

Secondary phase newsletter

Friday 2nd september 2022

Creating Tomorrow's Citizens Today



All-through news

Dear Families

We do hope that you have managed to enjoy the lovely weather and everyone can come back to school refreshed. We have already made so many plans for the start of this Autumn Term 2022, and are looking forward to returning to our usual busy calendar of events and opportunities. During the summer, the work on repairing and replacing the 1950's water pipes has started; the big flexible classroom has yet to arrive and the security fencing will happen shortly. We were delighted that so many of the new Y7 came to our very special summer school- an excellent way to make friends and familiarise themselves with the site, before term starts.

We are welcoming new staff to our community - see below for the relevant information relating to each phase. We are also welcoming obviously our new Y7, our new sixth form (internal and external candidates) and several families who are joining due to vacancies in a year group, whereby someone has moved out of Hertford.

The first biggest celebration event will be the return of our Open Morning on Saturday 24 September- the first since 2019. This year we are opening both the Larch Centre (for potential reception intake, Sept 2023) and also the secondary (for Y7 in September 2023). There will be more details to follow but please note that we expect all of our secondary students to be involved in some way on that morning, albeit giving guided tours, or demonstrating in classrooms, sports or performing arts.

We start then by welcoming all students back on Monday 5th September. We look forward to an exciting year ahead.

Reminder

If your child requires medication that you would like us to hold at the school could you please send it in or bring it in on their first day back. You will need to fill out a Med 1 form. If you do not have access to this please contact us via our admin email admin@simonballe.herts.sch.uk

Secondary

A few reminders to help all of us get back into the usual rhythms and flow on Monday.

We expect everyone to be in correct and full uniform; parents will be immediately notified if students arrive ill prepared.

All students can access their timetables on "Arbor". Lessons will start , lesson 3, following the first day of term, tutor period.

If you know the equipment needed for a lesson, please bring it on Monday 5 September
Please make sure that your cards are topped up for your lunch money

New daily structure

Starting on Tuesday September 6th, our daily structure and timings will look different. There will be a short registration / tutor period everyday (except on a Thursday, when you will arrive and go straight to lesson 1) So, on a Monday- Tuesday-Wednesday- Friday, all secondary students will go to their form room at 8.40 for registration. Lesson 1 will start at 8.50.

The rest of the times are as follows:

8.35- Warning Bell- all students on site

8.40- Registration/ Tutor time

8.50- Lesson 1

9.50- Lesson 2

Break

11.10- Lesson 3

12.10- lesson 4

Lunch

1.55- Registration

2.10- Lesson 5

3.10- end of school

On a Thursday, lessons are at slightly different times as we will now be having a dedicated PSHRE programme delivered in the afternoons for most students. As Y10 and Y11 already have a dedicated hour for their PSHRE, their slot will be used for revision, catch up and other year activities.

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Lunch

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New Staff

We welcome the following staff:

Maths

Mrs Slade, Mr Alred and Mr Major

Science

Miss Garrett

English

Ms Booth

MFL

Miss Tridgell

SEND Team (secondary)

Ms Wood and Mr Robins

Football Academy/PE

Mr Heald

3D Design

Mr Unwin

Music

Mr Dear

Support staff

Ms Bagwell (IT), Ms Milsom (MCR Pathways)

Mrs Murray (Maths TA) and Mrs Butler (English TA)

Mrs A Saunders (Head teacher)

Mrs Kirk (Vice Principal)

