



News

Last week we hosted our 'Summer Celebration' of art, music, dance and drama. I spent the evening feeling proud and was in utter amazement at the talent we have in school. Our Performing Arts Faculty are a wonderful team who go above and beyond to provide a wealth of experiences and opportunities for students. They build relationships that allow students to be comfortable to get involved and often out of their comfort zones. For me great leaders create leaders and not followers. Last night I saw masses of young leaders and I am excited about the future here!

This week, our students have completed all their end of year assessments. Year 10 have sat their exams in the school gyms, demonstrating our desire to really broaden their experience in preparation for next year. Students have been magnificent all week and we have repeatedly told them so. School matters, education matters and being the best version of yourself at all times matters. Our students are demonstrating that they understand that more so than ever before and I am really proud of them and grateful to them for the way in which they continue to work alongside us every day.

Next week we are taking 130 students on our end of year reward trip to Alton Towers. We are thrilled that so many students are involved. It is so easy to catch young people getting it wrong in school, but our reward strategy is designed to do the opposite. We want to catch them getting it right. Of course, we want them all to benefit and to support this we reset virtue points each term. I am incredibly grateful to Miss Smart for undertaking the mammoth task of organising this day and to the huge number of students and families who have expressed their thanks to us for the opportunity to attend. For me though the key is to always try to recognise the huge swathes of our students who get it right in school every day. They are here every day and on time. They do their work both in school and beyond; they are involved in the wider life of school.

Last Week of Term:

- Tuesday 16 July** Year 10 Mock Interviews
- Wednesday 17 July** School Sports Day. Students must attend wearing their full JWS PE kit
- Wednesday 17 July** Year 10 Geography field trip
- Friday 19 July** Culture Day. We have invited staff and students to wear their traditional cultural clothing or remain in their uniform if they prefer.

Please note, school will close at normal time on Friday 19 July.

New School Uniform

We are excited about September and the ways in which our community will continue to grow under our new identity as, 'The Royal Sutton School' in the year ahead. All students should arrive in their full school uniform:

- White shirt (regular fit, not fitted) tucked in with top button done up
- The Royal Sutton School tie
- Plain navy trousers (off the leg – straight cut, not skinny style) or formal navy skirt that's down to the knees
- Plain, black shoes with black socks/black tights
- The Royal Sutton School blazer to be worn at all times
- Plain blue woollen V-neck jumper
- Black leather material shoes, no trainers

If students fail to wear perfect uniform, they will either borrow temporary uniform to wear or families will be contacted and asked to bring in appropriate uniform. Failing this, students will be sent to our school isolation room until their uniform meets our expectations. We will do this to ensure that all our students take pride in their appearance and to make sure that all students are treated fairly.

How to tie a tie

Please click [here](#) for a video to guide you in how to tie the new school tie.

Return to School Arrangements

- Wednesday 4 September** New Year 7 should arrive on the playground for 8:40am
- Thursday 5 September** Years 7 and 11 should arrive on the playground for 8:40am
- Friday 6 September** All Years:- 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 should arrive on the playground for 8:40am.

Equipment

Students are expected to bring the right equipment to the school every day. Alongside the school equipment provided (iPad, diary, white board and folder) students should have with them:




- School Bag with a Pencil case containing:
Glue Stick / Black ink pen / Green ink pen / Pencil / Eraser / Ruler / Scientific calculator / Protractor

School opening times from September 2024

The school gates will open from 8:20am instead of 8:00 am. This adjustment is necessary to ensure adequate supervision and the safety of our students. The decision to delay the school opening time by 20 minutes has been made after careful consideration and discussions with the school staff. This change will allow us to provide better supervision and ensure that our students are safe and well-cared for from the moment they arrive at school. We understand that this alteration may require adjustments to your morning routine, and we appreciate your cooperation and understanding in this matter. Our primary concern is the safety and well-being of our students, and we believe this change will contribute positively to that goal. Please note that **all students should on the playground for line up with their form tutor at 8:40am.**

Virtues and Virtues Champions

Each week our heads of year nominate a 'Virtues Champion' - a person in their year group who has gone above and beyond to demonstrate our virtue of the week. Thank you to our Virtues Champions for leading the way, focusing and practicing: -

	Year 7 Champion	Year 8 Champion	Year 9 Champion	Year 10 Champion
COURAGE 	Eva N	Aarav O	Kennedy B	Georgia H
RESPECT 	Joseph B	Haram S	Rosie W	George Mc
SERVICE 	Danny A	Adam C	Brandon W	Jayne S

Safeguarding

Please [click here](#) to view some important parental safeguarding information. If you have a concern that any student is being harmed or is at risk of harm, you can contact school reception and ask for a **Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)**. Alternatively, or in the case of school being closed, if you are worried about the safety or welfare of a child or young person you can contact **Birmingham children's advice and support line** on **0121 303 1888**. The emergency out-of-hours number for **CASS** is **0121 675 4806**. If you are concerned, always call **999**.

Online safety – please see this [link](#) for advice about keeping your child safe online. We also have other online safety advice that can be found on our website [here](#) and other additional useful links and support [here](#).

The SHARP system - You can report any incidents of concern within the school or local community using the SHARP system which is located on the school website. Help and support for children and adults click [here](#) to view support and guidance services.

Managing Anxiety

Cherished have announced a podcast called 'Connection Counts'. It offers advice about how to connect with a child with anxiety. Cherished have collaborated with Jennifer Wyman from the organisation 'Bridge the Gap', on what anxiety looks like, how it can be displayed in the classroom, and some easy wins for supporting well. They have lots of other helpful podcasts, so please take a listen!

Here's the link to the podcast on



Apple <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/connection-counts/id1694897376>

Spotify <https://open.spotify.com/show/7BSiALohnG9JiZyZk2NfHb>

Reading Recommendation



The Summer Reading Challenge commences in libraries across the country on Friday 6 July and continues throughout the summer holidays. We would encourage all students to take part, accessing a range of reading books from any library in Birmingham. We look forward to hearing about your summer reads when we return in September.

'Potential into Reality'