

**20 July 2023**

Dear Parent/ Carers

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**.

### ★★AP Taskforce (APST)★★

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. SCS has secured an additional £400 000 to fund the project until 2025 and was recently chosen to complete a case study of all of the amazing work they do. Find out more at <https://sandwellcs.org.uk/ap-taskforce/>

### EXTERNAL EXAMINATIONS

Y11 sat their examinations this Summer – we wish them all the best with their results. GCSE results are released on Thursday 24 August 2023. You can usually collect them at 10am. Want to feel ready for the big day? Here's our advice, check this out, [GCSE results day](#) including where to open your results and how to prepare for any outcome. Connexions will be available at Oldbury Council Offices. <https://www.connexionssandwell.co.uk/>

### WEBSITE

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

### ADULT EDUCATION

WE have forged a link with Sandwell Adult Education – check their website out at [SAFL](#). FREE courses for parents and guardians – It is NEVER TOO LATE !! REMEMBER totally free – follow the link [FREE](#)

### ON-LINE SAFETY – free APP

Find out more on this hot topic – keep up to date with SCS [National ONLINE SAFETY](#). Letter to parents click [here](#).

### KEY DATES

#### **LAST few DAYS of Summer Term**

Students will break up Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 12.15pm.

#### **START date in September 2023**

Next academic year Teacher Training Days will take place Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September, Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September and Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September. Therefore, students will START on THURSDAY 7<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 9am. The two remaining training days dates will be shared in September 2023.

#### **Holidays and Food (HAF) 2023 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.** [HAF 2023](#)

#### **Food Voucher Scheme 2023**

Food vouchers will be issued by text or email to those eligible by no later than Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2023. Let us know if you need further information.



① ① **IMPORTANT INFORMATION** ① ①

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**UPDATE on SCHOOL UNIFORM**

SCS will be providing all SCS students with our new polo shirt free of charge. Students will be expected to wear this polo, along with black trousers or skirt, plain black jumper and black footwear. Logos on black jumper must not be no larger than an i-phone and under no circumstances offensive in any way. Students not appropriately dressed will be asked to return home to get changed. Hoodies are not to be worn in school, as they pose a health and safety risk.

**UPDATE SPORT/PE**

For Sport/PE SCS polo shirt or T-shirt, black tracksuit trousers/jogging pants or shorts (no leggings) are to be worn.

**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 SCS**

We are investing in vocational resources at our Centres of Learning, to equip all of our students with valuable world of work experiences.

**Working in Partnership**

We have worked hard to ensure that we are collaborating with 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 collaborated 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

*K Morgan*

Executive Headteacher

