



St Martin-in-the-Fields High School for Girls

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Thursday 31 August 2017

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.
2 Corinthians 5:7

Dear Families

As we approach the end of the summer holiday, and your thoughts and ours turn to preparations for the new term, I thought it was a good time to write to you. I send a warm welcome to you and your daughter for the start of the academic year 2017-2018, and a special welcome to all new students and families.

As you know, from my previous letters to you, we have celebrated some excellent results by our 6th Form and Year 11 students. I thank all staff, students and families for their remarkable hard work and commitment to supporting their studies that have culminated in such positive outcomes that will enable them to pursue their future goals. I am extremely proud of the success we have seen across a wide range of subjects and also the incredible individual performances, all within a climate of national uncertainty as a result of the introduction of the reformed GCSE's in English and Mathematics and the new 9-1 grading system.

This is an exciting year for St Martin's; as Britain's oldest girls' school, founded in 1699, in 2018 we are celebrating 90 years of being located in Tulse Hill. To celebrate our anniversary we are launching an Award Programme for year 7 students joining us in September 2018. You will find further details of this on our website at the beginning of term. We will also be planning other events to celebrate this momentous occasion.

There are also exciting developments to the curriculum and enrichment programme including the introduction of Psychology and Sociology at Key Stage 4 and Wellbeing as part of our core curriculum for all students including the 6th form.

We have some changes to staffing this year and I am sure you will want to join me in welcoming our new staff and congratulating some of our existing staff as they take on promoted posts in various positions across the school. Ms Pieroulli, who was the Progress Leader for Year 7 is now the Head of Religious Education and Wellbeing. We congratulate Ms Beckford who takes over as Progress Leader as they move into Year 8. We also congratulate Mr Sauvajon who will be the Progress Leader for Year 7.

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Esther Moorey who has joined us as School Chaplain. This is a significant role in the school and will support our Christian ethos and the spiritual development of our school community. Miss Rennalls has joined us as the Head of 6th Form, this is a key role as we continue to grow our post 16 provision she will work closely with Ms Kenison who is the Progress Leader for Year 12 and 13. Please see the list of new staff at the end of this letter.

We are very much all looking forward to the new academic year ahead and welcoming our students in their new school uniform. Students will also enjoy the fruits of substantial hard work over the summer including a fully refurbished dining experience with a new café; new and revamped painted second floor classrooms; with a Chapel. As a result of a successful bid, we have also had work done on our roof

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so we can protect this wonderful school and ensure we are still serving our local community into the next century.

May I remind you that we have not relaxed our high expectations of our dress code. Please ensure that if your daughter had any acrylics, piercings, false lashes and coloured hair during the holiday, this is removed before she returns. Please refer to the dress code that is included with this letter and is on our website if you are in any doubt about what is acceptable.

The new academic year ahead promises even further successes in development, achievement and progression. I hope that you can play an active part in these developments by joining our Parent Partnership Group. Our first meeting for the autumn term will take place on Tuesday 26 September at 6.30pm. Prior to this, please join us for drinks and nibbles to welcome the new Year 7 families to St Martin's on Tuesday 12 September at 7pm.

Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to meeting you at future events as we all continue to live and breathe our school motto: Caritate et Disciplina – with love and learning.

Yours sincerely,



Beverley Stanislaus
Headteacher

A reminder of the beginning of term

Year 7 and 12 only
All students return

Tuesday 5 September 2017 8.30am to 12.30pm
Wednesday 6 September 2017 normal school day

New Staff

Ms Asiedu	Deputy Leader of Maths
Ms Godfrey	Religious Education
Mr Adjeti	PE
Ms Pehrivan	Psychology
Miss Defreitas	Drama
Mr Jacob	History
Mr Beever	Music

Progress Leader Team

Mr Sauvajon	Year 7
Ms Beckford	Year 8
Ms Hammoudi	Year 9
Ms Grant	Year 10
Ms Ryan	Year 11
Ms Kenison	Year 12 & 13