



## Friday Flyer

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2018

### dates for your diary

**WEDNESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**

8:30pm: FOSD meeting (Friends of St Dominic's) in The Chapel.

**FRIDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**

**MacMillan Coffee Morning**

6<sup>th</sup> Form Students will be baking and selling cakes for a donation. All proceeds go to MacMillan.

**FRIDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**

**LAST DAY OF TERM**

**MONDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**

**HALF-TERM HOLIDAYS**

**MONDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**

**FIRST DAY OF TERM**

**THURSDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

**Presentation Evening for Year 11 and 6<sup>th</sup> Form Leavers.**

6.30pm GCSE Art & Photography – Main Hall  
7:30pm Presentation in The Chapel

**FRIDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER**

**ST DOMINIC'S INSET DAY**

**WEDNESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

**LAST DAY OF TERM**

**FRIDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

**Christmas Jumper Day (details to follow)**

**20<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER – 2<sup>ND</sup> JANUARY 2019**

**Christmas Holidays**

### — WELCOME — BACK TO SCHOOL

Dear Families,

The first four days of the new academic year for our pupils and students is over and they are starting to settle into the school routine. For the staff at St Dominic's this has been a full week, which began with one day of intensive staff training.

This term we say a warm welcome to 16 new pupils and 7 new members of staff. We will all work together to ensure that they fully integrate into the school and gain the maximum benefit of being a member of our wonderful community.

We already have much to celebrate this term: the pupils and students attained some fantastic exam results in the summer, which are a testament to their hard work and commitment, the dedication and skill of the members of staff who teach and support them and, of course, their family.

The grounds, as always, look beautiful due to the commitment, hard work and pride of our grounds and maintenance team and are enjoyed by pupils, students and staff alike. The education and administration teams have also been busy over the summer producing data and reports, finalising admissions, preparing classes and planning to ensure a focused, smooth and purposeful start to the new academic year.

We look forward to working in partnership with you over this academic year to ensure the best possible outcomes for your son or daughter.

With very best wishes,  
Angela Drayton



Our son would most probably be a complete disaster if it wasn't for the school and staff!



## STUDENT VOICE ELECTIONS 2018

At the beginning of each academic year we hold elections for our student council. Student Voice meets every two weeks for 25 minutes with an agenda and minutes which are shared at Senior Leadership Meetings. Student Voice plays a significant role in the decision-making and improvements to the school.

We encourage pupils and students throughout the Key Stages to put themselves forward for election to Student Voice.

On September 17th we will be having an assembly on the purpose of Student Voice and the importance it plays in the decision making for improvements etc.

We are supporting any pupils and students who wish to be a member of Student Voice by giving them information about the points they need to make as to why they want to be on the Student Voice Council and what would make them a good choice. We will offer help to all pupils and students who would like support to do this.

Elections will be from September 18<sup>th</sup> in Key Stage meetings. Representatives will be announced on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September in Assembly.

If your son or daughter would like to be considered, you might like to discuss this with them over the weekend.

# Friends of St Dominic's (FOSD)

For those who were not able to attend today's Family Forum, there will be a FOSD meeting at 8:30pm on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September at St Dominic's School.



We are re-starting the Friends of St Dominic's School, and we really need your support.  
Our core aims are:

- ✓ **Build and strengthen family and family-staff links in our school**
- ✓ **Build and strengthen links between the school and the local community**
- ✓ **Raise additional funds for the school to be used for key projects to benefit the pupils**
- ✓ **Have fun, support each other and get to know one another better!**

If you are ready to get stuck in and would like to be considered for key roles of chair, treasurer-secretary/key stage rep or you would like to be a general committee member, please email:  
[charlottesling@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:charlottesling@yahoo.co.uk)

If you aren't sure if it's for you but you think you might like to get involved, please come to either of the meetings and find out more...

# St. Dominic's School - Social Communication Programme

## LOOKING TO LISTEN

The target is to teach the social value of looking at the speaker.

- Socially: NOT looking at the speaker may be considered to be rude
- Communication is a two-way process and both parties need to be engaged
- Establishing eye contact with a pupil tells the adult that his attention has been engaged.

### Facts re ASD

- Many children with ASD do not use eye contact correctly
- Many find it uncomfortable to use eye contact with unfamiliar people. This 'uncomfortable' feeling can be very strong and very unpleasant for the individual
- Some pupils are able to listen without using eye contact BUT the other person doesn't know that they are listening
- Pupils do not need to sustain their eye contact, the adult only requires them to make eye contact
- Over 70% of information is conveyed non-verbally
- NOT using eye-contact reduces exposure to non-verbal information
- Individuals have difficulty 'reading' facial expression
- They also have difficulty using facial expression correctly
- Not using eye contact can make the listener look disinterested (or 'shifty'). This could be a problem for individuals with behaviour difficulties.

