

# SEDGEHILL

weekly

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## MESSAGE FROM MS CASSIDY

This week, we have welcomed everyone back to school after half term. It was as fascinating as ever to hear what our students got up to while they were away - some holidaying abroad, others in the UK and many, like me, staying at home and taking advantage of the many things London has to offer at this time of year, when the weather is (mostly) warm and sunny.

We have come back to school straight into exam season. This is, of course, a particularly important time for those taking national exams. I continue to be very impressed by the dedication that our Year 11s and Year 13s are showing. We had a very good turn out at the revision master classes that we ran over the half term break and I am sure that they will continue to work just as hard through the exam period.

This is also the time of year when we run our own school exams for other years. Some students have been sitting their exams this week. I was very proud to see how well they prepared for those and the approach they took in the exam hall. This should stand them in good stead for future years.

But life at Sedgehill over the coming half term will not be all about exams. We are planning a Sports Day for the end of term. I am particularly looking forward to that as, I know, are our students. It is always a highlight of any school year. And a lot of effort is going into the Cultural Capital Week we will be running in the last week of term. In this week, students will come off their normal timetable and instead take a range of activities designed to broaden their perspectives and think about our society - and their place in it - in different ways. I'll have more to say about that nearer the time.

## PARENTAL SURVEY

A reminder that we have a parental survey on [surveymonkey.co.uk](https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk)—we'd love to get your feedback to find out your thoughts about Sedgehill.

The survey can be found here:

**<https://bit.ly/2ItTtfi>**

The survey is only 12 questions long and should not take more than a couple of minutes.

Your answers will be extremely useful to us as we look ahead to the academic year 2018/19.

Thank you.

## PERFECT STUDENTS

Perfect Student is presented to the student from each year group who has, in that week:

- 100% attendance;
- 100% punctuality;
- gained the most achievement points.

This week's Perfect Students are:

Year 7 **Laura Parkinson / Odessa Nembhard**

Year 8 **Samuel M'Boki**

Year 9 **Beatrice Collins**

Year 10 **Simon Luong**

Sixth Form **Brydie Gregory**

*(Year 11 have been in exams this week)*

Well done to all of the above students.

## UPCOMING MUSIC EXAMS

The following students have music exams coming up over the next month:

ABRSM Music Theory exam	<b>Lauren Dempsey, Alice Graham, Conal Sparrow, Joseph Thomas (Year 10)</b>
Trinity Rock & Pop - Drums Grade 2	<b>Zephaniah Bates (Year 7)</b>
Trinity Rock & Pop - Singing Grade 4	<b>Meila Tilbury (Year 7)</b>
ABRSM Viola Grade 3	<b>Isaac Davidson (Year 10)</b>

We wish all of these students the very best of luck.

## DANCE COMPETITION



On Saturday the 19 May, dance students from all years competed in 'Dance Make your Move!', raising money for the Red Cross and having a great day performing at the Greenwood Theatre.

The students worked tirelessly up to the event and on the day to perform an outstanding piece based on the devastation of a Tsunami and the positive effects of the help the Red Cross provided to those in need. They won awards for storyline and performance and did the school proud!

## SIBLINGS STARTING IN SEPTEMBER?

Just a quick reminder that if you have a child starting in Year 7 at Sedgehill in September 2018 you still need to confirm your place with Lewisham, even if you already have an older child at Sedgehill.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Monday 18—Friday 29 June** Festival of Words

**Thursday 28 June** Year 11 Graduation, 5.30pm

**Thursday 5 July** Year 11 Prom, 7pm

# FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If you have not done so yet, please go to [www.fsm.lgfl.net](http://www.fsm.lgfl.net) to quickly and easily check your eligibility for free school meals. If you are eligible, the school also gains welcome additional funding known as 'Pupil Premium'.

Once you've entered essential details into the web site, the online application process links to the Department for Education system for checking eligibility and gives an immediate 'yes' or 'no' response, and will also notify the school.

If eligible, you are not obliged to accept the free school meals for your child should you wish to make other arrangements, but we do want to encourage applications as the additional funding gained would still benefit education provision at the school, allowing us to take on additional staff and invest in additional equipment, resources and activities to the benefit all children.

## Sedgehill School

### Attendance Procedures



#### Students are EXPECTED to:

- Attend school regularly
- Arrive at school on time.
- Be punctual to lessons
- Bring notes to school to explain any absence

#### If your Child is Absent from School

1. Contact the school on 020 8698 8911 and follow instructions to connect the Attendance Voicemail Service.
2. Leave a message stating your child's name, form, reason for absence and expected return date to school.
3. If your child is absent for longer than 2 days, please contact the Attendance Team with an update.

#### If your Child is Late to School

1. Contact the school on 020 8698 8911 and follow instructions to connect the Attendance Voicemail Service.
2. Leave a message stating your child's name, form, reason for late and expected time of arrival to school.

#### Late Detentions

1. If your child is late to school he/she will receive a 1 hour detention that day.
2. Persistent lateness will result in further actions including, but not limited to:
  - Punctuality Report
  - Punctuality Mentoring
  - School and Parent Meeting

We will ONLY accept reasons/notes relating to lateness from parents which are of exceptional circumstances.

#### Parents are EXPECTED to:

- Ensure that their children attend school whenever possible.
- Ensure that their child leaves for school with enough time to be punctual.
- Informs the school of any absence.
- Book medical appointments outside of school hours wherever possible.
- Not book any holidays during term time. These will be marked as unauthorised and are likely to be subject to a fine.
- Support the school sanctions if students are late.

#### If your Child's Attendance is 95% and Below

**Absences below 95% WILL NOT be authorised unless you provide any of the following:**

1. Letter from hospital/doctors confirming an appointment.
2. Copy of prescription or prescription label on medication.
3. Letter from a professional body stating the reason for absence.

#### Monitoring Process

The Attendance Team will closely monitor students and may take the following actions:

- Send letters home
- Invite parents for attendance meetings
- Parenting Contract
- Fixed Penalty Notices
- Panel Meetings
- Refer to the Local Authority for Persistent Absence.