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23 October 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Parental Newsletter - 23/10/2020

Thank you for all your support this half-term. It has been brilliant to be back and, despite everything, we go into half-term full of hope about what the school can achieve this year.

I hope you manage to get a rest and we look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 2nd November.

Sharing the shine...a moment from lockdown

[Under the sea by Year 5](#): A lockdown performance

Enjoy!

The rest of this newsletter includes:

1. Information about reporting COVID over half-term
2. An update on COVID restrictions
3. An update for vulnerable and clinically vulnerable people
4. School lettings
5. Clubs
6. Free school meals - please sign up and further information from Newham
7. Protocols for parent emails
8. Update from all our small schools

I. Reporting cases of COVID over the half-term

Over half-term please continue to inform the school if your child or anyone in your household tests positive (or if you have been identified as a close contact via NHS track and trace). This is because we may still need to do contact tracing if your child was in school whilst infectious (two days before the onset of symptoms). It will also allow us to plan for the first week back. Please let us know in the normal way via absence reporting (details below):

Absence reporting - your health is our health

If your child is absent for any reason related to covid-19 (self-isolating, waiting for a test, symptoms) please put Covid-19 in the title of your email to attendance@school21.org.uk (or say Covid-19 when calling absence in on 020 8262 2121 Option 1). A reminder of symptoms and actions below:



Please let us know if anyone in your household tests positive during the half term break. We may also make contact with you as part of our contact trace process.

2. Tier 2 restrictions for London

As London goes into Tier 2 restrictions (information [here](#)) there is no specific implication for school life. Secondary aged children (Year 7 upwards) already wear masks in corridors but of course we will redouble our efforts to make sure we implement all our safety measures carefully and consistently.

3. Advice for clinically vulnerable and extremely clinically vulnerable people

Updated government guidance has been released [here](#). There is also a useful post code search function which allows you to check on restrictions and guidance by area. The main thrust is about being extra cautious and limiting social interactions.

4. Schools plus

We are piloting the return of Schools Plus this Saturday (the organisation that runs our external lettings). We have reviewed their safety measures and are assured everything is in place. We are starting with weekends only for now and will review each week. To be open, the income we receive from lettings is crucial for the school.

5. Clubs

Unfortunately, we are not going to be able to relaunch breakfast club next half-term. We just do not have the capacity at the moment to deliver it in separate pods. I do know this is a crucial support for some families so please contact Charlie Dilger - Head of Inclusion - cdilger@school21.org.uk if you need more support.

Internal after school clubs continue to be restricted with the exception of Year 11 study club (more information in the secondary section of this newsletter). The off-site external club providers continue in primary as normal.

6. Free School Meals Applications

Please apply as this helps the school financially (something we could do with at the moment)

Free School Meals Reception - Year 6

Whether your child is at primary school and receiving a free meal, has lunch at home or you are currently working, we request that the parents/carers of all primary and secondary aged children in Newham should still register for free school meals, even if you don't think you are currently eligible.

Once Newham has the application if at anytime a family is in receipt of one of the qualifying benefits for free school meals, Newham will automatically update their records and we will receive additional funding known as Ever6 Pupil Premium. This is up to £1,320 depending on the child's age.

Free school meals in secondary schools (Year 7 – Year 13)

