



Thursday 11th March 2021

RE: Secondary Update

Dear Parents / Caregivers

Sarah O'Regan – Principal / CEO

As you will already have read, Sarah returns to WSO after her time at Wellington Primary School. We are excited to have her back in this role. No one has a deeper connection with this school than Sarah and she has already had first-hand experience of working with our secondary team, before I arrived. Her energy, enthusiasm and institutional knowledge means WSO is in great hands for the coming years. We are excited to see her back and look forward to her starting.

Year 11 and Year 13 Assessment

Thank you for your support with the revised assessment schedule that has now been in pace for a few weeks. We hope you are seeing the benefits of what staff have devised to collect the information we need on each and every child. The cancellation of most exams has allowed this to happen and I am grateful to staff who are working hard to ensure that your child is represented in the best possible way when we submit the Centre Assessed Grades. With your support we are making the most of a challenging and unusual situation to ensure that doors remain open to opportunities next year – either in choice of course or tertiary study destinations.

PSHE Day

Tuesday 23rd March is our next PSHE drop-down day for Years 7-11. We have four visiting speakers coming in; including published International novelist/public speaker Adam Farmer live from Sydney, Australia. For more details about Adam, please check his site: www.adamfarmer.com.au. As is normal practice, students will be asked to wear their PE kit for this day. However, Year 9 girls will have a slightly different dress code on this day, with more details to follow from tutors next week.

Academic Review Days

Our connection with you around the attainment and progress of your children continues with the dates for Academic review Days, below. We thank you again for your engagement in the process. We value the opportunity to share with you the progress of your children and how we support them to achieve their next steps. Remember learning is set for all students on these days and they access that learning from home.

Sunday 14 March – Years 10 & 12

Tuesday 16 March – Years 11 & 13

Secondary Showcase

An opportunity to show you and potential families what WSO offers by way of learning experiences. This is an event for incoming Year 7 families and families who have enrolled but not had the opportunity to come into school. Existing families are welcome also. Please be aware COVID and associated Health and Safety guidelines necessitate the need for a booking system.



Student departures during the school day

We understand that at times students need to depart before the end of the scheduled school day. Could we please ask that parents email their child's Tutor with this information on the morning (or previous evening) AND send a copy to our Reception staff at contactus_wso@gemsedu.com By doing this, it will ensure a smooth and safe departure.

Our thanks again for your ongoing support. Please email me on a.kaifong_wso@gemsedu.com if you have any queries.

Wishing you a safe weekend.
Sincerely

Andy Kai Fong
Secondary Principal



Sunday 14th March	Academic Review Day (Years 10 & 12) – all Secondary school students access their learning from home
Sunday 14th March	STEAM Week (1-week period)
Tuesday 16th March	Academic Review Day (Years 11 & 13) – all Secondary school students access their learning from home
W/B 21st March	Teacher Appreciation Week
Sunday 21st March	World Down Syndrome Day (Rock your Socks) Secondary Showcase – Y6 students and families
Tuesday 23rd March	PSHE Day 'Boosting Self-esteem'
Thursday 25th March	World Autism Day – Light it up Blue Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 Reports available online
Sunday 28th March – Thursday 08th April	Spring Break – Academy reopens on Sunday 11th April