



Assembly notices

Monday 18th October 2021

Reflection for the week

Respect is a big idea to grasp because it can mean so many different things to different people. When we talk about respect, we often talk about the concept of respecting someone or respecting something - like someone's property or belongings.

We also even talk about having respect for ourselves, for example self-respect.

Ultimately, respect is about people's feelings and having consideration for them.

Respect is about considering how your words and your actions impact those around you.

It is also about a mutual recognition of the worth and value of a person.

To speak respectfully means...

- Speaking to staff quietly and politely
- Thinking before you speak or react to a situation
- Speaking when it is appropriate to do so - especially in lessons
- Speaking politely to other pupils
- Keeping quiet if you have nothing pleasant to say
- Keeping 'street language' out of school
- Speaking to members of our community as you would like to be spoken to.

To behave respectfully means...

- Doing as you are asked without argument
- Accepting that members of staff have authority over pupils because they have responsibility for your welfare
- Treating staff as professionals
- Showing that you want to learn
- Listening carefully and following instructions
- Wearing your uniform as requested
- Showing consideration in the corridors and stairwells
- Queuing properly for lunch
- Avoiding physical contact with other pupils
- Respecting other pupils' personal space
- Sitting where you are asked to in a lesson
- And finally, informing a member of staff if there is a problem with another pupil.

To respect the school environment means...

- Putting all rubbish in bins provided
- Moving around the building quietly and walking on the left-hand side
- Looking after and having pride in your classroom
- Sticking to the rules in specialist rooms and taking care of equipment within them – for example science labs, the sports hall and when using computer equipment
- Reporting any damage to a member of staff
- Keeping the school site safe by your actions and ensuring you do not bring any inappropriate or contraband items onto the school site.

We also expect you to have **respect for your own learning...**

This means:

- Striving to make outstanding academic progress
- Valuing success
- Being on time to school and lessons
- Having the correct equipment
- Completing all classwork to the best of your ability
- Completing all your homework to deadline
- Asking for help if you need it
- Taking responsibility for your learning and being honest with yourself.

And finally, you need to have **respect for others' learning...**

This means:

- Valuing other people's ideas, values, work and contributions
- Co-operating with and supporting your peers
- And helping to create a positive learning environment.

Please see the assembly notices for this week:

Key Stage 3 Leadership

Congratulations to our new Key Stage 3 Leaders:

Year 7 **Tutor Group Presidents**

Eden Bowes 7A
Michael Coker / Aya Akarmass 7B
Ahmed Osman 7C
Giovanni Edwards 7D
Dorian Levy-Allen 7E
Halla Mohammed 7W

Tutor Group Vice Presidents

Zaakir Habib Alabira 7A
 Nataly Sandoval De Freitas 7B
 Ashradul Chowdhury 7C
 Rahkira Crawford 7D
 Hamza Ali 7E
 Chloe Pinto 7W

Year 8**Tutor Group Presidents**

Samira Abdu 8A
 Ahmed Hagos 8B
 Max Scott 8C
 Madina Rezay 8D
 Damarie Smith 8E
 Julie Cruvinel Costa E Silva 8W

Tutor Group Vice Presidents

Abdimalik Elmi 8A
 Ranyah Nurhusein 8B
 Stephanie Camacho Pinto 8C
 Ibrahim Hersi 8D
 Javanni Warren Evelyn 8E
 Sharaye Rodney 8W

Year 9**Tutor Group Presidents**

Yusuf Elmi 9A
 Attica Hussein 9B
 Lana Quintal 9C
 Tamera Jerry 9D
 Halimah Olatunji 9E
 Inaya Rose 9H
 Yasmin Elhag-Salih 9W

Tutor Group Vice Presidents

Ali Osman 9A
 Shyla Fenton-Duhaney 9B
 Nicholas Da Costa Silva 9C
 Samuel Cardoso Fernandes 9D
 Angelica Britto Martins 9E

Lasharnae Bennet 9H
Zakiyah Rose 9W

Notice about fireworks

We have come to the time of year where many people in the United Kingdom enjoy watching fireworks. Usually on and around the 5th November people would normally visit parks to see a bonfire and watch the fireworks.

Every year we like to remind pupils that fireworks are extremely dangerous and they can seriously injure and kill people. Children should never light fireworks.

Please note that any pupil in this school who has fireworks found on their possession or is known to light a firework whether in school or outside of school will be permanently excluded from our school and they will be reported to the police.

CHABOP

Please ensure that you visit the school's website on a Monday to read the Pupil Celebration Newsletter – see if you have been recognised for outstanding CHABOP or if you have been awarded a Gold Award, a Silver Award or a Bronze Award in your subjects!

Certificates will continue to be awarded for pupils who are recognised in the Pupil Celebration Newsletter. This week see if you can be extraordinary in your lessons and be celebrated for your extraordinary effort and achievement in lessons!

Health and safety

Our Covid-19 Health and Safety structures continue. The partial 'bubble' system continues, meaning that you will move around the school when you have your lessons in specialist subjects, for example, Art, PE, Drama, Photography, Graphics and for Science experiments. However, you will not move for every lesson.

