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16<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are well and have seen how well your young people are doing so far, this academic year.

I'm writing to update you on a couple of matters. As you will have seen on the school social media we have had a wonderful 'All Saints' Day and a very respectful remembrance service in school. The students were a credit to their families and the school.

All Saints has been awarded the Leading Parent Partnership Award (LPPA) again in recognition of the excellent communication and partnership we have with parents. We are incredibly proud that our parents are so supportive of the All Saints family as we work together to secure excellence for all.

## Dates for the diary

20 <sup>th</sup> November	Yr 13 Mock Exam
27 <sup>th</sup> November	Yr 11 Mock Exam
13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Carol Service
20 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term

# **Punctuality**

The school day starts at 8.45am. This means students need to be in form ready to learn at this time <u>not</u> just arriving. In form time we use this as learning time and have literacy, numeracy & PSHE activities scheduled to be covered. Arriving late disrupts the learning of this but ultimately disadvantages your child if they are not here and ready to learn.

From Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November the school gates will close at 8.40am. This will ensure pupils are in and in form rooms ready to learn at 8.45am and maximises the school day. This may mean they leave home 5 minutes earlier but I'm sure you appreciate the need for a prompt mastered start to lessons.

# <u>Uniform</u>

The winter evenings are coming in and the temperatures are dropping. It is important that your child has a plain navy blue or black school coat. In line with our uniform policy scarfs and hats if worn are to be plain navy blue or black and please note no baseball caps or balaclavas.

When travelling to and from school pupils are to wear full uniform, they are representing our community in the Borough. We often receive compliments in our children and their manners. I would like you to remind pupils that





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they are to go straight home from school for their safety and they are not to loiter in areas e.g. parks and fast food shops.

## Meeting with Leadership

We are always available via email and to meet with you if you book an appointment to discuss any concerns you may have. I am making my leadership team available for appointments with parents on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November to discuss any matters or concerns you may have. If you would like an appt with one of the team please email <u>office@allsaintsschool.co.uk</u>, please outline the nature of area you want to discuss and your availability between 3.45pm – 6.00pm on this evening. We will then get back to you confirming the time and the member of team appointed to you.

## Mock Exams

The Year 13 mocks will commence on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November and the Year 11 mocks begin on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November. These are vital in providing students with exam experience and their teachers with accurate assessment data. The mocks will be run in accordance with JCQ written examination rules, reflecting the summer examination conditions.

Students must be at school before 8.40 ready for the morning exams. Students should bring the correct equipment needed for the exams. It is also important that students have a healthy routine, going to bed on time and having a breakfast the morning of the mocks as these all add up to support exam success.

Please find attached the timetable for both Yr11 & Yr13 for you.

## Charity Hampers

Again, each form will be asked to prepare a Christmas hamper for the less fortunate in our community. These hampers will be distributed across Barking & Dagenham before Christmas. Your contributions of dry/non-perishable foods are greatly appreciated.

With every good wish,

Ms C Cantle Headteacher

