



## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 15 SEPTEMBER 2017

Dear Parents & Carers

I am delighted as the new Headteacher of Sir William Ramsay School to be starting the first newsletter of the school year.

In school assemblies and staff meetings last week, I introduced myself and explained what I wanted for every young person attending Sir William Ramsay School. I have been teaching for thirty years (Maths is my subject area and what my degree is in), am in my fifteenth year of Headship and I am passionate about education and the opportunities it offers young people as a result. I want every student who leaves Sir William Ramsay School to be able to ask themselves:

**"What do I want do?" and "Where do I want to go?"**

They have choices.

In the assemblies, I stressed that each student must have high expectations of themselves and not settle for the easy life and second best. I told them that when I talk to them, I want to hear them say:

**"I really want ..."**

and that they must never say "I'll be happy with ...".

To support the school in what it does, I would ask you to be giving your children the same messages as I have in the assemblies. Without this working together approach, the excellent work that we do here at Sir William Ramsay School with your children will not have its full effect.

I very much look forward to meeting and working with you over the coming years. Yours sincerely

**Christine McLintock**  
Headteacher

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We welcome the following new members of staff to the school this Autumn Term:

Christine McLintock	Headteacher
Maria Hall	Learning Support Assistant
Kevin Voisey	D&T Teacher
Caitlin Deacon-Gannaway	Teacher of Science
Katherine Arsenault	Teacher of English
Alanna Vreman	Teacher of Maths
Kelly Taylor	Learning Support Assistant
Banija Sivanandam	Teacher of Art
Joe Kelly	Teacher of Art
Maria Averina	Teacher of Media
Victoria Brown	Teacher of Dance

### **Important Dates**

#### Autumn Term 2017

Wednesday 20th September	Y7 Bushcraft Trip Day 1
Thursday 21st September	<b>School finishes at 13.30</b> in preparation for SWR Open Evening— 18.00—20.00. Head's talks at 18.15 and 19.00      Y7 Bushcraft Trip Day 2
Friday 22nd September	Y7 Bushcraft Trip Day 3
Tuesday 26th September	Head's Open Door, 17.00 / Parent Council Meeting 18.00 Year 11 Geography Trip (Mr Wolfenden) Evening theatre trip (Mrs Sneesby)
Thursday 28th September	Y8 girls' HPV vaccinations (Matron)

### **Parent Calendar**

The Parent calendar is now available on our website; it is continually being updated so please do refer to the website for updates. Please click [here](#).

#### **Mrs M French**

#### **Head's PA & Office Manager**

### Letters home

Letter parents/carers re Lockers \*\* Please note IILS are an external company and any questions or queries do need to go directly to them. The school holds no information or has access to them at any point. Please click [here](#)

Ltrs parents/carers from Mr Rodgers re KS3 & KS4 Design & Technology contributions

Please click [here](#) for KS3 contributions letter

Please click [here](#) for KS4 contributions letter

Ltrs Y11 parents/carers from Mr Wolfenden re Geography Field Trip

### **IMPORTANT MESSAGE RE PARKING/DROPPING OFF STUDENTS**

May I please remind parents/carers to use the drive at the front of school when dropping off or collecting students at the beginning of and during the school day.

**However, would parents/carers please respect that, from 2:30pm onwards, the front of school is for taxi and bus use only.** Unfortunately there were many incidents last term when our students with wheelchairs were forced to enter their transport from the middle of the road because parents/carers had parked in the bays. As you can appreciate, this is a huge safety concern for both our students and their taxi drivers.

Your consideration is much appreciated, thank you.

**Mr C Carter Deputy Head**

### **Important—Leave of Absence requests for students**

Should leave of absence be required for a student, parents/carers should please complete the leave of absence form obtainable from our website under the parents section, 'absence'. Please see the following link to the form:

**ParentPay:** Please may we remind parents/carers that students are not allowed to go overdrawn on their Café Ramsay accounts; we would ask that parents & carers please keep a check on their child's current balance.

### **Sir William Ramsay School Open Evening for Year 6 students, Thursday, 21st September 2017**

Message from Mr Mohan, Year 8 Academic Leader

**Year 8 students** are invited to help at Open Evening on Thursday 21st September from 17:45-20:00. This is a great opportunity for Year 8 students to be the face of the school on one of the most important events in the school calendar. Taking part is a good way of developing social and leadership skills and to show responsibility. Year 8 students may collect a letter from their Form Teacher and these must be signed and returned in order for them to participate. I'm really looking forward to seeing Year 8 students representing our school community.

### **Yr9 Samba Drumming Workshop**

This Autumn Term the Music Department are excited to announce a visit from 'Inspire-Works' who will be delivering a Samba Workshop for the entire Year 9 Cohort. It is in keeping with their topic at the time and will look to raise the standards of their performance skills, ensemble skills and listening skills through fast-paced, high energy Samba Drumming. The price of the workshop is £5 and is available to pay for on Parent Pay. There will be a 2 week deadline from now to pay for this as we need all of the payments in before we can confirm the workshop booking. If we don't get enough people to run the session those who have paid will simply get a refund. The actual dates are to be confirmed at the moment but we plan to hold these sometime in November; we'll keep you up to date as we soon as we know. We would love to have the entire year take part in a really fun and enriching experience. Thanks you in advance for your support.

Mr Maxwell,  
Head of Music

### **Reminder for Yr11 ICT students**

Please note that for Yr 11/IT the **deadline for Unit 3 coursework is 13th October 2017.**

This is an important deadline to meet the requirements of the course qualification. Catch-Up Classes will run on Tuesday after school until October half term from 3pm to 4pm. Students should please make every effort to attend.

**Mrs Holt, Leader of IT**

## **Great News**

Over the summer holidays, Year 11 student , George Lasseter, represented the England U15 cricket team in a match against Sri Lanka at Loughborough University.

Unfortunately the game was hampered by the weather (he was in England after all), and play was restricted hugely and George didn't get a chance to bowl or bat; however he did manage to take a catch.

George is going to be re-joining the squad for close season training as well as having some trials with the Middlesex development squad. Anyone who knows George will know how much he loves his cricket and how much of a big achievement this is. Many congratulations to George on this great achievement.

Mr D Thomas

Year 11 Academic Leader

Teacher of PE