Please be reminded that you no longer have to wear a mask in lessons or around the school; however you may wish to do so if you feel more comfortable.

The previous lunchtime arrangements continue - this is so that you can have more space to eat your lunch and more space outside.

We are strongly insisting on the following:

- You must respect other people's space when lining up, in the corridors and in the playground.
- Be aware of what you touch – avoid touching handrails or door handles. You should sanitize your hands after touching handrails or door handles – consider this especially when using public transport
- Wash your hands regularly and properly – for at least twenty seconds – especially when arriving to school, before and after lunch and when leaving school

- Please continue to be vigilant and reflect on the seating plan of the canteen and main hall at lunchtime. Tables are in rows facing forward. This is in place purposefully as when people face each other when they eat there is a greater chance of the spread of saliva spreading involuntarily when talking or eating and hitting someone's face. This means that germs are more likely to spread. Therefore, when eating lunch you should sit forward.
- You must be mindful of your noise levels when being escorted from your classroom for an option subject, lunch or at the end of the day. Excessive noise causes anxiety for many people and it disrupts lessons that are going on. Pupils who make excessive noise around the school will be sanctioned.

Finally, please be assured that all areas of the school will be extensively cleaned throughout the school day.

Formal Examinations

Formal examinations for years 10 and 11 will begin on Monday 8th November 2021. You will now have received your formal examination guidance and timetables this week.

- Start your revision early – this will mean that you can spread out your revision and avoid last-minute panic
- Find a quiet place to revise – avoid listening to music with lyrics, and ideally leave your phone in another room to avoid distraction
- Have regular breaks – give yourself regular rewards for revising and give your brain a rest
- Find a revision method that works for you – active revision is important – just reading information will not help you to recall information or skills – try mind maps, mnemonics, past papers
- Test yourself – what have you been able to remember?
- Teach someone else – a parent/ carer, aunt or uncle, or even your sibling
- Look after yourself – have at least 8 or 9 hours sleep a night and ensure that you have breakfast, lunch and dinner. Try to complete at least 30 minutes of rigorous exercise a day
- Try to stay calm – if you feel as though you are panicking or if you are experiencing brain freeze – stop – focus on your breathing – slowly breathe in for 10 seconds and release for 10 seconds – get oxygen into your brain. Also, ground yourself – focus on what you can see, hear, taste, smell and feel – remind yourself of your sense experiences.

Parent-Teacher evenings

The following Parent-Teacher evenings will be taking place next half term:

- Wednesday 9th November 2021 – Year 9 (A Band)
- Thursday 10th November 2021 – Year 9 (B and C Band)
- Wednesday 24th November 2021 – Year 11 (All classes)
- Wednesday 1st December 2021 – Year 8 (A Band)
- Thursday 2nd December 2021 – Year 8 (B and C Band)
- Wednesday 8th December 2021 – Year 10 (A Band)
- Thursday 9th December 2021 – Year 10 (B and C Band)

Year 11 Careers Interviews

One to one careers interviews will continue for year 11 pupils this week. Careers interviews will take place in the GB1 with Christina Chuku (Careers Adviser).

Uniform

You are reminded of uniform expectations:

You must have the correct uniform. **This includes haircuts which should be of a straight forward style – natural colour without lines or patterns. Lines cut into eyebrows are not allowed.**

Boys are not permitted to wear earrings. Girls are permitted to wear a small stud in the lobe of each ear. **No other piercings are permitted.**

Uniform includes: school blazer, school tie in house colours, formal white collar shirt, grey or black trousers (not denim), black or grey skirt for girls, black or grey socks, school shoes (not boots/ canvas shoes/ trainer style shoes).

Hair colour must be natural

For girls who wear a hijab this must be only plain dark blue, plain black, plain white or plain grey. Pupils who have breaches of school uniform will be sent home until corrected.

Taking pride in your environment

The school has spent nearly £1million over the Summer holidays on important repairs to the school building, decorating, equipment and making sure that the school is a wonderful learning atmosphere for you. Please respect all parts of the school whether it be the classroom, corridors, toilets, canteen, main hall or playground. This is your school. Look after your school.

Additionally, please be reminded that germs spread in toilets – when you use them properly and carefully, this reduces the amount of germs that can infect you.

The Local Community

Please remember to be considerate to our neighbours in the local community.

In particular you should not loiter in the area and you should go straight home after school. Please remember that you are a part of a wider community – so please be very mindful of your noise levels and behaviour in the local area. You should not be congregating in the estates unless you live there.

We respect our neighbours so, therefore, if any pupil brings the name of the school into disrepute because of their anti-social behaviour in our community, they will be sanctioned with a fixed term exclusion, in line with our discipline and behaviour policy.

Punctuality to school

It is compulsory to attend school on time. This is for many reasons, but one of the main reasons is health and safety. At school we are in loco parentis – in other words we act on behalf of your parents/ carers – and as such, we need to know where you are and that you are safe.

In addition, being punctual is a quality that is important in having now and in the future:

- Punctuality shows that you are organised
- It shows that you are dependable
- It reflects professionalism and attention to detail
- It shows respect for your teachers and other pupils.