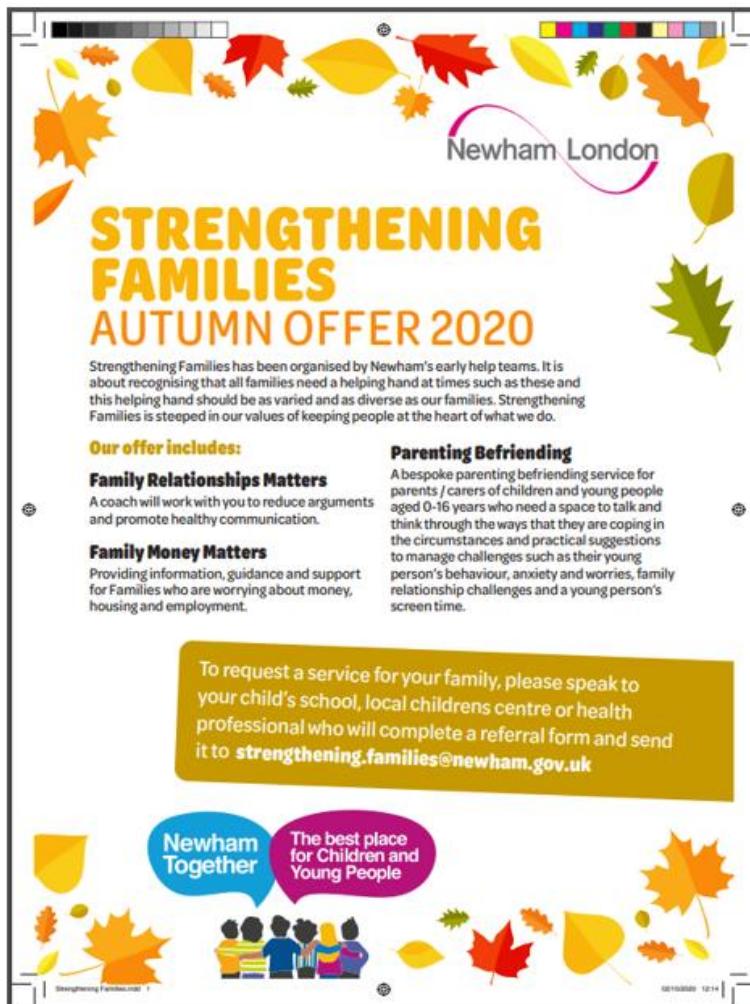
Eligibility

Your child may receive free school meals if you get any of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
- Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

To apply for Free School Meals, click [here](#). You will need your National Insurance number to hand.

More information from Newham below:



The poster features a decorative border of autumn leaves at the top and bottom. In the center, the Newham London logo is displayed with a stylized purple swoosh. Below the logo, the title "STRENGTHENING FAMILIES" is written in large yellow letters, followed by "AUTUMN OFFER 2020" in a smaller yellow font.

Our offer includes:

- Family Relationships Matters**
A coach will work with you to reduce arguments and promote healthy communication.
- Family Money Matters**
Providing information, guidance and support for Families who are worrying about money, housing and employment.
- Parenting Befriending**
A bespoke parenting befriending service for parents / carers of children and young people aged 0-16 years who need a space to talk and think through the ways that they are coping in the circumstances and practical suggestions to manage challenges such as their young person's behaviour, anxiety and worries, family relationship challenges and a young person's screen time.

To request a service for your family, please speak to your child's school, local childrens centre or health professional who will complete a referral form and send it to strengthening.families@newham.gov.uk

Newham Together - The best place for Children and Young People



The poster features a decorative border of autumn leaves at the top and bottom. It contains two main sections: "Family Money Matters" and "Family Relationship Matters".

Family Money Matters
(family finance, housing and returning to work/training)
FREE one to one advice and guidance to all via phone or on-line in partnership with Newham WorkPlace, MoneyWorks and voluntary sector Organisations including Community Links.

- Advice and assistance on housing.**
homelessness, evictions, welfare benefits, tax credits and universal credit, immigration and employment law
- Financial support to access affordable credit,**
money and debt management and emergency support including access to food bank vouchers, supermarket and energy vouchers.
- Employment/training support includes**
 - Improving your CV
 - Identifying job/career options
 - Advising on jobs to best suit your skills
 - Good quality apprenticeships for all ages
 - Bespoke training to enhance your existing skills including accredited qualifications
 - Preparing you for attending assessment centres and interviews
 - Advice on childcare optionsSpecialist teams such as Young People's Team (16 - 24 years old), Apprenticeships Team (all ages), Supported Employment Team (disabilities or long-term health conditions) and construction team to support the requirements of our residents.

COVID PREPARED

Family Relationship Matters
We all have arguments; it is normal for parents to argue, whether they are together or not. Causes can include; job loss, births, deaths, illness or separation, money worries or the pressure of family life.
Our Family Relationships Matters programme consists of six sessions delivered one to one by trained facilitators from Early Help, Families First, Children's Centres and Schools. We will match families to the best organisation to deliver based on the family's needs and existing support networks. These sessions give families the tools to manage conflict effectively and reduce the impact on their children.

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- Befrienders** are either trained children centre staff or Newham Parent Peer Facilitators
- 30-60 mins** session per week
- 1-8 weeks** with a clear transition process put in place for when the contact ends.
- Group sessions** - will be developed where this would be helpful and appropriate.
- Virtual Coffee Mornings** - Early Years / Primary and Secondary.
- Signposting and referrals** to other support and services as and when appropriate.

