

## STANTONBURY INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

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International School

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Dear Stantonbury families,

We hope you are enjoying time with your loved ones and that our young people and staff are resting after a busy and productive term. You should be so immensely proud of your child and how they have adapted to the ever-changing landscape of remote learning, LFT testing and their recent transition back into school, they have been incredible.

### Parents' Evening

After the Easter break, we will be holding our Parents' Evenings using an online platform called School Cloud. School cloud allows parents to make appointments with their child's teachers and then participate in a 7 minute video call to discuss engagement and progress. Two weeks prior to your child's Parents Evening you will receive a letter and a Parental Guide explaining the appointment booking and video call process. The booking system will then be opened for you to book your appointments. We believe that School Cloud will provide us with the best solution to ensure we can continue to have face to face, personal contact.

Year 10 Parents' Evening – Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April

Year 8 Parents' Evening – Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June

Year 7 Parents' Evening – Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June

Year 9 Parents' Evening – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July

### Mobile Phones

We are making some important changes to our mobile phone policy and procedures. We hope that you will support your child in following we always achieve more by working together.

We understand that mobile phones and technology are now a key part of modern life. However, mobile phones can lead to problems in school such as bullying, filming, disruption to lessons and inappropriate usage of the internet and social media leading to potential safeguarding issues.

Here at Stantonbury International school, we strongly encourage our students to develop socially and emotionally as this development is just as important as academic progress. Improving social skills and emotional development can best be done by talking to each other, interacting, and developing real connections at break and lunchtime, as opposed to using their mobile phones.

For these reasons like many other schools our new procedure is to completely ban the use of mobile phones on the school site, during school hours. This includes break and lunchtimes. Any student found using their mobile phone during school hours will be dealt with in accordance with our policy and procedure outlined in brief below.

### Guidelines and Procedure

1. Mobile phones must remain out of sight and switched off during school hours. This includes break and lunchtimes. Phones must not be seen or heard. On the school site, we are a no phones school.



A member of the Griffin Schools Trust

Head Alison Ramsay



2. Any student seen using their mobile phone during school hours, including break and lunchtimes, will have their phone removed.
3. Confiscated phones will be taken to Head of Year office in the year group bubble where the phone will be stored and the name of the student will be recorded. In the first instance the phone may be returned to the student at the end of the school day by your child's Student Support Leader.
4. If a student breaks the rule again, a parents or carer will be contacted and will need to collect the phone in person from school.
5. We appreciate that there are sometimes life events or situations where a student may feel they need contact with home during the day. We ask families to inform us of this as soon as possible and students will be allowed to use the school phone to contact home.

The policy and new procedures will come into effect on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

Thank you as always for your support,

### **Library**

The Library now has copies of the current Carnegie Medal 2021 shortlisted books!

### **What is the Carnegie Medal?**

The CILIP Carnegie Medal is the UK's oldest children's book award. The CILIP Carnegie Medal is awarded by children's librarians for an outstanding book written in English for children and young people.

Unique in that they are judged solely by librarians, the rollcall of past winners includes: Arthur Ransome, C.S. Lewis, Terry Pratchett, Philip Pullman, Noel Streatfeild, Sally Gardner and Elizabeth Acevedo.

The Awards mission is: *To inspire and empower the next generation to create a better world through books and reading.*

The library now has 2 copies of each of the shortlisted books:

- Clap When You Land by Elizabeth Acevedo
- Echo Mountain by Lauren Wolk
- Look Both Ways by Jason Reynolds
- On Midnight Beach by Marie-Louise Fitzpatrick
- Run, Rebel by Manjeet Mann
- The Fountains of Silence by Ruta Sepetys
- The Girl Who Became A Tree by Joseph Coelho
- The Girl Who Speaks Bear by Sophie Anderson

Books are available for borrowing from the library and are suitable for all age groups.

## PE

We can't wait for the summer to come around, and for students to have the opportunity to participate in our sports programme. Please see the video below for details:

<https://vimeo.com/528991534>

Thank you to some of our wonderful Y7s for taking part!

### Kit/Uniform

PE kit is part of school uniform so we would be grateful for your support in ensuring students wear the correct kit which is:

- Stantonbury International School (SIS) T-Shirt
- SIS Bottoms (Shorts or leggings or jogging bottoms)
- SIS Outdoor Sweatshirt or Games Shirt
- SIS football socks
- Shin pads
- Training shoes
- Dark coloured appropriate swimwear
- Towel
- For activities on the school field students will need footballs boots

If for any reason a student is unable to wear the kit, then please send in a note explaining the reason and support us by ensuring your child wears the following instead:



### Hot Lunch Option

Please find attached to the Family Communications.

I hope you all have a fantastic break full of laughter and fun. Stay safe and we will see you on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April.

Best wishes,



Ben Wilson  
Acting Head of School