

Monday 5th September 2022

Dear secondary parents and carers,

Re: Secondary Start of Year arrangements

As we approach the start of the school year, I wanted to reshare with you the key details for the start of the new academic year.

Year 7: Tuesday 6th September arrival between 8.10am and 8.20am at Bell Street Entrance

Years 8 – 13: Wednesday 7th September arrival between 8.10am and 8.20am at Bell Street Entrance (6th form, Years 12 and 13, at the 6th form entrance on Lisson Street)

September ‘Base Camp’ Meetings – Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th September

We have really enjoyed starting to meet each family and their child for their meetings. The purpose behind this is to ensure that each and every pupil has a successful start to their new school year and for each family to meet their child’s form tutor face to face. We received feedback from parent consultation that in secondary, during the pandemic, parents had fewer touch points, and so we wanted to address this. We are calling them Base Camp meetings, because before climbing a mountain, climbers gather to plan the ascent at the base camp. In climbing the mountain to university, we want to have this chance to plan ahead for your child to be successful.

You have been given a 30 minute appointment time with either your child’s form tutor or another member of staff that they work closely with such as their Head of Year, Ms Idowu, the SENCO or a senior leader. In this meeting they will:

- Review the previous academic year, their long-term future goals and set targets for achieving them
- Read together and re-commit to the Whatever It Takes commitment
- Read together their Year Group’s handbook which contains the behaviour expectations, attendance expectations, key dates and events for the year, mental health support in school and other information
- Ensure that each family knows the correct uniform and equipment
- Ensure that dietary and medical information is updated
- Be given their planner and timetable for the year
- Share the parent events for the year
- Prepare for the induction days for the first week of term

Your child should attend this meeting with one or both parents and be in full school uniform. They should bring their school bag and equipment so that this can be checked by their form tutor before the first day of term.

There will be second-hand uniform for sale in the foyer and equipment to buy in the school shop on these two days.

Secondary getting to know you events - September

Each family is asked to attend a getting to know you event. This will run as follows:

- Year 7: Tuesday 27th September 4.15pm – 5.15pm
- Year 8: Thursday 8th September 4.15pm – 5.15pm
- Year 9: Wednesday 21st September 4.15pm – 5.15pm
- Year 10: Thursday 22nd September 4.15pm – 5.15pm
- Year 11: Thursday 29th September 4.15pm- 5.15pm
- Year 12: Tuesday 13th September 4.15pm- 5.15pm
- Year 13: Tuesday 20th September 4.15pm- 5.15pm

In these events you will be able to:

- Meet the year groups teachers
- Celebrate the start of the year's success
- Hear more about the plans for the year including the residential trip at the end of the year
- Learn about the curriculum and key dates, including examinations
- Enjoy some food together

We ask each family to bring a food or drink contribution to share. Primary events will happen during the school day. We have prioritized secondary events out of the school day so that parents can meet as many of the teachers that teach their child as possible.

Staffing and groups

Max Haimendorf, Principal, will be Head of Secondary and will be working at OYS to support the whole team. Alice Cairns and Siobhan Crompton will continue to be Vice Principals until they leave for maternity leave in November 2022. As a result, two existing members of the team will be performing Maternity Cover roles as Vice Principals for the 2022-3 academic year. Richard Tindell will be taking on leadership of the curriculum and Tim Mvula will be taking on the role as Vice Principal Pastoral.

They are joined leading the school with six other members of the Secondary Senior Leadership Team:

- Ms Woolf, Assistant Principal, Director of Operations
- Ms Mulvena, Assistant Principal – Head of Middle School
- Ms Sandford, Assistant Principal – Head of Upper School
- Ms Taylor, Assistant Principal – Teaching & Learning
- Ms Mungur, Assistant Principal Acting Head of 6th Form
- Ms Povey, Assistant Principal Data and Assessment

We are extremely proud of the team and look forward to working together to help your child to progress academically and socially in 2022-23.

Class name 2022-23	Year Lead	Form Tutors	
MIDDLE SCHOOL Rachel Mulvena (RMU)	Year 7 (2029) Conrad Louise-Marie (CLM)	7 Bristol	Ms. East
		7 Swansea	Ms. Aston
		7 Somerville	Mr. Gilder
	Year 8 (2028) Lewis Blackshaw (LBL)	8 Nottingham	Ms. Schofield
		8 Birmingham	Ms. Moore
		8 Chichester	Mr. Hoogland
		9 Newcastle (was 8 Leeds)	Ms. Warden
	Year 9 (2027) Samantha Cassar (SCA)	9 King's (was 8 Exeter)	Mr. MacDonald
		9 Sheffield (was 8 Bristol)	Ms. Fearon
10 Courtauld		Mr. Millar	
UPPER SCHOOL Hebe Sanford (HSA)	Year 10 (2026) Abigail Davies (ADA)	10 St. Mary's	Mr. Deller
		10 IOE	Mr. Navarro
		10 UCL	Ms. Tambe
		11 Coventry (was Aix-Marseille)	Ms. Idowu
	Year 11 (2025) Connie Tooze (CTO)	11 Cardiff (was Durham)	Ms. Beeby
		11 Warwick (was Liverpool)	Ms. Pickering
		12 Donard	Ms. Iqbal
	SIXTH FORM Kate Mungur (KMU)	Year 12 (2024) Maddy Sakikini (MSA)	12 Nevis
12 Snowdon			Ms. Bree
12 Helvellyn			Ms. Djik-Jurasz
13 Aconcagua			Mr. Docherty
Year 13 (2023) Gabbie Bristow (GBR)		13 Olympus	Mr. Nipah
		13 Fuji	Mr. Seldon
		13 Kilimanjaro	Ms. Shields

We have shared this information so that we can all be organised for a fantastic start to the academic year. If you have any questions, please reach out to your child's form teacher, head of year or email parents@kingsolomonacademy.org.

Yours faithfully,

Max Haimendorf
Principal