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24th August 2026

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: Swanlea School is proud to celebrate another year of outstanding A Level and BTEC results, with 100% of students passing, a reflection of the hard work, determination and commitment shown by our students, staff, parents and carers. This year's results once again highlight the strength of our Sixth Form provision:

A Level Results:

- 25.6% of all grades awarded at A*-A (up 5%)
- 69.1% of all grades awarded at A*-B (up 16%)

BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma Results:

- 58% of students achieved a Distinction*-Distinction grade
- 83% achieved a Distinction*-Merit grade
- 100% BTEC Level 3 pass rate

These results are a testament to the high aspirations, resilience and dedication of our students. Many of our students will now take up places at some of the UK's most prestigious and competitive Russell Group universities, including University College London (UCL), King's College London, University of Bournemouth, SOAS University of London, and Queen Mary University of London. They will be going on to study a wide range of subjects, such as Accounting and Finance, Economics, Neuroscience and Psychology, Law, Mechanical Engineering, International Relations, and Pharmacology.

GCSE Results: Swanlea School students celebrated outstanding GCSE results this year with 40% of all grades achieved as high as they could be, ranging from 7-9!

- 82% of our pupils achieved grades 4 or above in English and Maths (standard pass), while 68% accomplished grade 5 or above (stronger pass) in both subjects.
- 81% of our year 11 students attained 5 GCSEs, including English and Maths at grade 4 or above (standard pass). 68% of pupils gained 5 GCSEs including English and Maths at grade 5 or above (stronger pass).
- 90% of students achieved a grade 4 or above in English with 78% of students achieving a grade 5 or above in English. Our pupils are also celebrating successful grades in Maths, as 86% of students achieved a grade 4 or above and 74% of students accomplished a grade 5 or above in this equally important subject.
- 46% 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.
- This year was a huge success for History with 43% of all grades above a grade 7.
- The French results were really strong with 88% of students achieving 4-9.
- The Year 10 early entry GCSEs were highly successful with 55% of students achieving a 7-9 in Religious Education and an amazing 34 students getting a grade 9. Option C was also strong with 54 students achieving a 7-9 in these subjects.



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 and wish our students the very best as they move on to higher education, university life or the world of work.

Start of Autumn Term 2026: Students will start the autumn term as follows:

Wednesday 2 nd September	New Y7 Students – First Day of Term - 8.35am-3.15pm
Thursday 3 rd September	- IAP Day (Mandatory) – All Students – Individual Times have already been sent to parents by post (if you do not receive it by 28th August – please email officeadmin@swanlea.co.uk with your child's full name and roll number or DoB - KS5 Induction Day (8.35am – 3.15pm) – All KS5 Students
Friday 4 th September	Y8-13 Students – First Day of Term - 8.35am – 3.15pm

Family Fun Day: We will be hosting our annual Family Fun Day on **Saturday 12th 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).

Open Evening: We will be hosting our annual Open Evening on Wednesday 30th September, 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 our PA, Ms Azmin, and we will try to make alternative arrangements. **Year 11 will finish school at 3.30pm.**

Autumn Term Diary Dates to Note:

Wednesday 9 th September	KS5 Online Parents Information Evening 4.00pm-5.00pm
Saturday 12 th September	Family Fun Day (11am – 4pm) All Welcome
Monday 14 th September	Y11 Parents Information Meeting – 4.00pm – 5.00pm
Friday 18 th September	Open Morning (9.15-10.15am)
Monday 21 st September	Open Morning (9.15-10.15am)
Thursday 24 th September	Open Morning (9.15-10.15am)
Monday 28 th September	Y10 Parents Information Meeting – 4.00pm – 5.00pm
Wednesday 30 th September	- Students in Y 7/8/9/10/12/13 finish at 2.25pm - Open Evening (4.00pm-6.30pm) - Y7 Settling-in Evening (3.30- 6.30pm)
Thursday 1 st October	11am Late Start for Staff/Students
Monday 5 th October	Y9 Parents Information Meeting – 4.00pm – 5.00pm
Friday 16 th October	Super Learning Day 1
Monday 19 th October	Y8 Parents Information Meeting – 4.00pm – 5.00pm
Monday 26 th – Friday 30 th October	Half Term

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 (2025/26) was **96%** and we are one of the best schools in Tower Hamlets, and nationally for attendance and punctuality. A big thank you for your continuing support with this.

Reporting Your Child as Absent: If your child is ill or unable to attend school on a particular day, you must notify the school by 8.30am on the same day by either calling the school or sending an email to studentabsence@swanlea.co.uk. Please DO NOT email the officeadmin email as this is for all other queries and your email may not be seen in time. Please also use studentabsence@swanlea.co.uk for advance notifications of medical and other appointments.

