

18 July 2022

Dear Parent/ Guardian

I would like to take this opportunity in thanking you for the support you have given us at Sandwell Community School and share with you some highlights – as we strive to **CREATE EXCELLENCE Together**.

★★SHINEtogether★★

Our brand-new SHINE projects have enabled Y11 to visit University, as well as experience a whole range of leisure activities – and of course a day at Alton Towers. The Y10 SHINEtogether Project has focussed on CAREERS – students have visited Sandwell College, found out about apprenticeships, and attended Wales for an employability and fun day. Those attending the full programme will have a FREE day at Drayton Manor Park.

EXTERNAL EXAMINATIONS

Y11 sat their examinations this Summer – we wish them all the best with their results. RESULTS DAY – 10am until 1pm Thursday 25th August. Connexions will be available at Oldbury Council Offices. <https://www.connexionssandwell.co.uk/>

FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS

A huge congratulations go out to the SCS team for winning the FINAL at St Georges Park, the HOME of ENGLAND. Final Score – SCS 5 v Keyham Lodge 3....an excellent performance by every member of SCS team. WELL DONE.

WEBSITE

SCS website has been relaunched – keep up to date with SCS at <https://sandwellcs.org.uk/>

ADULT EDUCATION

WE are forging a link with Sandwell Adult Education – check the links out at SAFL on our website <https://sandwellcs.org.uk/parent-information/>. FREE courses for parents and guardians – IT'S NEVER TOO LATE !!

AP TASKFORCE

SCS is one of a small number of schools in the country who has an AP TASKFORCE – in fact we are one of 22. SCS has additional professionals to support our students – Speech and Language Therapists, Family Support Worker, Youth Workers and Mental Health Therapists. Find out more at <https://sandwellcs.org.uk/ap-taskforce/>

KEY DATES

LAST few DAYS of Summer Term (in response to the RED-ALERT)

Students will break up Tuesday (19.7.22) at 12.30pm and for the Summer at 12.30pm on Wednesday 20th July.

START date in September

Next academic year all the teacher training days will take place during the first week, Monday 5th September through until Friday 9th September. Therefore, students will START on Monday 12 September 2022 at 9am.

Holidays and Food (HAF) 2022 programme

SCS have worked with HAF to provide exclusive activities for SCS pupils during the summer break at no cost. The offer is available to all SCS pupils. **Free Activities. Free Transport. Free Food.** <https://sandwellcs.org.uk/free-haf-summer-holidays-2022>

Food Voucher Scheme 2022

Food vouchers to support free school meals (FSM) – £15 per week. Let us know if you need further information.



① ① **IMPORTANT INFORMATION** ① ①

SCHOOL UNIFORM (no changes – just as a reminder)

Students are expected to wear black trousers or skirt, white shirt, plain black jumper and black footwear. Hoodies are not to be worn in school, as they pose a health and safety risk.

SPORT/PE (update)

For Sport/PE a white polo shirt or T-shirt, black tracksuit trousers/jogging pants or shorts (no leggings) are to be worn. Students will be given the privilege of wearing this all day if they have Sport/PE on that day, however this privilege may be taken away. Logos on sports clothes must not be no larger than an i-phone and under no circumstance's offensive in any way. Students not appropriately dressed will be asked to return home to get changed.

ATTENDANCE (no changes – just as a reminder)

Attendance continues to be our number 1 priority. I would like your support in ensuring the students attend their 190 days' education in an academic year. As we all know they can only learn and develop if they are in school.

School Day TIMES (no changes – just as a reminder)

Monday – Thursday 9am – 2.30pm

Friday 9am – 1.30pm

BEHAVIOUR (no changes – just as a reminder)

We expect the highest standards of behaviour in all our Centres of Learning. We encourage all students to take responsibility for their own actions both in and out of school and to consider their impact upon others. I would like to share with you our behaviour rules based on our CREATE principles:

- Cooperate at all times and follow reasonable instructions
- Respect for each other, the buildings and other people's property
- Effort is expected for all learning to be completed to the best of abilities
- Attend when you should to maximise learning time
- Tolerance of others and their cultures
- Excellence at all times

REWARDS (no changes – just as a reminder)

Students have the opportunity of gaining CREATE points throughout each day and ATTENDANCE rewards. Students can gain vouchers or participate in the many reward trips.

Improving Main School

We are investing in disabled toilets and shower facilities during the Summer holidays. Further improvements are also being planned to ensure the highest standards of Safeguarding.

Working in Partnership

We have worked hard to ensure that we are working alongside external partners to improve the life chances of our learners. I have established a P2S XCHANGE, where we work alongside the police to ensure everyone's SAFETY. Police have worked with our staff to conduct random searches of our sites and we are pleased to inform you that there have been no issues as a result. Next year, I intend to continue to work even closer with the Police and will be planning **random searches** on all our sites. This important message needs to be shared with your son/daughter.

I hope you all have a safe and rewarding Summer break. If you have any queries, then please contact SCS.

Yours sincerely

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