



## Friday Flyer

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2019

### dates for your diary

**FRIDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**

Staff INSET Training Day

**FRIDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**

Family Forum  
Last Day of Term

**28<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER – 1<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER**

Half-term holidays

**MONDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

First Day of Term

**FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

School's Armistice Day Ceremony

**MONDAY 11 NOVEMBER**

Start of Anti-Bullying Week  
Theme: "Change Starts With Us"

**FRIDAY 29 NOVEMBER \*\*\***

**\*\*\* NOTE CHANGE IN DATE FROM 22**

**NOVEMBER\*\*\***

Staff INSET Training Day

**FRIDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

Christmas Jumper Day

**FRIDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

Family Forum  
Last Day of Term

**23<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER – 3<sup>RD</sup> JANUARY 2019**

Christmas Holidays

**MONDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY**

First Day of Term

## — WELCOME — BACK TO SCHOOL

Dear Families,

The first three days of the new academic year for our pupils and students is over and they are starting to settle into the school routine. Staff have been working hard together to ensure that our new pupils and students fully integrate into the school and our wonderful community.

For the staff at St Dominic's, this new term began with one day of intensive staff training, focused predominantly on Safeguarding, which is at the forefront of everything that we do in school.

Our pupils and students attained some fantastic exam results in the summer, which are a testament not only to their hard work and commitment, but also to the dedication and skill of the members of staff who teach and support them and, of course, you, their families. You can see an overview of the results below.

Construction of our new Performing Arts Centre is well underway, and still on schedule for completion end October. Electricians are all in and we are currently selecting interior finishes. New time-lapse footage of the interior of the building will be available to view on our website shortly. Pupils and students have coped well with the changes to the site since their return to school this week, demonstrating safe behavior and responsible attitudes.

We look forward to working in partnership with you over this academic year to ensure the best possible outcomes for your son or daughter.

With very best wishes,  
Angela Drayton  
Principal and Regional Lead for Surrey & Sussex Hub

# NEW SCHOOL UNIFORM

It is great to see so many pupils looking smart in the new school uniform this week. We would like to maintain these high standards and instil a sense of pride in pupils, both in terms of appearance and in a sense of belonging to our wonderful school community.

Pupils and students have been spoken to in assembly today to clarify school's expectations while we transition from the old to the new uniform as follows:

- Pupils must either wear the burgundy school branded sweater or the new black school branded sweater. Please let your child's tutor know if you are awaiting a uniform order or have returned the uniform you have been sent and this poses a problem.  
Pupils are not permitted to wear sweatshirts in different colours or with logos/branding or patterns in place of a school sweater.
- Trainers are permitted, but must be black with black soles and laces and must not have coloured logos.
- Watches and stud earrings (a maximum of one in each ear) are permitted, but we ask that pupils do not wear other forms of jewellery.
- Non-uniform clothing will no longer be permitted on forest school days when it resumes. If pupils have the new school PE kit, they are permitted to wear it on forest school days but will need to bring a change of footwear. If they do not have the new school PE kit, we ask that pupils wear school uniform and bring a change of appropriate trousers and shoes for the activity. If changing poses a problem, please contact your child's form tutor.
- Pupils can continue to wear non-uniform clothing on Fridays and during the last week of each half term if they have achieved bronze, silver, gold or platinum certificates.

Additionally, we have had feedback from some children about the rough feel of the embroidery on the underside of the logo on the new school polo shirt. We are addressing this with the supplier. If your child is affected, you can purchase a soft, iron-on mesh to stick over the back of the patch. Additionally, the school will be purchasing a small quantity of this material for families who may not be able to source it independently. Please do get in touch if you would like us to provide this for you.

Vicky Perry  
Vice Principal and Regional Lead for Education

# RESULTS

We are absolutely delighted to congratulate our 2019 Year 11 cohort for the best results in the school's history.

27% of pupils achieved 5 or more GCSE's at a grade 4 or above, whilst 45% of pupils attained 5 or more GCSEs at grades 1-9.

91% of the cohort attained at least one GCSE qualification.

Many pupils in the cohort accessed portfolio based qualifications with great success at levels 1 and 2. When these are included, 63% of the cohort attained 5 or more GCSE or equivalent qualifications.

Maths and English results were particularly impressive this year:

- In English, 45% of pupils achieved a pass (grade 4+) and 36% achieved a 'strong pass' (grade 5+).
- In Maths, 36% of pupils achieved a pass (grade 4+) and 27% achieved a 'strong pass' (grade 5+).

We had similar success with the results attained by Sixth Form students.

All students studying GCSE English as a re-sit achieved a grade 4+; two students had the tenacity to achieve this feat on their 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> attempts!

100% of students passed all of their portfolio based qualifications.

Students studying AS Art and Design all attained grades A-C which is an outstanding result!

With the support of staff and families, pupils and students have overcome significant barriers to attain such impressive results and we celebrate their individual achievements, which often cannot be reflected in statistics. All pupils and students have made outstanding progress from their individual starting points.

We are very proud of all you have achieved.

Vicky Perry

Vice Principal and Regional Lead for Education



# HEALTHY SNACKS

As part of their transition back into school after a long summer break, some pupils and students have commented that they have been hungry in the mornings this week. This is particularly the case for pupils in years 7 and 8 who are also adjusting to a new, later lunch sitting. Please could you discuss this with your child and provide them with a healthy snack to eat in the morning if necessary.

The school will continue to provide pupils with access to the breakfast club and provide pupils and students with a break time snack every day.

Vicky Perry  
Vice Principal and Regional Lead for Education

## Menu for week beginning Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2019

MENU	MONDAY		WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Soup					
MORNING SNACK	Fresh Fruit	Orange & Cranberry Cookies	Fresh Fruit	Coconut Biscuits	Fresh Fruit
LUNCH	Creamy Pork, Sage and Apple Casserole	Beef & Vegetable Pie	Roast Breast of Turkey & Stuffing	Sausages & Onions	Breaded Cod
	<b>Lentil, Sage, Vegetable Pasta Bake</b>	<b>Vegetable &amp; Chick Pea Pie</b>	<b>Courgette, Pepper, Potato &amp; Cheese Bake</b>	<b>Quorn Sausages &amp; Onions</b>	<b>Cheese &amp; Onion Quiche</b>
	New Potatoes Jacket Potato	Crushed Potatoes Jacket Potato	Roasted Potatoes Jacket Potatoes	Mashed Potatoes Jacket Potato	Chips Jacket Potato
	Carrots Roasted Tomatoes	Sliced Green Beans Courgettes	Cabbage Braised Leeks	Broccoli Mashed Swede	Peas Baked Beans
	Fresh Salad Bar Tuna Mayo	Fresh Salad Bar Cottage Cheese	Fresh salad Bar Sliced Beef	Fresh Salad Bar Boiled Egg	Fresh Salad Bar
DESSERT	Jam Sponge & Custard	Chocolate Bread & Butter Pudding with Custard	Jelly Trifle	Mandarin Cheese Cake	Chocolate Brownie
FRESH FRUIT	Fresh Fruit Basket	Fresh Fruit Basket	Fresh Fruit Basket	Fresh Fruit Basket	Fresh Fruit Basket
YOGURT	Yogurt	Yogurt	Yogurt	Yogurt	Yogurt

\*\*\*Menu is subject to change\*\*\* Please email or see Chef Dave if you would like to see anything new on menus or have any favourites you would like to see on menus.

NGCI = Non Gluten Containing Ingredients All our Pork is Red Tractor approved meat, our beef & lamb are sourced from U.K farms, our Cod fillets are MSC approved. All our Eggs are free range.