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 exactly **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 in the afternoon, 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. You should also notify the school before 8.30am on the same day (as above).

Mobile Phones: With effect from 1st September 2026, the school is legally obliged to follow the Department for Education (DFE) ruling on schools being '**mobile phone free**'. This means that Swanlea School will be operating a **mobile phone-free, 'Gate-to-Gate' environment for all students in Years 7–13**. Mobile phones and other prohibited digital devices must **NOT BE SEEN, HEARD or ACCESSED** at any point during the school day. These expectations apply throughout the school site and during school-led activities unless a specific exemption has been authorised. Any mobile phone or prohibited digital device that is seen, heard or accessed during the school day **will be confiscated and must be collected by a parent or carer at the end of the school week** in line with the school's policy. If you need to contact your child urgently during the school day, please call the school office. Messages will be passed on as appropriate. Students who need to contact home can do so through their Head of Year, Pastoral Team or Reception.

Valuable Items & Jewelry: Please ensure that your child does **NOT** bring any valuable items to school including jewelry. Jewelry items that are not permitted will be confiscated and only returned to parents.

School Uniform Code: Please ensure that your child attends school in the correct uniform. If your child is not in the correct uniform, they must have a note from parents/carers to explain the reason why. Non-uniform items will be confiscated. Please see the attached for our up-to-date uniform and equipment list.

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.**

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 using the following link <https://pps.lgfl.org.uk/> to apply. Furthermore, the criteria for FSM has changed for September so please check.

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. The cost of a school meal is currently £2.90.

Tuck: At break time we offer a tuck facility for students to buy wraps, 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 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 – please ensure accounts are kept topped up)
Y12 & Y13	PAID (£2.90) unless student is eligible & confirmed as FSM	PAID (items must be paid for – please ensure accounts are kept topped up)

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 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.

Homework: Homework will be set by teachers on Google Classroom. Additionally, Science also uses Seneca and Maths use Sparx. Please check your child's Google Classroom/Seneca/Sparx regularly and encourage your child to complete the homework on these platforms. If homework is not completed sufficiently then students may receive a detention or even in serious cases, parents will be invited for a meeting to discuss concerns.

Correspondence: All general correspondence from the school to Parents/Carers will be sent by text, email and pupil post. 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.

Appointments: May we 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 or by telephone 0207 375 3267. However, if there are issues that you would like to discuss with us or the Senior Leadership Team, please contact our PA, Ms Azmin (ext 207), to arrange a suitable time.

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.

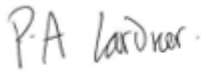
Parents/Carers Learning Courses: At Swanlea we run a number of courses for our parents/carers. For further information please contact **Ms Chowdhury (Parental Engagement Co-ordinator, ext 337)**.

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.

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

Yours faithfully

Handwritten signature of P. A. Gardner in black ink.

Mr P Gardner
Head of School

Handwritten signature of Mr K Miah in black ink.

Mr K Miah
Executive Head



UNIFORM

Permitted

- White shirt, buttoned up and tucked in.
- Red Blazer with Swanlea logo worn at all times.
- Red and grey Swanlea tie at appropriate length (seven stripes).
- Plain formal full length grey trousers.
- Plain formal grey skirt covering the knees with grey or black tights.
- Plain black belt.
- Plain grey V-neck jumper with school logo.
- Plain grey salwar kameez/abaya.
- Loose fitted long grey skirt.
- Flat, plain black, closed formal shoes.
- Flat, plain black boots under trousers or salwar.
- One pair of small plain gold or silver stud earrings, a plain small nose stud.
- Coat or jacket with a waterproof element.
- Plain grey headscarf or prayer cap.
- School issued badges.

KS3 UNIFORM – YEARS 7 & 8





Permitted

- White shirt, buttoned up and tucked in.
- Black blazer with Swanlea logo worn at all times.
- Red and grey Swanlea tie at appropriate length (seven stripes).
- Plain formal full length black trousers.
- Plain knee length formal black skirt covering the knees with grey or black tights.
- Plain black belt.
- Plain black V-neck jumper with school logo.
- Plain black salwar kameez/abaya.
- Loose fitted long black skirt.
- Flat, plain black, closed formal shoes.
- Flat, plain black boots under trousers or salwar.
- One pair of small plain gold or silver stud earrings, a plain small nose stud.
- Coat or jacket with a waterproof element.
- Plain black headscarf or prayer cap.
- School issued badges.

