

Dear families,

I am sorry that we had a small covid blip on either side of the Christmas holiday, and I am glad that it did not develop into something that kept pupils out of school for longer. Some of my colleagues in Barnet have had to have children at home for up to eight weeks! I have recently calculated that only 18% of our pupils have completed a full year in school without a significant period of disruption. I hope that we can make it to the end of the year without anymore periods of isolation or forced absence, and that pupils are able to get back to normal and enjoy all of the events and activities that make Saracens High School a special place to attend. In the next few weeks we have the #TogetherWeCreate arts week, trips to the theatre, our school production, an author visit, inter-school competitions in sport and history, and more.

We have delayed the publication of January's parent bulletin so I could announce some exciting news about the growth of our school. In preparation for next year, when our first cohort of pupils will complete Key Stage 4 and begin their time in the Sixth Form, we have recently advertised to expand the senior leadership team, by adding three new colleagues. We had 113 applications, and we were delighted to appoint three strong leaders, one of whom is our current Year 7 Lead, Ms Smallwood, who will expand her leadership to cover the whole of Key Stage 3. Ms Smallwood brings a wealth of experience and has shown in the last 10 months what a fantastic leader she is. Another of our new colleagues will be tasked with working closely with Ms Green to finalise our Sixth Form offer, which will have exciting courses and pathways for every pupil. He will join us before the end of the academic year, after his Year 13 pupils in his current school have completed their exams. As we prepare for opening our Sixth Form, we have a Futures event for Year 10 pupils next week, and for the first time we will give them Sixth Form privileges, which includes wearing non-uniform.

You will remember that in the last academic year I invited Ofsted inspectors to the school on two occasions for them to conduct pilot inspections. This year we hope that they will visit us in a formal capacity and give us our first official Ofsted judgement. When Ofsted visit they are keen to get parents' views and so I would like to invite parents and carers to fill in the Ofsted Parent View questionnaire - it will only take a few minutes and the link is below.

We were also delighted to have a different inspection this week, as we were visited by an Environmental Health Officer who gave our new kitchen a 5-star rating. Congratulations to all our colleagues who work in the kitchen.

## Our catering team with the Food Hygiene Rating : 5\* certificate!



## We need your help!



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Welcome to Ofsted Parent View | Ofsted Parent View click [here](https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=give-your-views) to begin the questionnaire. Or copy this link to your browser: <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=give-your-views>

The questionnaire is short, anonymous and asks a range of questions to gather your views on how you feel the school meets the needs of your children. Thank you!

## First term in their first year!

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As a year group they have achieved the following key statistics this term

ATTENDANCE	PUNCTUALITY	MERITS
95.8%	97.5%	92,926

They have embraced family life at Saracens by being regular supporters at Saracens Women's games and provided a guard of honour for several home games, which was particularly special for Ms Green's 300th game for the club.

## #TogetherWeCreate



## Spring term 2021 / 2022



### Spring Term

Monday 14 to Friday 18 February	Spring half term holiday
Friday 1 April	Last day of Spring term
Monday 4 to Thursday 14 April	Spring term holiday
Friday 15 and Monday 18 April	Easter bank holiday
Tuesday 19 April	Summer term begins

### Upcoming Events

Thursday 27 January	Year 10: Stock Market Challenge
Monday 7 to Friday 11 February	Whole school: #TogetherWeCreate - Arts week
Wednesday 23 February	Year 10: Parents evening
Thursday 24 February	World Book Day - Author visit
Wednesday 2 March	NHS Covid Vaccinations (consented pupils)
Thursday 10 and Friday 11 March	School production performances
Friday 11 March	Year 10 trip to Globe theatre
Monday 14 March	Year 8: Interschool History quiz
Friday 18 March	Comic Relief - Red Nose Day
	NHS HPV Vaccinations (consented pupils)
Saturday 19 March	Duke of Edinburgh Award - Year 9 practice walk
Saturday 26 March	Saracens rugby club game at Tottenham Stadium
Monday 28 March	Year 10: Mock exam fortnight begins
Tuesday 29 March	Reading Champs Quiz