All services are delivered following up to date government Covid-19 guidance.

If you have any questions about the children's centre offer or the family support work please make contact via email:
BSILFamilySupport@newham.gov.uk

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#strengtheningfamilies #HelpNewham #newhamtogether

7. Protocols for parental emails

If you have a concern about your child, please contact their class teacher / coach in the first instance.

A teacher will acknowledge receipt of your email within 48 hours. An appropriate response, either via email or phone to your query will be given within 48 hours, where possible. Please be aware that more complex issues may take longer to resolve.

Could you kindly ensure that you email teachers between 8:00am and 5.30pm, Monday to Friday.

If you work unsociable hours, kindly use the “schedule send” option which allows you to send the email during our working hours.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and support.

8. Small school updates

Primary

What a wonderful first half term this has been! I could not be prouder of the primary students and our community! The students have come back to school with such a passion for learning it has made settling back into school routines seem effortless! All students have approached our new safety rules with such a mature understanding of the necessity - they have definitely been making Radu Responsibility very proud! I would also like to thank all the parents in our school community who have supported us in our reopening by being so understanding when there were some teething problems with our new systems (the dilemmas of ordering lunch!) and for being so compliant with our safety measures of staggered entrances and wearing masks. Without your support our reopening would not have been so successful or smooth. I wish everyone a restful and safe half term week and look forward to seeing you all back in school on the 2nd November!

If you would like to recognise any of our members of staff for their amazing efforts this half term please fill in this form [here](#) and we will pass your feedback on to them!



(Photos taken by year 4 students to show our values in the playground)

Lock down stars

During the lock down over the summer term, our Year 4 students (now in Year 5!) and teachers were determined to showcase their hard work in the lead up to our Year 4 musical - which of course was unfortunately cancelled! [Here](#) is a spectacular video of their musical talents!

Recognition

Well done to our school values superstars this week! Thank you all for living our values of excellence, community, humanity, responsibility and openness in the classroom and around the school! Well done to Gracie, Sayeda, Nikita, Andre, Greyson, Zackariya, Ezekiel, Eva, Shana, Khushi, Nadezhda and Ammarah! A special thank you to the parents who joined us for our assembly (every Friday at 9:00am) - hopefully we can see even more of you there when we return from half term! [Link here](#)



Gate Opening and Closing times

All primary gates **open at 8:30am and close at 8:40am** - after this students will have to be signed in at the front office as late arrivals. In the afternoon all primary gates **open at 2:50pm and close at 3:00pm** - after this students will be collected late from the front office.

When collecting or dropping off your child, please remember to follow social distancing guidelines and not gather in groups. We also ask that you do not linger at drop off and collection points to help avoid congestion.

IF YOUR CHILD OR ANYONE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD IS DISPLAYING SYMPTOMS OF COVID 19 PLEASE KEEP YOUR CHILD HOME AND SEEK ADVICE FROM 111.

Reading Workshop

Miss McCartney hosted a reading workshop for all parents from Rec-Year 4 on the **21st October at 9:00am**. The session introduced Primary 21's key reading skills and provided a range of strategies for parents to support their children with reading. If you were unable to attend you can watch it again [here](#).

Also please see the videos made by our staff on each of our individual reading skills [here](#).

Colder weather

As the weather continues to turn colder, and the DFE guidance means we have to have our doors/vents open, we encourage you to send your child to school wearing vests and/or thermals to help keep them warm. They will be allowed to keep jumpers and coats on in the classroom, but layering clothing is a more comfortable way to help keep them warm!

Maths Workshop

You can find out more about Maths at School 21 in our Primary Parents Maths Workshop on **Thursday 12th November at 9:00am**. In this session, Ms Cashin will explain our approach to Maths learning in the Primary School, how you can help your child at home and you will have an opportunity to ask any questions you may have. We look forward to seeing you there! <http://meet.google.com/ury-quhc-yoz>

PE lessons

After half term, all students from Reception to Year 4 will be expected to have **all jewellery removed** and long hair tied up prior to their lessons. Under the guidance from the Association for Physical Education "children must remove all jewellery including earrings" due to the health and safety risk of injury. Thank you in advance for your support.

