

# SWANLEA SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

We would like to welcome you all to the new academic year and are delighted to announce the following:

**A Level & BTEC Results:** We are celebrating another year of excellent A Level and BTEC results for our Sixth Form students at Swanlea School – an effort owed to the dedicated hard work of the entire Swanlea community.

- A Level Results: 21% A\*-A grades; 52% A\*-B grades;
- BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma Results: 63% of students gained Distinction\* – Distinction grade; 94% of students gained Distinction\* – Merit grade; 100% BTEC Level 3 Pass

Students have again lived up to our values of Respect, Aspire and Achieve with 52% of students achieving A\* to B grades. Many students have secured places at intensely competitive top Russell Group universities, including UCL, King's, Imperial and Queen Mary. Staff, students, parents and carers are rightly celebrating another set of outstanding results. King's College, University of London has been a popular destination for our hardworking students this year with many of them going on to study a broad range of courses such as Neuroscience and Psychology.

**GCSE Results:** Our students celebrated outstanding GCSE results this year with 38% of all grades achieved as high as they could be, ranging from 7-9.

- 83% of our pupils achieved grades 4 or above in English and Maths (standard pass), while 64% accomplished grade 5 or above (stronger pass) in the same subjects. 81% of our year 11 students attained 5 GCSEs, including English and Maths at grade 4 or above (standard pass). 62% of pupils gained 5 GCSEs including English and Maths at grade 5 or above (stronger pass).
- 91% of students achieved a grade 4 or above in English with 76% of students achieved a grade 5 or above in English. Our pupils are also celebrating successful grades in Maths, as 85% of students achieved a grade 4, or above and 71% of students accomplished a grade 5 or above in this equally important subject.
- 38% of Swanlea School students achieved the highest possible grades of 7-9 in Maths and 41% of students achieved 7-9 in English! 81% of students achieved a grade 4 or above in Science.

We are incredibly proud of our students and their outstanding results and would like to congratulate them, our staff, governors and families for all their hard work and support over the past seven years and wish our students the very best as they step into university life or the world of work.



**Start of Autumn Term 2024:** Students will start the autumn term as follows:

Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	New Year 7 Students only
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	IAP Meetings – ALL Students & Parents by appointment ( <b>Mandatory</b> )
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	Y7-13 Students

**IAP Meetings:** We will be holding IAP meetings with all parents and students on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September**. Your child will only need to attend school on this day for their appointment and should be in full school uniform. The time of your child's appointment is:

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Roll No.:</b>	<b>TG:</b>
<b>IAP Time :</b>	<b>IAP Meeting with:</b>	

**Family Fun Day:** We will be hosting our annual Family Fun Day on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September from 11am – 3pm**. This is a great day with lots of fun activities for everyone including segway, face painting, climbing wall and much, much more. Everyone is welcome (all students/children must be accompanied by an adult).

**Attendance - Every day at school counts for your child's future:** At Swanlea School we comply with the local authority's instructions and do not grant permission for holiday leave during term time. Therefore, we respectfully request that parents/carers refrain from booking holidays/trips during term time, as these absences have a significant impact on your child's learning. Remember, every day counts for your child's education, and there are only 190 days when your child should be at school, with 175 days for everything else. A list of future term dates can be found on our website to assist you with booking holidays/trips within our holiday timescales.

We are pleased to announce that our attendance figure for the last academic year (2023/24) was **95.8%** and we are one of the best schools nationally for attendance and punctuality. A big thank you for your continuing support with this.

**Punctuality:** At Swanlea School we expect all of our students to have outstanding punctuality and attendance. The evidence is clear, students with poor attendance and punctuality underperform in their GCSEs/A levels and their progress in school is poor. Thanks to your support, the vast majority of our students have excellent attendance and punctuality.

Detailed below are the procedures that Swanlea School follows regarding punctuality:

- The KS3 & KS5 gates in Durward Street and KS4 gate in Brady Street will be closed at **8.35am**. Students arriving at school after 8.35am, will enter the school by the Brady Street main entrance and will be classified as **late**.
- All students who arrive late to school will receive a **same day detention** at lunchtime. If they fail to attend this, they will receive a detention immediately after school and parents will be notified by text to inform them. Therefore, please ensure we have up-to-date emergency contact details for you.
- If your child arrives late to school after a medical appointment, ie GP/Dentist/Hospital, this must be with an authorised letter/note/appointment card from the medical establishment, to validate the absence.

**Free School Meals (FSM):** If you are in receipt of benefits or on a low income, please complete a FSM eligibility form. FSM funding is also linked to additional funding called 'pupil premium', which enables the school to receive additional funding to improve the educational provision and resources for your child. Therefore, if you haven't already applied for FSM and you are in receipt of benefits or on a low income or if your circumstances change in the future, you **MUST** register your child for FSM. You can do this easily, by emailing the school [officeadmin@swanlea.co.uk](mailto:officeadmin@swanlea.co.uk) and a form will be sent to you to complete, and the school will do the rest.

