

Thursday, 15 July 2021

Re: End of term and happy holidays

Dear wonderful families,

On behalf of all the staff at the school I would like to thank you for your kindness, support and patience over what has been one of the most challenging academic years for schools in recent times.

We have all aimed to do the very best for our young people and they must be commended for how adaptable and resilient they have been. So many pupils were recognised for this at our inaugural awards evening and at our achievement assemblies which have been running all week.

School will close for the summer today at 2pm.

Pupils' return to school will be impacted by the latest guidance from the DfE regarding compulsory pupil testing for Covid19 before they return to school.

Pupils in our new Year 7 cohort will take their initial tests on Tuesday 31st August.

We are planning for all other pupils in Years 8 through 11 to take their first test on Friday 3rd September. This date will be a remote learning day for these pupils.

Further details and further dates will be shared as soon as possible.

We are hoping that despite the start to the school year being impacted by yet more Covid19 testing, we will be able to move into a new year with a vibrant and enriched curriculum.

Heads of Department at the school have so many wonderful plans for our pupils next year. These include joint department visits, drama performances, music recitals, the unexpectedly very popular 'spelling bee' and even birth of the Duke of Edinburgh award at Leytonstone School.

There is so much for pupils to look forward to and despite unprecedented levels of fatigue at the moment, I can assure you that staff at the school are excited for September to come around.

We remain committed to our principle goal of supporting our pupils in achieving academic excellence, developing their confidence and living happy lives. I will be in contact during August with more details about the start of the new term.

We wish you the most peaceful and healthy summer break,

J McQuaid

Head Teacher