Year 2

From **Monday 2nd November** (after the half term break) we will be changing some learning arrangements within the Year 2 pods to facilitate the teaching of phonics. We recognise that the quality teaching of early reading is critical in the development of all students and for them to have a successful foundation to build upon as they move through the school - therefore we will be teaching phonics in small groups of mixed students from all three Year 2 classes. We will be keeping all other safety measures that are currently in place which include class pods (when not in phonics), set seating plans, staggered playtimes, eating in class pods and regular handwashing. This approach is still well within government guidance and in our judgement is a sensible judgement to support learning.

Uniform swap

If you are missing any PE kit or other primary uniform pieces, including ties, jumpers, trousers or shirts, please contact our brilliant pastoral lead at jsmall@school21.org.uk and we will be in touch to see if we have items we can provide. **Currently we do not have the capacity to accept any further donations at this time.**

Clubs/alternate collection

If your child is being collected by an after school club provider or by an alternative adult (relative/friend etc) please email your class teacher to let them know of this arrangement to avoid any delays in collection. Please also ensure the person collecting your child knows your password for collection.

Birthday guidance

If your child is celebrating their birthday and you would like to send in cake for the class, please ensure these are sealed, store-bought individual cupcakes. These can be distributed safely in line with our risk management measures. We cannot accept any cakes which need to be cut and handed out. **Please remember also that we are a nut-free school.**

Lunch Menu Week Beginning 02/11/2020

		Lunch Menu Week 1				
		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Burger in a bun and chips & sweetcorn	Chicken stir fry Noodles	BBQ Chicken & Rice	Roast Turkey, Roast Potatoes and Swede	Fish Fingers, new potatoes and peas	
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - All Events will be Virtual

EVERY Friday 9:00am - Primary celebration assembly <https://meet.google.com/qfr-phpu-qxi>

26/10/2020 - 30/10/2020 - Half term

Monday 02/11/2020 - First day back for Autumn 2

Thursday 12/11/2020 - 9:00am Maths workshop for parents <http://meet.google.com/ury-quhc-yoz>

16/11/2020 - 20/11/2020 - Anti Bullying week (more information to follow)

Monday 16/11/2020 - Odd sock day

Friday 20th November - School closed for INSET Day

23/11/2020 - Reception open day - 2021 intake (more information to follow)

30/11/2020 - 4/12/2020 - Zoom into the room - shared reading (more information to follow)

07/12/2020 - Flu immunisations

11/12/2020 - Child of the term assembly (invited parents only)

11/12/2020 - Xmas jumper day (more information to follow)

Monday 14/12/2020 - Festival of Light

14/12/2020 - 18/12/2020 - Parent teacher meetings (more information to follow)

16/12/2020 - Primary school exhibition (more information to follow)

18/12/2020 - Attendance celebration assembly <https://meet.google.com/qfr-phpu-qxi>

18/12/2020 - School finishes early 1:00pm (end of term)

