Parentmail 02.07.21

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have started planning for September, but we are still waiting for updated guidance from the government. As I explained in last week's parent mail, there are some changes we are putting in place for September 2021. New Year 7 and the sixth form will be based on lower site whilst all other year groups will be based on Upper site. We are carrying out works on lower site to ensure that everything is in place for students. Thank you for continuing to ensure good attendance from your child. On the last day of term, 16th July, we will be dismissing students through their normal entrances at 12o'clock. There will be no staff available for the first two weeks of the holidays which are the weeks beginning the 19th and 26th of July.

God Bless.

Mrs Lennon

Year 7, 8,9, 10 and 12 Summer School

There is still availability for the Summer School. As mentioned in last weeks parent mail we have organised a mixture of academic, creative and teamwork sessions. The Summer School is completely free, and we would like to see as many pupils there as possible. In order to plan the day effectively we need to know the number of pupils who will be attending. There is a link below that will take you to an online booking system where you will have to fill in some very brief information. To help with planning, please make your booking today, if you have not already done so.

Booking System: https://stjohnfisher.school/wp-content/summer/

The days for each year group are stated below -

Year group	Day
7	2nd August
8	3rd August
9	4th August
10	5th August
12	6th August

If you have any questions about the Summer School please email Mr Bowers (s.bowers@stjohnfisher.school).

Medway Youth Service's Summer Program

Medway Youth Service's Summer Program is now available on our website. The range oif activities on offer include planning Summer Dayz, park-based activities, where young people aged 8+ can join in with a range of multi-sports, games, arts and crafts and other activities.

We are also running a selection of bookable group work projects including:

- Street Soccer Multi-Sports

- Guitar Jam
- Design your own game
- Arts and crafts
- Skateboard design
- The Big Camp
- SHINE activity days (for young people with additional needs)

Places can be booked for young people by clicking here to complete this form.

On top of this, most of our existing program will continue to run. Details are available here and interest can be registered here

If you would like to keep up to date with the what the Youth Service doing, we have a quarterly newsletter (subscription is available at the bottom of the page)

Roy Smith | Operations Manager | Medway Council – Youth Service

Praise and Rewards

We are really proud of the efforts our students have made: over 550 students have moved onto at least the Bronze tier and nearly 200 have moved to Diamond tier! I would like to thank all our students and parents for the hard work that we are recognising with this reward scheme. I have included some information about the rewards and tiers below so that you are fully aware. I hope you will enjoy joining with us in celebrating your child's success at school.

Tier	Reward	Method of Delivery
Bronze	Certificate	Email to parents/carers email address
Silver	Certificate	Hard copy sent home in post
Gold	Lapel Badge	Presented to student by Head of Year
Diamond	Pen	Presented to student by Head of Year

Up Beat! Singing Club

Thank you to all of the fabulous singers who are attending already. If any other Year 7 or 8 pupils would like to join, please email Mr Bowers (s.bowers@stjohnfisher.school) for more details.

Covid Testing: Lateral Flow Testing at Home

Your daughter/son should have received a new test kit.

Each box contains the items for 7 home tests and an instruction booklet. The following NHS video guidance is also useful in explaining how to conduct the test at home – https://youtu.be/S9XR8RZxKNo.

It is advised that a test is conducted twice a week. We suggest the test is taken every Sunday and Wednesday evening. You are required to report the result of home lateral tests using the Covid-19 test result website (https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result) regardless if the test result is positive, negative or void.

As a school, we are also asked to track this information, so we ask that you please complete the following form to log your child's result – https://stjohnfisher.school/wp-content/Covid-Result-Login/ . This is so that we can keep a record and advise you of the next steps if needed. Your child will need to use their normal school 'log-in' to access the site and their normal school password.

These lateral flow tests are for students with no symptoms only. If you child develops symptoms at any time, such as a high temperature; a new, continuous cough; or a loss or change to their sense of smell or taste, they must immediately self-isolate, and you will need to book a test by calling 119 or visiting https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirustest .

If your child's result from a lateral flow test or a PCR test is positive, please ensure you contact the school's attendance officer immediately.

Along with the other protective measures we are taking, these tests will help staff and students to remain in school safely. Up to one third of people who have coronavirus experience no symptoms. By testing we will help to stop the virus spread and help to keep our school open as safely as possible. The test is voluntary, but I would encourage everyone to take it.

Pick up and Drop Off on Perry Street

We would like to ask parents and carers to try not to use Perry Street to drop off or collect your children. There have been complaints about damage to vehicles and the disturbance caused for residents.

Thank you in advance for your understanding.

A message from Arriva

Do you or your child travel to University, College or School by bus? If so, we've got the perfect solution!

Arriva Student Saver tickets are valid for anyone in full time education. You will get unlimited access to travel on any Arriva bus, across all our routes in your chosen area.

The Saver tickets will not only cover your travel to and from University, School or College, but can also be used to travel in the evenings, at weekends and throughout the holidays too.

Arriva's Direct Debit scheme allows you to spread the cost of your ticket over affordable monthly payments. It's an easy way to pay for travel and there's no contract involved, making it an ideal way to get reduced bus travel for the whole Academic year, without paying upfront.

*Our tickets do not cover Arriva London/TFL routes

It's a simple process to apply, to arrange your Direct Debit please visit:
www.arrivabus.co.uk/monthlytickets

To ensure delivery of tickets in time for the start of the new Academic Year, we recommend registering now.

Once registered you can select either to receive your monthly pass by post or sent to your mobile phone. This ticket will rollover every month for as long as the direct debit remains active.

For any queries regarding the scheme, please email: talktous@arriva.co.uk