



3rd April 2017

Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: Easter Break and Key Messages

Key Dates

We have had a successful spring term at SPWT and are looking forward to a well-deserved Easter break. School will close for all students at **3.30pm on Thursday 6th April 2017**. All students are to return to school at **8.55am on Monday 24th April 2017**.

Some Year 11 students and some sixth formers will need to come into school on Friday 7th April 2017 (staff INSET day) and during the Easter holiday. Your child's Year Team Leader will write to you separately about these special arrangements; it is imperative that your child attends all of these additional sessions.

I would like to remind Year 10 families that Parents' Evening will be taking place on Thursday 6th April 2017 as scheduled. The event will start at 4:00pm and will be finished by 6:45pm.

Charity

I am delighted to announce that, with your help, we have managed to raise over £1700 for Comic Relief, an amazing result. Our sixth formers will also be leading on various charity events this week in support of Human Aid. We kindly request you continue to support this initiative by donating any spare change to your child to bring to school to donate to this exceptional cause. As part of this there will be cakes and savoury food sales throughout the week.

Independent Learning

It is important that all students get a good rest during the Easter break. This could be achieved by having structured days which include some time dedicated towards quality learning. Your child's subject teachers have provided a wealth of resources for students to complete when not in school. In addition to the usual homework, teachers have encouraged students to go the extra mile and engage with independent learning. For example the school subscribes to Frog our virtual learning platform, mathswatch KS4, kerboodle maths KS3, doddle science and many other websites. There are also many free resources available online therefore please encourage your child to log into these websites and complete additional work when they are free.

Teaching and Learning

Students and staff have been working hard. Teaching and learning is at the forefront of everything that we do and we are always seeking different ways of making improvements so that our students are fully prepared to face the demands of the new curriculum. Since I wrote to you last, we have seen a significant improvement in students bringing the correct equipment to school, however, this has not always been consistent. Please ensure your child brings the essential SPWT graduate equipment to school every day which includes a scientific calculator. We are selling calculators at a low cost price of £5 and students can buy all of the other essential equipment from the stationery cart which is open for business every morning at the student entrance.

Uniform

Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing the correct uniform. We very much appreciate your support in ensuring that your child always presents a professional image by having a 'smart business appearance'. Students need to wear the correct grey trousers and smart black shoes. Please see the photos on our website for more information. <http://www.spwt.net/school-uniform/>.

Attendance

We are extremely proud of the good attendance and punctuality of all students. I would very much appreciate that you work closely with us to ensure that your child continues to come to school promptly, every day. All



students should be on site before 8.55am. We also run a free breakfast club which starts every day from 7.45am and offers a selection of healthy breakfasts.

Parent Voice

Please come and support us and actively take part in improving our school so that we can always deliver world class education to all of our students. We have regular Parent Forum meetings and would very much like you to join us for the next one. This week we have a meeting arranged for Year 8 parents which will take place on Wednesday 5th April 9.30am-10.30am. Please contact Mr Masud Rana (mrana@spwt.net), our Trust Plus Development Director, for further information. Very recently, through our Parents' Forum, we appointed Nadia Hassan as one of our parental engagement officers. Nadia's new involvement with the school began through her attendance to one of our parent forum sessions. We would like to hear from more people and would welcome your feedback in making our school community the best place to be.

Safety

As always, please ensure that your child is safe online by not disclosing their personal information to anyone on any social media websites. Please refer to our website for advice from Tower Hamlets local authority on 'keep your children safe online' and 'keeping young people and children safe against radicalisation and extremism'. These flyers can be found on <http://www.spwt.net/parents-carers>. On the note of safety, can I please ask all parents who drop their child off to school by car not to park or stop on St Paul's Way or Belton Way. This creates congestion and therefore significant disruption to the local residents who have raised this as a concern.

There is much information contained in this letter, please speak to your child's Year Team Leader if you need clarification on any of this.

Once again, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a restful, safe and happy holiday.

Yours sincerely,

Jubair Ahmed
Deputy Headteacher