### Suggested Script

- I would like to see you Looking to Listen
- This means that you will look at me when I am talking
- This will help you to understand

OR

- Everyone needs to be Looking to Listen. I will know that you are listening when I see you looking at me
- This means that you will look at me when I am talking
- This will help you to understand

### Hints and Tips

- Use this target together with Sitting to Learn
- Pupils need to be looking at the teacher before the teacher starts to talk
- Pupils need clear concise instructions so they know what to do
- Be prepared to repeat the instruction as frequently as necessary
- Acknowledge that it is possible to listen when you are not looking at the speaker but insist that pupils use 'Looking to Listen' to show that they are listening
- It is not necessary for the pupil to make prolonged eye-contact, the pupils is only required to meet the speaker's eyes to show that they are listening
- Give positive praise when pupils make eye contact, even if for a short time
- Pupils might need to be cued in individually by using their name
- Pupils should be reminded that looking at the speaker shows that they are listening
- Pupils should be reminded that NOT looking at the speaker could be considered to be rude.



**Jason Brown –Teacher -DT**

“I am very excited to be joining the team at St Dominic’s as the new Design and Technology teacher and am looking forward to working with all the young people and their families. I am father to four sons myself and can usually be found repairing something one of the boys has broken when I am not in school.”

**David Clarke –Teacher – KS2**

“I am very excited to be teaching Year 6 at St Dominic’s School this year. I hope to bring an engaging and dynamic approach to the school by making the most of the fantastic resources available. I have worked with children and young people with SEND for over 10 years now and taught in both mainstream and SEND schools previously. I am looking forward to my next chapter, working with the pupils and their parents and carers, as part of the St Dominic’s family.”

**Anita Hall – Teacher – Food Tech**

“I have re-joined St Dominics School this September, I will be teaching Food Technology. I have already seen some very familiar faces and look forward to meeting new ones, I feel extremely privileged to be able to work with all your children and look forward seeing them enjoying cooking and learning new skills.”

**Pauline Hamilton – Teacher - Art**

“Hi, I am new to St Dominic’s, teaching Art this year and just wanted to say what a great first week and lovely students! I have taught at a variety of schools in Surrey over the last 12 years from private to state secondary and judging by my first week I fully expect it to be a great year full of expressive and exciting work. My professional background is in Illustration and Print and I am looking forward to running some new projects for all artists to get involved with. Thank you to everyone that has made me so feel welcome already and please feel free to contact me if I can be of any help with your son or daughters creative development.”

**Alice Harajda – Speech and Language Therapist**

“I am a new Speech and Language Therapist here at St. Dominic’s School. I will be mostly supporting year 7 and year 8 students, but I look forward to getting to know all of you, over time!”

**Sarah Hatherall – Teacher - Maths**

“I teach mathematics and computing. I recently moved from a state secondary school where, as year leader, my particular focus was pastoral and SEN support. I live locally with my family and love getting out for long walks in our stunning countryside. I think I may have found some new walks near to school! I spend a lot of time with my two daughters laughing and enjoying crafts, cycling, swimming and time at the park. I am also completing my Masters in Education which focuses on SEN provision.”

**Peter MacPherson – Teacher - English**

“I’m an English/Drama Teacher who completed their degree in Australia and have recently moved back to the U.K. I believe that learning should enable students to reach their full potential and am looking forward to helping students achieve this over the next academic year.”

## Menu for week beginning Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2018

MENU	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
BREAKFAST					
MORNING SNACK	Fresh Fruit	Cinnamon Shortbread Finger	Fresh Fruit	Flapjacks	Fresh Fruit
LUNCH	<p>Spiced Beef &amp; Orange Casserole</p> <p><b>Spiced Vegetables &amp; Mince Quorn Bake</b></p> <p>New Potatoes Jacket Potato</p> <p>Mixed Vegetables Carrots</p> <p>Fresh Salad Bar Cottage Cheese</p>	<p>Cottage Pie</p> <p><b>Vegetables &amp; Bean Cottage Pie</b></p> <p>Jacket Potato</p> <p>Sliced Green Beans Herbed Courgettes</p> <p>Fresh Salad Bar Tuna Mayo</p>	<p>Chicken Breast &amp; Stuffing</p> <p><b>Mushroom Stroganoff &amp; Rice</b></p> <p>Roast Potatoes Jacket Potato</p> <p>Cabbage Mashed Swede</p> <p>Fresh Salad Bar Egg</p>	<p>Diced Lamb &amp; Vegetable Piet</p> <p><b>Vegetable Moussaka</b></p> <p>Mashed Potatoes Jacket Potato</p> <p>Broccoli Spinach</p> <p>Fresh Salad Bar Sliced Ham</p>	<p>Breaded Cod</p> <p><b>Quorn Sausages</b></p> <p>Chips Jacket Potato</p> <p>Peas Baked Beans</p> <p>Fresh Salad Bar</p>
DESSERT	<p>Oaty Fruit Crumble &amp; Custard</p> <p>Fresh Fruit Basket</p> <p>Yogurt</p>	<p>Mandarin Cheese Cake</p> <p>Fresh Fruit Basket</p> <p>Yogurt</p>	<p>Jam Sponge &amp; Custard</p> <p>Fresh Fruit Basket</p> <p>Yogurt</p>	<p>Lemon Tart &amp; Cream</p> <p>Fresh Fruit Basket</p> <p>Yogurt</p>	<p>Carrot Cake &amp; Cream</p> <p>Fresh Fruit Basket</p> <p>Yogurt</p>