

July 2008

Dear Parents

School Development

Once again, I am indebted to the many parents who have provided thoughts and feedback on School development during the last academic year. As ever, the comments and questions at the May presentation evenings were thought-provoking and the School's Management Team are working hard at putting your good suggestions into practice. Thank you for your help and support.

Restricted Parking

Due to the considerable development work going on in and around the School during the summer vacation, there will be no car parking available to parents between now and the start of next term. It would be much appreciated if, when visiting the School during the holiday, parents would use the local public car parks – eg at the Adam and Eve public house in Bishopgate. I am very grateful indeed for your patience during these busy times.

School Policies

This is an annual reminder that the School is legally bound to publish certain policies and to make others available on request. A full list can be viewed in the Parents' Section of the School website. All such policies are written with government recommendations in mind. You may wish to revisit that area of the website from time to time in order to keep up to date on our formal procedures.

Safety in Tombland

It would be tremendously helpful if parents could take great care when picking up or dropping off pupils in Tombland – including at the Erpingham Gate. The School has again received complaints about traffic causing obstruction and endangering pedestrians and cyclists.

Mandarin Classes for Parents

Following the recent initiation of a school partnership with South West Model High School, Xuhui, Shanghai, a number of parents have expressed interest in learning Mandarin for themselves! I am delighted to report that such an opportunity will soon be available. From September, for at least one term, a native Mandarin speaker will be available to teach some of our younger pupils at school and also to take a weekly evening class for Norwich School parents. The latter is likely to take place on a Tuesday evening during term time. If you would like to sign up for such a class then please register your interest with my PA on kmoore@norwich-school.org.uk. Precise details of cost and timing will be issued nearer the time.

Direct Debit and Electronic Transfer

During this term's School Development Plan presentations to parents, there were various questions asked about the School's new systems for the payment of fees. In particular, some parents are concerned that they are unable to commit to the direct debit system and therefore feel penalised by the need to write cheques – which carries an extra charge. The Bursar has encouraged me to point out that electronic transfer is a further method of payment which carries no administration charge. This process can be managed exactly as the writing of cheques and the Bursar would be happy to advise on the practical detail.

Launch of New Website

By the end of August, a redesigned School website will 'go live'. In creating it we have taken onboard the many constructive comments that we have received from parents and, as it continues to evolve, I would appreciate your feedback.

The School's Counselling Service

For six years, the School has employed Frank Paice as Counsellor to the pupils. His work is very successful and much appreciated by the School's pastoral team and a significant number of Norwich School families. I am delighted to say that we are retaining Frank but will need to supplement his work by appointing a further counsellor – particularly as we bear in mind the School's expansion through co-education. We shall be advertising this new post during next term via the Eastern Daily Press and counselling publications. If any parents or acquaintances of parents would be interested in such a role then please do contact me at hm@norwich-school.org.uk, telephone 01603 728442.

Public Examination Results

There follows a final reminder about our arrangements.

A Level results will be available from 11.00 am on Thursday 14th August. The Advice Team will be available on that day and also on Friday 15th August.

Those members of the Lower Sixth who are expecting **AS results** on 14th August are asked to come to the School at 2.00 pm.

The **GCSE results** will be available from 11.00 am on Thursday 21st August. Members of staff will be present on that day and also Friday 22nd August. It is important to establish which individuals have qualified for the Sixth Form and also to confirm AS and A2 choices; there may also be other issues to discuss.

On each of these occasions, pupils should congregate in the playground on arrival.

Lower Sixth Induction

Current Upper Five pupils who will be returning to the Sixth Form should attend an induction afternoon on Tuesday 2nd September – the day before term begins. They will be expected to be here at 2.00 pm in the Old Music Room and in school uniform.

New School Uniform

Please check our [website](#) for opening times during the holidays. Appointments must be made for fittings with Mrs Mandy Ingham on 01603 728440.

The Second-Hand Clothes Store

This will be open on Saturday 30th August from 10 am to 12 noon.

Next term begins on Wednesday 3rd September at 8.25am.

Best wishes for a pleasant and restful summer.

Yours sincerely

J B Hawkins
Head Master