KS3 UNIFORM – YEAR 9

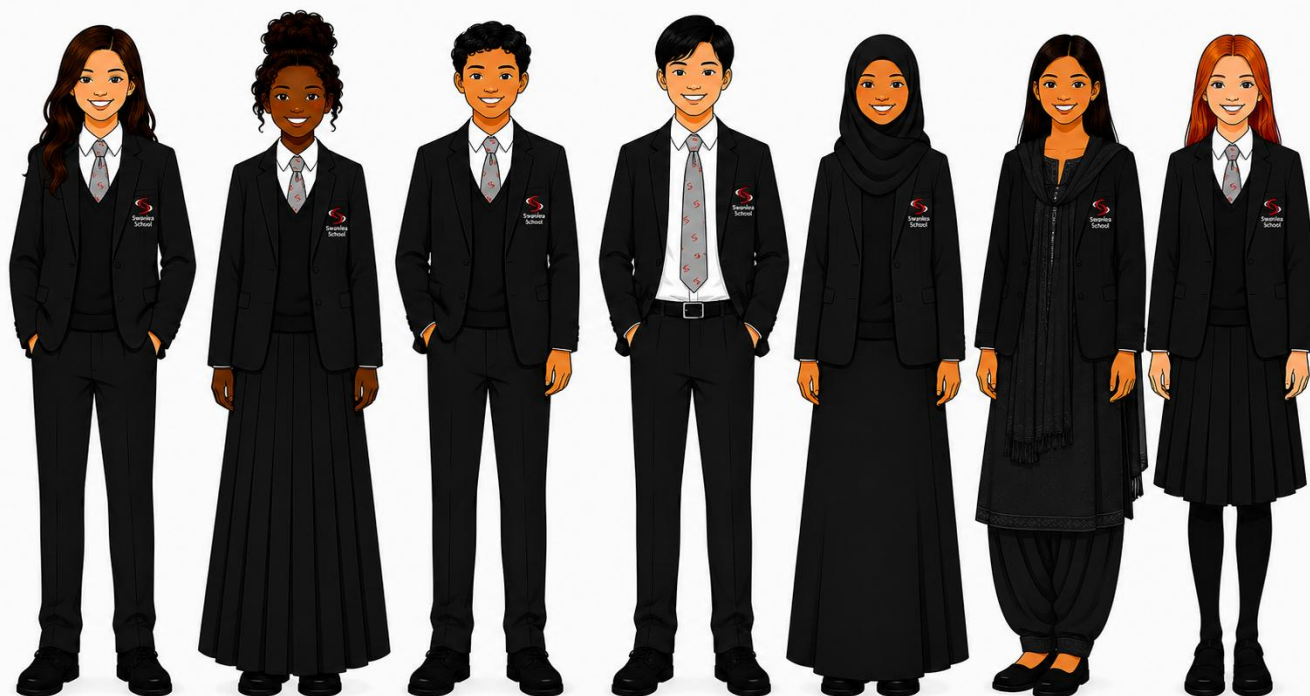




Permitted

- White shirt, buttoned up and tucked in.
- Black blazer with Swanlea logo worn at all times.
- Silver Swanlea tie at appropriate length (to the naval).
- Plain formal full length black trousers.
- Plain knee length formal black skirt
- Plain black belt.
- Plain black V-neck jumper with school logo.
- Plain black salwar kameez/abaya.
- Loose fitted long black skirt.
- Flat, plain black, closed formal shoes.
- Flat, plain black boots under trousers or salwar.
- One pair of small plain gold or silver stud earrings, a plain small nose stud.
- Coat or jacket with a waterproof element.
- Plain black headscarf or prayer cap.
- School-issued badges.

KS4 UNIFORM – YEARS 10 & 11





SWANLEA SIXTH FORM DRESS CODE

All students are expected to wear their lanyard and ID card whilst in the school building.

Permitted

- Blouse, shirt with collar, or tailored top.
- Skirt, tailored trousers, or dress.
- Formal black or brown shoes.
- Smart jacket or blazer.
- Smart jumper or cardigan.
- Headscarf or prayer cap.
- School issued badges.

Not permitted

- Any logos.
- T- shirts or polo shirts.
- Jeans, leggings, tracksuit bottoms or casual jumpers.
- Trainers, uggs, stiletto heels, crocs or canvas pumps.
- Denim jackets.
- Hoodies.
- Hats.
- Non-school-issued badges.

No exceptions to the above, if students are seen wearing these unauthorised items of clothing or footwear, students will be sent home and expected to return back to school. If you need any further clarification or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Sixth Form team.

