

17 July 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

As the summer break approaches, I would like to thank you for the support you have given to Studio West School. We look forward to building on the fantastic improvements the school has made this academic year when we return in September. Please find below some useful information.

Return to School

School starts for both Year 7 and Year 11 students on Wednesday, 4th September, no later than 8.20am. Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 will all be in school on Thursday 5th September. School is open from 8am every day and a free breakfast of fresh fruit, toasted bagels and cereal is available at no cost.

Summer Safety

With the summer approaching we wanted to offer advice about safeguarding over the summer with a particular focus on online safety. In addition to this letter, we have attached some posters with additional advice that you might find helpful about general online safety.

You will also find sources of advice on our website: www.swnorthernleadertrust.org/safeguarding

Students need a level of maturity needed to be able to manage the pressures that can be attached to Social Media. Students need to think carefully about what they post online to prevent issues such as bullying, discrimination, prejudice and unkindness.

Please could we ask that parents/carers regularly check phones. Software is available that would allow you to monitor your child's phone and devices and we strongly advocate the use of this when pupils are under 16.

As parents/carers you will understand that our role in supporting children is to help them understand how to use the internet safely and to build the interpersonal skills that allow them to flourish as active and responsible global citizens. We have spoken to students extensively about online safety and ask for parent/carer support in ensuring our students are safe online at home.

All students attended an assembly before the Summer hosted by a volunteer from the RNLI- through this they were educated on keeping themselves safe near water this summer.

School Day Timings

There are some slight tweaks to the timing of the school day next year to accommodate our fantastic elective curriculum offer. Please see below:

Time	Lesson
8.30 – 9.30	Lesson 1
9.30 – 10.30	Lesson 2
10.30 – 10.45	Form time (Year 8, 10, and 11) Break time (Year 7,9, sixth form)
10.45 – 11.00	Form time (Year 7, 9, sixth form) Break time (Year 8, 10 and 11)
11.00 – 12.00	Lesson 3
12.00 – 13.30	Lesson 4/Lunch
13.30 – 14.25	Lesson 5
14.25 – 15.00	Elective Curriculum & Academic Catch up

Useful dates for your diary

GCSE Results Day: Thursday 22nd August 2024 from 9.30 am.

We would very much welcome parents and carers to accompany their child on results day to join in the celebrations with us. Please arrive via the main reception.

Return to School:

Wednesday 4th September, for Year 7 and Year 11

Thursday 5th September, for all year groups

INSET Days:

Monday 2nd September 2024

Tuesday 3rd September 2024

Friday 25th October 2024

Friday 20th December 2024

Monday 21st July 2025

Uniform

The Studio West uniform has changed slightly for September to ensure that we are keeping the cost down as much as possible. We will require all students to wear full uniform including school shoes (not trainers, please see images attached) and a blazer. The jumper is no longer compulsory and the blue shirt can be bought from any supermarket- they do not need to be branded.

New Staff

We are excited to let you know that from September we have Chloe Anderson joining our Senior Leadership Team as an Assistant Principal. She will have responsibility for Personal Development- ensuring our students have a wealth of opportunities to develop their sense of self and become responsible, respectful and active citizens who are able to play their part and become actively involved in public life as adults.

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Mobile Phones

If your child has a mobile phone this must be switched off and in a school bag. Any phones that are seen will be confiscated until 3pm. We ask for your support in ensuring that learning is at the centre of everything we do.

Pastoral Contacts

Should you have any pastoral concerns please contact the Year Leader or your child's Form Tutor in the first instance.

Year 7 Year Leader– Mr Mackay
Senior Leader – Miss Anderson (Assistant Principal)

Year 8 Year Leader – Ms Thackray
Senior Leader– Mrs Bell (Senior Vice Principal)

Year 9 Year Leader– Ms Brown
Senior Leader– Mrs Malik (Assistant Principal)

Year 10 Year Leader– Ms Kelly
Senior Leader– Mr Blythe (Assistant Vice Principal)

Year 11 Year Leader – Mr Bouleau
Senior Leader– Mr Murphy (Assistant Principal)

Summer School

Our new Year 7 pupils are invited to join our staff for our Summer School. Places are still available for week 2 of this, 29-31st July. It will run from 10-2pm and is free of charge; this includes both breakfast and lunch. Students will enjoy our packed schedule of circus skills, literacy, numeracy and sports. Please get in touch if you like to secure a spot.

Lastly, I want to thank you for all of your support this year. We have seen some huge improvements in our journey to excellence and your support is always appreciated.

I wish you all an enjoyable and safe holiday and look forward to seeing you in September.

