



4<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Dear Parents/Carers/Students,

## **Re: Year 11 update**

We hope you are well and had a lovely half term.

As we enter the summer term, we wanted to take this opportunity to update you on a number of items.

### **1. What should I be doing now?**

In order to support students' transition to the next stage of your education, a google classroom has been created. The code is **ek43ikr**. On this google classroom, you will find the following:

#### **Transition work**

For students intending to study A Levels, it is highly likely that sixth forms and colleges will ask students to sit baseline assessments particularly for popular subjects. Irrespective of this, the work we are providing will ensure that students have the opportunity to begin their studies confidently, meaning they are fully prepared for September. The discipline demonstrated by students now, through independent study, will stand them in good stead for their further education. The more you do now, the more prepared you will be for September.

Transition work for the subjects you intend to study next year can be found on the school website in the Sixth Form section and on the Google classroom.

#### **Super-curricular learning**

Super-curricular activities are those that take the subjects you study further, beyond that which your teacher has taught you or what you've done for homework. You can explore your subject in many ways; for example, by reading, as well as watching videos online, downloading lectures, visiting museums or entering academic competitions. To do well at a A Level and beyond it is important to have a) enthusiasm and curiosity for your subject and b) the capacity for independent study.

On the google classroom you will find an abundance of free super-curricular activities including; reading lists, ted talks, online courses, podcasts, webinars, oxbridge materials and lots more.

### **2. Leavers jumpers and year books**

Mr Davite has coordinated the publication of the year book and the manufacture of the leavers hoodies.

The hoodies will have a large '20' print on the back containing the names of all students in Year 11. The front will have an embroidered logo. Students have chosen a college jumper style in Jet black.

Students have the opportunity to personalise their hoodie with a nickname. This will be an additional cost. Students have already completed a google form indicating their preference, size and optional nickname.

The year book will have a hardcover and will no doubt be a wonderful reminder of the diamond year group and their time at SMSJ. Due to the current circumstances, the year book will be delayed.

Payment for both the hoodie and year book can be made on parent pay. Please find the pricings for the items below:

- College Hoody - £20
- College Hoodie with a nickname - £25
- Hardcover Yearbook - £20

When the items have been delivered, we will update you with further details of collection.

### 3. Further Education

You will all be at different stages of this process, with many of you having accepted offers at Sixth Forms and colleges. It is important to note that conditional offers will be contingent on you receiving those grades. Due to the unconventional circumstances and the new CAG process this year, It is imperative now more than ever that you have back up options as an insurance. Furthermore, sixth forms and colleges may be affected by the current circumstances which may lead to changes in their acceptance criteria and eligibility on enrolment day. Therefore, please stay up to date with the sixth forms and colleges you have applied to.

For those of you that have not yet applied to the Sixth Form and would still like to, please email Miss Wood-Cain for the application form and questionnaire on [pwoodcain.302@smsj.london](mailto:pwoodcain.302@smsj.london).

### 4. 12 Taster day

On Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June, we will be holding a virtual taster day. An introduction to our Sixth Form and A Level taster lessons will be available to access via the school's website. This will provide an insight into Sixth Form life at SMSJ. Further information on entry criteria can be found on your conditional offer letter and on our website and prospectus. Details about enrolment are outlined below.

### 5. Results day

Year 11 GCSE results day will be on August 20<sup>th</sup> 2020. We will get in touch nearer that date with the exact details of results day. If for any reason you will be unable to attend school to collect your results in person, please email Ms Hutchinson on [exams@smsj.london](mailto:exams@smsj.london) from your school email address and give the email address you would like them sent to.

Best wishes,



Miss Gershon  
Head of Sixth Form



Miss Thomas  
Assistant Principal