

19/10/2016

Dear Friends,

We have had a wonderful start to the academic year and I thank you, as always, for your ongoing support and care. As you know, here at Stretford High, we are driving our mission for all pupils to **ASPIRE** - **A**chieve Academically, enjoy **S**uccess, be **P**rofessional in attitude, grow in **I**ntegrity & **R**espect and recognise that hard work and **E**ndeavour are keys to achieving our goals.

**School Rule: Safe.** Being safe in the community is always very important but is particular so in the winter months. I urge parents, once again, to reinforce messages about being careful and staying safe.

- ❖ Go out in pairs or groups
- ❖ Do not engage in conversations with strangers
- ❖ If approached by a stranger - they may be on foot or in a car - do not talk to them and move away quickly.
- ❖ Never get into a car or van of someone you don't know - even if they say they know you or your family, even if it is a woman.
- ❖ If you ever feel afraid of an adult, makes lots of noise and run away.

Again, I understand that these are scary messages to pass on to your child but **it is important** that we help our children to stay safe at all times. I must tell you that there have been numerous reports of suspicious approaches to children in the local community, one involving one of our pupils. Please report anything suspicious to both the police and school.

This time of the year is also a dangerous time for accidents involving fireworks. I ask you to speak to your child(ren) about these dangers and to insist that they should not buy or use fireworks. We have had reports that fireworks are being sold illegally in the local community and we have also heard that these fireworks are unsafe as well as illegal. They must not take any chances.

**School Rule: Ready.** We like to be prepared and ready for everything here at Stretford High - and that includes planning for those important family times during school holidays. To help you to make the most of these for **next academic year**, please find the calendar for **2018/19** below! As we do not sanction absences during school time for holidays, we ask you to use this calendar if booking holidays away with your family.

3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Staff Training Days - No School For Pupils
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	School Opens To Pupils For Academic Year 2018/19!
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	End Of Half Term 1
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> October	School Opens For Half Term 2
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	School <b>Closed For 1 Day</b>
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	End Of Half Term 2
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	School Opens For Half Term 3
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	End Of Half Term 3
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	School Opens For Half Term 4
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	End Of Half Term 4
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	School Opens For Half Term 5
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	End Of Half Term 5
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	School Opens For Half Term 6
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	School <b>Closed For 1 Day</b> for staff training
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	School Closes For Summer Holidays!

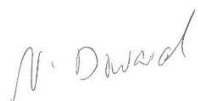
Whilst you have your calendar out, please also note the following key dates for this academic year, 2017/18:

Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Presentation Evening Class Of 2017 (Yr 11 Leavers)
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 11 Parents Evening
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	School <b><u>Closed for One day</u></b>
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 10 Parents Evening
Monday January 8 <sup>th</sup>	School Opens For Half Term 3
Week Of 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 11 Reports
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 9 Parents Evening & Options Event
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Year 9 Core Subjects Parents Evening - School Closes At 2.10 pm
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> - Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 7 Trip To Rome
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	End Of Half Term 4
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	School Opens For Half Term 5
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Year 7 & Year 8 Parents Evening - School Closes At 2.10 pm
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	End Of Half Term 5
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	School Opens For Half Term 6
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	School closed to pupils - staff training
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Transition Day
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	End Of Year Trips & Activities
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	School Closes For Summer Holidays

Please also remember that whilst I am available to you on any of the above dates for in school events, you are always more than welcome to make an appointment to see me in school or to attend my Open Office on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November, 3-6pm by appointment. Please contact my PA Helen Adshead on 0161 876 1850 to do so.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support and I wish you all a wonderful half term break.

Yours sincerely,



**Nicola Doward**  
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