Yours faithfully



Mrs L Bell
Senior Vice Principal

10 Top Tips for Helping Children STAY SAFE ONLINE THIS SUMMER

Over the summer our children will, of course, have significantly more spare time now they are out of school. For many youngsters, it may be that a considerable amount of this extra freedom is spent online, using social media apps, video games, streaming services and other digital tech to have fun. For that reason, it's even more important for trusted adults to focus on online safety during the summer break – ensuring that our children are not only aware of the most common threats but also know what to do if they encounter something in the digital world that upsets or disturbs them.

1 ENGAGE WITH THEIR ACTIVITIES

It might not always be convenient, but try to make time to show interest in what your child's doing online. Ideally, get involved – by joining in with video gaming and discussing the apps they're using. It will make your child more likely to come to you with any future online worries or concerns.

2 FOSTER CRITICAL THINKING

Teach your child to question what they see in the digital world. As fake news increasingly uses AI to create believable audio, video and images, it will become even more important in future years to question the content that we see – and to know how to confirm it as true.

3 BE A DIGITAL ROLE MODEL

Take opportunities to demonstrate your empathy and understanding of others online, giving your child a positive template to follow. Watching you being a good digital citizen will help your child to learn an appropriate level of respect for the feelings, thoughts and privacy of other internet users.

4 EMPHASISE THE SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Among the internet's oceans of content, of course, are things which can be upsetting and concerning for young ones. There's always a chance that your child could stumble across inappropriate material, so it's wise to discuss in advance what they should do if this happens. Underline that they can always come to you if something online has worried them.

5 FIND A BALANCE

Communicating and competing online is fun, but shouldn't replace in-person socialising, exercise or being outdoors. Work with your child to find a healthy balance between their online and offline activities. Take into account what they're actually doing online: researching something or cooperating in a game, for example, is more valuable than simply browsing TikTok.

6 STAY AWARE

Keep an eye on your child's online activity and regularly check in with what they're doing. If you have serious concerns, you could discreetly view their browser history. The extent of monitoring should correspond to your child's age and maturity: younger children are likely to need closer observation.

10 REMEMBER TO HAVE FUN

Obviously, the digital world isn't without its dangers – but, when navigated safely, it remains an exciting, engaging and educational place. Be mindful of the many risks, of course, but don't let them discourage you from supporting your child to explore and enjoy themselves in the online space.

9 KEEP DEVICES UPDATED

Ensuring any devices that your child uses to go online have the most up-to-date firmware and software installed is hugely beneficial. Many people put off downloading these regular updates, but very often they contain vital software patches which help to keep your devices and data secure.

8 TEACH BASIC SECURITY

It's important that children learn to keep their personal data safe, and understand how strong passwords can help with that. Explain the basics of digital security (showing them examples, if possible) and when they're a little older you could move on to more advanced methods like multi-factor authentication.

7 TAKE (PARENTAL) CONTROL

It's wise to capitalise on the parental controls offered by most internet service providers and the devices and software that children use. These controls allow you to manage the kind of content your child is able to access, and they can usually be adjusted to reflect your child's specific age.

Meet Our Expert

A Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP), Gary Henderson is the Director of IT at a large boarding school in the UK, having previously taught in schools and colleges in Britain and the Middle East. With a particular interest in digital citizenship and cyber security, he believes it is essential that we become more aware of the risks around technology, as well as the benefits.



School Term and Holiday Dates 2024-25

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Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term	School Holidays	Bank Holidays	Training Days
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Studio West Daywear



Uniform	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11
Studio West Blazer With Logo (all years)	E	E	E	E	E
Boys Shirt - Twin Pack (all years)	E	E	E	E	E
Girls Blouse - Twin Pack (all years)	E	E	E	E	E
Plain Black Trousers or Plain Black Skirt (all years)	E	E	E	E	E
Studio West Plain Black Jumper With Logo (all years)	Opt.	Opt.	Opt.	Opt.	Opt.

E Essential

Opt. Optional

Studio West Sportswear



Sportswear	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11
Studio West 1/4 Zip Training Top With Logo (all years)	Opt.	Opt.	Opt.	Opt.	Opt.
Studio West PE Polo With Logo (all years)	E	E	E	E	E
Studio West Leggings (all years)	Opt.	Opt.	Opt.	Opt.	Opt.
Studio West Track Pants (all years)	Opt.	Opt.	Opt.	Opt.	Opt.
Studio West Traing Shorts (all years)	Opt.	Opt.	Opt.	Opt.	Opt.

E Essential

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