**



## **Photographing Students:**

There are events in the year when we may be photographing students and potentially displaying these images on our website or other publications, including end of term newsletters or local newspaper articles. Please *would* you contact Sheryl Hilton, Inclusion Manager, if you do not give permission for your child to be photographed.

I wish you all the best for this term and will keep you up to date with all the school news through the school website [www.swr.bucks.sch.uk](http://www.swr.bucks.sch.uk) and in the weekly newsletter which comes out each Friday, as of next week.

Yours sincerely

**Mr C Carter**  
**Acting Headteacher**