



Wisdom Service Hope

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Dear Parents & Carers,

SMSJ Message of Inclusion – 'Proud to be made in the image of God'

Inclusion and positive social action remain central to our vision. We give thanks for an all-loving, faithful and everlasting God who does not show favouritism because of a preference for one nation over another. We continue to strive to renew our minds so that we can reflect tolerance to all. We are proud to embrace diversity and do not exclude people because of prejudices. Our faith and acceptance of all *who are made in the image of God*, will help our children be a catalyst for change, coming together to build a truly inclusive world where no one is left behind because of their disability, ethnicity, age, religion, or gender identity.

SMSJ Social Action - Student Ambassadors & Committees

Students have elected their peers to represent them as Student Ambassadors on one of three committees;

- **Wisdom** (Green Ties) Committee which reflects on the Quality of Education
- **Service** (Blue Ties) Committee which reflects on our Social and Charitable action
- **Hope** (Gold Ties) Committee in which students reflect on the Wellbeing and Collective Worship

Committee ties will be awarded in Collective Worship, on our return from half term and committee members will be featured in our next article of Spotlight. We very much look forward to their contribution to our wider community.

SMSJ Social Action - Advent Collection

In place of the Harvest collection this year, SMSJ has established a relationship with a new charity called FoodBank Aid who gather and provide food to 17 foodbanks across North London, 5 of which are in Barnet. Over the course of next half term, representatives from the charity will be meeting our Service ambassadors who will be visiting the foodbank hub. During Collective Worship, Hope ambassadors will be raising awareness about food poverty before our advent foodbank collection the week commencing 6th December. We will then be organising regular collections throughout the year. Please look out for information on how you can contribute to supporting this new partnership.

SMSJ Social Action - School Minister and Message Bus Initiative

SMSJ is also part of another new and exciting collaboration with Capital Youth which is the Diocese of London's 5-year plan to boost the number of young people engaged by our church communities in evangelism and discipleship. Youth Ministers are a key part of this program and are funded through Church Commissioners Strategic Development funding. Their role within Capital Youth is to grow the numbers of young people who are part of our churches by reaching new young people themselves and then helping other churches to grow. The Diocese of London has 'planted' a Minister within our all-through school for the next three years. Click [here](#) to read more.

Super Curricular Activities & After School Clubs

Our After School Club at Neale House will continue for the remainder of the Autumn term. We have introduced Super Curricular Activities and After School Clubs for our students at Bennett House Campus and Stamford Raffles Campus these will begin again on Monday 15th November. Please check our website for the opportunities that we will be offering to our students. Further information will be shared on our return from half term.

COVID risk management

We are revising our Risk Assessment for the new half term and this will be informed by the local and national situation. Despite a local spike in cases, this half term we have been notified of had 42 positive cases in our student body and 6 in our staff body. We will share with you our revised risk assessment via our website when we return.

As you will be aware centres are now open for continued [vaccinations for 12 to 15 year olds](#) in addition to those requiring a second vaccination booster vaccination. Please continue to ensure our children are conducting regular LFD tests. Additional test kits will be provided on our return.

Neale House Campus - Building works on the Watford Way

The company which has purchased the Garage on the Watford Way will be starting works during half term. As the building adjoins our Neale House Campus, they will be erecting hoardings over the half term to secure the site. Representatives from the Diocese have been liaising with the contractor on our behalf to ensure limited disruption to our day to day operation. We will of course keep you update on developments.

Policies and Wider Communication

We will be conducting our annual review of our Safeguarding policy which will include conducting wider consultations. Please complete the online questionnaires when they come through to you over the next half term.

Parent Forums

I hope to reintroduce parent forums across our three campuses following our recent Platinum (Year 11) Forum this week. The forum was well attended and provided an opportunity for parents and carers to share concerns which we can act on. A timetable will be issued in the new term.

Safeguarding over half term

We are mindful that our students have experienced considerable change and are exposed to an overwhelming volume of information which may impact negatively on their mental health. Please [click here](#) for the link to access support and guidance if required.

Calendar events & Key dates

Please continue to review our [website](#) to keep abreast of upcoming events

In advance of the half term break we want to share with you our plans for Christmas:

- Christmas Carol Workshops - Years 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8 will be taking part in a workshop during the first weeks of December. They will learn and hear Christmas music culminating in a short act of worship.

Nativity- Nursery to year 2 will prepare and perform a nativity service. Dates to be confirmed.

Key Dates

1 st November	Students Return to school
3 rd November	Sixth Form Open Evening
8 th – 19 th November	Year 11 Mock Examinations
15 th – 19 th November	Year 13 Reports issued
16 th November	Year 13 Parent Consultations
26 th November	Staff Wellbeing Day – No School for Students
6 th – 10 th December	Year 6 Mock SATs
6 th – 10 th December	Year 9 & 10 Reports issued
8 th December	Year 10 Parent Consultations
13 th December	EYFS-Y6 Reports issued
13 th – 17 th December	Year 7, 8 & 11 Reports issued
15 th December	Secondary Christmas Carol Service
17 th December	End of Term – Early Finish for Students

Yours faithfully,



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Principal