

### **Dear Parents**

I hope you and your family had a good break over the Summer and the start of a new school year has been smooth for you. Students have nearly completed their first week back at school and we're delighted that all students can now come into the school via the front doors again, there is a real buzz in the atrium every morning!

Last week we welcomed over 130 new Year 7 students who have settled into Sarum learning really well.

At the start of each term I will write and give an overview of events for the term. You will find attached to this letter the Parent Calendar with events for the year and also a Wiltshire Calendar showing the holidays and INSET days. Both these documents can always be found on the Parents section of the Website. If you ever need to reread a letter these are also on the Parents section of the website.

#### **Enrichment**

Extra-curricular enrichment has started again and your child is very welcome to attend any session they would like to. The enrichments change each term, please encourage your child to take part in some after-school activities if it is possible. There is no charge for any session and no need to sign up in advance.

Monday	3-4pm	Tuesday	3-4pm	Thursday	3-4pm
Fitness Sports Hall	PE team	Netball Sports Hall	PE team	Football Sports Hall	PE team
Rugby Sports Hall	PE team	Handball Sports Hall	PE team	Boccia Sports Hall	PE team
Drama Club Performance Hall	Mr Leyland	Art and Photography Studio KS4&5	Art team	Choir Music Room	Mrs Murphy- Scott and Mr Filer
Debate Club	Miss Rock	Science Club SC1	Science team	Grub Club Food room	Mr Jones & Mrs L Rock
Instrument Ensemble Music Room	Mr Filer	Soroptimist Club SC2	Science team	English Brilliance Club (Year 10&11) Clarendon	English team
History Film Club	Mr Miller	Duke of Edinburgh (Year 9 and above) Arundells	Mr Jones (SLT)	Language Club C3	Mrs Cowie and Mr Hazine

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Mindfulness through Art	Basketball	Tennis 4-5pm	Archery 4-6pm
4.00-5.30pm	4-5pm		Starts 16th Sept
Mrs Jones AR2	Mr Clayden – Sport	Mr Lawrence - Sport	(External coach)
Cooking 4-5.30pm	Girls Rugby 4-5pm	Cricket 4-5pm	Insanity workout 4-5pm
Mr Jones Food Room	Mrs Brewer - Sport	Mr Clayden - Sport	Mr Filer - Sport

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## **ClassCharts**

ClassCharts is in use again and I'm very pleased to see a large number of students earning lots of positive house points. You can also use ClassCharts to message tutors and teachers and it is a quick and easy way to communicate. If you cannot log into ClassCharts please email <a href="mailto:enquiries@sarumacademy.org">enquiries@sarumacademy.org</a> and we'll be able to help you.

#### Homework

Homework is now being set again and you should expect your child to receive English, Maths and Science homework every week. Other lessons will set homework roughly every four hours of classroom learning and will be recorded on ClassCharts.

If students need any support at all with doing homework there is a Homework Club which runs from 3pm – 4pm in room W1.

# **Lateral Flow Tests (COVID-19)**

Control measures are still in place in the Academy and each student sanitises their hands as they enter every classroom. All students should continue to do two LFT tests a week and record the result on ClassCharts. Unfortunately we are experiencing a shortage of test kits at the moment which are sent directly from the Government, but we will send them home as soon as they arrive in school.

#### Uniform

The vast majority of students are looking very smart. Full uniform check will take place on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> September so please ensure your child has a blazer (jumper as well is optional) and school shoes. The Uniform Policy is attached for your information.

#### Term 1 dates

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 4:00pm – 6:30pm – **Open Evening** for prospective Year 7 students. You may receive a permission letter if your child is selected to support us for this event.

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September, 5:00pm – 7:30pm - **Meet the tutor evening**. As we didn't have an opportunity to meet any parents face to face last year we would like to invite all parents in all years to meet their child's tutor. At this meeting we'll discuss last year and the start of this year. If you have any subject specific questions in advance, please do message your child's tutor on ClassCharts so they can find out the information ready for your meeting.

Thursday,  $7^{th}$  October, 5:00pm - 7:30pm -**Sixth Form Open Evening**. We would welcome current Sixth Formers to help out as we showcase our Sixth Form Curriculum. If you are a Year 11 parent we would like to see you on  $7^{th}$  October.

More details for all events will be sent home via email two weeks ahead of the date. If you would like a paper copy then please do email <a href="mailto:enquiries@sarumacademy.org">enquiries@sarumacademy.org</a> or pop into the main office.

For any other queries the best person to contact is usually your child's tutor via ClassCharts.

Now visitors can come into the Academy again if you would like to meet with me then please do get in touch. Myself and all the staff are very looking forward to a somewhat more normal term 1 (fingers crossed!)

Yours sincerely

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