Middle School

UPCOMING DATES

Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October - Half Term Holiday

Thursday 5th November - SATs Information Session for Year 6 Parents

Friday 6th November - Middle School Virtual Family Quiz Night 5:00pm - 6:00pm

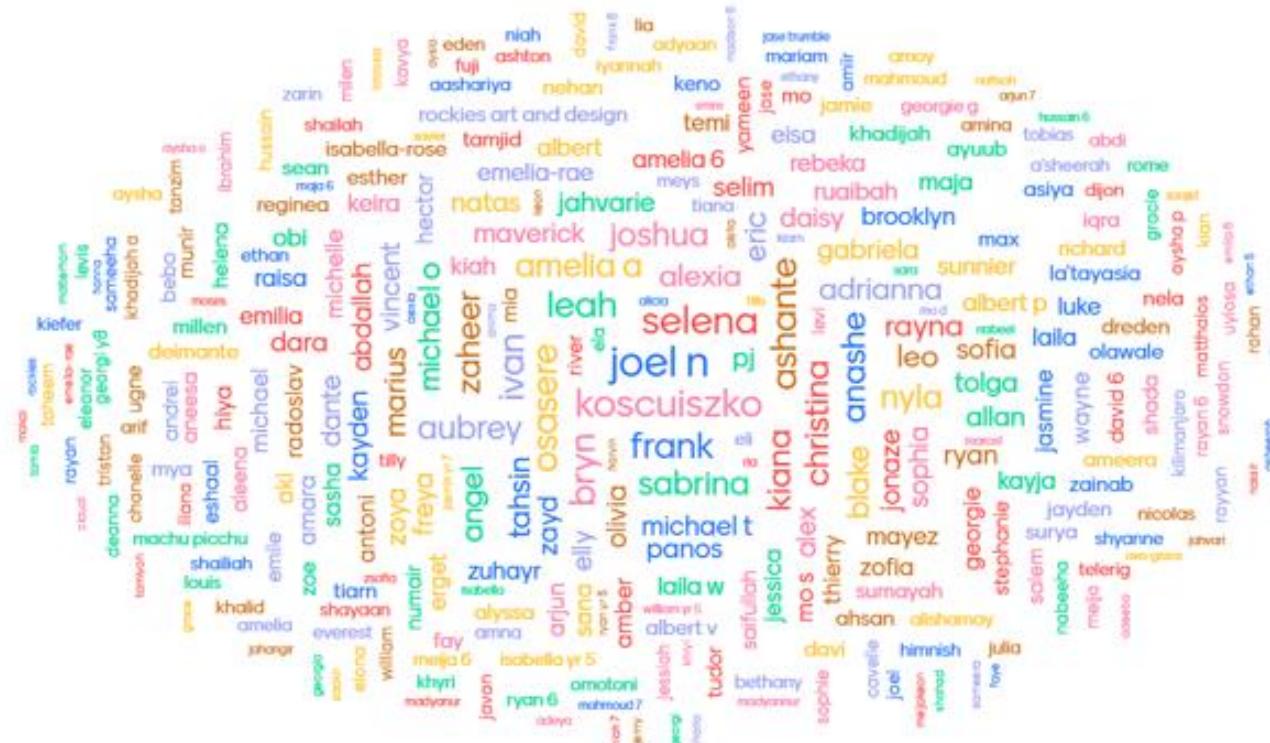
Tuesday 10th & Wednesday 11th November - 3:30pm - 6:30pm Virtual Parents Meetings (Year 5/6 teachers, Year 7/8 coaches)

Monday 16th November - Anti-Bullying Week

Friday 20th November - School closed for INSET Day

RECOGNITION

Our last week of term kept up the mammoth 1000+ names a week trend! Milestone badges will be awarded in the Monday Meet Up, first thing on our first day back, Monday 2nd November!



WHAT DO WE HEAR WHEN WE LISTEN TO OUR COMMUNITY?

Black History Month and beyond in Middle School

In the final week of our project, each coaching group is writing scripts based on their research of their inspirational local figure. These will be recorded so that every child's voice will be included in our final product of 12 'talking' posters.

Here is a sneak peak from Ms Turner's class Matterhorn! [Click here to listen](#) to their research about Olympian Asha Philip.

We will be putting together our amazing ‘shattered glass’ style portrait posters along with these spoken biographies to create our final gallery soon. Watch this space for information on the launch!

MIDDLE SCHOOL CURRICULUM MAP

[Click here to view the curriculum map for Years 5 to 8 for the 2020 / 2021 year.](#) Please note that some topics may need to change or be adapted in light of safety restrictions. We will send out a stand alone version of the map and it will also be available on the website after the half term.

VIRTUAL MEET THE TEAM CHALLENGE!

Usually, during the first half term in middle school, we hold a big Meet the Team event which involves a treasure hunt for teachers all over the school. We have been very sad this year to not be able to run this event and even sadder still that the safety restrictions mean our school can't be as open to our community physically as we would like! Instead, we have a very special challenge for students and their families over the coming half term.

How to Play: (when we return to school!)

- 1) Below, there are pictures of a number of the core team from Middle School. Click on each picture to virtually 'meet' the teacher and hear about them.
- 2) Next, solve the riddle to find the code word for each teacher. It will be linked to something they said in their video. Use the clue to help!
- 3) When you get back to school after half term, find each teacher and tell them their code word.
- 4) In exchange, the teacher will give you one letter if you say the correct code word to them.
- 5) Collect all the letters and rearrange them into a final message (4 words long!)
- 6) Report this message to Ms Kyrk to see if you have solved the riddle!

