July 2023

Dear secondary parents and carers,

Re: End of year arrangements, Start of Year arrangements and Secondary Staffing updates

As we approach the last two weeks of the school year, please read below to find out more about some key details for the end of term and the start of the next academic year in September 2023.

End of Term – Friday 21st July

All Secondary pupils will be dismissed at 1.30pm having been provided with lunch on Friday 21st July.

September ‘Base Camp’ Meetings – Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th September

We are excited to have an opportunity to meet each family and their child at the beginning of the academic year. The meetings at the start of September 2022 were a great success and felt like a valuable chance for families and pupils to connect with form tutors and for expectations for the coming year to be set.

The purpose behind the meetings 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 parents appreciate chances to be in touch with the school and we want to begin the academic year ensuring that this happened for all families. They are called 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 will be given a 20-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.

Your appointment time will be emailed to you directly. Please make a note of this and confirm your attendance by email or by returning the reply slip that will accompany the letter that will be sent home with pupils.

Please email parents@kingssolomonacademy.org if you cannot make your appointment time by Tuesday 18th July so that we can offer an alternative.

Start of term

Older Years Site – Year 5 to Sixth Form
Penfold Street, London, NW1 6RX

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Younger Years Site – Nursery to Year 4
Crompton Street, London W2 1ND
Years 7 and 12 will start on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September at 8.20am. Other year groups will start on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September at 8.20am.

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 19<sup>th</sup> September 4.15pm – 5.15pm
- Year 8: Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 4.15pm – 5.15pm
- Year 9: Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September 4.15pm – 5.15pm
- Year 10: Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 4.15pm – 5.15pm
- Year 11: Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 4.15pm – 5.15pm
- Year 12: Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September 4.15pm – 5.15pm
- Year 13: Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> 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 (nut free) 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.

Please turn to the attached page to see which staff will be working with which classes and what their new class will be called.

Staffing Arrangements

I am pleased to be able to share Secondary staffing arrangements for 2023-24.

Leadership roles next year

Max Haimendorf, Principal, will be Head of Secondary and will be working at OYS to support the whole team. We are delighted to welcome back from maternity leave Alice Cairns and Siobhan Crompton as Vice Principals. Richard Tindell will continue to work with Siobhan Crompton on the curriculum and Tim Mvula to work with Alice Cairns on Pastoral areas.

We have said goodbye to Emma Taylor who started her maternity leave this week and we look forward to welcoming Ms Taylor back later in the academic year. Joining the Secondary Senior Leadership Team as Associate Assistant Principals are Hannah Schofield and Holleann Moore who have led Maths and English excellently and will add great strength to the school’s leadership.

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

- Ms Woolf, Vice Principal, Director of Operations
- Ms Mulvena, Assistant Principal - Head of Middle School
- Ms Sandford, Assistant Principal - Head of Upper School
- Ms Mungur, Assistant Principal - Acting Head of Sixth Form
- Ms Povey, Assistant Principal - Data and Assessment

Departing staff
The following staff will be moving on from KSA at the end of the academic year. We will say thank you to them at the end of the year. It is always sad to see staff say goodbye to our community.

- Ms Bristow, Head of Year 13
- Ms Tooze, Head of Year 11
- Mr Docherty, Lead Teacher of Physics
- Mx Sakakini, Head of Year 12,
- Ms Vanderman, English Teacher
- Ms Warden, English Teacher
- Mr Louis-Marie, Head of Year 7
- Ms Shields, English Teacher
- Ms Fearon, Music Teacher
- Ms Holmes, Maths Teacher
- Mr Deller, Lead Teacher of PE
- Mr Blackshaw, Head of Year 8
- Ms Aston, Science Teacher
- Ms Loy, Art Teacher
- Ms Holden, Teacher of English

New Staff

We have hired a brilliant group of new staff, who we look forward to you meeting at the Getting to Know You events in September.

Pastoral Leadership in 23-24

The table below outlines who will be Head of Year and Form Tutors in secondary year groups. The Form Tutor is the main point of contact in the secondary school, but your child will, of course, be taught by subject specialists for all of their academic subjects. We will share more information about who is teaching your child in individual subjects at the Getting to Know You events in September.

