

July 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

End of Summer Term Newsletter

We are almost at the end of the school year and I will have completed my first two terms here at Enfield County as Headteacher.

Joining the school at the beginning of this year was exciting, but not without a fair amount of nervousness and uncertainty and I want to thank you for your parental support to me in helping and enabling me to do this. I can definitely say that two terms in I have fallen in love with the school and feel a sense of belonging and pride to be here.

Alongside the business of teaching and learning, this term has been full with a wide range of activities, competitions, exhibitions, concerts, shows, educational visits and much more! Thank you to our staff for providing such broad enrichment for students and for their commitments which extend well beyond the classroom.

Thank you for your continued commitment in supporting the staff to provide the best learning environment for your daughters. Working together as staff and parents to support our girls' achievements is so positive and I have experienced the very best of this many times during this year.

Our year 11 and 13 students sat their final exams this term and their long awaited results will arrive in August. I wish all students the very best results and look forward to welcoming our year 11 students into year 12 and to hearing about the successes of our year 13 students moving on to the next part of their lives.

This term we are saying farewell and thank you to: Ms Abangma, Ms Ayeni, Ms Conlon-Williams, Mr Esky, Ms Gray, Ms Hayes, Mr Johnson, Ms Knight, Mrs Lucas, Ms Martin, Mr Mounsey, Mrs Riley-Patterson, Ms Reid, Ms Rodriguez and Ms Strachan. Ms Wright is taking a sabbatical for a year and will return to ECS in September 2019.

We wish them good luck for whatever and wherever the next part of their journey takes them and hope that they will be very happy.

In September we welcome to our school: Ms Butt, Ms Bastienne, Ms Coles, Ms Delamere, Ms Khadjeh, Ms Lydon, Ms Maltby, Mr Matthai, Ms Michail, Mr Murphy, Ms Neocleous, Mrs Pereira, Ms Raizada, Ms Smith and Ms Yilmaz.

Next year there will be an opportunity for parents/carers to attend 'parent forums' with myself or a member of the senior leadership team. These will provide opportunity to contribute ideas or to raise concerns whether student related or otherwise.

If you would like to attend any of these sessions, I would ask that you contact the school before the day to book a meeting time.

The dates are as follows:

Tuesday 16 October 2018	9.30-11.30am
Tuesday 11 December 2018	9.30-11.30am
Wednesday 13 February 2019	9.30-11.30am
Thursday 23 May 2019	9.30-11.30am
Thursday 4 July 2019	9.30-11.30am

I would also like to invite you to join 'Friends of Enfield County' for the next academic year. 'Friends of Enfield County' is a group made up of staff members, parents and carers and other friends of the school who meet and work together to plan events and fundraising opportunities for students and our school.

Meetings will take place at 6.00pm on the second Monday of each month at our Rosemary Avenue site.

Our first meeting is scheduled for **Monday 10 September** where you will be most welcome.

If you would like to attend this meeting I would ask that, if possible, you contact the school to confirm this before the evening.

End of Term Arrangements

The last day of term is Friday 20 July. Students will be dismissed from school at 11.45am to make their way directly home on foot or using public transport. The safer schools police team have advised all Enfield Schools that there will be a dispersal zone in place from 8.00am on 20 July to 8.00am on 21 July. The dispersal zones cover Enfield Town and Edmonton bus station and surrounding shops. This means that apart from entering these areas for bus or train travel or journey on foot, students are not to go into shops or food places between these times. This will ensure the safety of our students and I thank you for your support in this matter.

I would like to wish you all a happy and safe summer break and look forward to working with you in September; supporting our students in being the very best that they can be and sharing in their many successes to come.

With best wishes

Jennifer Gumbrell
Headteacher

Important Reminders for the Autumn Term

The School Day

From September the school day will begin at 8.40am. Students must be in school by 8.35am ready for the start of the day.

The school day will finish at 3.20pm

Uniform and Presentation

We want our students to present an excellent first impression of our school in the local community. All students should return to school looking smart and ready to learn. Thank you for your support in ensuring that your daughters present themselves to a high standard by following our school policy on the wearing of correct school uniform which includes:

- **Black school shoes** (this does not include black trainers, black leather or canvas 'Vans/Converse' style footwear or ankle boots)
- **Revere collar blouse**
- **Knee high black socks or opaque black tights**
- **School policy guidance on piercings, finger nails and hair colour**

Mobile Phones

In my opinion student mobile phones on the school site are not necessary. Too much time is wasted on the negative and disruptive issues created and brought into school via phone usage and social media.

I believe that a mobile phone free school environment enhances the learning environment for students and releases them from associated stresses during their school day.

We are adopting a clear approach to this and I would ask that you make yourself aware of our updated mobile phone policy to enable you to fully support your daughters and our school in this matter.

Please see 'mobile phone and electronic media device policy 2018-2019' at the end of this newsletter.

Reminder about Social Networking Services

Your daughter has recently received a reminder during assembly about interacting safely on social networking sites.

As we approach the summer holidays it is important for parents and carers to be mindful of some of the social media sites that are popular with young people and to understand these services and their potential risks.

In view of this, [please click here for the leaflet from Childnet called 'Young People and Social Networking Services'](#). This details what you need to be aware of and how you can support your daughter in choosing an appropriate service and using it in a safe and constructive way, and be able to help them if they need it.