Mr Karim	Ms Higgins	Mr Kidd	Ms Druce	Ms McLear
Hint: One, Two, Three	Hint: Bags and leaves	Hint: Table...	Hint: Chapters	Hint: Instrument
Ms Kyrk	Mr Anderson	Ms Edoo	Mr Hodson	Ms Silvain
Hint: Longboats	Hint: Country	Hint: Delicious!	Hint: Kings and Queens	Clue: Loud!
Ms Freed	Mr Thompson	Ms Ejvet	Ms Grosvenor	Ms Chartres
Hint: Psychology where?	Hint: Wriggle	Hint: Rings	Hint: Innovative synonym	Hint: Oven
Ms Turner	Ms Paul	Ms Linehan	Mr Suleyman	Ms Rahman
Hint: Venom	Hint: Maintenance	Hint: Type of dance	Hint: Instrument	Hint: Everyone is!
Ms Stockley	Ms Totok	Ms Shaldas	Mr Coogan	Mr de Botton
Hint: Boys' Age	Hint: Cheerful	Hint: Barbells	Hint: Bulldog	Hint: Fan

MILESTONE WINNERS!

We added a long list of new milestone winners this week. Congratulations to everyone below who has demonstrated our values so well over this half term. Who will be added from this week when we return from our half term break?



BADGE BANNERS

The tidal wave of badges will hit Middle School soon... if your child has too many to fit on their lapel, you can purchase a custom Middle School badge banner. It's a lovely keepsake for the students' time in the Middle School! These are £6 and can be purchased at any time through ParentPay. Students will be sent home with banners after purchases are made.



REMINDER ABOUT SCHOOL SHOES

Please remember that black trainers are only allowed on PE days. On all other days, all students across the Middle School should be wearing black, polishable school shoes. We will contact home if trainers are worn repeatedly. If you are experiencing any financial difficulties around any part of the school uniform, including shoes, please contact ftotok@school21.org.uk or nstokely@school21.org.uk and we will be able to support with this.

EQUIPMENT FROM HOME

Please ensure that your child is not bringing any footballs or other play equipment to school. This is a safety risk currently in line with our Covid risk assessment.

BIRTHDAY GUIDANCE

If your child is celebrating their birthday and you would like to send in cake for the class, please ensure these are sealed, store-bought individual cupcakes. These can be distributed safely in line with our risk management measures. We cannot accept any cakes which need to be cut and handed out. **Please remember also that we are a nut-free school.**

MASKS (Year 7 & 8)

It is imperative that all students in Years 7 and 8 bring a mask to school with them. Please support the school in keeping to our safety guidelines by checking your child is bringing theirs. We will contact home if students are missing theirs regularly.

LUNCHES

Please see the menu below for Years 5 to 8 - Week Beginning 02/11/2020.

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WATER BOTTLES

Please remember to send your child to school each day with a water bottle. At the moment water bubblers are turned off as they cannot be used for safety reasons. However, there are water dispensers for filling up bottles. **We are not able to provide cups for children without a bottle. It is important that students have access to water through the day - please ensure they are bringing their bottles.**

COATS AND LAYERED CLOTHING

As the weather grows colder and rainy days may be approaching, please ensure your child is dressed appropriately. We are required to keep external classroom doors open through the day which means classrooms can get cold. Please ensure your child always brings their school jumper or cardigan but is also wearing a long sleeved shirt, vest, thermal top/underwear or alternative under their uniform. Please ensure under layered tops are neutral colours (black or white).

Please also ensure your child is bringing a waterproof coat with a hood to school. On days where there is light drizzle or rain we still try to go outside for breaks so the students need appropriate outerwear on these occasions.

IMPORTANT MIDDLE SCHOOL LINKS

To sign up to give your child permission to walk home alone, [please use this link](#).

To sign up to your child's virtual classroom to receive notifications of their home tasks, [please use this link](#).

To notify us if your child is being collected by an after school care provider, [please use this link](#).

Secondary

Recognition

school21 Professionalism data based on stars and points

Top star earners		
Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Maya - 58 stars Top star earner	Riaz	Lewis
Burhan - 54 stars Second top star earner	Aaron M	Maral
Vlad - 46 stars Third top star earner	Yusuf M	Samiul & Sophie
Nayeemah	Mikel	Anaya & Jeremie
Muheem	Kristiyan	Armeen

school21 Professionalism data based on stars and points

Top star earning coaching group		
Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Ravens - 406 stars Top star earning coaching group	Empire	Sirius
Full Deck - 379 stars Second top star earning coaching group	Horizon	Dynamites
Rafiki - 281 stars Third top star earning coaching group	Shard	Andromeda

RWLP Update

Students have completed their first half term of Real World Learning Professional Encounters and Skills Building Workshops. They will be expressing interest in a new selection of virtual sessions for the coming half term. Some organisations students will be working with after the break are Barclays Bank, Jan Kattein Architects, the Ministry of Justice, the Museum of London and many more.