Again, you are reminded that:

- All pupils in Key Stage 3 should be in school no later than 8.40am.
- All pupils in Key Stage 4 should be in school no later than 9.40am.

If you are late to school, you will be issued a Late Detention, served at lunchtime.

Booster Classes and Extra-curricular clubs

Extracurricular timetables are available in form rooms and on the school's website.

Please note that we need your parents/ carers' permission for you to attend a before or after school club. Booster clubs take precedence over extra-curricular clubs and are compulsory.

Letters for clubs can be collected from reception.

There are many clubs that you can get involved with:

- *GIRL'S FOOTBALL*
- *BOY'S FOOTBALL*
- *NETBALL*
- *BOXING FITNESS*
- *BASKETBALL*
- *TABLE TENNIS*
- *DEBATE MATE*
- *HISTORY CLUB*
- *ROBOTICS CLUB*
- *CHRISTIAN CLUB*
- *READING CLUB*
- *CCF ARMY CADETS*
- *ST JOHN AMBULANCE*
- *SCOUTS*
- *GIRL GUIDES*

- *MFL HOMEWORK CLUB*
- *STEM CLUB*

SAFEGUARDING, WELLBEING AND HEALTH

Staying safe online

- Never give out your real name to a stranger on the internet
- Never tell anyone you do not know where you go to school
- Never give out your address or telephone number to someone you do not know
- Tell an adult immediately if someone makes inappropriate suggestions, makes you feel uncomfortable online, or asks you to send something to them online, for example photographs
- If someone you do not know does any of the following – these are danger signs – you should tell your parent or carer immediately!
- If they insist on having your address or phone number
- If the person emails you pictures which make you feel uncomfortable and which you would not want to show to anyone else
- If the person wants to keep their chats with you secret
- If the person tells you that you will get in trouble if you tell an adult what has been going on
- If the person wants you to email or send pictures of yourself or use a webcam in a way which makes you feel uncomfortable
- If the person shares information with you and tells you not to tell anyone else about it
- If the person wants to meet you and tells you not to let anyone know

Cyber-bullying advice

Social media sites, including messaging apps, claim to have a zero-tolerance approach to cyber-bullying, however in a recent survey, 91% of people say that they were not satisfied with how the reports were dealt with.

All apps/ sites allow you to:

- Report abuse
- Block users.

If cyber bullying affects you speak with your parents or carers and it can be reported to the police – cyber bullying is a criminal offence. If the police were to investigate they can find the culprit pretty easily – especially as every post, message, picture or video added to the internet leaves a digital footprint – even if the person who has added the post deletes it, the post still exists somewhere.

However, some things should be considered:

- It is easier for cowards to write something abusive behind a computer screen than to say it in person
- Any post that is uploaded can be shared or screenshotted and sent to anyone

- Cyber bullying is a criminal offence. A cyber bully could therefore get a criminal record
- Cyber bullies can have their accounts deleted.

E-Scooters

Electric scooters (e-scooters) are banned on our school site this academic year because:

- Of complaints from the local community about pupils riding the scooters unsafely after school
- The riding of scooters on the pavement in Clapham Road is hazardous to pedestrians
- Some pupils had been seen riding scooters while leaving the school site.

Therefore, pupils who attempt to bring e-scooters onto school site will be asked to return their scooters to their homes and return to school on foot or by public transport.

Keeping safe – stranger danger

We live in a community that is, generally, caring and supportive of each other. However, as in any part of the world there are people that we cannot trust and that we need to be wary of. Therefore, it is important that everyone – especially children and young people – is wary of strangers.

- When travelling to and from school, or even just socialising with your friends at the park or a playground:
- Be alert to what the things happening around – have the confidence to know when something is not right and be strong enough to seek help when needed
- Never approach or talk to strangers who are in cars or vans and never get into a car or van with a stranger
- Don't be afraid to say 'no' to a stranger. If a stranger makes you feel unsafe, always 'yell and tell'
- If someone makes you feel unsafe then run to a safe zone – a place where there is someone who you can trust and talk to – maybe a school, a shop, a police station or a friend's house
- Never give your name, phone number or address to a stranger – whether in person or online
- Never follow a stranger – keep your distance from them – and do not accept any gifts from them
- Look out for one another.

This week's safeguarding question...

Why are we not allowed to cross Clapham Road directly outside of the school gates?

Clapham Road is a busy, dual carriage-way road. Drivers sometimes drive very fast down this road, including emergency service vehicles. There is a huge risk to life if you cross the road other than at a crossing point.

Crossing roads, especially main roads, are extremely dangerous and everyone should use crossing points, waiting for the green man.

The nearest crossing points outside school are where South Lambeth Road meets Clapham Road and by Stockwell Park Road.

You should be patient and **only cross the road when the green man is visible.**

If you are crossing a road that does not have a crossing point you should remember:

- To look left and right down the road
- To watch out for motorcycles and cyclists
- Pause your music to listen for traffic
- Only cross the road when it is safe to do so – don't take unnecessary risks!

Attitude Determines Altitude