



St Martin-in-the-Fields High School for Girls

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***“For the lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding”
Proverbs 2:6***

Dear Families

We have already completed half of the autumn term. I am really pleased by the way in which all students have settled quickly into the routines of school and are learning well in all their lessons. Particularly Year 7 who have joined us, they have done exceptionally well, and Year 11 taking on the challenges of their final year of their GCSEs.

I have set out a few things under headings so that, if you only scan read this letter, you do not miss the important messages!

Mandarin Launch 11 October 2018

This was a fabulous, sell out event, we sold 120 tickets and could have sold half that number again! We were joined by the Confucius Programme Manager who is really impressed with how we have integrated Mandarin into our curriculum. As a result, we have been allocated an additional Mandarin teacher, so we now have two. Thank you to our parents who supported this event; shopping, cooking; organising tables, serving and clearing away. We need more parents on our Parent Partnership Group to support us with events. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 27 November from 6.30pm to 8.00pm. We hope to see you.

Fireworks - Shops at Upper Tulse Hill

Thank you for your support with ensuring that your daughter does not loiter around after school. She should go straight home, unless she has a club or intervention. Students have adhered to the expectation of only going to the shops at Upper Tulse Hill if it is absolutely necessary and leaving immediately after they have made their purchase. I am at the shop every day with another member of the senior team to ensure their safety during the firework season. Their safety is important to us inside and outside school. Thank you for supporting us with this matter. As in my previous letter to you, this procedure will continue at least until the end of November.

School Trousers

As part of our winter uniform we have introduced trousers and these can be worn after October half term until Easter. Our trousers are made from the same fabric as the blazer, so will match perfectly and look like a smart suit. Trousers will cost £22.99 and must be purchased from our school uniform suppliers, SUD (School Uniform Direct). Your daughter can be fitted at the shop in Mitcham from Tuesday 23 October onwards. Your daughter can only wear the regulation trousers which have been made specially to match our blazer, they are not on sale anywhere else. Please note, no other trousers are permissible.

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WITH LOVE AND LEARNING



We end this half term with a celebration of Black History Month and there are many activities taking place in school. As always events take place across all the local authorities and further afield, many of which are free.

I have put together a list of a few free events that your daughter might want to take part in during the half term break. I am sure she will also have homework and other school work to catch up on, if not, as I always say, nothing beats a good book!

Enjoy a fabulous half term break and I look forward to seeing you at our next school event. We return to school at the normal time on Monday 29 October 2018.

Yours sincerely



Beverley Stanislaus
Headteacher



**BLACK HISTORY MONTH
FREE EVENTS IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 2018**

1. Windrush Exhibition: Portrait of a Generation takes place at St. John's Angell Town. Monday to Saturday 2.00pm to 6.00pm Thursday 1 to Thursday 15 November 2018.
2. Exhibitions at the Black Cultural Archives in Brixton.
3. Africa on the Square takes place in Trafalgar Square on Saturday 27 October 2018. A free event from 12.00 midday until 6.00pm. This is a popular event that continues to grow, it will be the fourth time it is hosted. Over 25,000 people attended last year. It celebrates African arts and culture. There will be a stage with live entertainment, an African market, food and stalls, showcasing communities from across the continent.
4. Exhibition at the British Library until 21 October called Windrush Songs in a Strange Land. It is 70 years since the Empire Windrush carried hundreds of migrants to London. You can learn about the Jamaican feminist poet Una Marson, who became the first black woman employed by the BBC.
5. National Portrait Gallery to see Black is the New Black portraits by Simon Frederick. We have been fortunate to get tickets for an exclusive offer to meet the artist Simon Frederick for Year 10 and 11 Art students.