



SIR THOMAS FREMANTLE SCHOOL

A CO-EDUCATIONAL SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS AGED 11-19

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, I wanted let all parents and carers know that the STFS community are incredibly proud of the effort, resilience and focus shown by the students throughout the final term of this year and in particular with the application of effort around the summative assessments. You should all receive your child's final assessment data prior to breaking up for the summer; if you have not then please do contact your child's tutor for support with this. Equally, we have seen a phenomenal effort from our older groups who showed the best of themselves throughout their exams during this summer term. Whether that be from our year 10 and 12 students and their end of year assessments or the incredible efforts of our GCSE and A Level students. Hopefully, they will be rewarded for their efforts on results day in August.

I would also like to update you on key areas within the school.

Classcharts; Behaviour, Homework and Detentions

- Behaviour and effort logs will continue to be recorded via Classcharts. However, we will also now use Classcharts to log homework that is set and to share timings of detentions. The aim of this is to simplify our communication with parents and make Classcharts a one stop shop for supporting your child.
- All parents should have received codes to activate accounts for their child and we will be supplying all students with their own accounts in September to support them with tracking their progress, meeting homework deadlines, and attending any detentions. I would encourage parents to download the Classcharts app as the dashboard here is particularly user friendly. If you require a new code to activate your parent account please email office@sirthomasfremantle.org to request one.
- As mentioned above, detentions will now be organized via Classcharts. To support with academic catch up, we are adapting our C3 detention process. For years 7 and 8, detentions will occur at lunchtime for 20 minutes. If a student is issued with 3 in a term then the detentions will move to being 30 minutes after school.
- For years 9 – 11, all C3 detentions will be served as 30 minutes after school on the next available date. During the detention, students will complete work for their subject as set by the class teacher. The date and timings of these will be communicated via Classcharts by the subject teacher. Parents are encouraged to ensure that their child's account is monitored regularly and discussed with them to facilitate early intervention.



Structure of the Day

- To enable our school to continue to grow from Year 7 we are changing our timings of lessons within the school day to enable a split lunch for our students to create more capacity. The timings are as follows:

Time	Years 7, 8 & 9	Years 10, 11 & 13
8.35 - 9.30	Session 1	Session 1
9.30 - 10.20	Session 2	Session 2
10.20 - 10.40	Break	
10.40 - 11.30	Session 3	Session 3
11.30 - 12.20	Session 4	Session 4
12.20 - 13.00	Lunch	Tutor Time
13.00 - 13.05	Lunch Crossover	
13.05 - 13.45	Tutor Time	Lunch
13.45 - 14.35	Session 5	Session 5
14.35 - 3.30	Session 6	Session 6

- Tutor time is moving to the middle of the school day and will be given an increased profile by extending tutor time to 40 minutes. This will allow us to enhance our pastoral provision, forge even stronger relationships between tutors and tutees, grow our interventions provision and continue to enhance our house profile and competitions. This means that all students will go straight to their first lesson at 8.35am and as such it is important that all students are on site for 8.30am so that they can drop anything they need in their lockers and be lined up for their first lesson to ensure that they are not missing any teaching time.

Exam Results

- Mr Pike has written separately about the arrangements for Sixth Form from next year, as well as the arrangements for A Level results day – school is open from 8.30am on the 18th August for students requiring assistance with UCAS, and from 9.00 for results collection.
- Information about GCSE results day has been previously shared by the Examinations Officer. Results day is on the 25th August.

Uniform and Equipment

The summer break also provides the perfect opportunity to restock pencil cases, have those scientific calculators ready and organise school shoes and uniform. For the specifics of the uniform and equipment list please see [this tab of the school website](#).



Please note that our uniform policy states:

- Students need to have black polishable shoes as part of their uniform. Trainers (whether they are black or not) are not a part of our uniform.
- Skirts should be of an appropriate length to cover modesty. Any skirt worn should finish below the fingertips of a student who is standing with their hands by their sides.
- Summer uniform (polo shirts) are not to be worn from September and if any student wishes to wear a jumper over their shirt and tie it must be a v neck navy jumper or the STFS school jumper.
- The PTA still have some 'nearly new jumpers' available for purchase and contact here should be with the Friends of Sir Thomas Fremantle; friendsofstfs@gmail.com.
- Coats are not allowed to be worn inside the school building and should be stored securely in your child's locker for the duration of the school day alongside their phone.
- Socks should be plain (non-fluffy) and unbranded.
- Make up should be kept natural. No nail varnish and any piercings should be a single stud piercing in each ear. All piercings need to be able to be removed for PE as a matter of safety. Jewelry, such as rings, should not be worn at school.

As such, I request that parents and carers take the time to ensure that their son/ daughter meets these expectations for uniform so that we can continue to maintain our high standards as a school.

Mobile Phones

It is important to also reiterate that STFS remains a no phone school. It is a matter of safety and ensuring focus during learning times. I ask parents and carers to remind their child that they should not be using a phone in school and all phones should be stored in lockers during the school day (secured with a padlock) and that if any communication needs to be made with home, then it must be made via the reception team. It is also worth mentioning that social media services have minimum ages ([these can be observed via this link](#)).

Safeguarding

If there is an immediate need to contact the school please follow the advice on the safeguarding tab on the website.

Multi-Agency Referral Hub (MASH)

Bucks

Bucks: For concerns regarding children, contact the **First Response Team**

tel: 01296 383962

email: [secure-](mailto:secure-cypfirstresponse@buckscc.gcsx.gov.uk)

cypfirstresponse@buckscc.gcsx.gov.uk

Milton Keynes

Milton Keynes:

Please call 01908 253169 or 253170.

You can also email children@milton-keynes.gov.uk

(Emergency Social Work Team 01908 265545)



Wellbeing

We continue our commitment to the wellbeing provision and are thrilled to announce that we have successfully appointed a Wellbeing and Attendance Officer. Mrs Victoria Murray is keen to help our students to navigate the challenges of secondary school. Please see useful link on how to support young people's wellbeing over summer; <https://www.annafreud.org/schools-and-colleges/resources/my-self-care-plan-secondary/> and https://www.annafreud.org/media/16071/scs_secondaryposter.pdf

SEND

The SEND team are absolutely delighted with the progress our SEND pupils have made this academic year; all students will have received their summer review with their Form Tutor and this will have been communicated home.

Learning Leaders

Miss Millers has been appointed to the role of Learning Leader for Year 10 and so for the next academic year, the Learning Leaders for each year group are as follows:

Year 7 – Miss Joseph

Year 8 – Ms Fullwood

Year 9 – Miss Rath

Year 10 – Miss Millers

Year 11 – Mr Martindale

If there are any important updates for your child over the summer, please liaise with your child's Form Tutor in the first instance and Learning Leader if required.

Finally, the new academic year starts for Year 7 on Friday 2nd September at 8.30am. All other year groups are due to return on Monday 5th September, also at 8.30am. Looking forward to seeing you all then, after a well-earned break.

Yours sincerely,

Mat Payne

Director of Learning Leaders