We appreciate your support in helping our Year 10 students to engage with these employers from home on Tuesday afternoons - they've been doing a great job

RWLP Badges



Aaliah P	Marwan
Angelina	Matei
Baqir	Mikel
David	Oliwia
Elshadai	Rafid
Emily	Simran
Ilham	Yusuf I
Kajus	Yusuf M

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Y10 RWLP Stars

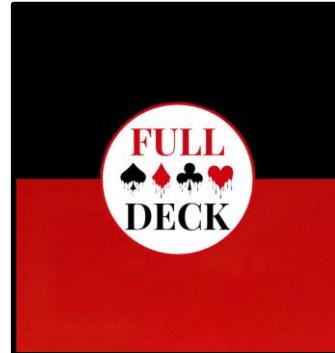


"We were especially impressed with the Year 10s in our CV session this afternoon. They took lots of new information on topics they were not familiar with and took wonderful first steps to creating their CVs. These are very impressive students who will be a great asset to their workplaces one day. - Heather, People Support Manager, HSBC

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EMPOWERING ALL YOUNG PEOPLE TO SUCCEED ON THE WORLD STAGE

Announcing the new coaching group names: If you missed it last week here are the new coaching group names for Year 9.

Akats(U)ki (Mr Sanhaji)
Ravens (Mr Brokenbrown)
Full Deck (Ms McCabe)
Evolution (Ms Rigby/Goodhand)
Rafiki (Ms Hansen & Mr Bennett)



It was fantastic to have some parents join for this event - for anyone who wasn't able to join, the event was recorded. [Link to the video](#)

GCSE Success event

Thank you to all the students and parents for attending the GCSE success event. If you missed it, we will send out a recorded event link for you to catch up.

Coming up...

From next half term we will also be making a change to the school day on a Friday for Year 11. Please see below.

Secondary (from Monday 2 nd November onwards)				
	Gate	Day	Entry	Exit
Year 11	Bridge Road (Near DLR)	Monday	8:10am	4:10pm
		Tuesday	8:10am	3:40pm
		Wednesday	8:10am	3:40pm
		Thursday	8:10am	3:40pm
		Friday	8:10am	3:30pm

Key dates for your diaries

30th November - 4th December - Year 11 Mocks
8th December - GCSE Art assessment
8th December - Virtual Celebration event
15th December - RWLP Assessment Centre day
16th December - Exhibition
17th December - Festival of Light
18th December - ePortfolio day

Reminders:

UNIFORM

Please make sure your child comes to school wearing their full school uniform, including black shoes (not trainers).

As the weather gets colder, students are encouraged to wear their school jumper or cardigan and blazer to stay warm where the air vents are still open. Please ensure your child always brings their school jumper or cardigan but is also wearing a long sleeved shirt, vest, thermal top/underwear or alternative under their uniform. Please ensure under layered tops are neutral colours (black or white). **They will not be allowed to wear coats in lessons.**

Changes to PE expectations

Please also ensure your child is bringing a waterproof coat with a hood to school. On days where there is light drizzle or rain we do still go outside for breaks so the students need appropriate outerwear on these occasions.

WATER BOTTLE

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STUDENT MASKS

Your child must bring a mask to school and wear this in the corridor at all times. If your child is exempt please contact your child's head of year. Students who do not have a mask will lose a professionalism point.

STUDENT SAFETY

The police have informed us that there has been an increase in the number of thefts in the area of phones and airpods. In order to keep students safe, they are advised to keep to the main paths, to not have their phones or airpods on display and to walk with friends.

Six 21

What an amazing first half term this has been as students returned to school post-lockdown. We have been so impressed with the maturity with which students have followed safety protocols, been proactive with their learning and participated fully in school and in virtual learning.

You should have received letters regarding the small number of positive Covid cases we have had within the sixth form - if you have any concerns please get in touch. It is vital that students who have been asked to isolate do so in order to help prevent the spread of this virus, even through the half term. We also encourage all students to maintain at least 2m distance when interacting with anyone outside their household, wear masks, wash their hands frequently and not mix indoors as per the government guidance.

