



July 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

As the summer term draws to a close, I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for all of your support over what has been a very different academic year. I am very proud of how well students have adapted to remote learning and continued to produce work of a high standard as we all had to adapt quickly to a new way of working, which brought with it many challenges of the like that none of us had dealt with before.

Our Year 11 and 13 students were put in the unique situation whereby they were unable to take GCSE and A-Level examinations this summer. The process for awarding grades was moved to Centre Assessed Grades (CAGs) and we await the results of these on the days below:

- A-Level results day is Thursday, 13th August.
- GCSE results day is Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> August.

All Year 11 and 13 students have received separate communication about results days and the support that the College will be offering to students as they transition into the next stage of their education. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Mr Smith on [post16@sirharrysmith.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:post16@sirharrysmith.cambs.sch.uk)

We are sad to be saying goodbye to a number of members of staff: Mr Barker and Mr Carter are both leaving us to embark upon retirement. I am sure that some of you may even remember having being taught by them if you attended the College during your younger years! Mr Young, Miss Bolding, Mrs Gibson and Mr Whitehouse are all moving on to new opportunities in other schools. We are also sad to say goodbye to two of our long-term TAs, Mrs Turner and Mrs Ingham. We would like to wish them all the best and to thank them for the contributions they have made to the students and community during their time at the College.

We also bid farewell to Mr Digby, CEO of Aspire Learning Trust, who many of you will remember as Principal of Sir Harry Smith Community College prior to taking on his new role with the Trust. After 12 years working within the Whittlesey community, he now leaves us to enjoy retirement. I am sure that you will join me in wishing him all the best.

We have a number of new staff members joining us in September: Miss Domingo will be joining the PE department as Head of PE, along with Miss Tyson as a teacher of PE and Science, Mrs Smith, Miss Kierman and Mr Bold will be joining the Science department, Miss Hunt will be joining the Maths department, Mrs Davenport will be joining us in the Geography department and Mrs Lee will be joining the MFL department. We also have a number of staff joining us on a temporary basis: Ms Miller in Music, Ms Burne in Social Sciences and Ms Lavallin in Food Technology.

## Sir Harry Smith Community College uniform – Footwear

As many of you will be purchasing uniform ready for September, I would like to remind you of the expectations surrounding footwear.

### Acceptable Shoe styles for school

Plain black leather shoes [or unbranded inexpensive plain black plimsolls] with flat heels should be worn. N.B. Shoes must be exclusively black i.e. no patches of other colours and, as shoes, they must be below the ankle.



### Unacceptable Shoe styles for school

**Nothing made by a sports manufacturer or in a sporty style** e.g. leather trainers, Vans, Reebok, Converse, Nike etc. (regardless of colour) or trainer style shoes displaying their logo [even in black], boots of any description, and backless shoes.



If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Tutor or Year Leader. If you are unsure whether footwear is acceptable, please consult the College before purchasing.

### PE Uniform

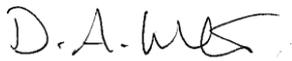
From September, for all new Year 7 students, we have introduced a unisex, plain black ¼ zip sports top. This is an optional item to be worn outside during colder weather PE lessons. Please note that this is not compulsory for Years 8-11 and only needs to be purchased when your child outgrows their current jumper/rugby shirt.

GIRLS' PE KIT		BOYS' PE KIT	
ESSENTIAL	OPTIONAL	ESSENTIAL	OPTIONAL
Maroon polo shirt (with school logo)	Plain black ¼ zip sports top (with school logo)	Maroon polo shirt (with school logo)	Plain Black ¼ zip sports top (with school logo)
Plain black shorts/skort	Plain black sports leggings	Plain black shorts	Plain black tracksuit trousers (if outside during the winter)
Maroon, long sports socks	Football or rugby boots	Maroon, long sports socks	Football or rugby boots
Sports trainers		Sports trainers	

During the summer break, please may I ask that you look out for further updates as we will need to send you more information in preparation for September.

Finally, I should like to take the opportunity to wish you and your families a safe and happy summer holiday; I look forward to seeing the students back in College for the new academic year in September.

Yours sincerely



Dawn White ~ Principal