Should you or your daughter wish to access additional e-safety information please access the school website www.enfieldcs.enfield.sch.uk under the parents and students tab you will find a link to e-safety.

If you have any concerns about your daughter's safety on social media please report this directly to www.ceop.police.uk

Parking Congestion at our Lower Site, Rosemary Avenue

I would like to encourage our students to take the bus, car-share, or walk all or part of the way to school. The school wishes to maintain good relations with its neighbours, therefore, where possible, I urge parents and carers not to drive into Rosemary Avenue. Also, to be considerate of residents when parking in surrounding streets. Thank you.

ENFIELD COUNTY SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES 2018/2019

AUTUMN TERM 2018

<i>Inset Day</i>	<i>Monday 3 September 2018</i>
First Day (new Year 7)	Tuesday 4 September 2018
First Day (Whole School)	Wednesday 5 September 2018
Half Term	22 October - 26 October 2018 inclusive
Last Day	Thursday 20 December 2018
<i>Inset Day</i>	<i>Friday 21 December 2018</i>

SPRING TERM 2019

First Day	Monday 7 January 2019
Half Term	18 - 22 February 2019 inclusive
Last Day	Friday 5 April 2019

SUMMER TERM 2019

First Day	Tuesday 23 April 2019
May Day	Monday 6 May 2019
Half Term	27 May – 31 May 2019 inclusive
Last Day	Friday 19 July 2019
<i>Inset Day</i>	
<i>Inset Day</i>	<i>Monday 22 July 2019</i>
	<i>Tuesday 23 July 2019</i>

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN TERM

SPECIAL INFORMATION FOR NEW ENTRANTS

(YEAR 7)

On Tuesday 4 September 2018; Year 7 students should arrive at school for an 8.40am start.
Dismissal time will be 2.20pm

WEDNESDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2018

FIRST DAY OF TERM FOR ALL YEARS

YEARS 7 to 13 Students should arrive for an 8.40am start

Normal dismissal time 3:20pm (except for Year 7 who will be dismissed at 2.20pm on Tuesday and Wednesday and then 3.20pm from Thursday onwards).

SPECIAL INFORMATION

YEAR 12 please see information received on

GCSE Results Day for start times

ON THE FIRST DAY OF SPRING AND SUMMER TERMS

ALL STUDENTS SHOULD ARRIVE AT 10:00am unless other instructions are given

Inset Days Academic Year 2018-2019

Schools are required to designate five Inset days in an academic year. Enfield County has 4 traditional Inset days where students are not in school:

Monday 3 September 2018

Friday 21 December 2018

Monday 22 July 2019

Tuesday 23 July 2019

Day 5:

Staff will be involved in training during the school day between 8.15 and 10.00 on 4 mornings of the week. The fifth training day will take place in the afternoon 1.20 to 3.20.

Monday 1 October 2018 – 10am start for students

Wednesday 14 November 2018 – 10am start for students

Thursday 31 January 2019 – 10am start for students

Tuesday 12 March 2019 – 10am start for students

Friday 5 July 2019 - students will be dismissed at the end of lesson 3

There may be some students who wish to be on site earlier for private study on these mornings or for the afternoon session. Both school site libraries will be open from 7.45 on those days and until 3.20 on Friday 5 July to enable students to engage in supervised private study.

Enfield County School for Girls

Mobile Phone and Electronic Media Device Policy 2018-2019

Students should not bring mobile phones, phone watches or electronic media devices into school and we cannot be held responsible for any valuable items on the school premises.

We do offer the facility for safe keeping of phones and valuables in both school offices if you require this facility for your daughter, and we ask that you make us aware of this in writing.

Many schools and educationalists share concern regarding the use of mobile phones and social media by young people and the associated stresses of this.

Our school Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy contains information relating to social media and safe practice.

You may be interested to read the BBC article in the web link below regarding mobile phone use:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-44553705>

We have a clear policy and practice in place to ensure that everyone is aware of the consequence of not following this school rule and associated sanctions for not doing so:

Policy

- Students must have their phones and devices switched off and hidden from sight (including ear phones) when entering the school premises and until they are outside of the school premises at the end of the school day
- Students must not switch on their phones to send or receive communication at any time during the school day
- Parents and carers are advised not to communicate with their daughters on their phones during the school day

Parents and carers may contact the school office if there is an important matter of concern that needs to be communicated to a student during school hours.

Related Actions

- The first time that a student is seen or heard with a mobile phone or electronic media device on our school site it will be confiscated, and kept securely stored in our school office for one week before being returned to the student

- If a student is seen with a mobile phone or electronic media device on our school site a second time it will be confiscated, and kept securely stored in our school office. A Parent/Carer will be asked to attend a meeting in school to discuss the incident and the item will be returned to them following this
- If a student is seen with a mobile phone or electronic media device on our school site for a third time she will receive an exclusion. A re-entry meeting with parent/carers will take place following the exclusion

If a student refuses to take responsibility for her actions by ignoring or being rude or confrontational to any member of teaching or support staff implementing this policy, a sanction for behaviour will be put in place in addition to the step 1-3 related action.

Jennifer Gumbrell
Headteacher

NB: We strongly recommend that all students register their mobile devices with the UK National Property Register. To find out more please refer to www.immobilise.com