**School Dinners:** Students in Years 7-11, will automatically receive a free lunchtime meal provided by the school. Students in Years 12 & 13 must be eligible for FSM and will NOT automatically receive a free lunchtime meal. **From September 2024, the cost of a school meal will be £2.40.**

**Tuck:** At break time we offer a tuck facility for students to buy sandwiches, fruit, drinks etc. If you want your child to be able to purchase tuck at breaktime, **please ensure you have topped up their 'ipay' account beforehand.** Swanlea is a cashless school and parents should NOT send any money to school with their child for tuck. Instead, you should top-up your child's 'ipay' account or visit/call the school reception and pay by card. Instructions on 'ipay' will be given to new students to bring home. If you have any queries relating to this, please contact Rosie Gavens by email [rgavens.211@swanlea.co.uk](mailto:rgavens.211@swanlea.co.uk) or phone 0207 375 3267, who will be happy to assist you.

Year Group	Lunchtime Meal	Tuck
Y7-11	Free	PAID (items must be paid for – ensure accounts are kept topped up)
Y12 & Y13	PAID (£2.40) unless student is eligible & confirmed as FSM	PAID (items must be paid for – ensure accounts are kept topped up)

**School Uniform Code:** Please ensure that your child attends school in the correct uniform. If your child is not in the correct uniform and does not have a note from parents/carers to explain the reason why, **they will be sent home to change.** If there is no-one at home, the item will be confiscated.

**PE:** On the days that your child has timetabled **Core PE lessons ONLY**, they must come to school wearing their PE kit, blazer, and school shoes. Trainers must not be worn to school but brought in their school bag. Students will remain in their PE kit throughout the school day. **PE kit must NOT be worn on any other day.**

**Mobile Phones & Other Valuables:** Please ensure that your child does **NOT** bring a mobile phone or other valuable items to school. If your child is seen with a mobile phone whilst in school, it will be confiscated.

**Childhood Illnesses:** We would kindly remind you that if your child has an infectious diseases ie, **chicken pox, measles, shingles, or mumps**, please notify the school immediately and **DO NOT** send your child to school. If any of these conditions apply to your child, you must follow GP guidance and ensure your child stays at home to avoid further infection.

**Allergies:** If your child suffers from any allergies (particularly food allergies) can you please inform the school office immediately.

**ID Card & Planner:** Your child must bring their ID card and Planner to school every day. The ID card is very important, as it is also their lunch card and library card. If an ID card or Planner is lost or damaged, a replacement will cost **£2** and will be debited from your child's ipay account.

**Correspondence Posted Home:** All general correspondence from the school to Parents/Carers will be sent via pupil post, text, and email. Please ensure that we are kept up to date with your current email address and mobile number. Any individual/personal correspondence will be posted to your home address.

**Durward Street/Brady Street:** We request that you **do not** drop-off/collect your child by car from Durward Street or Brady Street (immediately in front of the school) at the beginning and end of the school day. Instead, we request that you drop-off/collect your child further along Brady Street or from one of the side roads. Durward Street and Brady Street get very congested at these times and present a Health & Safety issue due to the high volume of traffic near the school.

**Parents/Carers Learning Courses:** At Swanlea we run a number of courses for our parents/carers. For further information please contact **Ms Chowdhury (Parental Engagement Co-ordinator, ext 337).**

**Open Evening on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October:** We will be hosting our annual Open Evening on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, from 4.00pm to 6.30pm. All students **except year 11** will be dismissed early, at **2.25pm** on this day, to enable staff to prepare a range of activities. If this causes problems for you, please contact my PA, Ms Azmin, and we will try to make alternative arrangements. **Year 11 will finish school at 3.30pm.**

**Appointments:** May I please request that parents/carers do not come to school without an appointment. If you have any concerns about your child, please contact your child's Head of Year in the first instance, either by email to [officeadmin@swanlea.co.uk](mailto:officeadmin@swanlea.co.uk) or by telephone 0207 375 3267. However, if there are issues that you would like to discuss with myself or the Senior Leadership Team, please contact my PA, Ms Azmin (ext 207), to arrange a suitable time.

**For Year 11 Parents/Carers Only:** We believe that every student in Year 11 can achieve outstanding results. In order to ensure this, we will be running a series of extra after school lessons for all Year 11 students. All Year 11 students will study at school until 4.15pm on Tuesday and Thursday (start date to be confirmed). All Year 11 teachers will be fully involved in the project and will be supporting the students to develop independent learning skills and excellent revision habits. We are organising a number of learning activities for every Year 11 student on these days with a single objective – that every student makes outstanding academic progress in Year 11.

**For Year 10 Parents/Carers Only:** Period 7 lessons will be organised for Year 10 students. Dates/days to be confirmed.

**Autumn Term Diary Dates to Note:**

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	• Staff Inset Day
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	• New Y7 Students only
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	• IAP Day – All Students – Times will be sent to parents
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	• Y7-13 Students
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	• Family Fun Day (11am – 3pm) All Welcome
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	• Open Morning (9.15-10.15am)
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	• Open Morning (9.15-10.15am)
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	• Open Morning (9.15-10.15am) • Y10 PIE (4-5pm)
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	• Open Morning (9.15-10.15am)
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	• Y11 PIE (4-5pm)
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	• Students in Y 7/8/9/10/12/13 finish at 2.25pm • Open Evening (4-6.30pm) • KS5 PIE (4-5pm) • Y7 Settling-in Evening (3.30- 6.30pm)
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	• Y9 PIE – (4-5pm)
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	• Flu vaccinations
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	• Y8 PIE (4-5pm)
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	• Half Term

**Finally,** on behalf of the staff and governors at Swanlea, we would like to thank you for your support and look forward to working with you throughout the next academic year.

Yours faithfully



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Head of School



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