

6th December 2023

Dear Parent / Guardian

End of Autumn Term 2023 Arrangements

As we approach the end of the Autumn Term 2023, I want to confirm arrangements for the end of term. On Thursday 21st December 2023, students will be dismissed from 12pm. The school bus service has been informed of this and will be collecting students at this agreed time. Students are required to attend the day in full school uniform, as normal. The canteen will be serving hot and cold food during an extended break prior to student departure so students will have the opportunity to purchase food as normal. Friday 22nd December is a staff Inset day and therefore no students are required in school.

This term we unfortunately say farewell to some members of staff: Mrs Bagri (Science) and Mr Wust (Business). We wish both of the staff members well in their new ventures and thank them all for their wonderful service to our school.

We have some exciting festive events taking place in school leading up to Christmas including:

- Wednesday 13th December School Christmas Dinner served in school at lunch time.
- Thursday 14th December Autumn Term Rewards Day: Roller Disco in school for selected students.
- Thursday 14th December St Regis Christmas Celebration 6pm 7pm: All students (accompanied by an adult) are invited to join us for a festive performance of music, dance and drama from our students.
- Friday 15th December Christmas Jumper Day: Students are to attend school in full correct uniform, but can add a suitable and appropriate festive jumper for the day. £1 donations on the day will be collected and will go towards our Christian Aid Christmas Appeal.
- Wednesday 20th December All students will be walked to St Michael's church for our school Christmas service.
- Thursday 21st December Students depart school at 12pm.
- Friday 22nd December No students in school: Staff Inset.

Start of Spring Term 2024 Arrangements

Monday 8^{th} January is a Staff Inset day so no students will be in school. All students will return to school on Tuesday 9^{th} January at normal start time.

In January, we will be closely monitoring and addressing uniform and appearance standards with students. We have made big strides in improving uniform this term, and students look very smart in their new St Regis tie and St Regis blazers. We will continue to be strict on uniform in the Spring Term, with particular focus on:

- footwear (no trainers)
- the wearing of jumpers or hoodies under blazers (this is no longer permitted)
- the prohibition of mobile phone use in school

We will also be focusing on reducing the number of students leaving the classroom during lessons. This term we have introduced a new toilet pass system for staff to use at their discretion should a child require the toilet during a lesson. We will be highlighting to students however, that this should be rare and infrequent, and encouraging students to use the toilet at break, lunch and in lesson change-over time.

This term has seen the school change our Management Information System (MIS) from SIMs to Arbor. This switch has many added benefits for parents as well as school staff. In the new year we will be sending out details regarding the Parent Portal and Parent App for Arbor, and will be encouraging all parents to access this new, vital system. You will receive an email from school via Arbor detailing how to sign up. We currently have Class Charts (for conduct) and Parent Pay (for finance) which parents should also be accessing on a regular basis. If you are currently not accessing Class Charts or Parent Pay, please contact school for support and guidance in gaining access to these important systems.

Key dates for Spring Term

- Monday 8th January No students in school: Staff Inset.
- Tuesday 9th January Students return to school normal start time.
- Thursday 11th January Y11 & Y13 Presentation Evening (celebrating the success of last year's examination groups).
- Wednesday 31st January Year 9 Parents and Options Evening.
- Thursday 14th March Choirs In Reflection.
- Monday 18th March End of Spring Term Rewards Day.
- Thursday 21st March All students will be walked to St Michael's church for our school Easter service.
- Friday 22nd March Students depart school at 12pm.
- Monday 8th April Summer Term begins.

Finally, I want to finish the Autumn term by thanking all parents, students and staff for their hard work and support since September. It has been the longest term possible in an academic year and we have achieved so much as a school this term. I feel proud and honoured to be part of this school and September has been the start of a very exciting chapter for the school. As part of the Three Spires Trust, we are working closely with St Peter's and St Matthias and I am confident that the school can continue to flourish. At St Regis we are working to create a school which is second to none in the City and delivers the education that our pupils deserve. We will continue to 'Grow Together' at St Regis in the Spring term!

I wish all of you a peaceful and enjoyable Christmas break and look forward to welcoming all families back to St Regis in the New Year.

Yours sincerely

Mr E Parry Principal