If your child does develop Coronavirus symptoms and/or tests positive then please continue to let us know as soon as possible on the attendance@school21.org.uk email address which will be checked frequently throughout the holiday.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back on November 2nd!

Dress Code

As the weather is getting colder we will be allowing students to wear jumpers or coats in class so that we can keep the windows and doors open and maintain good ventilation. Students should still conform to the dress code in their non-outerwear.

Lunch

Students are welcome to leave the site to eat or socialise off-site as long as they are back on site by **1:25pm on Mondays and 1:45pm all other days**. They should remain with their year groups though. A reminder that we cannot facilitate late arrivals. Students are welcome to eat cold packed lunches on site either outdoors or in their year group classrooms. School lunches must be pre-ordered. This must be done via the Y12/13 forms below as the sixth form canteen is separate to the rest of the school. The form for the next week is below:

Form for w/c 2nd November Deadline 6:00pm Sunday 1st November

Entry and Exit Times

In order to keep everyone as safe as possible we are continuing with our staggered arrival times. We are unable to accommodate late arrivals. A reminder of the different arrivals are in the section for each year group below. Students leave the site once they have finished with their timetabled commitments and meetings for the day. The latest this will be for the foreseeable future is 4:00pm on a Monday and 3:30pm all other days of the week. As young adults, students are expected to manage their own diaries and we are happy to support anyone who needs advice or is struggling.

All students must leave site at the end of the school day unless previously agreed.

A reminder of the morning arrival windows for all students is in the table below.

Day	Year 12	Year 13
Monday	8:50am - 9:05am	8:30am - 8:45am
Tuesday - Friday	8:20am - 8:35am	8:00am - 8:15am

Absences

If your child is unwell and cannot attend school, then a **parent or guardian** must contact the school directly before 8:30am. You can either email attendance@school21.org.uk or ring the main reception on 020 8262 2121 and press Option 1. Please note that if you do call to report an absence, you must dial the extension for the attendance line not the sixth form or their absence will not be authorised. Despite the older age of students in sixth form, we must still have contact from a parent or guardian in the event of an absence in order to ensure we are safeguarding all of the young people in our care. **If the absence is due to Covid symptoms (high temperature, cough, lack of taste or smell) then please make sure you clearly state this when reporting the absence.** If a student has any Covid symptoms, then you or they must contact NHS 111 and follow their advice. Unless NHS 111 advises otherwise, students must not return to school unless they have isolated for 14 days or a negative test result has been forwarded to attendance@school21.org.uk. Over the holidays please email rather than calling due to reduced staffing on site.

If your child has a pre-arranged appointment during school hours then please email lnur@school21.org.uk with details and proof of the appointment at least 24 hours before the appointment. Please avoid scheduling appointments during school hours and only do so in an emergency. If you need to continually schedule appointments during school hours we will need to meet with you to discuss your situation.

If a student is absent from school due to illness then we do not expect them to participate in remote learning, they should rest and recover. If a student is well enough to learn they should attend school unless they are isolating due to Coronavirus.

If a student needs to isolate due to Coronavirus (i.e. they are well enough to be in school) then they should contact their teachers to ensure they are able to access learning remotely, including joining parts of the lesson virtually where appropriate.

Further support services

[This document](#) summarises support services available to sixth form students outside of school and is always shared with students ahead of any school holiday.

YEAR 12

Year 12 have completed induction projects and will be beginning a range of new projects after half term, including States of Mind, EPQ and many other projects working with staff in school and partners outside school.

A reminder that the school day for Year 12 students is 2nd November:

Day	Arrival	End of the day
Monday	8:50am - 9:05am	4:00pm
Tuesday - Friday	8:20am - 8:35am	3:30pm (2:40pm on Fridays unless you have a 1:1)

YEAR 13

Massive congratulations to Year 13 who completed a phenomenal half term with the majority on track to submit their UCAS applications this month, ahead of approximately 90% of the Year 13 cohort nationally! We are already receiving offers and interview invitations from universities and look forward to receiving many more in the weeks to come.

Thanks to Ms Harvey, Ms Coppeard and all of the Year 13 coaches for their amazing support to help the year group throughout this process.

Karenann Spencer
Head of Six 21

Yours faithfully,



Oli de Botton
Executive Headteacher