KS5 DRESS CODE





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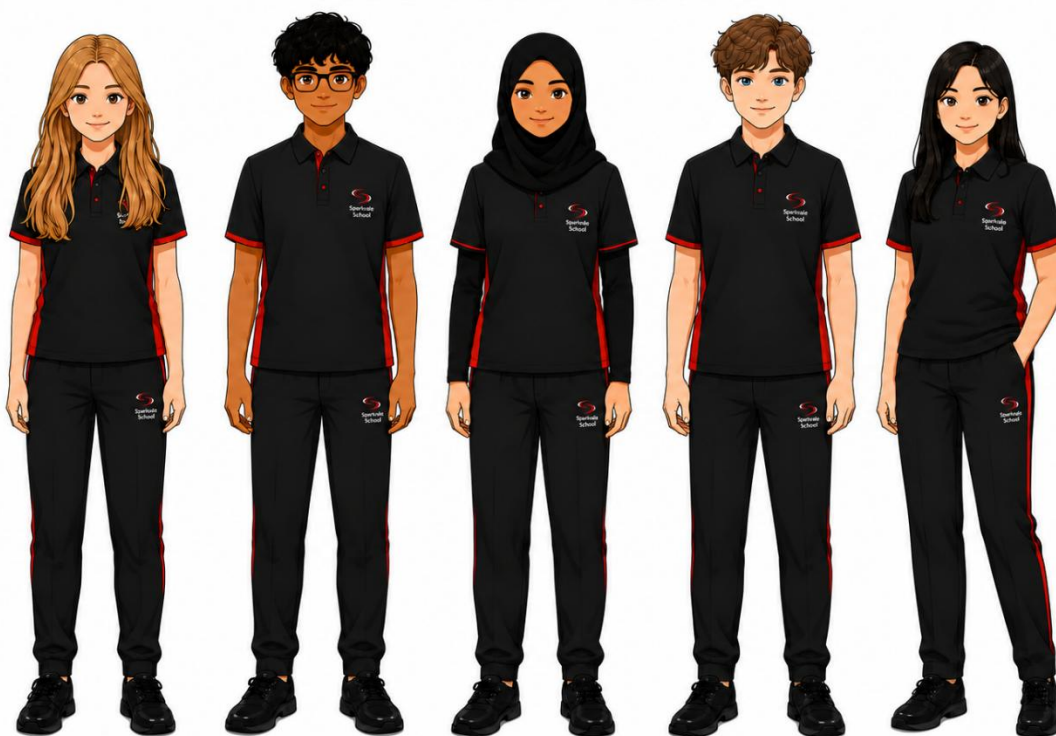
SWANLEA SCHOOL PE KIT

All students across KS3-KS5 are expected to have the following PE kit.

Permitted

- Black polo shirt with Swanlea school logo.
- Black tracksuit bottoms with Swanlea school logo.
- Sports trainers.
- Black long sleeve base layer.
- Black tracksuit jacket with Swanlea school logo (year 9,10 and 11 only).

KS3-KS5 PE KIT





EQUIPMENT

It is important that students come to school properly prepared for learning. We consider that in order to ensure high standards of work, every student must bring to school the following:

- ID badge
- School bag - large enough to carry A4 books/folders
- Student planner
- Refillable water bottle
- Scientific calculator [using a phone as a calculator is not allowed]
- Coloured pencils
- 1 pocket dictionary
- Pencil case
- 3 black pens
- 2 green ballpoint pens
- 2 pencils
- Pencil sharpener
- Rubber
- 1 long ruler (30 cm)
- 1 glue stick
- 1 pack of highlighters
- 1 Whiteboard Marker

Please note: Scissors, pen knives, compasses and any other form of blades or sharp items should not be brought into school. Any students in possession of these items may be at risk of permanent exclusion.



TOP TIPS FOR YEAR ALL PARENTS

Help your child organise their school bag the night before so they have the correct equipment for the next day.

Display their timetable so they and you know what subjects they have each day

Breakfast is an important meal to start the day well. Ensure they have breakfast every day and ensure they make healthy food choices.

Take your child to the Ideas Store on a regular basis

Check Google Classroom and your child's planner every evening and ensure they complete their homework.

Ask your child questions about what they have done at school that day. This will help them understand the work better

Read with your child for at least 20 minutes every day.

Teach digital responsibility – set clear guidelines for screen time and monitor the use to ensure online safety.

Celebrate the wins – acknowledge and praise effort, resilience and personal growth.

Label all items – this includes bags, uniform and water bottles