At key transition points, classes change, as outlined below:

1. We will determine Year 7 classes after Middle School Practice Days and will write to current Year 6 parents in September with details about their child’s form and key contact details.
2. Year 8 into Year 9 will move from being three to four classes. Pupils and parents will be informed of their new classes shortly.
3. We have shared information with Year 9 pupils about which year 10 class their child will be in as part of their Upper School Practice Day preparations.
4. Year 12 forms will be determined after Results’ Days as we are joined by many external students at this point.

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.
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| **Year 7 (2030)** | John-Mark Chandler (JMC) | 7 Warwick Ms. Pickering  
7 Queen Mary Ms. Ali  
7 Leeds Ms. Reilly-Stitt |
| **Year 8 (2029)** | Ben Gilder | 8 Westminster (was Somerville) Ms. Iqbal  
8 Aix (was Bristol) Ms. East  
8 Pembroke (was Swansea) Ms. Rahman |
| **Year 9 (2028)** | Harriett Jackson (HJA)  
*We will write to parents separately about plans for this year group* | 9 Bath Ms. Moore  
9 Manchester Ms. Schofield  
9 Swansea Ms. Crawford  
9 Wurzburg Mr. Hoogland |
| **UPPER SCHOOL** | **Hebe Sanford (HSA)** | |
| **Year 10 (2027)** | Samantha Cassar | 10 Reading Ms. Ledgard  
10 Brunel Mr. Gardner  
10 Liverpool Mr. MacDonald  
10 Durham Ms. Tambe |
| **Year 11 (2026)** | Abigail Davies | 11 Cambridge (was Courtauld) Mr. Millar  
11 Plymouth (was UCL) Mr. Fifield  
11 UCLAN (was St Mary’s) Ms. Idowu  
11 York (was IOE) Ms. Beeby |
| **SIXTH FORM** | **Kate Mungur** | |
| **Year 12 (2025)** | Juliette O Connor | 12 Donard Mr. Nipah  
12 Nevis Ms. Geneen  
12 Snowdon Ms. Mangan  
12 Helvellyn Mr. Clementson |
| **Year 13 (2024)** | Adam Seldon | 13 Aconcagua (old Nevis) Mr. Islam  
13 Olympus (old Snowdon) Ms. Healey  
13 Fuji (old Helvellyn) Ms Dzik-Jurasz  
13 Kilimanjaro (old Donard) Mr. Thompson |

We have shared this information so that we can all be organised for a fantastic start to next year. If you have any questions, please reach out to your child’s form teacher, head of year or email.
Finally, while the summer is a time for rest and relaxation, all pupils will be set important summer homework tasks to ensure they are ready to be successful at the start of the new academic year. It is important that pupils are supported to complete these tasks over the summer. All pupils will be given homework in class and it will also be available on StudentShare. In Maths we are fortunate to have the support of the SPARX online learning platform to provide high quality Maths support over the summer. Please turn the page to for the guidance on how to support your child with weekly Maths activities on SPARX from the Maths department.

Yours faithfully,

Max Haimendorf
Principal

Maths Summer Homework Guidance for Years 7-10

There is a strong evidence to support the fact that practising Maths in small chunks spaced over a long period of time has a significant positive impact on the attainment of students in Maths assessments. It is for this reason that all students in Years 7-10 will continue to receive Sparx Maths homework each week throughout the holidays to consolidate their learning ready for the year ahead.

The advantages of the Sparx Maths platform include:

- Work is uploaded in small, regular chunks throughout the holiday (a new task will appear each Friday morning)
- Topics are tailored to address learning gaps that came up on End of Year Assessments and practise content that will be vital for September
- Questions are tailored to the prior attainment of each student, meaning that they will only be set questions of an appropriate level of difficulty
- Students receive instant feedback as their work is marked as they complete it online
- Each question has a corresponding video which explains exactly what students need to do to be successful
- It can be easily monitored by families and teachers

Please support your child to be successful in September by ensuring that they are completing their weekly Sparx tasks throughout the holidays. Tasks are completed when they look like this (see picture below). If you are travelling during the holidays and have concerns about internet access, tasks can be completed retrospectively if necessary. However, completing them regularly throughout the holidays will have the best impact on their Mathematical progress. Prizes will be awarded for the highest completion rates in September.

If you have any questions, please contact your child’s Maths teacher, or email Ms Schofield (h.schofield@kingssolomonacademy.org).

Thank you for your support.

Ms. Schofield
Head of Maths